



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

19 July - 21 July 2021 : Week 1



Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

We have almost made it to the end of this most extraordinary, challenging and exhausting academic year. School will finally close to students for the summer holidays on Wednesday 21st July at 3pm. From Monday 19th July the government is relaxing restrictions. Please see pages 2 and 3 of this bulletin for further information, especially regarding our return in September and the requirement set by government on testing pupils.

Head Students for 2021/2022

Today I had the privilege of being part of the interview panel for next year's Head Students. I am delighted to announce that the students in the picture below - Jack, Milly, Rebecca and Eadie - were all successful. Their performances were absolutely outstanding, especially when you consider that they were interviewed by four adults - Miss Pilkington, Mrs Fox, Miss Greaves and me. Their ideas, their passion, their enthusiasm all shone through and served as a fantastic reminder about what makes our school so special. We have all been so engrossed with the pandemic for so long, so it was wonderfully refreshing to listen to these year 10 students who so eloquently spoke about how they wish to develop their roles of Head Student and how they wish to support both the school and the local community. Our Head Students will lead the team of Senior Student Leaders and contribute to a variety of initiatives aimed at improving the school experience of our pupils and I am excited to see how they get on.

Jack said: "It's an honour to be representing Parklands over the forthcoming year."

Milly said: "Today has definitely been the highlight of my year so far. After I completed my interview and received the news that I was Head Pupil, I was so elated and excited to begin my role. I am so grateful for the opportunities that Parklands has given and will continue to give me and I can't wait to give back to the school. After a year of primarily negative events and news, this has been an exciting turning point for me. I anticipate our return in September and I can't wait to return to a normal school whilst taking on my new role."

Rebecca said: "I'm delighted to have been selected as Head Pupil and to be able to represent Parklands High School - it's such an honour! It's been a dream of mine since the very first day of year 7, and to achieve that goal means the world."

Eadie said: "Being Head Girl means the world to me! I remember sitting in the hall with my mum and dad whilst we were at Open Evening, and listening to the Head Girl and Boy do their speeches. My dad leant over to me and said "that'll be you one day Eadie." Ever since that day I have dreamed of getting the role of Head Pupil, and now that dream has come true and I couldn't possibly be more overjoyed."



Step 4 of the government's roadmap:

1. Close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and schools will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. Schools may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.
2. Face coverings are no longer advised by the government for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. We would encourage both staff and pupils to continue to wear face coverings if they wish.
3. The Prime Minister had stated that "We expect and recommend people wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with those you don't normally meet such as on public transport". We have therefore updated our operational guidance for settings which now recommends that face coverings are worn on dedicated transport to school or college when prevalence is high. This will be kept under review."
4. We will continue to provide hand sanitiser and promote good hygiene in school.
5. We will continue to keep classrooms as well ventilated as possible.
6. Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will send them home and they should follow public health advice. The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).
7. Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

September Re-opening

September: staggered start times & testing information for those who have provided consent

In order to comply with the government's requirement that we test pupils at the start of the new school year, we can stagger the start times in order to limit the number of close contacts who may be identified. Please see the information below for your child's starting date & time in addition to the testing information.

- ❖ Tuesday, 31st August: the testing for those pupils for whom we have consent will take place in the sports hall. Staff will be around to direct pupils. Uniform is not required. Parents/carers may wish to wait for their child, as the testing process will not take long. We will inform parents/carers of any positive results via Edulink or email.
 - Year 7 at 8.30am
 - Year 8 at 9.30am
 - Year 9 at 10.30am
 - Year 10 at 11.30am
 - Year 11 at 12.30pm
- ❖ Wednesday, 1st September: INSET day, so school is closed to all pupils.
- ❖ Thursday, 2nd September: Year 7 and Year 11 only in school from 8.40am.
- ❖ Friday, 3rd September:
 - Year 7 in school from 8.40am. Pupils who are testing should go to the sports hall. Pupils who are not testing should go to their form room.
 - Year 11 in school from 10am. Students who are testing should go to the sports hall. Students who are not testing should go straight to their period 2 lesson.
 - Year 8 come to school for 11.20am, go to the sports hall for testing then go home. Uniform is not required.
 - Year 9 come to school for 12.20pm, go to the sports hall for testing then go home. Uniform is not required.
 - Year 10 come to school for 2pm, go to the sports hall for testing then go home. Uniform is not required.
- ❖ Monday, 6th September: All pupils in school from 8.40am.



