



# Parklands High School

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 An Aspirational  
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## Parent Bulletin

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026

### Headteacher's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend. Although it has been a shorter week than usual, it certainly hasn't been a quiet one! The school has been buzzing with activity, and it has been a pleasure to see so many of our students engaging in such a wide variety of enrichment and academic milestones.

This week has been centered on recognising the hard work and progress of our students. We held several Celebration Breakfasts for Year 9 and Year 10 pupils following their recent trackers. It was a fantastic opportunity to reward those who have shown great dedication to their studies. Additionally, Year 11 students have been coming together for House Breakfasts, providing some celebration and motivation as they approach their exams.

This week we held a Whole School Vote to replicate the recent local elections. It was inspiring to see students engaging with the democratic process and debating the issues that matter to them. Be sure to check further down in this bulletin for the full results.

#### Highlights of the Week

- **STEM Roadshow:** On Monday, Year 7 was treated to a high-energy STEM Roadshow. The sessions were designed to spark curiosity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths, and the feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive.
- **Duke of Edinburgh:** This afternoon, Year 9 DofE expedition group is heading out for their weekend trek. We wish them clear skies and steady feet as they develop their teamwork and navigation skills in the great outdoors.

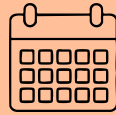
Next week marks a significant milestone as our Year 11 cohort begins their formal exams in English, Maths, Science, and RS. To our Year 11 students: you have put in the hours, attended the revision sessions, and supported one another throughout this journey. Now is the time to stay focused, keep a healthy routine, and simply do your very best. The entire school community is behind you. Good luck to all of Year 11; we are already incredibly proud of you.

*Mrs C Batson*

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## Key Dates



Thursday 14th May

Year 7 progress evening

## School Socials

Don't forget to check our Facebook and Instagram pages to see what's been happening this week...

CLICK HERE!



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English



Europe House



Africa House



South America House

# SOAK A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER 31 FOR THREE SPONGES



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SOAK TWO MEMBERS OF THE PERU CREW AND MR JOHNSTON.

ON THE GRASS BY THE PAVILION

14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT LUNCHTIME

JUMP THE QUEUE BY PAYING IN ADVANCE ON SCOPAY UNDER "PERU SPONGE THE STUDENT"

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE MR JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE PERU FUNDRAISING SPORT

## THE PERU CREW PRESENTS



# MOVIE

Night

## THURSDAY

21ST MAY 2026

6-8PM

TICKETS £3

BUY ON SCOPAY

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

See Mr Johnston in The Library for more information

## Dance Team World Championship Fundraising Raffle



Our dancers have been invited to represent the English Schools at the World School Dance Championships in London, in June this year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us but very expensive so we are fundraising to help us get there. Can you support by buying a raffle ticket?

£1 a ticket or 6 for £5

### Confirmed prizes so far ...

- £15 Alabaster Jar Voucher
- £20 Rebel Chorley Voucher
- 2 x tickets to a Chorley FC home game of your choice
- Sweet treat hamper
- And more coming soon

ReBel



Tickets available through Scopay, from the pavilion or form in a morning



## Weekly Learning Support Board



<p>Learning Support Board Week Commencing 11th May 2026</p>	<p>"I've failed over and over and over again And that is why I succeed!" MICHAEL JORDAN</p>	<p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire</p>
<p>HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?</p> <p>Audio from the year 7 Progress Evening after school on Thursday, our thoughts this week are dominated by our guest The CEO English LA, Business, IT, Science, Computing, Maths and History focus for the week. People with learning support should remember that they can use internet search engines for help.</p> <p>Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk</p>	<p>JOKE of the Week</p> <p>What lives at the bottom of the sea with a gun?</p> <p>BILLY THE SQUID!</p>	<p>Get up, Show up, and never Give up!</p>
<p>How tall is the Winter Hill TV mast?</p>	<p>Useful Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADHDs Magazine</li> <li>• Autism Eye</li> <li>• Autism Parenting Magazine</li> <li>• British Dyslexia Association</li> <li>• The Communication Trust</li> <li>• FIND Newsletter</li> <li>• GOV.UK, Covid-19 Information</li> <li>• Headspace (Meditation &amp; Sleep)</li> <li>• Kooth Mental Health Support</li> <li>• Local Offer</li> <li>• NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline</li> <li>• Wetherlack Group</li> </ul>	

"that on 29 June 1613, The Globe Theatre in London burned down mid-performance of Henry VIII when a stage cannon misfired and set the thatched roof ablaze. No one was hurt, except a man whose burning breeches were famously put out with a bottle of ale".

