



# Parklands High School

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 An Aspirational Futures School

## Parent Bulletin

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

### This Month

2 April

School closes at 3pm.

School re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

### Headteacher's Message

This week our year 9s have made their final choices for their specialisms for next year, having thought carefully about which subjects they would like to take through to GCSE.

It has also been Down Syndrome Awareness Week, and this has culminated today in our 'Odd Socks Day', with pupils and staff wearing some fabulous odd socks to raise awareness and celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

Year 11 pupils have also been taking part in Runshaw College interviews as they prepare for life after Parklands. This is a significant point in their education journey as they approach their GCSE exams and start to think about their future studies and employment.

Next week, Year 9 have their RESPECT day on Friday, which focusses on safety and understanding the law. I am sure they will have a great day, and that they will take the day seriously.

Warm regards,

*Mrs C Batson*

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## Classchart Champions

	Positive Points Total per House	Student awarded the most Positive Points this week
AFRICA	424	Sophie W
ASIA	518	Macey G
AUSTRALASIA	511	Erin C
EUROPE	496	Harry W
SOUTH AMERICA	543	Rhian R-S

## 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: 75	Year 7: 156
Year 8: 59	Year 8: 140
Year 9: 60	Year 9: 159
Year 10: 61	Year 10: 156
Year 11: 64	Year 11: 163
All: 319	All: 774

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: 160
Year 8: 125
Year 9: 124
Year 10: 125
Year 11: 144
All: 678

## Pupil of the Week Awards

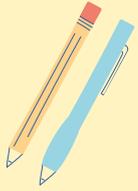
09/03/2026 – 13/03/2026

Molly B (TIB), Angel B (NCL), Kayla B (CIV), Holly C (ARG), Daniel C (POR), Henry C (CIV), Emily C (ECU), Archie C (DEN), Jemimah C (GUA), Ethan F (WAF), Fin G (BOT), Lucie G (TIB), Finley G (CHI), Jack H (THA), Barney H (MOZ), Paige J (RSA), Diya J (ARG), Adam L (FIJ), Zoya M (PAR), Kieran Mc (PHI), Lilly Mc (GUA), Natalie O (COL)

Liam P (PAR), Rhian R-S (BRA), Brooke R (COS), Sara R (SKO), Bella S (EGY), Evie S (PNG), Izzy S (HKG), Poppy T (MAR), Charley T (SWE), Anwen T (FIJ), Evie W (COL), Scarlet-Rose W (NZL), Ted W (TIB), Emily W (SWZ), Harry W (SWZ)

**This Week in KS3 Religious Studies**

Here is an update on what students have been learning in KS3 RS, along with some conversation starters you might like to explore with your child at home.



**Year 7:** Students have continued to explore “What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st Century?”  
 What is a religious festival, and why are festivals important in different religions?  
 What does Pesach (Passover) remember, and how do Jewish families celebrate it today?  
 Why is the Seder meal such an important part of Passover?

**Year 8:** Students have been learning about the History of Christianity and reflecting on “Who was the real Jesus?”  
 How did early Christians practise their religion in secret, and why did they need to?  
 Who was Emperor Constantine, and how did he help Christianity spread?  
 What was the Great Schism?

**Year 9:** Students have continued their study of Islam, deepening their understanding of key beliefs and teachings.  
 Why might some Muslims say the Qur’an is the most important part of their religion?  
 What else is important to Muslims (e.g., the Prophets, the Mosque, the Kaaba) and why?  
 Which do you think is the most important part of a Muslim’s religion and what makes you think that?



**Wishing our school community a joyful and blessed Eid. May this special day bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to your home. Enjoy the celebrations and the time spent with family and friends.  
 Eid Mubarak!**

 **It’s been another busy week within our PE department.**

With the year 9's selecting their specialisms this week! We had a great handball result for both year 9 teams placing 2nd, year 7 netball tournament and an amazing girls football house comp! basketball to football. Only 2 more weeks until Easter break and the sun has even made an appearance!

Enjoy a few snaps of our super stars...

*Don't miss KS3 Girls Netball House Competition next Tuesday after school! Be there or be square!*

*[Click to see more photos!](#)*



**CAREER News**

2026

*Click for latest news!*

**Thank you to everyone who bought something at the bookfair.**

That the final amount taken was resulting £800.60p resulting in £400 to spend on library books.

## School Socials

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

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PE



English



Europe House



Africa House



South America House

انضموا إلينا في أمسية القراءة العائلية لطلاب المرحلة المتوسطة الأهل والأولياء الأمور الأعزاء، نحن نؤمن في مدرستنا بأن تعدد اللغات هو ميزة استثنائية، واحترافاً باللغات المتنوعة في مجتمعنا، ندعو جميع العائلات التي تتحدث لغة غير الإنجليزية في المنزل للانضمام إلينا في أمسية القراءة العائلية إن القراءة معاً بلسانكم الأم لا تقتصر على سرد القصص فحسب، بل إنها تقوي الروابط العائلية، وتعزز التطور المعرفي، وتوفر أساساً حيويًا للنجاح الأكاديمي في اللغة الإنجليزية.

