



PARENT BULLETIN

3 Sept - 6 Sept 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

School re-opens on Tuesday, 3rd September.

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic year this has been! I continue to be exceptionally proud of Parklands and how our school goes from strength to strength. We are rightly proud of our students' incredible achievements and it's really pleasing to see the change in the achievement culture within school amongst our students. Whilst we are not an exams factory, we do expect our students to work hard, and the regular Achievement News, shown in assemblies and then pinned up outside the LRC on the concourse, is a constant reminder to everyone that our ultimate aim is to ensure our students are well-equipped to leave us as successful, well-qualified young adults. Whatever the students may say to each other, when their name is shown in front of the whole school, they grin with pride, and rightly so! We will continue with the Achievement News next year and do our best to ensure all students believe they can achieve, whatever their academic ability. But alongside all that, Parklands is also an environment where we promote personal development as a key to future success. It doesn't matter what qualifications a student has, if they don't develop into well-rounded, tolerant and decent young adults who are able to work effectively with others, then the world of work will be a big shock! I believe that we have the right environment where students can flourish, where they can challenge themselves, and where they can experience things which other local schools don't offer. There is no excuse for not getting involved, and I'm really proud and grateful to have such a fantastic group of colleagues, who give up so much of their own time to support our students with opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh, school productions, student leadership, and the many many other activities which go on outside of lessons. The staff who work here believe in the Parklands ethos, and it is so wonderful to receive comments from parents and carers who appreciate the extra-curricular offerings available to our students.

None of this, however, is possible without the wonderful support we receive from you parents and carers. The positive feedback we regularly receive goes such a long way in ensuring our staff remain motivated and humbled, knowing that they are making a difference to your children's lives. Our bright, vibrant and tolerant community only exists thanks to the home-school relationships we build and foster with each other, and whilst we may not always get things right, I hope you appreciate our efforts in learning from our mistakes and continually trying to improve.

The end of an academic year can also be a sad time; we've had to say goodbye to a magnificent group of Year 11 students, and we are extremely hopeful that they will achieve the school's best ever results. Thankfully, we have another group - our current Year 10 - who we believe could be even better! We are also saying goodbye to some staff; Mr Brown, Miss Rose, Miss Dayala and Miss Pisirici, who are all leaving to pursue promotion or fulfil a personal ambition. They have been wonderful colleagues and we wish them all the very best.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely summer and I hope the weather remains good for us all. I look forward to welcoming our students back in September, in full uniform, smiling, happy and eager to learn!

With best wishes,
Mr S Mitchell
Headteacher

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Huge congratulations go to **EUROPE** House for winning the House Shield! It has been a very busy year, full of House competitions, cake baking, sports day and alternative sports day, and a myriad of other events, including attendance, which have all contributed to the House Shield.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Concert last Thursday. The pupils and staff appreciate your support, for some of our students this was their first opportunity to perform on stage to an audience and you made them feel extremely appreciated. For some of our pupils it was their final performance in year 11, I'm sure you will agree that the performances were outstanding and we are looking forward to hearing how their achievements continue in the future. We would all like to wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you at the next event. Mr Willsher

A number of pupils recently gained the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award: five in Year 8, one in Year 9 and one in Year 10 (whilst on work experience!) This is a prestigious award, recognised by industry and takes a lot of work to complete. The team of Y8/9 gained theirs by taking on an environmental challenge, set by the EDT and Go4SET - grateful thanks to our industry mentor, Richard Taffs from NIS Ltd. The team were a credit to our school and completed a lot of the work in their own time. On the presentation day at Blackburn college they narrowly missed out on 1st place. Well done Parklands Environmental Service Team, who are Jack Dickens, Cara Fraser, Rebecca Walker, Miles Heaton-Smith, Talya Arda, Pierrot Banks!

Congratulations go to the students listed below who have achieved the Arts Award, supported by Miss Marr. This is a wonderful achievement and the students should be really proud of themselves! **Bronze Award winners** are: Willow Lowther, Beth Maclachlan, Malaika Malik, Grace McAinsh, Gabrielle McCarthy, Aimee Moseley, Eve Moss, Michael Paul, Katie Petryczkowycz, Susannah Reynolds, Izzy Sabin Taylor, Talya Arda, Eleanor Armstrong, Emily Bassett, Sophie Bowden, Ewan Cameron Brandwood, Jack Dickens, Molly Dixon, Cara Fraser, Suzanna Garrett, Eadie Gosling, Charlotte Greenhalgh, Mariam Hassouna, Minnie Hodgson, Scarlett Kelleth, Ryley Lengden **Silver Award winners** are: Katie Jones, Maja Nurek, Hallie Roberts, Grace Perry, Abi Moss

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Thank you to everyone who has helped Maggie to settle into school. Students have been fantastic and patient when Maggie is asleep, which is a lot! She has met lots of students and staff and it is really lovely to see the positive effect Maggie has on people. Lots of conversations are taking place about family pets, past and present, and I've seen a different side to people through Maggie. When we come back to school in September Maggie will be 4 months old and awake more of the time. She is having intensive training over the holidays and should be out of the mouthing stage by then. Looking forward to it. Ms Mulligan

May Day Bank Holiday 2020: please note that we are still awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education regarding the change of day from Monday to Friday.

Letters have been sent out for hoodies for the trip to Andalucia. Please return these by September 6 if you wish to purchase one. Email jcree@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you have any queries.

