

Park Lane Academy

Newsletter / Issue 18



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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students of Park Lane, who have made me feel so welcome to school. I have had lots of lovely messages from parents and carers of hope for a positive future and we are going to work hard as a team to ensure this becomes a reality.

We have already started our plans extremely quickly. We have appointed a Vice Principal, Miss Ahmed and a New Assistant Principal for Behaviour and Safeguarding, to add capacity to our team. In addition to this, we have attached a member of the leadership team to each year group as follows, to support the pastoral team with driving up expectations regarding behaviour;

Year group	Head of Year	Email	SLT link
Transition	Mrs D Holmes	holmesd@parklane.calderdale.sch.uk	Mr S Wakefield
7 & 11	Mr B Schofield	schofieldb@parklane.calderdale.sch.uk	Mr S Wakefield(7) Miss H Halliday(11)
8	Mrs J Turner	turnerj@parklane.calderdale.sch.uk	Miss L Corrigan
9 & 10	Mrs C Dos-Anjos	dos-anjosc@parklane.calderdale.sch.uk	Miss R Ahmed (9) Miss H Halliday (11)

To reflect students moving up the above are going to be the Heads of year after half term. Please do not contact Mr Gethin regarding your child's behaviour or any behaviour concerns but use the contacts above. All safeguarding concerns should be reported to Mr Wakefield or Mrs Turner.

Our Chief Executive, Jane Acklam OBE has been monitoring our progress closely and I have been working collaboratively with the Head Teachers across Moor End Academy Trust, to ensure Park Lane makes the rapid progress we need to.

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All students have had assemblies focused upon anti bullying this half term also, and we have made it clear that there will be a zero tolerance to this.

We are also working with staff, students and Governors to re-word our mission statement, to reflect the new Park Lane. If you have any strong opinions regarding words you'd like to see embedded in the mission statement, please email Mrs Booth, my PA to: booths@parklane.calderdale.sch.uk.

Many students have received commendations over the past few weeks also for exemplary behaviour, some for attendance and some for effort. We are looking forward to harnessing the outstanding attributes our learning family have to take our school to where we want it to be.

In the forthcoming term, we will be working closely on common assessments and schemes of work with our partner schools in the Trust, some of whom have outstanding results. By doing so, we hope to increase the standards and rates of progress our students make very rapidly. We have also already commenced intensive staff teaching and learning training, using materials which have a track record of accelerating progress in many schools I have worked in previously.

I am excited for our future and hope to see many of the barriers which school previously had, eradicated quickly and effectively.

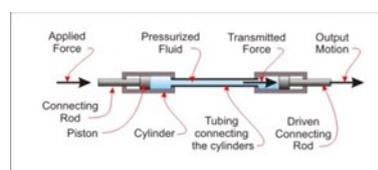
Miss Corrigan

The Ultimate STEM Challenge begins again!

The next Ultimate STEM Challenge club begins Monday 5th June in F18 from 3.00 – 4.00pm for 6 weeks. This half terms challenge was developed by Dave Kaye from Cycle Fast and Debbie Lumb from Future Skills Academy. The challenge is to successfully design and build a simple pneumatic system.

The sessions are designed for Key Stage 3 students to tackle real-life pneumatics. By taking part in the challenge your child will develop transferrable skills that support their learning in other subject's e.g. effective communication, collaborative learning, team work and resilience. They will also improve their knowledge and understanding of STEM with a focus on Physics and hopefully be inspired to consider a future career in STEM. Most importantly they will enjoy the programme and achieve a feeling of success.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child, so if they are interested please ask them to collect a letter from Mrs Taylor in F18.



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Student Notices



Year 11 Prom 2017

This Year's prom will be on the 22nd June at Berties in Elland.

The cost of the ticket is £25 and this includes a 3 course meal, a drink on arrival and a chance to win a £50 voucher if you become Prom King or Queen.

The latest date you can purchase your ticket is 16th June.

The Prom will start at 6:30pm and will finish no later than 11:30pm, we expect you are picked up after the Prom.

Please pay for your ticket at Student Services.

Thank you

Mr Schofield

Year 10 Work Experience



Year 10 Work Experience will start on the 19th June and will finish on the 23rd. Well done to all the students who have sorted their placements out. A reminder to those students who have not yet found a placement to do so. If you need some help or guidance please speak to your form tutor.

Mr Schofield



I am delighted to be awarding these Principal's commendations to our Y8s. As the Senior Leadership Team Link to Y8, I am immensely proud of their achievements. We are working hard together, as a family of learners and are taking this opportunity to celebrate with our Y8's who have zero behaviour points.

I am looking forward to celebrating further successes and recognising the many achievements and talents all our students have across all year groups. Park Lane students are doing us proud and we are all committed to achieving our vision for our school.

Miss Corrigan



Attendance

We are pleased to announce that attendance at Park Lane is higher than in previous years. Punctuality has improved vastly over the last 18 months. Thank you to parents who ensure their children arrive at school on time. However there is still room for improvement with some students. If you have any queries regarding attendance or punctuality, please contact Miss Potter, our Attendance Officer on 01422 301058.

Every Day
Counts!



Parent Notices

Driving in the school ground

Our student's safety is of paramount importance to the school.

As such, we sincerely hope that you will support our request to comply with the 5mph limit when driving in the school grounds.

The bus parking lanes are there for the use of buses only and not for cars. If you park in the bus lane, you are not only breaking the rules, but severely comprising the safety of students crossing, as their vision of travelling cars is impaired. Furthermore, they are stepping directly into the path of travelling cars.

Whilst we fully appreciate that if you hold a disabled badge you are entitled to park in a bay, we would respectfully request that if you are not getting out of your vehicle, that you park in the regular parking bays, freeing up priority for disabled students being collected.

Your support and co-operation is essential to ensure the safety of our students.

Lost Property

There are a number of items in lost property, including 3 pairs of glasses, various coats and hoodies, 1 boys' and 1 girl's PE kit etc. If your child has lost anything in school please advise them to come to Student Services to check if it is here.

Please note that any lost property left unclaimed when we break at the end of the school year, will be disposed of.

