



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 28 June - 2 July 2021:Week 2



### Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

I would like to start by fully acknowledging the difficulties many of you have faced this week. The huge increase in positive cases and the resultant spike in close contacts has led to a far from satisfactory position, with many students having to isolate yet again after only just returning to school from a period of isolation. I want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to stop the spread of Covid-19 in our school and in the local community. We have strict social distancing and hygiene measures in place and we're reiterating the importance of wearing face coverings in school at all times.

In light of our current situation, I have written to Sir Lindsay Hoyle, MP for Chorley, regarding our school's position and the impact the new Delta variant is clearly having on our school community. I have requested he look into the guidance for schools with specific reference to the management of close contacts, as I know that many of our students are currently facing their fourth, fifth or even sixth period of self-isolation. In addition, I have had several conversations with the Local Authority, who share our frustrations. I have been advised that the Director for Public Health for Lancashire, Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, has also contacted the government regarding our county's COVID situation. Any changes to the approach in Lancashire must come from the government, and I eagerly await a response to the concerns raised on your behalf, and on behalf of my colleagues in school, the governors and myself.

It is clear that in the autumn term we had very few cases, but most recently we have been hit incredibly hard by the Delta variant, which is up to 60% more transmissible. With all this in mind, please could I reiterate the important message around testing and following the "hands, face, space" guidelines. In order to keep our school community as safe as possible, it is important that students continue to wear face coverings and test twice weekly using the lateral flow devices, with any positive results reported immediately to school via [attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk). All positive cases must self-isolate as per government guidelines, as must close contacts identified by school. It is only by following this guidance that we can hope to reduce the community transmission of the virus, which is still having a debilitating effect on many individuals in society.

In school we will continue to encourage everyone to wear face coverings where required in addition to good hand hygiene and social distancing measures. We continue to keep year groups in their own bubbles, and we are well supported by our cleaning company, Orian, whose cleaning staff are doing a fantastic job in keeping our school as well sanitised as possible.

Like all of you, I am hopeful that the national vaccination rollout is breaking the link between COVID cases and hospitalisations, so that we can return in September to our normal ways of working.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell



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### Year 7 Messages

Parents Evening feedback: please could we ask for very brief feedback about your experience. Please click [here](#) to access the questionnaire. Thank you.

### Year 8 Messages

The X-band is closed to everyone next week due to the number of students self-isolating. Whilst far from ideal, this will enable teachers to provide better quality teaching & learning for all students. Due to the number of cases we've had, students may have different end dates to their periods of isolation, so please stick with the dates Mrs Fish has provided about when the isolation period ends.

HPV vaccinations are taking place on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Dewhurst via email: [kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

### Year 9 Messages

#### Duke of Edinburgh

Unfortunately due to the rise in cases we have had to take the decision to cancel this weekend's DofE Expedition - pupils and parents/carers should have received an email earlier this week. We are aiming to complete the expedition in September and will be in touch ASAP regarding new dates.

### Year 10 Messages

Please read [this](#) brief BBC News article about next year's GCSE exams. No further information has been given to schools yet, so we shall update you when we know more.

## Year 10 Messages

Huge well done to our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh pupils who completed their bronze expedition. They had a warm weekend in Clitheroe walking along the River Ribble on day 1, camping over and cooking their evening meal on their stoves, then on the second day doing a route around Waddington.



# Whole School Messages

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **146** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 18 pupils  
Year 8: 39 pupils  
Year 9: 32 pupils  
Year 10: 29 students  
Year 11: 29 students

### Who had the perfect 3 last week?

**Year 7: 133 pupils**  
**Year 8: 87 pupils**  
**Year 9: n/a pupils**  
**Year 10: 133 students**  
**Year 11: n/a**

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s! All BfL scores can be found in the Edulink app.

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

Click [here](#) to read the latest communication from the Director for Public Health for Lancashire.

Click [here](#) to read the latest communication from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson.

Next week the weather is due to get very warm indeed, so I have decided to allow the following:

1. You can continue to wear full uniform - no hoodies allowed though.
2. Or you can wear Parklands PE kit. Anyone who comes to school in non-PHS items will have the privilege of wearing PE kit removed and they will have to wear full uniform, even on PE days. On PE days they will have to use the changing rooms to change.