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12 July - 16 July 2021 : Week 2



Year 7 Messages

BfL Reports were issued yesterday, 15th July, and are now available on Edulink. Well done to our students who have completed their first year of high school in a very challenging year.

Year 8 Messages

BfL Reports will be available on Edulink by the end of today. We have not produced paper copies as we felt it would be wasteful with many students currently not in school. Well done to our students who have lots to be proud of at the end of a very challenging year.

Year 9 Messages

Will have a Review Day and receive their Progress Reports next Tuesday, 20th July. The reports will be available on Edulink by the end of Wednesday, 21st July.

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Perfect 3s ALL YEAR - Year 7

Annabelle A	Ben B
Victoria C	Evie C
Martha C	Amna E
Matilda F	Freya H
Chloe H	Shayla H
Amy H	Lauren H
Jack L	Josh M
Matthew O’N	Sam P
Finley S	Max W

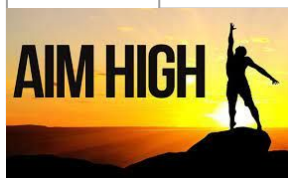


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Perfect 3s ALL YEAR - Year 8

Ella A	Lucy B
Fran B	Matilda C
Olivia D	Darcie D
Ilyana G	Isabelle G
Sophie G	Freya H-B
Robyn H-C	Seb H
Lily-Mae H	Phoebe L
Ayesha M	Zeyan M
Freya M	Grace M
Kara M	Layla M
Finley N	Matylda N
Jackeline P	Scarlett P
Rihana R	Lily R
Violet R	Grace S
Lucas S	Nicola S
Freya T	May U
Charlotte V	Elizabeth V
Amy W	Ewan W
Ebony-Grace W G	Hubert Z



Perfect 3s ALL YEAR - Year 9

Derin A	Fraser A
Isobel A	Katie B
Eve C	Elizabeth C
Laura C	Charlie C
Ethan D	Luke D
Lewis E	Thomas E
Mia G	Amber K
Bethany M	Aimee M
Holly M	Kim M
Ella P	Lola P
Harvey P	Verity R
Evie R	Jacob S
Harrison S	Jasmine T
Alex T	Evie W
Alex W	



Congratulations!



Perfect 3s ALL YEAR - Year 10

Emily B	Ashleigh-Paige C
Iker D	Josie D
Molly D	Natasha G
Eadie G	Sarah G
Lucy G	Finn H
Mariam H	Poppy H
Ruby J	Scarlett K
Hannah L	Sarah-Beth L
Harry L	Willow L
Samuel M	Paige M
Ellie P	Megan P
Susannah R	Finlay R
Milly S	Max T
Rebecca W	Jack W



Whole School Messages

Thank you to Lisa Dean and Lorraine Robinson for volunteering to help the Bee's Country Kitchen deliver free school meals to our students when school was closed. It was much appreciated by everyone and demonstrates our commitment to our students to the wider community.

Weekly Learning Support Board, please click [here](#)

EduLink and SCOPAY - Please can parents check their child's dinner money balance via the EduLink app as this is the most up to date app. Unfortunately money can only be added via SCOPAY and it can take a couple of hours for your child's account to register the new balance. If you have any queries please email accounts@parklandsacademy.co.uk

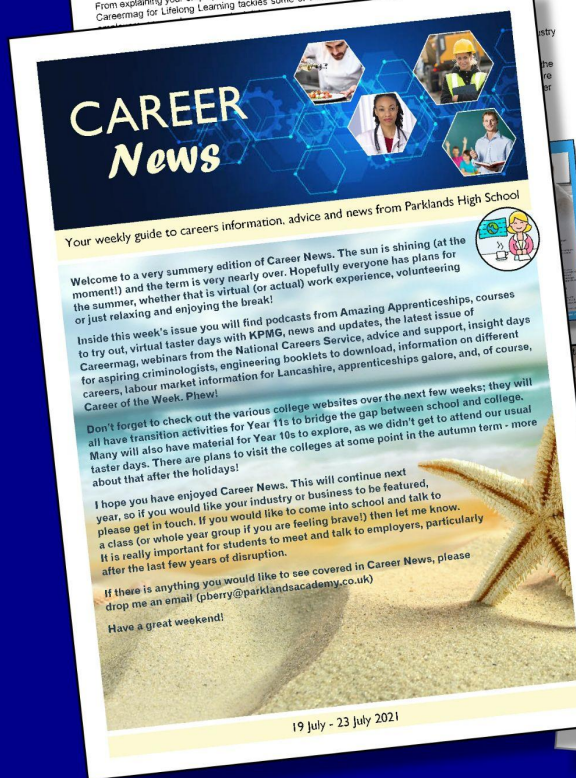
Lateral Flow Testing - if you wish to continue to test throughout the summer break you can order your test kits from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

