



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

30 Jan - Feb 2023: Week 2



Year 7 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 8 Messages

Last year a team of Year 8 students won the North West Teamwork Award and gained their Bronze Industrial Cadet awards. We are offering this competition again this year and I have had a few names put forward for a team. If you know your child would be interested in taking part, please let me know. As a team, they need to create a model, film a video and write a report, as well as visiting an employer and representing the school at the finals (in Liverpool last year). So although the overall theme is STEM, I would welcome some creative types as well! (Miss Berry)

Year 9 Messages

Subject Specialisms Y9

All information is now available on the [school website](#). This includes a timeline of key events, the option blocks and the details of each course.

Year 10 Messages

Year 10 had a Work Experience launch assembly on Thursday. If anyone missed the assembly, can they please collect a consent letter from the Top Office - you can view the assembly presentation on the Google Classroom WEX class. Students will be invited to join next week.

Once the consent slip is returned, students can collect a placement form that the employer, parents/carers and the student signs. These are available from the Top Office and will also be downloadable from the school website next week.

Year 11 Messages

No messages this week.

Hi everyone,

I hope you have been enjoying your next term here at school, remember there are numerous opportunities to really immerse yourself in, especially as Summer and Spring are forthcoming. Whether it be sports, academics or leadership roles, there's always something here, favourable to everyone. As you all know by now, I am one of your newly appointed head students and I couldn't be more thrilled at the prospect of getting to know as many of you as I can, getting to witness individual forms of development and provide alternative solutions for our pupils. I remember, a while ago now, being just like some of you - a year 7 truly captivated and exhilarated by the possibility of one day hopefully achieving the position of head pupil. I never thought I would really have procured this title today, however much I doubted myself, however cynical I was, I never refrained from trying my best. Don't second guess yourself, because you are all more than capable. I want to advise any aspiring head pupils to just believe in yourself, try anything and everything, be a vibrant and warm peer to everyone, and maybe in a few years - you will be writing on this bulletin just like me!

Grace.

Whole School Messages

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: 44 pupils since September
Year 8: 42 pupils since September
Year 9: 25 pupils since September
Year 10: 54 students since September
Year 11: 39 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 154 pupils
Year 8: 147 pupils
Year 9: 101 pupils
Year 10: 150 students
Year 11: 141 students

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

Please note that we are having a huge drive on punctuality to lessons at the moment, which ties in with the new guidelines issued by the Department for Education regarding attendance. The figures below show the number of pupils who have received very few 2s since September.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 137 pupils
Year 8: 98 pupils
Year 9: 61 pupils
Year 10: 119 students
Year 11: 90 students

Reminder - School is closed on Wednesday 1st February due to the industrial action.

School Ties - Please note in line with the local uniform shops, ties are now charged at a cost of £8.

Uniform

At the Governing Board meeting this January the governors reviewed our uniform policy, taking into consideration the feedback from the Parent Forum. Governors made no changes to our policy, other than to support the proposal of providing second hand uniforms at no cost and encouraging donations of good quality items which children have outgrown. The school will offer various dates throughout the year when parents and carers can donate items and/or come into school to source any required items.

Date for the diary: Friday, 31st March for the uniform swap shop. Please email Mrs Haslam if you would like to come into school to peruse the second hand uniform

(shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Donations of uniforms are always welcome.

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school
[Parklands Bulletin](#)

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.1%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.2%

National Average as at 16th January 91.6%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 93%
South America 93%

Africa 92.1%
Australasia 92%
Asia 91.9%

Attendance by House since last week:

South America 94.2%

Australasia 92.3%
Europe 92.1%
Asia 92.2%
Africa 92%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Asia - Thailand 97.7%
Australasia - Papa New Guinea 96.9%
South America - Uruguay 96.8%
Europe - Norway 96.6%
Africa - Cote d'Ivoire 95.9%

Whole School Messages

Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. If your child is in Key Stage 3, here are some questions to ask your child.

(Year 7)

Current Unit - Judaism

Enquiry Question - What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st century?

1. What are 3 Abrahamic religions?
2. What is the name of the special promises that Jews believe God made with his people?
Can you give any examples?
3. What term is used to describe the commandments of Judaism?
4. How does the pomegranate link to Judaism?

(Year 8)

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

1. Why do many Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25th?
2. Why are there so many denominations of Christianity? Can you give 3 examples?
3. Why was a 'Messiah' necessary for the Jewish community (Israelites)?
4. What were the 10 plagues of Egypt?

(Year 9) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Was the European Reformation the most significant event in the history of Christianity?

1. How does Christianity continue to influence the culture of Britain today?
2. What did the most recent census reveal about Christianity in Britain?
3. What is meant by the term 'Messiah'?
4. Why couldn't Jesus have been a Christian?

Secure update from Mrs Gray - All pupils have now been invited to join a Google classroom where we will post materials from Secure sessions and Respect days after the sessions have taken place. Year 7 sessions about healthy friendships and the iDea award from earlier this week are already in their classroom. Please encourage your child to join the Google classroom and show you what they have done in their Respect days. You can use the resources to start family conversations around these important life skills and topics. You will also find most of the resources will contain links and more information which can be beneficial to both parents and pupils. I very much hope you find these resources useful as families. Please let me know if there is content you would like to see in future.

