



# PARENT BULLETIN

## 20 Jan - 24 Jan 2020: Week 1



### Year 7 Messages

Year 7 students will be introduced to Indigo, our new careers program, during their assembly on Monday. This can be used at home or in school - on mobile, tablet or PC. Subsequent assemblies will be held for Years 8, 9 and 10 over the next few weeks. Indigo is a one stop shop for careers information, allowing students to research jobs and employers, universities and courses and much much more.

Volcanoes - thanks to Year 7 parents/carers for your support with making volcano models/cakes or posters. The children had a great time in lesson making eruptions and eating the layers of ash and lava! Many photos were uploaded onto the Geography Instagram account which you can see at @parklandsgeog. Mrs Eastham

### Year 8 Messages

**SAVE THE DATE:** Monday, 9th March is GCSE Options Evening at 7pm.

### Year 9 Messages

Immunisations take place on Thursday.

### Year 10 Messages

If you are looking for work experience in the NHS, email: [workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@lthtr.nhs.uk) - they will send you a form to complete and return. Make sure you do this before the end of January.

#### Message from Preston's College

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At 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm there will be a series of Apprenticeship talks and they are welcome to attend one of these 15 minute presentations. Our Curriculum Leaders will be at the event to give information about each sector area too and ways in which to apply for an Apprenticeship. There will also be CV and interview help stations for those who are less confident and need that extra support and/or guidance

## Year 11 Messages

SAVE THE DATE: This year's prom is taking place on **Thursday, 9th July**. Prom is a privilege, not an automatic right. Year 11s are well aware of our expectations of behaviour in order to receive an invite.

Preston North End Sports College are having their next open evening on Thursday 23rd January from 6.30 - 7.30pm. You can study Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas in Sport & Exercise at PNE. Contact Graeme Atkinson on 01772 693309 or email: [education@pne.com](mailto:education@pne.com) for more information.

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## Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#) - as everyone will have resolved to get fit after the excesses of Christmas, it is Sports Development Officer.

Our annual Careers Fair will take place on Friday 6 March 2020. If you would like to be involved, or you would like further information, please email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Dates for the diary: February 5th and 6th, Training 2000 are holding their open days from 4-8pm. Opportunities to talk to sector professionals, companies in industry and university representatives. Email: [info@t2000.co.uk](mailto:info@t2000.co.uk) for more information or ring 01254 54659 (Blackburn Office, Furthergate Business Park, BB1 3BD)

Don't miss the first session of 2020 - Aspiring Engineers at Training 2000, starting on Saturday 22nd February for 6 weeks. Places are limited, so don't leave it too late to apply (Year 10 or 11) Book your place now on 01254 54659 or email: [info@t2000.co.uk](mailto:info@t2000.co.uk)

## Apprenticeship Notifications

BAE Systems Apprenticeships open events - the only one with availability is now 20th February at the Academy for Skills and Knowledge, BB2 7FT. The deadline for applications is 28th February, so don't miss the chance to chat to current apprentices and staff and get some advice on applications and interviews.

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships/air/air-apprentice-career-open-events> and the link for booking is here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BAESystemsOpenEvening>

## Apprenticeship Notifications

A number of interesting apprenticeships on offer this week: Apprentice Furniture Maker, Health & Social Care Apprentice and a Level 3 Travel Consultant Apprenticeship at Hays Travel - see Miss Berry for more details on any of these vacancies.

## Whole School Messages

### PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

**27th March 2021**  
**8 days**  
**Total cost: £950**  
**Deposit: £100**

- 6 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.



**See Miss Marr in the pavilion office for a letter or more information**

Letters are now available for next year's ski trip. March 2021. See Miss Marr in the pavilion for a letter or any further information.

### SEND

Click [here](#) for the link to the Lancashire SEND Partnership homepage.

**[Latest news](#)** : In this edition, we share the SEND Partnership Ways of Working document that was agreed by the SEND Partnership Board to set out our shared understanding about working together. There's an item about the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) One Year On Event and a questionnaire for young people on the redesign of the [Short Breaks Offer](#).

We continue to promote the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET) survey by [In-Control](#) which is part of a national pilot to help local areas understand the impact of the SEND reforms and help improve services in the local area

For the SEND Local Offer, click [here](#)

## Whole School Messages

The **drop-in service** is once again being offered to parents who wish to meet with a member of the Achievement Team outside of school. Should you have a query or concern please feel free to drop in. The service is offered every Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at the Asda cafe in Chorley

School Nurse Drop-In available every Thursday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Please see Mrs Fairhurst for appointment slip.