## HEARTSTOPPER 6 ALICE OSEMAN



MEET THE AUTHOR - BOOK SIGNING EVENT - WATERSTONES, LIVERPOOL - THE EVENING OF 7/7/2026 - 14.99, PLEASE PAY ON SCOPAY -

SEE MR JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION



THE PRICE INCLUDES A COPY OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR, HEARTSTOPPER VOLUME 6

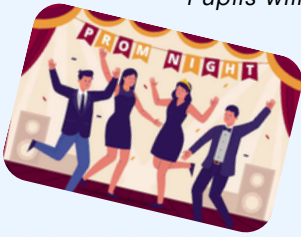
# General Noticeboard

## SCHOOL PROM 2026

Dear parents and carers

We would like to provide you with details regarding the forthcoming prom, which will take place on **Wednesday 8th July 26** at Rivington Barn for invited pupils. Tickets are priced at £40, which includes a three course meal, music and other surprises. They will be available to purchase from **Tuesday 5th May** on SCOPAY and all tickets must be purchased by **Friday 5th June** as numbers must be given to Rivington Barn by Monday 8th June.

Arrival to the prom is from 6.30pm with a view to sitting down to eat by 8pm. Pupils will need a small amount of money for a soft drink. Prom will finish at 11 pm.....



[Click here for more Information!](#)

### NON-UNIFORM DAY

for LANCASHIRE MIND

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY** YEAR 7, 8, 9 AND 10 ONLY \* (DUE TO GCSE EXAMS)

**Get ready to ditch the blazer and stand out!**  
We are turning up the volume on our outfits to support mental health across Lancashire

**£1 MINIMUM DONATION** GIVE YOUR DONATION TO YOUR FORM TEACHER DURING REGISTRATION ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Be Brave - Be Bright!**

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR MOST VIBRANT, EYE-CATCHING AND COLOURFUL CLOTHES. WHETHER IT'S NEON SOCKS, A PRIMARY COLOUR HOODIE OR A FULL RAINBOW FIT, **THE BOLDER THE BETTER!**

**Why are we doing this?** ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LANCASHIRE MIND, HELPING THEM PROVIDE VITAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, COACHING, AND RESOURCES TO PEOPLE RIGHT HERE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

KEEP IT APPROPRIATE: NO OFFENSIVE SLOGANS, CROP TOPS OR OPEN-TOED SHOES  
JEWELLERY AND MAKE-UP: THE STANDARD SCHOOL POLICY FOR JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP REMAINS IN PLACE  
EQUIPMENT: JUST BECAUSE THE BLAZER IS OFF DOESN'T MEAN THE BRAIN IS! YOU MUST COME PREPARED FOR A NORMAL FRIDAY TIMETABLE.  
BE READY: IF YOU HAVE PE ON FRIDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, MAKE SURE YOU BRING YOUR FULL KIT TO CHANGE INTO  
BE KIND: THIS DAY IS ABOUT SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS, LET'S KEEP THE VIBES POSITIVE!  
DON'T FORGET YOUR POUND - NO DONATION, NO NON-UNIFORM!

LET'S LIGHT UP THE SCHOOL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

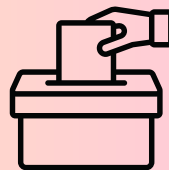
[Click to watch the Non-Uniform video!](#)



## Election Day

Parklands held our own local election on Polling day, with over 1000 pupils taking part in the experience. Year 11 will definitely be voting in the next general election so it is very important they get to practice what happens.

To help all pupils understand how to vote, we set up a polling centre in the hall on Thursday morning. Pupils queued for their ballot papers, went to a private polling booth and then folded their 'X' marked paper and placed it into special ballot boxes. The votes were counted and the results were:



Spoiled votes - 41  
 Conservative - 73  
 Reform - 158  
 Labour - 167  
 Green - 561- winners!



Let's see how the young people's voting compares to the final vote for Chorley!

# Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Cost

£37.50

**Emails have been sent to all pupils  
who are eligible to earn the required  
trip points**

**Non  
Uniform Day for  
pupils on the trip  
only**

### What have PE done this week....

The **U16** girls football team played their Lancashire cup final...

The **Y10** had their highly anticipated X versus Y band game...

**Y9** pupils completing their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition this weekend...



[Click to see more photos](#)



As a school we took part in Readathon 2026 and our pupils raised a fantastic **£513!** Thank you so much to all of the pupils who took part and every person who donated to support this worthy cause. The pupils who raised the most money for the charity were: Saffron H, Eleanor H and Layla B. Well done!



## Construction Awards at Preston College with the Eric Wright Learning Foundation.



Last week, some of our YR10 and YR11 pupils were invited to the Construction Awards at Preston College with the Eric Wright Learning Foundation.

These were a celebration of the hard work and dedication they have shown over the course. Some of these pupils won special awards during the evening and we wanted to praise them for their excellent achievements.



[Click here for construction awards](#)



**CAREER News**

[Click for latest news!](#)

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### This week in KS3 Religious Studies

Students in KS3 have now begun their final topics of the year in Religious Studies, each exploring a new 'big question'. Below is an overview of their learning so far, along with some conversation starters you might like to explore with your child at home.

