



PARENT BULLETIN

24 Feb - 28 Feb 2020: Week 1



Year 7 Messages

None this week

Year 8 Messages

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, 9th March is GCSE Options Evening at 7pm in the school hall. Information regarding Y8 options can be found on the school website. We will be using a paperless system this year so students and carers will need to access the information and make their choices. Click this [link](#) to take you there.

The History Department would like to produce a lesson for Y8 about the changing nature of Chorley over time. I am appealing to 'Chorley families' to get in touch if you might be interested. What do I need? Information from you so I can research your family through time. You do not need to know this - we can do it. But we would like to use the 1841-1911 census in class. Photographs? We would scan them and return the originals. Obviously this would all be handled sensitively and anonymously. It might be a great opportunity to find out about your own family? If you think you can help please contact me via email. ebrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk Mrs Brown

There is an event being held at Chorley Council's brand new Strawberry Fields digital hub on Thursday 27th February. Earlier in the day, a small group of Year 8 students are visiting and taking part in activities, but if parents/carers or students want to see the facility, there is an evening event (4.30 - 7.00pm) Lots of employers, training providers and universities will be there - well worth a visit. Incidentally, if any Year 8s would like to attend and haven't yet let me know, I have been offered a further 2 spaces - first come, first served! (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

Battlefields trip

The Battlefields parents evening will be on Wednesday 26th February 6-7pm. Please could I ask that all passports and EHIC cards for pupils are brought on the evening (provided pupils will not need them before we go on the trip). Thank you very much. Miss Crabtree

Battlefields Hoodies: Reminder - deadline for payment is Friday 28th February. £27.49 S,M, L or XL. Zipped or traditional 'varsity' style. Money to the main school office. Two large hoodies are available to try on in W22.

Geography fieldtrips

The money and medical forms for the forthcoming fieldtrips are due by the 6th March and must be returned to the main office. A reminder that these trips are a mandatory part of the GCSE Geography course. If you have any issues regarding payment of this trip then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Eastham. Regards, Mrs Ward.

Year 11 Messages



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers.

Please send your 'baby' photos and 1st day of year 7 photos to the email address below!

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



Deadline to pay 29/03/2020



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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.

Y11 Parents Evening- Please be advised that it is the final Y11 Parents Evening on Thursday, 5th March (3 weeks today). The appointment system goes live tonight at 6pm and you book through Edulink. Any issues contact houseleaders@parklandsacademy.co.uk

At the end of this half-term we will be moving into the final stage of Elevate, our year 11 study skills programme. The aim of the year long programme is to develop proven skills that equip and enable our students to access different methods of revision and prepare for their forthcoming examinations. By this point we have created a wealth of revision resources for every subject and students are encouraged to take responsibility for their revision and develop independence. After the half-term break subject revision sessions will cease in their current format and we will be providing a study space every night from 3-4pm where students can complete private, independent study; this will be in addition to those students who are expected to attend period 6. There is the possibility that subject specific intervention sessions will be offered for targeted students in identified areas but parents will be contacted directly if this is required.

You can find a link to the Elevate programme's FAQ parent section for some helpful tips on supporting your child [here](#).

Year 11 Messages

When do GCSE exams finish? This is question we are regularly asked by both students and parents as this may be your first opportunity in years to take advantage of a holiday in term time! The exams regulator advises all GCSE candidates to not take a holiday until 25th June; this is just in case there is a national issue with an exam and it has to be rescheduled.

A big thank you to Mrs Nelson from BAE Systems who came into school this week to speak to any Year 11s who are interested in an apprenticeship. She explained the various levels and gave advice about completing the online application form. If anyone is interested in applying, please do so as soon as possible (deadline February 28th). Visit the website for more details:

www.baesystems.com/apprenticeships

Final interviews for Wigan & Leigh College on Monday 2nd March, here at school. If you intend to apply but have not yet done so, you can collect a paper application form from Miss Berry (top office) and I can add you to the interview schedule. Even if you don't know what you want to do at college, at this stage just reserve yourself a place!

There are various Young Internship opportunities on offer over the summer holidays with InvestIN Education and University College London. Although not cheap, they are incredible experiences - check out the website for more information: <https://investin.org/products>

Careers

Career of the Week: As it's been Safer Internet Day this week, Career of the Week is Cyber Intelligence Officer. As we've all seen in recent months, IT systems are under constant attack from hackers and criminals. This is very much a future-proof career to get into as computer systems continually evolve.

