



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

29 Nov - 3 Dec 2021 : Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

This afternoon we attended a meeting with Public Health Lancashire regarding the significant increase in positive cases amongst our students, especially amongst Year 11. The advice given was as follows:

- ❖ Year 11 - parents/carers will receive a separate communication from Mrs Fish.
- ❖ Daily lateral flow testing for all students should continue until further notice. This is due to the volume of positive cases in all schools being at its highest ever, but thankfully it is not being reflected in the number of hospitalisations thanks to the vaccine programme.
- ❖ Infection control measures in school continue.
- ❖ Face coverings remain strongly recommended. Please ensure your child attends school with a face covering to help prevent further outbreaks.

If we can all support one another, this will hopefully prevent any possible closures of year groups and reverting to online teaching.

Sally's Day

Thank you for all the support today. We have raised over £1,400 for the @Sallycancer Foundation! Sally's family have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our students and the wonderful memorials we have in school to remember her. More on this in next week's bulletin.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

Religious Studies GCSE Revision Guide (Year 11 only)

From Monday 29th November we will begin selling GCSE revision guides in anticipation of the January mock exams. This revision guide also covers all of the units assessed in the two GCSE RS exams in May 2022. We are offering these at the reduced cost of £5.99 (RRP £9.99). Pupils can collect these directly from their RS teacher after payment has been received.

Revision Guide:

<https://global.oup.com/education/product/9780198422839/?region=uk>

Payment:

SCOPAY is the preferred method of payment but we do of course still accept cash and cheques addressed to Parklands High School. If you require a link code to register for SCOPAY, please email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk

YEAR 11 PRE-MOCK EXAM PROGRAMME We were pleased to see so many students attending the second week of our after school programme this week. Helping to prepare our Year 11 students for their mock exams after the Christmas break, the programme continues next week. Option A (Triple Science, Music and French) on Tuesday and RS on Thursday. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance is not compulsory but we would advise that our students take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their mock exams and, in turn, their summer GCSEs. Please click on the link [here](#) for the programme in full.

Head Students' Page

Prefect and SSLT applications are now open so we'd like to give some tips on how to apply!

1. Start early

Don't leave it until the last minute and spend time on your application. If you are in a younger year and are thinking about becoming a prefect or SSLT then you can even start making a list of things you can mention in your application (like helping at an open evening or being a subject ambassador).

2. Show yourself off

This isn't the time for modesty! Feel free to brag and mention all of your amazing qualities.

3. Proofread

It's really important to be professional in your application and spelling, grammar and punctuation mistakes should always be avoided! Make sure you re-read it a few times, or get someone else to, so you can ensure there are no errors.

4. Ideas for the school

We're always looking for ways to improve the school, so make sure you mention some good ideas you have to make Parklands a better place. This is especially for those applying for SSLT

5. Put yourself out there

Even if you're not sure if you're qualified for a senior role in school, please still apply and give it a go! You never know what will happen and even if you don't manage to get a role or become prefect, it gives you great experience for the future.

6. Help and advice

If you have any friends who are prefects or a member of our SSLT, or there's someone in your form who is, then you can ask them for help, or to proofread your application. We are also more than happy to help, if you see us around school and want some advice, or to read over your application, please ask!

Good luck!!

Becca, Milly, Jack and Eadie

Whole School Messages

[Weekly Learning Support Board 29/11/2021](#)

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 61 pupils
Year 8: 33 pupils
Year 9: 60 pupils
Year 10: 47 students
Year 11: 43 students

How had the Perfect 3 last week?

Years 7: 161 pupils
Year 8: 105 pupils
Year 9: 130 pupils
Year 10: 114 students
Year 11: 123 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

WINTER WEATHER

Please click [here](#) for details about the procedure for when we have to close school due to adverse weather (e.g. snow).

FLU VACCINES

If you have consented for your child to receive this vaccine, they will be taking place on Monday.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We need YOU! If you are interested in joining our governing body as a parent governor, please contact Mrs Eaton via admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

VACANCY: We are looking to recruit a Lunchtime Welfare Assistant. Grade 3 points 2 - 4, Term Time. You will work 7.5 hours per week. Grade 3 points 2 - 4, salary £18,198 – £18,933 (actual salary £3104.93 - £3230.34)

Required as soon as possible, this is intended to be a permanent position subject to completion of a probationary period.

