



# WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN

## 4 Mar - 8 Mar 2019: Week 8

### Whole School Messages

Every Wednesday the Achievement team offer a drop in service at the Asda cafe in Chorley. Please feel free to pop in to meet with one of us, should you have a concern or worry you may wish to discuss

The SEND partnership is hosting two drop-in sessions for parents and carers to meet local professionals working with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Click [here](#) for further details.

## Opportunities - Prefects

**Primary Liaison at Dance Show  
March 7-9th**

You MUST NOT be involved in the show as a dancer.  
You will be required to look after the primary dancers, play games with them and keep them entertained during the show nights.  
Ideally can do WEDS, THURS AND FRIDAY

**Refreshments at Dance Show  
March 7-9th**

You MUST NOT be involved in the show as a dancer.  
You will get to watch the show every night, You will sell refreshments and greet guests.  
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### PE Messages

This half term the PE Department have organised some superb opportunities for Year 7 & 8 in preparation for the spring rugby and football fixtures.

On **Mondays** we have Chorley FC Assistant Manager and former professional footballer Andy Preece coming down to coach at 3:00-4:15.

On **Thursdays** we have a coach from Wigan Warriors coming down to coach the rugby with Mr Penketh.

Please come down if you are new to the sport or you play regularly. All welcome and it is free of charge,

All year 9,10 & 11 pupils are still welcome to rugby on Thursday however the Wigan coach will be working with Y7 & Y8 pupils.

Please check all extracurricular PE activities on this link... [Extra Curricular Timetable](#)

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**Places Available! Food Tour Bay of Naples Years 7,8,9,10.** The Food Department is running an educational school visit to **Bay of Naples, Italy**, which will take place between **Sunday 27th October and Wednesday 30th October 2019**. Please contact Mrs Brookes for further details: [sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:sbrookes@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



**Food Tour flying to Naples, Italy**  
**4 days October 2019 - £625**

**Staying at Villaggio Costa Alta Hotel for 3 nights full board**

**3 additional places available! Y7,8,9,10**

**• Mozzarella Farm & Lunch  
• Olive Oil Factory/Farm  
• Pizza Making & Lunch  
• Ice Cream Making & Tasting  
• Lemon Groves  
• Pasta Making & Lunch  
• Market Visit**

Please see Mrs Brookes in S16/17 for a letter OR Mrs Haslam/Mr Snell in the HALs Office

The flyer features several images: a swimming pool, purple hydrangea flowers, a villa with a garden, a restaurant interior, a coastal cliffside, mozzarella cheese, a chef preparing pizza, and a display of various cheeses.

### Seneca Learning

All students now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster. Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via [senecalearning.com](http://senecalearning.com)

The weekly Read, Watch, Do suggestions are published on the website today for able and ambitious students - there are suggestions for a range of wider experiences for students to challenge themselves with. The location for the 'DO' activities for this half term is Manchester - have a look if you are planning to visit in the next few weeks. Archived editions are available on the website [here](#).

Spring Term Reward Trip is open for bookings for all years 7-11 places are £24 each and include transport to the Sandcastle Water Park which is on private hire, places available to book online using the SCOPAY under FF Sandcastle 2019 - emails has been sent to parents/carers, however if you require duplicate letters and medical forms please contact [ffish@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ffish@parklandsacademy.co.uk) who will be able to send them on to you.

As this trip is a reward for consistently good behaviour, progress and effort, it is only available to those pupils who have maintained a satisfactory record. Therefore, pupils who have been on Behaviour for Learning report, have less than 96% attendance, have been excluded, or who have had behavioural issues during this term will not be eligible.

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All parents should have access to ePraise, the school rewards system. By logging in to the app you can see your child's ePraise points and what they have received their awards for. Your child can spend their points in the ePraise shop on a range of items including stationery and canteen vouchers. Please contact school if you do not have access to the app.



We need your photos from your time at Parklands, whether it is from a trip such as Ski, Watersports, Battlefields or during social times at break/lunch or even some you have from lessons. Please email them to your yearbook team, they MUST be a JPEG image and of a good quality. Please clearly label what subject the image is, e.g. Geography field trip etc.  
You can pay for your yearbook now!



[yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Congratulations to Edward Scott, who has won GOLD in the British Championships for jiu jitsu. He has one very proud sister, who told us all about it!

Please read the short BBC news article [here](#) about the dangerous **Momo challenge**. The poster [here](#) has been issued by the National Online Safety organisation.

Our latest **ACHIEVEMENT NEWS** has been delivered in House assemblies this week and it shall be displayed on the concourse outside the LRC next week. Here is a [link](#) to the news, which is also on our website in the Parents section.



## Year 7 Messages

Year 7 RESPECT day is on Monday; the theme is *Aspirations and Careers*. The day will include sessions delivered by TSB and the National Careers Service. Our own staff will be talking to students about their own individual aspirations including some top interview tips!

Tomorrow's Engineers: this is an event for a selected group of year 7 & 8 students who will be asked to perform challenges using their pre-programmed robots and as well as do a 5 minute presentation in front of the judges. If Parklands are successful the students will then be invited to the national finals.

## Year 8 Messages

Year 8 Coding Competition takes place on Friday; 8 students will be competing against students from the other Chorley schools. During the competition students will be asked to perform a coding challenge and present their product in a 5 minute presentation in front of judges. If Parklands are successful the students will win a variety of prizes including an opportunity to develop the app with a local Chorley technology company.

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Y8 Options: Futures Fortnight has begun. Students are having taster sessions in GCSE option subjects and next week will be the showcase of subjects in the pavilion. Options Evening for parents is on Monday 11th March at 7pm followed by Y8 parents evening on 21st March. Option choices due on 29th March.

