

# The Big Parklands Paper

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## Welcome to Parklands!



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Welcome to Parklands High School! Parklands is a safe environment to make the best of your 5 year education. During your time here, you will make new friends, new discoveries and have had the best education with the subjects we provide.

### Safety and Help

Here at Parklands, our top priority is your safety both inside and outside of school. If there is a fire drill in school, you will be lined up at the bottom play court in your house (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe and South America) and in a line with your form. If there is an issue such as an intruder, there will be a lockdown. You will stay in your current class in that period and the teacher will tell you what to do. If you are in the hallways during a lockdown go into the closest classroom and stay with them.

If you need help with anything always feel free to speak to the following people:

- Miss Batson (Head teacher)
- Your form tutor or your HAL
- Learning Support
- Learning Ambassadors & Prefects
- Head Pupils & SSLT & other pupils

### Clubs!

During your time at Parklands, (all Y8-Y11 should know about this) there are clubs during and after school. You should get an email with the list of all the clubs going on from Mr Rimmer.

If you haven't seen the email already, the after school ones are at 3-4pm, always make sure you check the days they are on so that you can go to the right one or ones you want. Some of them will be at lunch or 4-5pm.

A few of the exciting clubs that we offer are netball, football, cheer, dance, rugby or if you would like something less sporty you could try our chess club, rewilding club, rubix cube club or even join the newspaper club. There are even more clubs available and definitely something out there for you. If you would like to join one but are unsure, talk to your HAL and they will help you to find the perfect one for you.

### Respect day

Respect day is when you go off your timetable and is a day where you learn about the world and it is almost like a day of Aspire or Secure. It's mostly based on teamwork and communication. This will also link into super learning day where the Learning Ambassadors will teach you about Parklands.

*And that's mostly it! Hope you have a wonderful time at Parklands, and we hope to see you around school!*

## Welcome to the new editors!

As we start the new academic year, we are sadly saying goodbye to Grace Scott as our Newspaper editor. After both applying to be Editors, we have become our third editing team, acting as co-editors. We look forward to being even more involved in the club and hope that you'll enjoy our articles just as much as usual. Thank you from your new editors, Alexa and Lilly.



Lilly Hodgkinson & Alexa Makinson



## Mobile phone ban in China

Amelia Mead

In China, there is currently a massive dispute over a mobile phone usage ban. They are limiting screen time on devices (like phones and laptops) for children under 18. The screen times for these ages are: below 8 years old is 8 minutes of screen time; 8-16 years are 1 hour of screen time; and 16-18 years of age is 2 hours of screen time. These times follow a curfew of no screens during the hours of 10pm-6am. This is what they call 'minor mode' and its purpose is to stop children from using screens when they should be sleeping. To follow these new rules on screen time, companies like Bilibili, Kuaishou and Bytedance have offered restrictions on their apps. One example is Bytedance's app Douyin (which is a similar app to Tik Tok) which only allows teenagers to use it for 40 minutes a day. This article will explore the pros and cons of this mobile phone ban, and will give you more information on this subject.

Firstly, the cons of this idea are that if the ban became an actual Chinese law, it would affect lots of companies like Bytedance (the owner of Tik Tok). If this happened, then there would not be Tik Toks for people to watch. Plus, actually getting people to follow this law would be very difficult, for it would be very expensive to make the screen time limits on devices and you cannot guarantee people would actually abide by this law. An additional reason is that if you were out of your house, going out with friends etc, and you had used your time up, there would be no way to contact your parents/carers in case of an

emergency. Plus, the people making these rules on the ban are adults that are likely to have grown up without the internet or phones like we have nowadays. They will not be aware of the reasons people like to be on screens, as they grew up without them. Therefore, they will think no screens are better than having screens.

On the other hand, the pros of this decision are that it proves China is considerate towards the people in that country, as they are limiting screen time for children so they do not get an addiction to the Internet or, in extreme circumstances, develop Myopia (short-sightedness). Another pro is that the parents of the children can currently withdraw from the bans, so their children do not have the limits. The ban is only really a guideline, but it is still being enforced. Although the ban may affect tech companies if it becomes a law, China reassures people that they fully support the tech companies and will help them. An additional pro is that if you have a limit then when it is time for children to sleep, they cannot sneak on their devices and stay up all night, helping them to have better sleep and be more ready to learn at school the next day. Not having screen time will enable children to be more active and pursue more hobbies and interests they might have.

Finally, I believe that there should be screen time for children, from a certain time of night to morning, but I do not agree with having a limited amount of time (like 1 or 2 hours) to spend on screens in case of emergencies. I personally think that it should not be a law, more a guideline to help children avoid things like Myopia. What do YOU think about the subject?