This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, supportive, well-resourced and forward looking environment, where staff here benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance, UK Healthcare, and out of hours access to our well equipped new school fitness suite. If you are interested and wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Ms Slater, Project & Premises Manager, by telephone or email: cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Candidates should complete an application form, available from the school website, and returned to the email address hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon Wednesday **8th December 2021** and interviews will be held **13 December 2021**, although we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy if a suitable applicant is secured sooner.

Whole School Messages

Weekly STEM message - Interested in computer Science?

Have you considered purchasing a Raspberry Pi? They are a great introduction into computer coding. Here is a link to some projects you can access with a Raspberry Pi, as well as scratch and python:

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/codeclub>



WIN CHRISTMAS!

WIN

HUGE FOOD HAMPER

LUXURY CHRISTMAS TREE

TABLE & TREE DECORATIONS

FESTIVE DOOR WREATH

BUBBLY & CHOCOLATE

LIGHTS, CANDLES & STOCKINGS

- Give a little back by supporting our lottery
- Help boost school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Weekly cash prizes, up to £25,000

To play now, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 11th Dec 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website).

Santa Sleepover: As this event has now been cancelled, please email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk in order to receive a BACS refund. Please include the name of the pupil, name of bank, name on the bank account, sort code and account number. Thank you

Meat Free Monday is now this Monday, unfortunately it was cancelled this week. Please encourage your child to support this crucial whole school initiative. Every little helps towards fighting the climate emergency.

Whole School Messages

It is the time of year again when we encourage our school community to donate items for the annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each year we are touched by the generosity shown, and this year it will be lovely to be able to deliver the hampers in person to those in need in our community. It seems very fitting to promote this appeal during our Kindness Week. Thank you so much in advance for any donation you can make.

**It is better to have 2 or 3 smaller ones than one big one.
It is also a good idea for each form to put a
Christmas card on or in the hamper.**



Christmas Hamper Appeal.

**Many people struggle at Christmas and often can't afford to
heat their homes and eat well.**

**You can make a real difference and help give somebody else
an amazing Christmas!
Please give generously.**



**Hampers will be delivered in
the weeks before Xmas to
lonely or struggling local
people.**



Christmas Hamper Ideas



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| ★ Tins of vegetables | ★ Jars of paste (salmon or beef) | ★ Tea or coffee or Hot Chocolate |
| ★ Miniature bottle of spirits | ★ Small Christmas pudding | ★ Bottle of salad cream |
| ★ Tins of fruit | ★ Jar of marmite or Bovril | ★ Chocolates or bar of chocolate |
| ★ Bottle of cordial | ★ Christmas cake | ★ Jar of jam or marmalade |
| ★ Tin of ham or any other meat | ★ Bottle of wine | ★ Packet of biscuits |
| ★ Tinned Soup | ★ Christmas mince pies | ★ Jar of pickles |
| ★ Tin of tuna or salmon | ★ Bottle of sauce | ★ Packets of cereal or porridge oats |
| ★ Sweets | ★ Crisps or snacks | ★ Jar of honey |
| ★ Tin of rice or sponge pudding | ★ Bottle of beer or stout | ★ Jellies |
| ★ Bag of sugar | ★ Nuts | |
| ★ Tin of custard | | |



End of term reward trip

Year 7-14th December

Year 8- 15th December

Time: 3:30-6:30

Cost: £16.00 to include
Bowling
Golf
and
food



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



Year 7 House Quiz	AFR	6	EUR	5	ANZ	4	SAM	3	ASA	2
Year 7 Basketball	SAM	6	ASA	5	EUR	4	ANZ	3	AFR	2
Year 8 Basketball	ANZ	6	EUR	5	AFR	5	ASA	5	SAM	4
Year 9 Basketball	AFR	6	ANZ	5	SAM	4	EUR	3	ASA	2
Year 10 Basketball	SAM	6	AFR	5	EUR	4	ASA	3	ANZ	2
Yr 7 Girls' Football	ASA	6	ANZ	6	EUR	5	SAM	4	AFR	3
Yr 7 Boys' Football	EUR	6	SAM	5	AFR	5	ASA	4	ANZ	3
Yr 8 Girls' Football	AFR	6	ANZ	5	ASA	4	SAM	3	EUR	2



