



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

9 Jan - 13 Jan 2023: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is well rested after our two week break and that you had some quality, relaxing family time.

This week we had an in-school parents evening for Year 11; this was our first in-school parents evening since the COVID pandemic, so it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers discussing such an important year with their child's teachers. I have sent out a survey to the parents and carers of Year 11 in order to get feedback regarding parents evenings in school versus online. This will be useful for future planning in the academic year 2023-2024. All other parents evenings are scheduled for this year and dates can be found [here](#).

Our Multi-Academy Trust official opening has been slightly delayed but we should open as the MAT on 1st February 2023. Balshaw Lane and Highfield primary schools will join us hopefully by the end of this academic year, although we have already started to collaborate far more.

From next week our new Head Students - Lucas, Seb, Ebony & Grace - will start contributing to this bulletin. I would like to say a huge thank you to Evie, Alannah, Alex and Oscar for their contributions to date.

This week I received updated information from the local health agency. I have copied this on to the next page for your information.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell

Back-to-school advice issued to North West parents amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever circulating

As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break this week, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels, but following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said: "It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practise regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

"Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings unless urgent or visit vulnerable people.

"Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it's still not too late."

Dr Merav Kliner, UKHSA North West Deputy Director, said: "As we see more cases of flu across the North West, we can all play a part in reducing infections spreading by following simple measures. It is important to remember that catching flu or other infections for more vulnerable people can be far more serious.

"Taking sensible measures to stop bugs spreading is something we all can and should do. These include practicing good hygiene, taking up vaccinations when offered and not mixing with vulnerable other people when you are poorly yourself."

Children eligible for the vaccine include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children

More information about flu vaccinations for children is available [here](#).

Hello,

After our time off, I hope everyone had a safe, festive season and enjoyed the relaxation.

We in Year 11 had our progress evening this week to see how we are advancing in the GCSEs. This is always useful to gain confidence at where we are at or whether we need to knuckle down and focus. Personally, I can't believe that I am even doing my GCSEs this summer, so this evening made me realise that they are real and I will be sitting them!

Congratulations to South America (my House!) who are still in the lead for the House Shield at the end of the year. We will hopefully win this year - finally!!

From next week, the recently appointed new Head Students will be writing this page. I would like to congratulate them on their roles and wish them all the best.

Alannah

Year 7 Messages

Santa Sleepover - if you have not yet sent us details of how you would like your £5 refund returning, please can you ensure this is sent into our account team via accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk by Friday 13th January. If we do not receive anything by this date, all outstanding refunds will be donated to the Sally Cornes charity.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Review Day is on Thursday, 12th January. Trackers will be distributed during student 1-2-1s with their HAL.

Year 10 Messages

Review Day is on Tuesday, 10th January. Year 10 will have an assembly with Mrs Aspinall and trackers will be distributed during student 1-2-1s with their HAL.

Year 11 Messages

No messages this week.

Whole School Messages

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

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: 48 pupils since September
Year 8: 43 pupils since September
Year 9: 26 pupils since September
Year 10: 63 students since September
Year 11: 40 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 188 pupils
Year 8: 156 pupils
Year 9: 142 pupils
Year 10: 176 students
Year 11: 161 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: 135 pupils
Year 8: 88 pupils
Year 9: 60 pupils
Year 10: 117 students
Year 11: 91 students

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%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.7%

National Average as at 12th December 83.4%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 92.9%

South America 92.3%

Africa 92.1%

Asia 91.9%

Australasia 91.8%

Attendance by House since last week:

Europe 95.2%

South America 93.7%

Australasia 92.6%

Asia 91.9%

Africa 91.2%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Norway 98.3%

Australasia - Australia 98.1%

South America - Peru 97%

Asia - Hong Kong 96.4%

Africa - Botswana 94.6%

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 - Ultimate Questions:

1. Why don't some Christians believe the Genesis creation account to be literally true?
2. What was the Big Bang?
3. Can a religious person accept the Big Bang Theory?
4. What is Charles Darwin best known for?
5. How have different species of animals adapted for survival?

Year 8. Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination:

1. Why can't women take senior positions in some Christian Churches?
2. What is the 'Golden Rule'?
3. Which well-known codebreaker was prosecuted for being homosexual?
4. In what year was homosexuality made illegal in the UK? When was it decriminalised?
5. Why is representation important?

Year 9. Current Unit - An Introduction to Islam:

1. What are the Five Pillars of Islam?
2. What preparations should be made by Muslims before prayer?
3. Why do Muslims face towards Makkah when praying?
4. What is the purpose of the pillar of Sawm?
5. How does the Islamic calendar differ from the Gregorian calendar? What does this mean for celebrations such as Eid and the month of Ramadan?



Come and join our Games Club!

For all students who speak another language at home

Y8, 10 and 11
Monday
lunchtime
N25



Y7 and 9
Tuesday
lunchtime
N25



JOIN OUR PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

ALL WE NEED FROM YOU:

Email phsalumni@parklandsacademy.co.uk

- WHAT YEAR YOU ATTENDED PARKLANDS
- WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
- WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
- A PHOTO FROM YOUR DAYS AT PARKLANDS OR A PHOTO OF YOU NOW

You will then join our list of Alumni pupils. We will share your stories with current pupils and offer you opportunities to engage with our school community.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Miss N. Greaves
Past pupil 2000-2005 - current PE Teacher



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers

Please send your

- A 'baby' photo
- 1st day of year 7 photo
- photos to the email address below!

Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

Thank you to everyone who supported our Derian House Christmas Fundraising events. We are very proud to help this wonderful charity continue with the amazing work they do.



Parklands High School



For your kind donation of

£265.70

To Derian House Children's Hospice.

From all the children & families
at Derian House



Together we can make a difference



Signed. Ann-Marie ..

Date. 19/12/22 ..



RISING HOOPERS

M Y E R S C O U G H | B A S K E T B A L L

Junior Basketball Sessions

Monday - All Ages | 6-8pm

Thursday - U16's | 6-8pm

Friday - U12's | 5-6pm + U14's | 6-8pm

Sessions at Myerscough College, PR3 0RY

For Info - iscott@myerscough.ac.uk





PGL Football @ Boreatton Park
Open to girls and boys in years 7-9.



Departing 5th May returning on Sunday 7th May

Pupils will take part in training sessions over the weekend and mini matches as well PGL activities.



Price: £150 Deposit £50 on SCOPAY -
Deadline: Friday 25th November 22

Letters are [here](#) (please note it is the 2nd letter - 2 trip runs at the same time Netball and Football)



PP discount available.

Require further information [email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

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- Stand up paddleboard
- Snorkelling
- Trapeze sailing on Catamarans
 - Beach activities
 - Target sports
 - High ropes
 - Banana boats
- Day trip to Waterworld (Waterpark)
 - Chill time in the resort pool.
 - Day in Barcelona

Friday 16th - 24th August

**ALL FOOD, TRANSPORT, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS,
AND WATERPARK INCLUDED.**

Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents
via edulink app.

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SUMMERS TRIP**



Email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 27th (Sunday 28th) May - (Thursday 1st June) Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- Nou Camp stadium tour and museum/shop visit.
 - Visit to Las Ramblas
 - Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings included in price
 - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast and Tea and a packed lunch for days when out of resort
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £725.

Deposit of £100 required ASAP

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Barcelona Dance Trip



Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-10 who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- 4 professional coaching sessions
 - Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings
 - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast, packed lunch and Tea.
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
 - 2 x Tour tops.

Total Cost estimate £725.

Deposit of £100 required by 1st JULY 2022

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP



Careers

As always, lots of exciting opportunities in this week's edition of Career News. Why not settle down, put the kettle on and have a leisurely look through?

There are webinars, conferences, work experience, competitions, open events, football tasters, blogs and much more - there is something for everyone, of any age!

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

Apprenticeship at Jaguar Land Rover - What's in it for me?
PATHWAY CTM
Tuesday 17 January 2023 | 18:00-19:00
Apprenticeship at Jaguar Land Rover - What's in it for me?
<https://pathwayctm.com/event/apprenticeship-at-jaguar-land-rover-what-is-it-for-me/>

INSIGHT EVENT WITH LLOYDS BANKING GROUP
PATHWAY CTM
Wednesday 18 January 2023 | 18:00-19:00
Virtual insight event with Lloyds Banking Group
<https://pathwayctm.com/event/lloyds-banking-group-insight-event/>

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CAREER News
Happy New Year!
Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School
Welcome to the first edition for 2023 - and it's packed full of great opportunities as always! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.
• There are lots of useful webinars and Q&A sessions with Pathway CTM and some of the UK's biggest employers.
• The NHS invites you to find out more about Learning Disability Nursing and Dental team roles.
• Have a look at the latest issue of Careermap for Lifelong Learning.
• The Media Maths team have some great content coming up for aspiring media and maths - if this sounds like you, don't miss out, it is never too soon to start thinking about your application to medicine.
• If you are creative, why not take part in Runshaw's competition for The Sophie Scholl Award.
• You can write a poem or story, or create a piece of artwork or music. See inside for full details.
• Myerscough College are offering a football taster session for Year 11 students who may be thinking of a career in sport - register early as places will go fast!
• There is an Apprenticeship, Employer and Adult Education event at Runshaw College on January 18th - it's open to anyone who wants to see what they can be in 2023!
• Q&GQ are holding an Open Day for anyone who has applied to the sixth form. Watch the video to get an idea of what Q&GQ can offer.
Don't forget that application deadlines are rapidly approaching for the various local colleges - and interviews start in a couple of weeks, so for anyone who has not applied to college yet - please do so as soon as possible! You do not need to specify exactly which courses or subjects you want to do at this stage - you can change your mind at any point, even after you have enrolled at college. You do not need your mock exam grades either, just the results you expect to get in your GCSEs in August. College interviews start this month, so don't miss out. This applies even if you intend to take up an apprenticeship position or join the Armed Forces - everyone needs a Plan B!
Date for the diary: Careers Fair, Friday 10th March
go - 10th January 2023

Runshaw College
Apprenticeship, Employer & Adult Education Showcase
Wednesday 18 January 2023
Runshaw Campus, PE25 3DD 4:30 - 7pm
To get 2023 off to a cracking start, on the 18th January we have our first ever Apprenticeship, Employer & Adult Education Showcase. It is an Open and volunteering opportunities with our Partner Employers.
We're confident it will be a super evening and would love as many people as possible of all ages to attend - here's to a great 2023!
Come and see what you can be in 2023 at Runshaw College!
Whether it is with us on one of our Adult Education February Short Courses, or studying for an apprenticeship in your current or a new role, or even with one of our Partner Employers, you will find it all at our Apprenticeship, Employer & Adult Education Showcase on Wednesday 18th January 4:30-7pm!
For further information please email jstask@runshaw.ac.uk.

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