



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

WEEK 2

1st - 5th December 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but very focused week here at school.

- Our Year 11 students began their mock examinations this week, and I want to commend them for the mature and serious approach they have taken to this important practice run for their summer GCSEs. They have been working incredibly hard, and we wish them the very best as they continue over the coming days.
- Earlier this term, we shared Reading Profiles for students in Years 7-10 with their parents and carers. We know that many families have questions about how best to support their child's reading development. One of the key ways we offer guidance is through our annual Key Stage 3 Reading Evening, which we were delighted to host this week. At the event, we shared general information about reading strategies and the English staff provided specific, practical tips related to the individual reading categories featured in the profiles. It was genuinely helpful for the parents and carers who attended, and we are grateful for their active participation. We were, however, slightly disappointed by the overall turnout, particularly given the number of follow-up queries we received after sharing the profiles. For those of you who missed the evening but still have questions, we are exploring ways to share the resources and information presented. Please look out for a follow-up communication from the English Department. A huge thank you once again to all the staff involved in making this such an informative and enjoyable event.

The festive spirit is definitely starting to build, and we have a couple of exciting events to look forward to next week:

- Year 7 Christmas Disco: Get ready to sparkle! Our Year 7 students can celebrate the season at their Christmas Disco on Thursday. More details about tickets and timings have been sent out separately, and we look forward to a great night of music and fun!
- Christmas Jumper Day: On Friday, we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Students are invited to wear their festive jumpers (alongside the rest of their school uniform) and bring £1, which will be donated to Save The Children. It's always a wonderful way to end the week and raise some money for a worthy cause.

Regards,
Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Key Dates - November and December 2025

- [Mock Exam Timetable linked here](#)
- **Thursday 11th Dec** – Year 7 Christmas Disco
- **Friday 12th Dec**– Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 16th Dec**– Yr11 Mock Exams finish
- **Thursday 18th Dec**– Yr7 Cinema Reward Trip & Yrs 8–11 Christmas Reward Trafford Centre.
- **Friday 19th Dec** – It's CHRISTMAS! School finishes at **1:00pm**
- **School reopens Tuesday 6th January for pupils.**
- **Tuesday 6th January** – Year 10 Tracker Report sent home, and 'Welcome to Year 10' Evening for parents, carers and pupils, 6–7pm in the main hall.
- **Tuesday 13th January** – Y11 Mocks Results Day
- **Wednesday 14th January** – Y11 Tracker Reports Home
- **Thursday 15th January** - Y11 Progress Evening in School
- **Friday 16th January** – Y9 Tracker Reports Home
- **Thursday 22nd January** – Y7 & 8 Behaviour for Learning Reports Home
- **Thursday 29th January** - Y10 Progress Evening in School
- **Thursday 5th February** - Y9 Progress Evening in School
- **Friday 13th February** – Last Day of Term 3pm Finish

Wellbeing Update- We have recently noticed an increase in cases of **colds, flu, and stomach bugs** within the school community. To help keep everyone healthy and reduce the spread of illness, we kindly ask that all pupils are reminded to **wash their hands regularly**, especially:

- After using the toilet
- Before eating
- After sneezing or blowing your nose

Regular **hand washing** is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent germs from spreading. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

School Menus:

To see our school menus, please click [here](#). Next week will be week **2**.

Price Increase:

Breakfast item	Lunch Item
Sausage/bacon barm- £1.60	Main meal- £2.60 Meal Deal- £2.80
Bacon wrap-£1.60	Chicken wrap- £2.00
Waffle- 90p	Burger- £2.00
Pain au choc-£1.00	Panini-£2.00
Hash brown- £1.00	Potato item- £1.60
Cheese & toast-£1.00	Pizza- £1.60
Toastie-£1.60	Pizzini- £2.20
Toast/crumpet-50p	Sausage roll- £1.60
	Chicken strips £1.60

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Could Your Child be Eligible for Free School Meals?

Check **eligibility and apply** via Lancashire County Council:

[Free School Meals - Lancashire County Council Lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/)

If you do apply, please also email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Y9, Y10 and Y11 same day detentions

Please be aware that if your child should receive a **BfL 1 or 0** they will be required to serve a same day detention after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. We hope this sanction may lead to an improved focus and better behaviour in lessons. We will endeavour to notify you by text message should your child need to attend the detention, however please be aware this may not always be possible depending on the time of day. For example, if your child receives a 1 or 0 during their P5 lesson we may not be able to notify you ahead of picking your child up at the end of the day. You can also monitor your child's BFL on the EduLink app under the 'Attendance' section.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 7

Will all take part in a Respect day about Equality next week. We will be looking at anti-racism, anti-sexism, disabilities and sustainability. On the day we will also host visitors from the Lancashire smoking team who will be explaining the dangers of vaping to the pupils.