Whole School Messages

This week Mrs Sullivan-Brown & Mrs O-Keefe took a group of our Charity Prefects to visit Derian House Children's Hospice ahead of their upcoming Derian Dragons challenge.

The students were in awe of the truly wonderful staff members who took the time to explain their job roles and why Derian House is such an important place for so many families.

Our prefects are more motivated than ever to raise funds for this inspirational place!

#proudtobeparklands



Weekly Learning Support Board - click [here](#)

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|  Learning Support Board Week Commencing 30th January 2023 | <p>"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at!"</p> <p>PROFESSOR STEPHEN HAWKING</p> |  Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire |
| Have You Heard the News? <small>This is a big week for our Year 11s who have their Mock exam week. For those studying Health & Social Care, the BTEC exam is today. All remains open at break for those needing a quiet space. S13 (lunchtimes) is invitation only. Come to N17 if you need to see a member of staff.</small> Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk | Joke of the Week  <p>Where do they put their teacups on Mars?</p> <p>On their FLYING SAUCERS!</p> | EXAM TIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get organised in good time• Get a good night's sleep• Eat your breakfast and lunch• Arrive early for the exam• Stay calm• Drink water |
|   <p>What type of hat is this?</p> <p><small>Last time's answer: Blackbird</small></p> | Useful Links <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ADDitude Magazine■ Autism Eye■ Autism Parenting Magazine■ British Dyslexia Association■ The Communication Trust | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FIND Newsletter■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information■ Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)■ KQOTH Mental Health Support■ Local Offer■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline■ Witherslack Group |



PREFECT PRAISE

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
PREFECT TEAM



Darcey , Chloe and Olivia - Learning Support
Prefects

Got involved straight away, really
enthusiastic in the role! All worked well
with SEND children and have been
such a positive person to be around!



LEARN

ASPIRE

ACHIEVE

RESPECT



YEARBOOK



CURRENT YEAR 11

We need your photos from your time at Parklands.
This could be trips such as Ski, PGL's, Watersports, DofE.

We want photos from the COVID period in school, sports, cheer, dance
shows, young love,

MUST be a JPEG image and of a good quality, no screenshots or blurry
images.



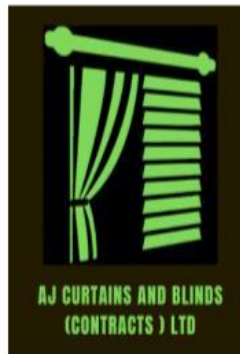
yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk



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FOOTBALL KIT SPONSORS

We want to say a huge thank you to all the company below who have sponsored a football kit. They are arriving in school and we will be getting the team photos shortly. Thank you for your support!



Open to pupils in Year 8,9 and 10
Friday 15th December to Monday 18th December 2023



PGL PARIS @ CHRISTMAS

Total Cost - £475
Includes Trip Hoody
Deposit required £100

FOUR DAYS INCLUDING:

- Visit to La Defense.
- Visit to Champs Elysees Markets.
- Entry to the Eiffel Tower.
- Tour of Paris
- Day pass for Disneyland Paris.
- Bateaux Parisiens - Boat tour - Packed lunch on the river
- PGL Entertainment/support throughout the experience
- All transport and meals while at PGL.

email : ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk





Year 7

Valentine's
DISCO

Friday 10th February
from 6 - 8pm
in school

Tickets £1 - available from the HALs

Congratulations to the pupils with the highest number of Achievement Points this week



Watch this space – Bronze
Certificates for Achievement
will be awarded at the end of
half term!

Year 7: Jacob P (EUR)

Year 8: Grace S (EUR)

Year 9: Dillon K (SAM)
& Lee P (ASA)

Year 10: Megan C (EUR)

Year 11: Kris S (ANZ)



LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE **ACHIEVE**



This June, Chorley Heritage Group and Chorley Library are holding a special exhibition to recognise the 75th anniversary of Windrush, and we have some special things lined up.

If you are of West Indian heritage, we would love to hear from you! We are looking for people's stories, old photographs, and memorabilia. Please ask at the counter for more details or email: chorley.library@lancashire.gov.uk

CFS/ME Peer Support Group Interest Day

Holistic Approach
Living Well Low Mood Compassion
Physiotherapists CBT
Choices Persistent Fatigue Psychologists
Understanding Group Support Sleep South Cumbria
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
Recovery Mindfulness Coping Mechanisms Coping
Pacing Headaches Empowered Sleep Change
ACT Anxiety ME Persistent Fatigue
ME Social Life Quality of Life
Moving Forwards Pain Values
Communication

Come along to an exciting new online peer support group for people with CFS/ME!

Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 1st March 2023

13:00-14:00



To sign up either scan the QR code or search 'ME/ CFS Peer Support Online' on www.Eventbrite.co.uk

Careers

As always, lots of great opportunities for students - and parents/carers in this week's edition of Career News. There are apprenticeship events and vacancies, work experience opportunities, podcasts, videos and much more. Why not take a break and have a read?

Click [here](#) for this week's careers bulletin.



Don't forget the Careers Fair is on Friday 10th March, for all of Year 9, 10 and 11. All the local colleges will be there, as well as some universities, training and apprenticeship providers, and of course, employers.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend - please let me know if you would like to come along.

pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

There are no Year 11 careers interviews next week due to mock exams - however, if any Year 9s would like a chat about their GCSE options and future plans, they are welcome to call in.

Alternatively, parents/carers can email me to make an appointment for them

(pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)