



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 7 June - 11 June 2021: Week 1



### Headteacher's message

Dear parents and carers and students,

School closes today for half-term and we reopen on Monday, 7th June. This has been a very long 7 week half-term and I know everyone is desperate for a break. For those of you with children in years 7 to 10, you may not be aware of the huge amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes regarding our year 11 students. For the second year in a row school has had to produce Centre Assessed Grades as GCSE exams have been cancelled. It is only right to acknowledge the herculean efforts of the following:

- Year 11 students: they have done remarkably well by completing all their assessments and working with their teachers in such a mature manner. They are a group of individuals who have faced constant uncertainty, but their resilience and determination to succeed shone through each and every day.
- Parents/carers of Year 11s: your support has been crucial and I cannot thank you enough! This has undoubtedly been a very difficult period for you at home, trying to support your child during these unprecedented times, but I believe the home-school partnership we've had since your child joined Parklands has only served your child well.
- Staff: the workload that has gone into producing the GCSE grades has been incredible - that is applicable to both teaching & non-teaching staff. I feel very privileged to work with such dedicated colleagues, who consistently go above and beyond to educate, support and nurture our pupils.

Today was Year 11's final day in school and we bid them farewell after an emotional Leavers' Assembly. It is such a shame that our Year 7s did not have the chance to get to know them, as we had to revert to year-group forms rather than have vertical forms. Our Year 10s now take up the challenge of filling the Year 11s' shoes - and they are big shoes to fill!

On the next page are some messages for your attention from the DfE and Lancashire County Council.

I wish you all a lovely half-term break!

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell

## Headteacher's message

### **Message from the Department for Education**

As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

We want to thank you for your continued support in testing. Over 40 million tests with staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme.

Please continue to encourage your staff and secondary school or college students to test twice-weekly over half-term and test before returning to school or college after the holiday. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void. But whatever it is, it should be reported straight away, every time. Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

### **Contact tracing over May half-term**

Schools and colleges continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays, but this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus. Where pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school or college, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school or college, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school or college.

Read the letter here [from](#) Dr Karunanithi, Director of Public Health for Lancashire County Council.



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### Year 7 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 24th June**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be emailed to you after half-term. Your child's latest tracker will also be issued on 15h June.

### Year 8 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Parents Evening will take place on **Thursday 10th June**. It will be an online event due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be emailed to you soon. Your child's latest tracker will also be issued on 8th June.

### Year 9 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

Click [here](#) to give feedback on last night's Parents Evening. We would like your views as to whether we keep such events online or in school. Many thanks

### Year 10 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

### Year 11 Messages

Please click [here](#) for the Career Newsletter

From everyone at school, we wish our Year 11s a fond farewell.

# Whole School Messages

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September 2021. There are **153** pupils with the perfect 3 - Well done!

Year 7: 20 pupils  
 Year 8: 41 pupils  
 Year 9: 32 pupils  
 Year 10: 31 students  
 Year 11: 29 students

**Who had the perfect 3 last week?**  
**Year 7: 96 pupils**  
**Year 8: 130 pupils**  
**Year 9: 117 pupils**  
**Year 10: 120 students**  
**Year 11: 116 students**

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](#)



# Extra-curricular timetable



| Week 1                | MON 1   | TUES 1   | WEDS 1  | THURS 1  | FRI 1   |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Year Group            | YEAR 8  | YEAR 9   | YEAR 10   | YEAR 7   | YEAR 11   |
| Sports available      | Football - Grass RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS | Football - Grass MG<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG | Football - Grass MG<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS<br>YEAR 8 GIRLS CRICKET | Football - Grass RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG | Football - Grass MG/RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS |
| Dance Club - Pavilion | Year 7  | Year 8   | Year 9  | Year 11  | Year 10   |

## Week 2

**Extra curricular will stay the same until 21st June**

|                       | MON 2   | TUES 2   | WEDS 2  | THURS 2  | FRI 2   |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Year Group            | YEAR 8  | YEAR 9   | YEAR 10   | YEAR 7   | YEAR 11   |
| Sports Available      | Football - Grass RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS | Football - Grass MG<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG | Football - Grass MG<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS | Football - Grass RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC/AS<br>Rounders - Astro NG | Football - Grass MG/RS<br>Girls Football - Grass AC<br>Rounders - Astro NG/CS |
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Update from LCC Public Health

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X842Z6-Cdf26FvynnmO2i9t\\_4Gm20qmx/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X842Z6-Cdf26FvynnmO2i9t_4Gm20qmx/view?usp=sharing)

All outstanding COVID results must be reported to [attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk) as soon as they arrive, even if this is outside of school hours.