● الموعد: يوم الثلاثاء 24 مارس  
● الوقت: 3:10 - 4:00 مساءً  
● المكان: مكتبة المدرسة  
لماذا يجب عليكم الحضور؟  
مكتبة عالمية: تعرفوا على كيفية (Platform-E). الوصول إلى آلاف الكتب بأي لغة عبر منصتنا الإلكترونية.

مجتمعنا: فرصة للقاء عائلات أخرى تتحدث لغات متعددة وتبادل نصائح القراءة.  
ضيافة: سيتم تقديم المشروبات والوجبات الخفيفة أثناء استمتاعكم بالتصفح.

سواء كنتم تتقنون الإنجليزية أو كنتم في بداية رحلتكم لتعلمها، فهذه الأمسية مخصصة لكم، لنعمل معاً على تعزيز حب طفلكم للغتهم الأم وللقراءة تأكيداً الحضور: يرجى إرسال بريد إلكتروني سريع إلى [uk.co.parklandsacademy@jdonohue](mailto:uk.co.parklandsacademy@jdonohue) لتأكيد حضوركم (لأغراض تنظيم الضيافة).

CLICK HERE!

## Weekly Learning Support Board

CLICK HERE!

The collage includes: 'Learning Support Board Week Commencing 23rd March 2026', 'It's never too late to become who you want to be' by Scott Fitzgerald, 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire', 'HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?', 'Joke of the Week' with a cartoon rabbit, 'The beginning is always today', 'Which of Disney's characters is approached through the archway?', 'Follow us on Instagram: pbs\_learningsupport', and 'Useful Links' including SEND Newsletter, SEND UK, RCOG, and others.

## Next week...

Year 9 pupils will be taking part in a Respect Day about 'Understanding the law'.

Sessions will cover topics such as, the effect of communities of anti-social behavior and illegal drugs, the effects illegal drugs can have on human biology and how to have a healthy relationship.

We will also be having visitors from Smokefree Lancashire, who will be talking to pupils in an assembly about the dangers of vaping, and Key, who are a domestic abuse charity, helping families all over Lancashire.

If you would like more information about these outside providers please see [here](#) and [here](#). As usual, any sessions your child takes part in will be available for you to view on their Secure Google Classroom at the end of the day.

## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

# KS3 FAMILY READING

At our school, we believe that multilingualism is a superpower. To celebrate the diverse languages spoken within our community, we warmly invite all families who speak a language other than English at home to our KS3 EAL Family Reading Night.

Come and join us for...

- **Global Library:** Learn how to access thousands of titles in any language via our E-Platform.
- **Community:** Meet other multilingual families and share reading tips.
- **Refreshments:** Enjoy tea, coffee, and snacks while you read with your child.

**DATE: 24TH MARCH**  
**STARTS AT: 3:10 PM**

Please email [jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk) to let us know you're coming!





# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

The Peru Crew Present...

# Chocolate Egg Easter Raffle!

Enter to WIN one of three delicious chocolate prizes!

Draw Date: wednesday 1st April

Tickets: £1 each, on scopay or in person in the library

all money raised goes towards the trip to Peru in summer.

## SHOOK UP

**THE KING OF ROCK AND ROLL - MEETS -**

Come and watch Miss Fox & Mrs Sullivan Brown perform in All Shook Up over the Easter holidays, 8th - 11th April. . Featuring the music of Elvis Presley, this lively musical is full of fun, romance, and great songs. We'd love your support, book now <https://www.horwichats.com>

The Peru Crew Present...

# BINGO Night

Join us in The Hall at Parklands for an exciting evening with prizes to be won and refreshments available

<b>26th March</b> 6-8PM	4 games for £4. Please pay on Scopay or see Mr Johnston in the Library
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# ALL SHOOK UP

HATS HORWICH AMATEUR THEATRE SOCIETY

Inspired by and featuring the songs of ELVIS PRESLEY  
Book by JOE DIPIETRO

**8th - 11th April 2026**  
Peace Community Theatre, Bolton  
Doors Open 7:00pm / Show Starts 7:30pm

Directed by Nicholas Edwards. Choreographed by Lorraine Brown

For ticket information, visit [horwichats.com](http://horwichats.com) or check out our Social Media

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Originally produced on Broadway by Jonathan Toland, Berni Rubell, Clive Chernikoff, Harlow Underman, William Finn, Bob & Harvey Weinstein, Marley Barthele, Eric Fallenstein/Alena Burka/Nancy Taylor/Gibbs, Ann Chernikoff/Margaret Collier. In association with Barney Rosenzweig, Matt Kasson, Collette Matthews, Karen Sears, Phil Cavalli/Concord. Originally produced for Goodspeed Music Box, Michael O'Pray, Executive Producer, Sue Reed, Associate Producer. \*All Shook Up\* is presented through special arrangement with, and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatre Rights Worldwide 1996. www.theatrerights.com

NODA Bolton Council bats

# Safeguarding Information

## Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated!