For anyone interested in a career in engineering, have a look at the Engineering Taster Weeks at BAE Systems. There are two dates: 13-17 July and 20-24 July. These are residential - and fully funded. The only thing you need to do is get yourself there and back! You will work on an engineering project alongside staff - this would be a great addition to your CV. You must be 16 years old - sorry Year 10s, you'll have to look out for next year's event. To apply visit:

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Apprenticeship Notifications

Apprenticeship vacancies from Training 2000 this week:

Apprentice Electrical/Electronic Engineer, K.A. Nichols Electrical Ltd., Chorley. VAC Ref: 001DL

Apprentice Business Administrator, ETC Awards Ltd., Chorley. VAC Ref: 001G0

See Miss Berry for further details of these vacancies or email: learnerrecruitment@t2000.co.uk

Also various positions available in Leyland and Preston. (www.training2000.co.uk)



We are delighted to have been awarded the **Religious Education Quality Mark Silver Award** following an assessment by the Religious Education Council for England and Wales. Huge thanks go to Miss Rhodes, Curriculum Leader, Mr Martin, Assistant Curriculum Leader, Miss Melia and all other staff and pupils who were involved with the assessment process. As a non-faith school, we believe that it's important for our students to learn about a wide variety of religions in order to gain a better understanding of the world they live in.

PE Fixtures

Parklands Year 10 boys football team beat Our Lady Queen of Peace 6-2 in the Lancashire Cup Quarter final. The team are now in the semi final which is the last 4 teams out of 64 that entered from all across Lancashire. Well done boys and good luck in the semi finals.

New Extra Curricular timetable for next half term is available to view [here](#).

Wednesday 26th February

- Chorley District Swimming Gala from 6pm at All Seasons Leisure Centre. We will be selecting the team this week.
- Year 10 Handball vs Carr Hill

Thursday 27th February

- Y9 and 10 Girls football team are playing Holy Cross

Friday 28th February

- U14s Girls Football team are playing against Bishop Rawstorne

Whole School Messages

Perfect 3s

Has your child continued to achieve the perfect 3 since September? There are **136** in total so far!

Year 7: 29 pupils
Year 8: 21 pupils
Year 9: 33 pupils
Year 10: 23 students
Year 11: 30 students

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

Year 7: 127 pupils
Year 8: 106 pupils
Year 9: 130 pupils
Year 10: 126 students
Year 11: 130 students

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

The Science Department would like to congratulate the team of pupils who competed in the Physics Olympics at Bolton School yesterday against 15 other schools. They competed in numerous physics based challenges. The Parklands team came first overall to take home the trophy along with various medals from the individual challenges.



COMPETITION : CREATE A FLAG FOR THE HALL

Following the departure of the UK from the EU, we find ourselves in a position of needing to replace the EU flag in the school hall. We are currently applying for reaccreditation of the Equality and Diversity Award, which recognises the work we do to promote equality for all. I would love one of our students to design a flag which represents our school and our attitudes to equality and diversity. Click [here](#) to read our school's vision, which may help inspire you.

Please submit your design to me via Google Slides. The winning design can then be printed and turned into a flag to hang from our school hall ceiling. Mr Mitchell

Deadline: Friday, 28th February. Entries can be hand drawn and passed either me or the school office.

Whole School Messages

It was mentioned last week regarding Sally Cornes and the blog she is currently writing regarding her fight with Ewings Sarcoma cancer. I omitted to include the link to the blog, so here it is!

<http://sallycornes.blogspot.com/> Mrs Dewhurst

SEND

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

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

The Information, Advice and Support Team will be running a six week course "Making Sense of Special Needs" for parents and carers in your area, after February half term.

Subjects covered will include:

- The 2015 Special Needs Code of Practice
- Support for children at school –who does what
- Education Health and Care Plans
- Behavioural issues

Please could you share this information with parents and carers of children with SEND at your school.

Kind regards

Sarah Deady

Business Support Officer

SEND Information, Advice and Support Team

Inclusion Service

Lancashire County Council

Tel 01772 538077

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

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



Don't miss it!



Tickets available from Miss Marr
in the Pavilion office.

£5 adults £3 U-18s/Concessions

Parklands High School presents musicians from

The Band of The Grenadier Guards

on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 6.30pm.



The evening will feature musicians from
The Band of The Grenadier Guards
The School Band
and
Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School

It is a great opportunity for our school stakeholders and the general public to hear musicians from this amazing band live in concert. Due to limited seating available in the school hall the concert will be ticket only.

Free tickets are available from the school office or by emailing cslater@parklandsacademy.co.uk

AT URPotential WE ARE VERY PROUD TO PRESENT OUR FOURTH

LGB&T YOUTH FEST 2020

FREE EVENT

LGBT FEST 2020 is an event organised by young people, for young people aged 12-18yrs. We will be spending the day together having fun in a safe, friendly environment to celebrate who we are.

Date- Saturday 22nd February 2020

Time- 9:00am Snacks, Drinks & Registration
10am Start - Event Finishes at 4.30pm

Venue- The Oracle, St Anne's Rd, Blackpool
FY4 2AP

Networking Opportunities

Entertainment

Workshop Choices

Food & Drinks
Provided

Information Stalls

Guest Speakers



Contact Ben at URPotential - Tel: 01253 344398
Email: Events@urpotential.co.uk
Facebook: Nina Beavers (Lgbt Worker Urpotential)
Jade Holloway (LGBT Worker Wyre)
Twitter: @LGBTOutnAbout



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