If a student or anyone within the household test positive for COVID over the half term please email [attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@parklandsacademy.co.uk). As a school we must still conduct track and trace over the holidays.

# Whole School Messages

## Sports Leaders success

Gemma Stokes from the School Sports Partnership came in to award some of our sports leaders for their contribution and commitment to sports leadership pre covid and for two of our leaders during covid.

To make you aware of some of their awards and achievements:

All of the leaders completed their sports hall athletics qualification.

Myles received the award for being the Most Outstanding Leader (and at times entertaining).

Poppy received the Most Committed Leader award - 2nd in the district for hours dedicated.

Christian received the Most Improved Leader award - he was hesitant at the start but soon became a really valued member of the team.

Tori in Year 11 was Young Leader of the Year, she could not be praised any more by the Chorley partnership. She had more hours than anyone and was practically offered a job! To put it into perspective, she was the best leader in Chorley - they had thought before Covid she would break the record for most hours committed.

Well done to all of them!



**PARKLANDS SPORTING HEROS**



Is your child competing in sport at a county/regional or national level?

It doesn't have to be a sport we do in school!

We would love to know so we can celebrate their success in school!

Please send details to [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

## Whole School Messages

### Amazon Longitude Explorer Prize

Four year 10 Design and Technology pupils entered the Amazon Longitude Explorer competition 2021. Unfortunately they did not win, but they did receive some prizes for their entry. They received a £20 Waterstones voucher for the school, £40 worth of subscription to coding software, 4 sustainable notepads and a certificate each.

The brief for the competition was *'How can you use technology to create an app, product or service that will make the world a better place, enabling people to live better, live longer, live greener and live together.'* Their idea was for a virtual greengrocers food sharing website and app.

A huge well done to Ashton, Jack and Eessa for their efforts. They have represented the school fantastically!



Parklands Club Links - like a sport? Looking for a club to join? Find them [here](#). Link also on image.



MASSIVE well done to Isobel (Y8) who has SMASHED the school Accelerated Reader record for highest percentage in a term by achieving 1026.9% of her target. We are so impressed!



Please follow the link for this week's Career News from Parklands. There are lots of virtual work experience opportunities to get involved in, courses to take, information for Year 11 students, a variety of apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies, career of the week, societies and clubs to join and advice on interviews from an experienced recruitment manager.

**PEARSON BUSINESS SCHOOL VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**  
**DATES: July 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**  
[BOOK NOW](#)

If you are considering a career in business - have a look at this ...  
 You're invited to our Virtual Work Experience! We all know about the Catch 22 surrounding work experience. To get experience you need a job but you need a job to get experience.  
 This is the answer to break you out of this ...  
**Don't miss it!**  
 Dates: 7th - 8th  
 Location: Live  
 Time: 12pm

**YEAR 11 YOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS**  
 Wigan & Leigh College

**CAREER News**  
 Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Welcome to another edition of Career News. There are lots of really great virtual work experience opportunities on offer, so don't miss out. Although never quite the same as in-person work experience, nevertheless, it's well worth getting involved - any experience looks great on a CV and gives students something to talk about in interviews for college, university, apprenticeships or jobs.

Speaking of apprenticeships - check out the range of vacancies this week. There's an additional list from Bolton College (with far more available on their website - see inside for details).

Hopefully, Year 11s have got their college or apprenticeship places sorted out - all places accepted, interviews done and dusted (or at least booked!) and everything organised for enrolment day. Everyone should have a Plan B - just in case. It's not too late to apply to most colleges, but don't leave it till the very last minute - or the popular courses will be full.