## Year 9 Messages

English: Reminder that all Year 9 students now need a copy of 'Macbeth'. You can purchase your own or buy from school for £3. The copies required by students are the CGP versions.

<https://www.cgbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/text-guides-plays/epm44-grade-9-1-gcse-english-macbeth-the-compl>

All pupils need this copy of 'Macbeth' during next week's lessons. We ask that money for the book be handed to your child's English teacher. Mr Banks

## Year 10 Messages

Year 10 Geographers - please can you return medical forms and payments for the forthcoming field trip to school ASAP. If you have any issues with the payment please email me at school [feastham@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:feastham@parklandsacademy.co.uk) This trip is compulsory and students will write up their findings and be examined on it in Year 11 (Paper 3 - Geographical Applications and Skills).

Deadlines for Battlefields - passports and health cards in by 15/03/19. Hoodie money 08/03/19

## Year 11 Messages

**Year 11 Parents Evening is on Thursday.** Please book your appointments online by scrolling down on our homepage and following the link. Any issues, please contact your HAL..

Year 11 Revision Room - is now open every evening from 3-4pm. It is a quiet, supervised space where students can work on any subject with access to computers, equipment etc. Revision sessions for all subjects, this year, require that students come prepared having attempted practice questions or specific tasks in advance. This is a perfect time and place in which to complete this work.

**Year 11 Easter school** will be taking place during the Easter break. Attendance will be by invitation only and is intended to supplement revision being done independently, away from school. Do not be concerned if your child is not invited to all, or any, of the sessions - it may well be a good sign, showing that teachers are confident that your child is working well or that the focus of a particular session would not be appropriate for them. In addition to subject specific sessions, we are offering a fully resourced supervised quiet study area, on each day of the Easter School. This will be offered to those who have not been invited to attend any, or all, of their subject sessions. The cost for Easter School is £15 per pupil for those invited to attend one or more subject sessions or £10 for the supervised quiet study sessions. Further details will be sent to Y11 parents in the next few weeks.

Runshaw interviews for Year 11 are taking place on Thursday and Friday.

### ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

With only 5 weeks remaining until the Easter half term it is vital that students put in the required time of at least 2 hours of additional work outside of normal lessons. In the first week back after half term students will be sitting their Art and Photography exams. Please encourage work to be developed at home or after school within the art and photography departments. Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Mr Wood and Mr Flynn

### SCIENCE

Upcoming revision sessions for Yr 11. Students must complete the revision pack containing exam questions prior to each session. These will be given to students the week before the revision session. Wednesday 20/3/19 3-4 Biology; Thursday 28/3/19 - Chemistry; Wednesday 3/4/19 - Physics

### Careers

Next week is National Careers Week (4th to 8th March) and National Apprenticeship Week. A range of activities will be run through form-time and in lessons to mark the event and get students thinking about 'what they want to do when they grow up!'



## Apprenticeship notifications received this week

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week (mentioned earlier), Year 11 had an Apprenticeship assembly to open their eyes to the opportunities available. There are a number of excellent apprenticeships on offer locally - students should please see Miss Berry for full details.

- ❖ Business Admin at Lancashire Constabulary, Hutton (Preston's College)
- ❖ Hair and Beauty Therapy at Heaven on Earth, Leyland (Preston's College)
- ❖ Fabrication and Welding, William Hare Ltd, Bury (Alliance Learning)
- ❖ Family owned structural steel company - this one is paying £233 per week!
- ❖ Various others on both Preston's College and Alliance Learning websites - have a look!

The remainder of these vacancies are on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Travel Advisor at Book in Style, Leyland (£136.90 pw)	VAC001505933
Grounds Maintenance at Cleaner Gardens Lancashire (£180 pw)	VAC001501360
Apprentice Fitter at LIJ Fluid Power Ltd, Leyland (£156 pw)	VAC001476471
IT Apprentice at Dtech Ltd., Leyland (£9-10k per annum)	VAC001503087
Apprentice Nursery Practitioner, Natural Trail Nursery, Chorley (£148pw)	VAC001503053
Plumbing Apprentice, Redrow Homes, Chorley (£195 pw)	VAC 001503423
Nursery Practitioner, Future Champions Nursery, Chorley (£148 pw)	VAC 001500407
Early Years Practitioner, Little Explorers Nursery, Euxton (£148 pw)	VAC 001503127
Early Years Practitioner, Small World, Leyland (£117 pw)	VAC 001497302
Nursery Assistant, PK KIDS Days Nursery, Chorley (£111 pw)	VAC001486554
Dental Nurse L3, Whittle Dental Practice (138.75 pw)	VAC 001422122
Motor Vehicle L3, Autocentre Ltd., Chorley (£148 pw)	VAC001484362
ICT/Support Analyst, Chorley Council (£138.75 pw)	VAC001457293
Digital Marketing Assistant, Crowberry Consulting, Chorley (£138.75pw)	VAC 001477643
Telecommunications Engineer, Telent Ltd., Chorley (£14K per annum)	VAC1000000753
General Constructions Operations, Matthews & Leigh, Leyland (£200pw)	VAC001478446
Manufacturing Operations at Leyland Trucks (£278 pw) (10 positions)	VAC001490970

If you type the VAC reference in to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) - 'find an apprenticeship' - it will take you straight to the details for the vacancy you are interested in.

There are over **60 vacancies** within 5 miles of school this week - far too many to mention individually - I have just highlighted a selection above. Miss Berry

Click [HERE](#) to view the information given to Year 11 pupils in their assembly this week; the topic was apprenticeships delivered by Wigan & Leigh College.