# Still not good enough: fighting for equality in women's football



Róisín Cunningham

This summer saw England defeated in their first ever Women's World Cup Final. Despite a hard fought game, they couldn't repeat the heroics of last year's Euros and lost out to Spain. It was a dramatic footballing story that should have capped an impressive tournament for the women's game. Instead, it was overshadowed by events following the final whistle.

Spain has the best club side in the world - Barcelona - and now has the best national team in the world too. But Spanish football has been beset by controversy in recent years, taking the shine off their win over England.

In the run up to this World Cup, a number of Spanish players had gone on strike in an attempt to remove the Spanish Head Coach Jorge Vilda over a lack of seriousness about the national team. Las 15, as they were called, "believed a change was needed in both training and tactics" and also had complaints about Vilda being too authoritarian. Generating a lot of publicity but ultimately unsuccessful, at least seven of Las 15 still remained on strike for the World Cup.

Things were about to come to a head, .....

however, when the head of the Spanish FA, Luis Rubiales, used the celebrations after the World Cup win to kiss Jenni Hermoso, Spain's all time top scorer. Rubiales claimed the kiss was 'spontaneous' and 'consensual' but Hermoso, who should know, says that this wasn't the case. The kiss wasn't consensual and she didn't want it. Rubiales' denials alongside anger from Hermoso, other members of the La Roja team and fans around the world ensured that the issue wouldn't just be swept under the rug.

Having just achieved the ultimate of footballing victories, the Spanish Women's team was not about to put up with Rubiales' assault: 81 Spanish footballers, including all 23 of the World Cup winning squad, refused to play in the Spanish team. Male footballers followed suit, piling on the pressure.

Eventually Rubiales, his supporters and Jorge Vilda were forced to quit their roles in Spanish football. Player power and support from across the world had managed to achieve a change in management. It is now up to all of us to ensure that it is a change of culture in football too. The Spanish players have shown us that we can fight for equality in the women's game, now we have to make it happen everywhere.

# Reviews

## Super Mario Bros.

Ellison Frohock

The super Mario movie was a big hit for Nintendo as Mario fans loved it. The super Mario bros game series for the NES (Nintendo Entertainment System) was said to revolutionise gaming for everybody, as a form of light hearted family fun and just something to play when bored by yourself. However when the movie was released some fans were disheartened to find that Charles Martinet, who voice acted Mario in the games, wouldn't be playing his iconic role of Mario in the film. As a matter of fact he ended up voice acting as Mario's father. Chris Pratt was then casted for Mario in the movie and Charlie Day played Luigi. Overall, The most popular voice actor is Jack Black playing Bowser and writing his big hit "Peaches."

Here are a few of the other voice actors: Seth Rogen (Donkey Kong), Anya Taylor-Joy (Princess Peach Keegen), Michal Key (Toad).

Either way, I think this film is great for everyone. A lot of families have memories of playing mario kart with each other and even if they don't it's great fun for everybody. This film is already released and can be found on amazon prime and disney+. I would fully recommend watching this if you find yourself with the chance to.

## BBC Ghosts

Izzy Frohock

The fifth and final series of BBC Ghosts will be released in Autumn of this year. Ghosts is a hilarious sitcom about a young couple (Allison and Mike) who inherit a haunted house. If you ever watched Horrible Histories as a child, you would recognise quite a few of the actors. Series 4 was the most popular comedy show in 2022 with 5.7 million people watching the first episode! Around the house, you will encounter 9 ghosts from different historical time periods. A few of the ghosts being: a WW2 General, a scout leader, a romantic poet and an amazing Caveman.

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## Tragedy in Libya

Alfie Woods

Near the coastal city of Derna (which has around 100,000 inhabitants) Storm Daniel caused an inland dam to burst. This was caused by heavy rain. Although the heavy rainfall in Libya is unusual and rare even factoring in climate change, the report highlighted poor dam maintenance, land use, armed conflict and political instability as factors that all played a major role. At Least 11,300 people have been killed and 10,100 missing.

### How can you get involved?

An immediate answer to this question is to donate to charities. Many charities having received news of the unfortunate events have supported and helped those affected. Some charities that have helped include the Red Cross, Penny Appeal and Human Appeal.

The deluge proved deadly for thousands in just seconds, uprooting apartment buildings and washing away roads and bridges. Experts had long said that floods posed a significant danger to two dams meant to protect nearly 90,000 people in the northeast of Libya. They repeatedly called for immediate maintenance to the two structures, located just uphill from the coastal city of Derna. But successive governments in the chaos-stricken North African nation did not react.

Prosecutors will investigate local authorities, previous governments and allocation of the dams' maintenance funds. The World Health Organisation said 29 metric tonnes of health supplies - enough to reach almost 250,000 people - had landed in Benghazi. These consist of body bags, medicines, trauma and emergency surgery supplies, and medical equipment.