EUROPE	34
ASIA	31
AUSTRALASIA	34
SOUTH AMERICA	35
AFRICA	38



FREE ACTIVITY PLACES OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Chorley Borough Council are working in partnership with **Inspire Youth Zone** and **Chorley School Sports Partnership** again this Christmas, to provide activities and food for eligible young people over the Christmas period.

This letter details the activities and support available for young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals and aged 4 – 11. (Children MUST be in school)

(Please note that evidence of being on free school meals may be requested at the time of booking).

This programme is fully funded by the Government via the Holiday Activities Fund and is therefore AT NO COST to you.

To book your place at ANY of the venues listed on the back, please call Inspire Youth Zone on 01257 228888

(Monday – Friday between 10am-12pm OR 1pm -3pm).

Click [here](#) for more details.



JOIN US FOR OUR Christmas Day Dinner

**St. Laurence's Church,
Union Street, Chorley**

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2021

SITTINGS AT 12.00, 1.30 & 3.00

A free, traditional Christmas Dinner for
anyone who would appreciate some food
and company on Christmas Day.

To book a place

Ring the Parish Office on 01257 231360
or email stlaurenceschristmasday@gmail.com

St. Laurence's Church, Chorley

ANNUAL TOY SERVICE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Saturday 5 December at 5pm and
Sunday 6 December at 9am and 11am.



The St Laurence's Church Annual Toy Services are taking place on Saturday 5th December at 5pm, and on Sunday 6th December at 9am and 11am.

Please bring along a new **unwrapped** toy to any of the services that weekend.

These will then be used by Chorley Council to provide toys for families in need over Christmas.


Thank you for your support!

Whole School Messages

NHS

Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group
Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group

Get your jab



12-15s can now get the COVID-19 vaccine at a local vaccination centre as well as at school.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for children aged 12 to 15

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell.

Children aged 12 to 15 are now being offered a 1st dose Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccination.

This includes children who turn 12 on the date of vaccination.

Some children are being offered 2 doses of a vaccine if either:

- they live with someone who is more likely to get infections
- they have a condition that means they're at high risk from COVID-19

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are safe and effective and gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill.

How to get a Covid-19 vaccine for your child:

Many children will already have received the Covid-19 vaccine through clinics held in school however, if your child is currently eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine but has not yet had this, for any reason, they can now get a vaccination via a local clinic with both pre-bookable appointments and walk-in options available.

Please note, if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 and is not at high risk from COVID-19, they need to wait 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine.

This starts from the date they had symptoms, or the date of the positive test if they did not have symptoms.



Book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



Attend a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site near you to get vaccinated without needing an appointment:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

Click [here](#) for more information about getting a vaccination for your child.

Maths

Following on from the success of the “Anxiety in maths” webinar last month, Eedi have shared with us some more amazing resources .

A webinar for parents created by, Rachel Kidson (Educational Psychologist). Please see the details below if you are interested , this could help your child across lots of subjects , not just maths !

Top Tips On Motivation and Goal Setting with your child
15th December at 7:30pm Sign up [link](#)

With the new year approaching, setting goals is important as it helps to give students motivation and vision. It focuses their mind, and helps them to organise their time and resources so that they can achieve great things.

In the session, Rachel will discuss hot topics such as intrinsic motivation, whether we should use rewards and sanctions, habit stacking and the dreaded question “When will I ever need this in real life...”

The session will be jam-packed with useful takeaways for you to try out at home and hopefully start the new year with a bang!

Please use this link to access the zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L6uBw4QkQ7uUsWAGC2X0Ew

Whole School Messages

PGL WATERSPORTS NOTICE

I am extremely disappointed to report that due to ongoing COVID restrictions for international group travel, PGL have taken the difficult but unavoidable decision not to operate their centres in southern France in 2022.