Click  to view a letter from Lancashire County Council regarding vaccinations

## \*\*Meningitis B (MenB)\*\*

Meningitis can be very serious if not treated quickly.

Click on the [NHS](#) page for more info on the symptoms & what to look out for.

**Compass BLOOM**  
CENTRAL & WEST LANCASHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

**ONLINE WORRY GROUP**  
A SAFE SPACE TO UNTANGLE YOUR WORRIES - AN ONLINE GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HIGH SCHOOL

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Tips to manage your worries
- Learn techniques and strategies you can use anywhere
- A safe space to talk and share experiences
- 6 online sessions, over 6 weeks - join from home
- Join on Microsoft Teams - communicating with peers on screen

**WHAT OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THOUGHT OF THE GROUP?**

"The group helped me understand my worries and gave me proper strategies to try and handle them so that I'm more in control"

"I liked it being online because I could stay in my safe space at home but still get support."

"The mix of videos, chats and activities made it interesting"

"I loved having the booklet and looking back at the strategies in the week"

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SHARE THIS LINK WITH A PARENT OR CARER:**

**ONLINE SIGN UP FORM**

FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS:  
@compassbloom @compassbloom\_

**NATIONAL SOCIAL PRESCRIBING DAY EVENT**

Making it happen in Chorley

Come and join us to celebrate the people, organisations, and communities that make Social Prescribing possible. You can also find out about local service to help your overall wellbeing and take part in FREE community activities that will be available on the day.

This day highlights the importance of connecting and empowering people to access a range of community-based services that enhance mental, physical, and social health.

**Tuesday 24 March**  
1pm to 3.30pm

**The Lancastrian**  
Chorley Town Hall, Market Street, PR7 1BD

More info 01257 515151  
social.prescribing@chorley.gov.uk

### The Online Worry Management Groups

They are an accessible low intensity CBT intervention adapted from our 1:1 worry management programmes with young people. They are effective for those Young People who are experiencing recent and low level onset of anxiety and would like strategies to manage and overcome worries.

<https://youtu.be/mWbWi6bgFTo>

Chorley Council are organising a free **National Social Prescribing Day Event**. Alongside finding out about local services there will be **FREE** community activities that will be available on the day.

**BEST START IN LIFE** **FAMILY HUBS NETWORK**

**TEENS TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME**

TEEN TRIPLE P IS A POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME WHICH CAN HELP PARENTS AND CARERS COPE POSITIVELY WITH SOME OF THE COMMON ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH RAISING A TEENAGER.

**COMMON TOPICS COVERED:**

- SUPPORTING HEALTHY TEENAGE DEVELOPMENT.
- MANAGING RISK-TAKING BEHAVIORS.
- HANDLING EMOTIONAL VOLATILITY.
- ESTABLISHING CONSISTENT, FAIR ROUTINES.
- IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND REDUCING CONFLICT.

**TUESDAYS**  
14th April - 26th May 2026  
6-8 PM

### 'Positive Relationships - Stronger Families'

A 4 week course, which aims to empower parents to understand conflict and see how to resolve issues with constructive communication.

Duke Street Family Hub, 1pm - 2:30pm,  
Wed 11th March - 1st April 2026

(For those that cannot join in centre, please contact the Family Hub about joining us virtually)  
Email: [chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk) / Tel: 01257516316

# 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 **115** 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	94.4%	93.6%
ASA	96%	94.5%
EUR	95.3%	94.9%
SAM	92.5%	93.7%
AFR	92.7%	93.9%
Total %	93.9%	93.7%

**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.**

### Attendance Update: Every Lesson Counts

This term, we are renewing our focus on attendance and punctuality. We know that high attendance is the key to raising GCSE grades, but it also ensures your child remains socially connected, forming better friendships and taking full advantage of our extra-curricular clubs.

#### How we are supporting your child:

- **FT Check-ins:** Form Tutors will now have a brief "wellbeing check-in" with any student returning to school after time off to ensure they are caught up and supported.
- **Targeted Support:** Students classified as *persistently absent* will meet with a member of SLT or their HAL. These meetings are designed to help us understand how we can remove barriers to their attendance.

We are asking for support from all parents and carers to uphold high expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day. Let's work together to maximise their potential!

#### Did you know?

- 90% attendance sounds good, but it equals **½ a day of school missed every week.**

Over one school year, 90% attendance is **4 weeks of missed learning.**

Please support us by ensuring your child attends school every day.

Table: Attendance vs. Lost Learning Time

Attendance %	Days Lost per Year	Lessons Missed
100%	0 Days	0 Lessons
95%	10 Days (2 Weeks)	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days (4 Weeks)	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days (6 Weeks)	145 Lessons

### Attendance Ladder