The student J8 development group have more Fair Trade ground coffee available for you to buy for £4.60 per bag. This coffee has come straight from Malawi where the growers work in the community of Liwonde, where the secondary school is for whom we are raising funds. The proceeds from the sale of this coffee go straight back to the school we are working with, to help buy resources to keep more children in school. Please do what you can to support the group and purchase your coffee here. If you would like to make a purchase you can provide your child with the money and the coffee is available from myself in S14. Thanks from the J8 group - Mrs Ward

**STRANGER DANGER:** if your child walks home, please discuss the topic of stranger danger and how they can keep themselves safe, especially during the dark mornings & nights.

### COMPETITION

The NHS are running a competition to promote apprenticeships in the NHS and Social Care. Students are asked to design a poster that inspires others to look at the NHS as a career option, is creative and imaginative and stands out from the crowd and is inclusive to show the broad range of apprenticeship options. Entries will be judged by a regional panel of apprenticeship experts and a winner and runner up will be selected from each career hub region. £25 Amazon voucher for the winner and £10 Amazon voucher for the runner up - so well worth getting involved! The overall winner gets a further £50 voucher and their poster will be used for the NHS Apprenticeship campaign. The deadline is 31st January 2020, so no time to lose! Get your posters in to Miss Berry (top office) - they can be drawn, painted or digitally created. Have a look at <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-cadet-schemes> for some ideas of just what jobs you can do in the NHS

### Edulink app

All trackers, BfL reports and mock exam results can be found within the DOCUMENTS section of the app. You will need to download the document to view it. BfL scores are shown behind the 'Behaviour' button, then scrolling across to 'Lesson Behaviour'.

### Message for Parents/Guardians of pupils going on Battlefields 2020

All pupils will require a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for the upcoming trip. Please could all parents/guardians ensure that their child has one of these cards? If not, they can be obtained through visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>. The card is free and therefore please ensure that this website is used as scam websites have been in place in the past that ask you to pay for this card. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [rcrabtree@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:rcrabtree@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Thank you very much.

## Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **178** in total so far!

Year 7: 40 pupils  
Year 8: 29 pupils  
Year 9: 35 pupils  
Year 10: 34 students  
Year 11: 40 students

### Who had the perfect 3 in the last week (Mon - Fri)?

Year 7: 163 pupils  
Year 8: 136 pupils  
Year 9: 129 pupils  
Year 10: 129 students  
Year 11: 159 students

Please congratulate your child if they are one of the perfect 3s!

## PE MESSAGES

**The new extra-curricular timetable for next half term with over 40 different opportunities for pupils to get involved offered by the PE Department over lunchtime and after school is available here:** [Extra Curricular Jan 2020](#)

**Monday:** Y7 football tournament against Southlands after school at home.

**Tuesday:** Y7 Basketball at home against St Augustines.

**Thursday:** Badminton Year 11 GCSE exam for selected pupils from 3:15-4:30 with Bishop Rawstone at Parklands

## Language learning magazines for students to boost skills and grades

At Parklands, we always find that students learning languages engage more and perform more strongly in exams when they study topics that they want to watch, listen to or talk and write about. We are therefore happy to recommend Mary Glasgow Magazines for students learning French or Spanish. Packed with great vocabulary, comprehension and grammar tips, Mary Glasgow Magazines are vibrant, colourful and will engage teens at the exact level of the language they are learning, with topics that they'll love including school life, technology, friends, culture, sport, music, the environment and much more. An annual subscription to Mary Glasgow Magazines costs just £9.50 and includes five printed issues (delivered to the school throughout the year) plus unlimited access to video, audio and online activities. We recommend the following magazines for your child:

Year 7 French - Allons-y!  
Year 7 Spanish - Qué Tal  
Year 8 Spanish - Qué Tal  
Year 9 French - Ca va  
Year 10 Spanish - Ahora  
Year 11 Spanish - El Sol  
Year 11 French - Ca va

If you wish to place an order, please visit [www.maryglasgowplus.com/orders](http://www.maryglasgowplus.com/orders). Search for our school and then the group order name Mrs Wilkinson and you'll be able to browse magazines and pay online for your subscriptions.

Please note that the closing date for ordering is 13th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wilkinson