This means we cannot run the Overseas France Watersports trip 2022..

However, I am pleased to say PGL has offered an alternative that I think will still provide great enjoyment and experiences to our pupils. I have attached the PGL leaflet in this email.

The dates for this trip are **Sunday 7th August - Friday 12th August 2022**

This trip will come at a reduced cost of £635.

The offer I have is for us to attend the Jurassic Coast, at PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset. It is a beautiful coastal location with stunning views with direct access to the beach. It has everything to offer our thrill seekers from coasteering and a visit to a giant inflatable park. The children will still take part in various sailing activities including, dinghies, catamarans and sea kayaks. They will take part in cliff jumps, explore sea caves, climbing and axe throwing. We also have evening entertainment and day trips to Weymouth and Bournemouth. This all coincides with the typical PGL adventurous activities.

A poster for the trip is [here](#)

If you wish for your child to remain on the trip, please reply to this email before **FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**, for your child to be secured a place on the new UK trip.

If your child no longer wishes to attend the Watersports trip in 2022, please also reply to this email before **FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**.

With regards to refunds we will be in touch as soon as PGL has refunded our payments.

Thank you for your support and patience during these last few years, myself and my staff are extremely disappointed that we cannot go to France next year but we do hope the UK alternative will be a suitable replacement.

I look forward to your response.

Miss Greaves

ONLY 4 PLACES
LEFT

SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP 2022



Email
amadigan@parklandsacademy.co.uk

£ 495

OPEN TO YEAR 7,8 & 9

VISIT CITE DES SCIENCE AND THE MARIE CURIE MUSEUM
CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER SEINE
1 DAY AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

4-7th APRIL 2022
BREAKFAST AND EVENING MEAL, TRANSPORT, TICKETS TO
MUSEUMS AND DISNEYLAND INCLUDED

Secure your place with a deposit of £50 via SCOPAY.





AUDITIONS

WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER
from 3.00pm, in the Pavilion

SHOW DATES: 2nd, 3rd and 4th March 2022
you must ensure you are available for all the dates

**Singers/dancers welcome - your chosen song/artist
MUST be British.**
**Check with Miss Marr or Ms Robinson to ensure your choice
is not already being used.**

SIGN UP FOR AUDITIONS IN THE PAVILION

[Please follow this link for Issue 10 of the weekly careers magazine](#)

The collage features several key items:

- Virtual How to Apply Event:** A poster for a virtual event on Tuesday, 30 November 2021, from 6.00PM to 6.30PM, hosted by Wigan & Leigh College. It offers support on completing applications, the admissions process, and answers to questions.
- MBDA Advertisement:** A page from the MBDA website titled 'COME READY TO CHALLENGE' and 'WE SHAPE TOMORROW TOGETHER'. It promotes an apprenticeship scheme for Engineering, Software, Manufacturing or Business, highlighting a unique environment for growth and innovation.
- Mace Advertisement:** A page from the Mace website titled 'Are you thinking about a career in construction?'. It features an insight session on 8th December from 5.00pm to 6.00pm, hosted by one of the largest construction firms in the world. Mace Group Ltd. is a global consultancy and construction firm headquartered in London, UK, employing approximately 5,000 people.
- Career News Magazine:** A page from the 'Career News' magazine, described as 'Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School'. It includes a table of contents and a list of featured events and opportunities.
- Success Beyond School:** A page titled 'Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School' offering free-of-charge careers evenings for parents. It lists various workshops and seminars designed to help parents support their children's career development.
- Summer Internship Experiences:** A page titled 'Summer Internship Experiences For Ages 12-18' from Parklands High School. It lists various internship opportunities in fields like Medicine & Psychology, Law & Politics, Engineering & Architecture, Business & Finance, and Culture, Media & Sport.

Lots of useful information in the week's Career News: apprenticeship opportunities, online events, virtual work experience, advice, college events, scholarships, conferences, a quiz - plus Career of the Week!

There are some really great events on offer, particularly for Year 11s, so please don't miss out. They will all look great on CVs, or help you to stand out in future college, uni or job interviews - as well as allowing you to sample a future career path without any commitment! Follow the link above.