Lots of exciting events coming up for Year 10 students, including their live virtual sampling day with Wigan & Leigh College, and an actual visit to Runshaw College (fingers crossed!) There's also a World of Work Day being organised with Inspira (Careers & Enterprise Company) and the local EBP - more details to follow as we get them.

Year 7, 8 and 9 are not forgotten - there'll be lots for them to get involved with soon. Keep an eye on the Google Classroom Careers areas for news, competitions and so on. In particular - the Parklands Safety Group will be launching soon. Our previous team won the National Safety Groups UK award and were presented with their trophy at a prestigious location in London. Now we have to defend that title - so if anyone in Year 5 or 6 would like to get involved, let me know! After the half term holiday, there will be a Safety Groups assembly when you can officially sign up for a position on the team.

**PARKLANDS SAFETY GROUP**  
**YOU**

We are currently testing a new careers site for students, which will allow them to record all their career-related lessons, interventions, meetings with employers and so on - so writing a CV in Year 11 will be a piece of cake! More details to follow in future newsletters.

If you would like your industry or business to feature in a future issue, please get in touch (pbenry@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Have a great half term and see you soon!

Half term - 31 May - 4 June 2021

**PATHWAY CTM 6**  
**Upcoming events**

**NHS Virtual Taster Session - Non Clinical Roles**  
 Tuesday, 8 June from 5pm - 6pm  
 Sign up into the various roles available at the NHS that are Non-Clinical! The many non-clinical roles in the NHS cover the functions needed to keep things clean and efficient and the organisation running smoothly. Roles such as receptionists, porters, IT specialists, cleaners, engineers, pharmacists, etc. There are over 350 different professions, there is a role to suit all interests and abilities. Come along to find out more!  
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**RWE Work Experience Day - Career Insights in Engineering & More!**  
 Wednesday, 23 June between 10am - 3:15pm  
 Learn more about landing an engineering role at one of the largest companies in renewable energy! During the session we will have a series of breakout rooms where you will have the chance to stand out and participate in group activities. Write speaking directly with employers!  
 The day will also include a five tour around one of their sites AND you will receive a certificate for your CV for attending the day!  
[SIGN UP HERE](#)  
 We look forward to seeing you there!

**Siemens**  
 Siemens experts to help you with digitalisation, energy and sustainability across the company. You'll also have a clear picture of what it's like to work for Siemens.  
 Click the 'Apply Now' link.

**Pathway CTM 6**  
**Monday: GCHQ - Turning Life into Employability Skills!**  
 Wednesday, 9 June from 6pm - 7pm  
 Join us in an exciting webinar with social service GCHQ, to learn about turning your hobbies and life experiences into employability skills! Perhaps you are really social at school and love people? But how can you use this soft skill strength in your CV and future applications? Join this session to find out!  
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## CAREER NEWS

## Careers

You may notice the Year 11 lunchtime drop-in session has disappeared - this will be back after half term, but for Year 10 students! One to one interviews and (hopefully) small group interviews will also start soon, so remind students to keep an eye on the daily bulletin and their school emails.

For any Year 11s at a loose end, if you don't fancy one of the virtual work experience options, perhaps check out the college websites for transition activities or have a look around for volunteering opportunities. Some of the charity shops in town are seeking volunteers for example.

Useful volunteering websites:

<https://communities@chorley.gov.uk>

<https://lancsvp.org.uk>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk>

<https://brothersofcharity.org.uk>

<https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk>

Or just look on Indeed (<https://uk.indeed.com>)

Even if not related to your future career, volunteering is a great thing to have on your CV (as well as being a great thing to do anyway!) You will gain loads of new skills, meet new people and help a good cause - what's not to like?

Finally, for any Year 11s who don't want to do any of the above - what about NCS? Three weeks of great experiences that might just change your life - take a look at <https://wearencs.com/> and sign up now. The most you will pay is £50 - for everything (accommodation, activities, food, transport, etc) and there is help available if that is a barrier to you attending. You can attend with friends or on your own - so, no excuses, don't miss out, get signed up today and have a fantastic summer!