If you choose to wear PE kit, you will have to be mindful about washing it & ensuring it is dry - if it's not dry, then full uniform will be required. Mr Mitchell

## July's INSET Day

Reminder that we have changed our INSET day to Thursday, 22nd July. Students' final day will be Wednesday, 21st July with a usual finish time of 3pm.

## Hot weather next week

Next week the weather is due to get very warm indeed, so we have decided to allow the following:

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2. Or you can wear Parklands PE kit and no blazer is required. Anyone who comes to school in non-PHS items will have the privilege of wearing PE kit removed and they will have to wear full uniform, even on PE days. On PE days they will have to use the changing rooms to change.

If you choose to wear PE kit, you will have to be mindful about washing it & ensuring it is dry - if it's not dry, then full uniform will be required.



## PE KIT REMINDER



No jewellery and long hair tied back

You can only wear Parkland items.

- Parklands hoody or Parklands team hoody
  - Parklands leggings
  - Parklands tracksuit bottoms.
    - Parklands shorts
- Parklands long/short sleeved top
- Parklands royal blue socks or white socks

Items are available at our uniform suppliers.





**YOUTH  
WITHOUT  
LIMITS**

# Thank you

to the  
**Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants**

from

**Parklands Academy**

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who spent

**520 hours**

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**volunteering between  
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.**

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud  
of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

**£2366**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Marvel'.

RUTH MARVEL CEO

May 2021

**Runshaw College**  
**Year 11 Summer**  
 Student Experience Tours  
 Welcome to our Year 11 Summer Student Experience Tours.

**TRAINING 2000**  
**BE IN CONTROL... of your future**  
 Part of the University of Central Lancashire  
 University of Central Lancashire  
 LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE ACHIEVE  
 PARKLANDS

**neon**  
 Brilliant inspiration  
 Happy International Women in Engineering Day!  
 To celebrate and inspire students to pursue their love of STEM at school, we've put together some powerful content today.

**CAREER News**  
 Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School  
 Welcome to another issue of Career News. This week there are loads of virtual work experience opportunities to get involved in, whether you are in Year 10 or 11. Don't miss out - these will look great on your CV, as well as giving you an insight into different careers. (and all without leaving the comfort of your home!)  
 There's also a huge number of new apprenticeships on offer, from hairdressing to customer service. Why not apply for the position of apprentice groundskeeper at Burnley FC (through Myerscough College)? Also, for those who are not quite sure about their future careers, why not have a look at the pre-apprenticeship courses at Myerscough in Animal Care/Agriculture and Horticulture... a short course over the summer that will give you a real taste of working in industry - and perhaps give you a new career.  
 This week was International Women in Engineering Day - check out the inspirational stories from four women engineers. Too many girls give up on studying maths and science at A Level, despite often getting brilliant GCSE results - see if any of the women featured in the Neon article changes your mind.  
 News on enrolment from Wigan & Leigh College, as well as summer tours from Runshaw - it's all inside!  
 There are courses and conferences on offer - some free, some to pay for - but luckily, Parklands students always get a discount. Use the codes provided and take part in some fabulous experiences this summer!  
 If you are considering university in the future, then there is an extra date added due to demand for the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair - check out the details and sign up now.  
 There is also the latest issue of Careermag for school leavers (but useful for anyone!)  
 Year 10 will shortly be taking part in small group interviews - prior to which they have a short questionnaire to complete - keep an eye on the daily bulletin for more details.  
 Finally, unfortunately due to ongoing restrictions, the Wigan & Leigh taster day has had to be cancelled, as has the visit to Runshaw. Hopefully, we can look at the taster day again in the autumn term - fingers crossed.  
 In the meantime, have a great week and get involved in as many activities as you can.  
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**Helping You To Plan Your Future**  
 Our latest issue of Careermag for School Leavers is out now!  
 Inside you'll find top tips to help you decide the right pathway for you, alongside top opportunities from the UK's leading employers.  
[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

**This issue covers:**

- Insider knowledge from apprentices
- Knowing your values and building self-confidence
- Reimagining the future of education through Black British history
- Launching a business
- What you need to know about degree apprenticeships

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## CAREER NEWS

This week's Career News has lots of virtual work experience opportunities, apprenticeship vacancies, news and updates - see from colleges, conferences and careers fairs, career of the week and the latest Careermag for school leavers.

Make sure you don't miss out on any of the fantastic offers! [Click the link here to read this week's issue!](#)