#### Year 7 – Who is responsible for helping the poor?

- What is the difference between a **luxury** and a **necessity**?
- What does the word "poverty" mean, and what does it look like in the UK today?
- Who do you think should help people living in poverty, and why?

#### Year 8 – Is death the end?

- What does it mean to say that death is a natural part of life?
- What do different people believe happens after we die?
- What are your own thoughts or questions about **life after death**?

#### Year 9 – GCSE Theme B: Religion and Life

- What do Christians and Muslims believe about how the universe began?
- How does the **Big Bang theory** explain the creation of the universe?
- Can science and religion work together when explaining creation?

## Classchart Champions

	Positive Points Total per House	Student awarded the most Positive Points this week
AFRICA	1207	Es'zmae P
ASIA	1245	Macey G
AUSTRALASIA	1276	Ivy T
EUROPE	1346	Khirad M
SOUTH AMERICA	1371	Daniel B

## Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

**How many had the perfect 3 since September?**      **How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?**

Year 7: 65	Year 7: 153
Year 8: 57	Year 8: 128
Year 9: 55	Year 9: 160
Year 10: 60	Year 10: 160
Year 11: 61	Year 11: 176
All: 298	All: 777

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app

**How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 – 3.00?**

Year 7: 154
Year 8: 120
Year 9: 129
Year 10: 124
Year 11: 145
All: 672

## Pupil of the Week Awards

20/04/2026 – 24/04/2026

Yacoub A (ARG), Ella B (MAR), Ava-Rose B (WAF), Oliver C (NZL), Eva C (JPN), Jasper C (FIJ), Jemimah C (GUA), Emma D (TIB), Ruby D (BOT), Alisha F (PHI), Wasiq G (THA), Khalil G (NZL), Ella-Rose H (PHI), Izzy H (ITA), Minnie H (PAR), Chloe H (TIB), Liv H (SKO), Sadie J (MAR), Leo J (NOR)

Muhammad K (MRI), Oscar L (WAF), Lacey M-G (PHI), Mila M (NOR), Kieran McC (PHI), Aida McM (CAB), Tommy M (EGY), Ashley M (AUS), Isaiah M (FIJ), Anastasiia P (NZL), Joshua S (EGY), Stan S (NCL), Ivy T (GUA), Laci T (URU), Jack W (BEL), Carter W-H (SWZ)

# Weekly Attendance Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a positive and successful learning environment at Parklands, we would like to provide you with an update on the overall attendance across the school. Regular attendance is essential for student success, and we want to share important information regarding current trends, key attendance goals and ways we can work together to support all of our students.

We currently have **100** students who have 100% attendance so far this year. If your child is one of these students please congratulate them and continue to encourage their attendance, it is a great achievement.

House	This Week %	This Year %
ANZ	94%	93.8%
ASA	95%	94.8%
EUR	96.8%	95.1%
SAM	94.2%	94%
AFR	93.8%	94%
Total %	94.5%	93.8%

**Students are expected to be in the school building at 8:25am, heading to form at 8:30am and be in form by 8:35am. If they are arriving between 8:35am and 9:15am for any reason they need to enter through the pupil entrance and be signed in at the Top Office.**

## WIN PRIZES JUST FOR GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL! NEW PARENT RAFFLE

**WE KNOW HOW CRUCIAL YOUR ROLE IS IN SETTING YOUR CHILD UP FOR SUCCESS, AND WE WANT TO REWARD YOUR HARD WORK! WHEN CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL EVERY SINGLE DAY, THEIR CHANCES OF THRIVING VASTLY INCREASE.**

**TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH A NEW ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE—JUST FOR PARENTS! FOR EVERY WEEK YOUR CHILD ACHIEVES 100% ATTENDANCE, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY EARN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR OUR GRAND SUMMER TERM DRAW.**

Prizes will include:

- Supermarket vouchers
- Gift cards for fantastic local businesses
- Plus, a few exciting surprises!
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**Thank you for partnering with us to make every school day count!**

# Safeguarding Information

## EXAM STRESS, SUPPORT & RESOURCES



The Mix offers a wide range of free, confidential support for under-25s  
<https://www.themix.org.uk/work-and-study>



is a UK charity focused on the mental health of children and young people  
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/problems-at-school>




advice on getting through exam stress  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8dw239>



advice on exam stress  
<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>



ChildLine has guidance on exam stress and pressure  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress>



**Exams can be tough.**  
 They're supposed to test you, and sometimes that can be overwhelming. But we're here if it ever feels too much.



**ADHD WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**  
 UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

**THURSDAY, 21st MAY** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 SCHOOL HALL AT THE SCHOOL

- UNDERSTANDING ADHD BEHAVIORS
- PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR HOME & SCHOOL
- IMPROVING FOCUS & EXECUTIVE FUNCTION
- FOSTERING POSITIVE COMMUNICATION
- EXPERT ADVICE & Q&A SESSION

JOIN US FOR VALUABLE INSIGHTS & RESOURCES!  
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PARENTS SUPPORT NETWORK