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Uniform

At some point during the summer break you are likely to be replacing items of uniform and, even though it is early, it is appropriate to remind you of our requirements. We want to ensure that you purchase uniform that meets our requirements and avoids embarrassment and unnecessary expense at the start of term, should you need to replace items that do not comply with our uniform expectations. Having fully phased out the old school uniform, all students should be wearing the Parklands kilt or one of the three styles of Parklands badged trousers. Full uniform details, including PE kit, are listed below.

- Navy blue blazer with school badge. The ready badged blazer is available from our suppliers, or a plain navy blazer can be purchased from any retailer and a badge sewn on. Badges are available from school.
- Parklands black school regulation trousers with PHS lettering. Choose from **three** approved styles. No other trousers are permitted. OR Parklands kilt style skirt.
- Plain light blue shirt
- Clip-on school tie
- Knee high dark socks or black opaque tights when wearing a skirt. Short dark socks for those wearing trousers.
- Sensible black leather or leather effect shoes. No trainers, boots, high heels or canvas footwear.
- Navy cotton V-neck jumper or cardigan (optional)

Please also ensure that your child takes responsibility for coming to school fully equipped with: black, blue and red pens; ruler; pencil and rubber; school books and appropriate kit.

In relation to standards, may I also take this opportunity to remind you that if your child has a new piercing it should be done at the start of the school summer holidays, to allow for the recommended healing period. This is because jewellery including earrings, studs, stretchers and dermal piercings are not permitted and we insist on their removal once the new term begins in September.

Furthermore, extreme hairstyles and colours are not permitted so, should you allow your child to have such styles or colours during the summer break, please ensure that they meet our standards when they return at the start of the new academic year. School will be the final arbiter of what is acceptable with regards to uniform, standards and equipment.

We would also advise you to label all items of uniform, especially ties, and your child's personal possessions. We do recommend that your child rents a locker, if they have not already done so, as it provides storage for valuable items and avoids having to carry heavy or bulky items around school every day. New lockers will be made available in the first few weeks of term.

Uniform Suppliers

- Jada Embroidery and Print. 213 Eaves Lane, Chorley, PR6 0AG. Tel: 01257 271592. Website: www.jadauniforms.co.uk
- Nu Uniforms. 82 Market Street, Chorley, PR7 2SF. Tel:01257275512 Website: www.nuuniforms.com
- Trutex Direct. This is an online service at trutexdirect.com. The password is LEA00533SC and you will need to enter your email address. This is designated as a secure site.

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PE Kit: Compulsory items are listed below and must be initialled apart from socks. This service is available from Jada and Nu Uniform.

- Parklands polo shirt
- At least one of the following: Parklands Akoa Shorts/Akoa Leggings/Akoa Tracksuit bottom
- Socks- any of the following are accepted for PE lessons: white trainer or ankle socks, or Parklands blue football socks. The football socks are compulsory if representing the school sports teams in extra-curricular activities but not for lessons.
- Sports trainers for use indoors, on grass when dry and on the astroturf (not fashion trainers). Any colour is fine.

The following items are optional extras

- Parklands Rugby Shirt - long sleeved top offering greater warmth and protection for outdoor sport but can be worn for any lesson inside or out.
- Parklands PE Hoodie

In addition please note that football boots are not needed for PE lessons. We have taken this decision as they are only required for one 6 week block of rugby. We have amended the curriculum to teach rugby mainly in spring, where we can use the grass if dry or AstroTurf if not. This decision has been made to support parents and carers so that they do not have to buy an item that may be rarely used. It is highly recommended that parents put names in the PE kit items, along with the initials, as many pupils share the same initials and this will help us give lost kit back to pupils.

Year 7 Messages

None this week.

Year 8 Messages

The **Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening** will take place on Thursday, 5th September at 7pm

Year 9 Messages

Congratulations go to the following four students, who have achieved a perfect 3 all year on their trackers. This is a fantastic achievement and they should be really proud of themselves.

Eleanor Armstrong, Sophie Jolly, Emily Lavery, Anna Rankine

Year 10 Messages

The following students have achieved the magnificent accolade of the perfect 3 all year on their trackers - Roseanna Cant, Lucy Douglass, Bethan Flint, Hui Hua, Elliot Mackrael, Lily Smith, Jake Teasdale, Amy Wilson. This is a wonderful way to end the year! Well done!

School photographs for Year 11 will take place on Thursday 5th September 2019. Students will have individual photos and there will be a year group photo too to mark your child's final year at Parklands.

The **Welcome to Year 11 Evening** will be on Thursday, 5th September at 6pm in the school hall. We hope to see all students and parents/carers so we can provide you with information regarding your child's final year at high school. This cohort of students is fantastic and we have really high hopes for them. They have matured really well throughout year 10, culminating in a brilliant week of work experience. It is always amazing to see what students can achieve through determination, hard work, and collaboration between home and school.

Thank you to all parents/carers for ensuring that your child attended their work experience placement - we have had some wonderful feedback from employers - with offers of summer jobs and apprenticeships for some! If you would like to be involved in work experience or indeed, any of our careers-based events throughout the year (assemblies, class talks, speed networking, careers fair, mock interviews) please let me know - we are always very grateful for any support from employers. Email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk for any further details.

English - Year 10 to 11 Transition Summer holiday homework. All pupils should have been given the Macbeth Summer homework. All instructions are on the homework front sheet and pupils have been told they need to have their copies of Macbeth with them to complete this homework. If pupils do not have their Macbeth books, there are online versions of the play available [here](#)
The homework will form the basis for the Macbeth revision for the GCSE exam in English Literature

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#). This week we're focusing on banking services following a successful work experience trial with the NatWest bank and eight of our Year 10s. They have an apprenticeship on offer currently, paying over £18k - check out NatWest Careers for more details, or contact Miss Berry.