With the summer break fast approaching it's a great opportunity for children and parents to relax and read. This week we will be giving a free book to all our students to take home and enjoy over the summer break. Peter Aspinall, Mrs Aspinall's husband, has donated copies of his second published book 'Two Weeks To Live' to every family. The book follows a family taking the trip of a lifetime and the adventures that unfold. Funny and sad with unexpected twists, we hope you'll enjoy this summer read.

Mrs Aspinall said ' I hope you enjoy the book as much as I did, although I know I might be biased. We are giving the book for free but if you read and enjoy the book it would be great if you would write a review on Amazon. More importantly, we would really appreciate it if you would consider making a donation to Sally's Charity. Sally Cornes was an inspirational young lady and much loved Parklands pupil who, unfortunately, lost her battle to cancer earlier this year. A charity is in the process of being set up in Sally's memory to help support other families faced with this disease. Until the charity is set up donations can be made by making a payment via SCOPAY : Sally Cornes Charity. The maximum amount is set at £20 but any amount, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated'.



From explaining your employment gap in a positive light to falling in love with your job again. The latest issue of Careermag for Lifelong Learning tackles some of the most frequently asked questions amongst job seekers. [Read Now](#)



Welcome to a very summery edition of Career News. The sun is shining (at the moment!) and the term is very nearly over. Hopefully everyone has plans for the summer, whether that is virtual (or actual) work experience, volunteering or just relaxing and enjoying the break!

Inside this week's issue you will find podcasts from Amazing Apprenticeships, courses to try out, virtual taster days with KPMG, news and updates, the latest issue of Careermag, webinars from the National Careers Service, advice and support, insight days for aspiring criminologists, engineering booklets to download, information on different careers, labour market information for Lancashire, apprenticeships galore, and, of course, Career of the Week. Phew!

Don't forget to check out the various college websites over the next few weeks; they will all have transition activities for Year 11s to bridge the gap between school and colleges. Many will also have material for Year 10s to explore, as we didn't get to attend our usual taster days. There are plans to visit the colleges at some point in the autumn term - more about that after the holidays!

I hope you have enjoyed Career News. This will continue next year, so if you would like your industry or business to be featured, please get in touch. (If you would like to come into school and talk to a class (or whole year group if you are feeling brave!) then let me know. It is really important for students to meet and talk to employers, particularly after the last few years of disruption.

If there is anything you would like to see covered in Career News, please drop me an email (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) Have a great weekend!

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CAREER NEWS



CHECKLIST

A guide to supporting students when they are choosing courses and universities

With so many courses to choose from, students can often feel overwhelmed when they start their university research. Following these four essential steps will help them to get started with the all-important decisions they are making for their future.

Step 1: Choose the university course first and the university later

Students can get carried away with looking at the aesthetics of a university, the reputation of its social scene, location and so on. However, enjoying and thriving in their studies is the most important factor they need to consider to help them to succeed. Start by asking students to shortlist university courses which interest them and on module content alone. This will provide them with a shortlist of courses that to attend which will in turn...



BUILD FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The opportunity of developing a rewarding career as an electrician or a plumbing and heating engineer could be an appealing prospect for many students about to make important choices about their futures.

A JTL Apprenticeship can be started at 16 and completed within 4 years. There is plenty of demand for new talent in the sector with huge potential to progress up the career ladder.



BUILD SKILLS

- Build knowledge and skills on and off the job
- Receive training and support
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Receive holiday pay and time to train

BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

- Earn and learn at the same time
- Gain an industry recognised qualification
- Become a qualified tradesperson
- Start an apprenticeship at any time and build for a better future



Average earnings of over £32k per year are possible once qualified.

[Find out more here](#)

As always, lots of useful information and advice in Career News, including: podcasts from Amazing Apprenticeships, free courses to try out, webinars, news, blogs, the latest issue of Careermag, insight days for budding criminologists, engineering booklets to download, information on different careers, LMI for the north west, apprenticeship opportunities galore and career of the week!

[Follow the link to this week's issue here](#)