All Years

All pupils will be discussing gender stereotypes in Monday's Secure lesson. A group of our Year 10 boys recently completed a workshop about what it means to be a man in today's world and they will share what they learnt during Secure next week.

Pupil Behaviour and Attendance survey

Last chance to respond! The survey will close on Monday night at 3 pm. Please check your emails and complete the survey.

Parents and carers, please encourage your children to take part.

Many thanks, Mrs Haslam

Year 11

We are delighted to let you know that the Parklands Yearbook 2026 is now available to order. It can be purchased on SCOPAY for £23.00. Orders can be placed up to **Friday 19 June**, and the yearbooks will be available for collection on **Results Day, Thursday 20 August 2026**.

We hope the Parklands Yearbook will capture some of those special memories and serve as a lasting keepsake to celebrate the end of five memorable years at Parklands.

Kind Regards

Mr Metcalf

Assistant Headteacher

Attendance

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 **248 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	89.4%	93.4%
ASA	88.7%	94.3%
EUR	90%	94.8%
SAM	88.2%	93.8%
AFR	89.8%	94.3%
Totals %	88.8%	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**.

Whole School Messages

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?

Year 7: 113 pupils to date

Year 8: 74 pupils to date

Year 9: 86 pupils to date

Year 10: 87 students to date

Year 11: 80 students to date

All: 440 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 184

Year 8: 152

Year 9: 164

Year 10: 146

Year 11: 175

All: 804

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?

Year 7: 172

Year 8: 132

Year 9: 139

Year 10: 131

Year 11: 143

All: 717

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school
[Parklands Bulletin](#)

Parklands Pupil Bulletin

Find out what is happening in your school.....



Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 1st December 2025

A great week in the PE department. The colder weather has well and truly arrived! Please remember to bring warm clothing with PE kit (PHS hoodie/PHS leggings/PHS joggers). You can also wear a long sleeved dark top UNDERNEATH a PHS t-shirt if you do not have a PHS hoodie. If you are unsure please ask a member of the PE staff.

Year 7 Netball Friendlies played at Holy Cross against all other schools in the Chorley district. The first official set of games for our year 7's and what a great start! Lots of things to work on in training but we are super proud!



Year 9 Boys Football against Holy Cross. Battle royal. Great work by the team with an undeserved loss. Well done!

Year 10 Cricket Indoor games against other teams in the district. The team did well to make it through to the semi final. Well done.



This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

Students continue to explore big questions and ideas. To help spark meaningful conversations at home, here are some discussion questions you might like to explore with your child:

Year 7 – Ultimate Questions

- What is a worldview, and how is it different from a religion?
- Can someone's worldview change over time?
- Do all worldviews answer questions about the universe in the same way?



Year 8 – Prejudice and Discrimination

- What is the difference between suffragists and suffragettes?
- Why was the right to vote important for women?
- How does sexism still affect people today, and what can be done to challenge it?



Year 9 – Human Rights and Social Justice

- What can be done to stop human trafficking?
- What is the difference between fair pay and a living wage?
- What could companies and governments do to make pay fairer?



Learning Support

We want every student to make the most of their learning time. Even a few minutes missed from each lesson can quickly add up and have a big impact on progress.

For example, if a child misses just 5 minutes from every lesson each day, that adds up to around 4 hours of learning lost every week. Some students are missing as much as 16 minutes per day as they are arriving late and/or leaving early. That's the equivalent of over 7 hours of learning time lost every week.

We fully appreciate that sometimes students need time to reset, reflect, or take a short break and these moments are important for wellbeing. However, we also want to highlight just how valuable lesson time is.

Every minute spent in the classroom contributes to a stronger understanding, better progress, and Greater confidence in learning.

It is our job to work together to make sure our students are present, ready, and making the most of every learning opportunity.

Ms Williams

SENCo

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click [here](#)



Learning Support Board

Week Commencing
8th December 2025

"It's not what's under the tree that matters, it's who's around it."

CHARLES M. SCHULZ



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

As Christmas draws nearer, it's another incredibly busy week in school. Our Year 11s will be pleased that this is the last full week of mock exams. On Thursday, our celebrations begin with the Year 7 Christmas disco. Friday is Christmas Jumper Day and there will be festive market stalls - all raising money for good causes. Finally, remember that there is always somebody available to talk to in N17 before school, at break & lunchtime.

Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk



INSPIRE CLUB QUIZ

C, A, R, S, R, I, M, S.
T, H, I, N, N, E, D.

An anagram of something that might be a highlight of the festive season.

Last time's answer - 3 again



Joke of the Week

What do the elves do after school?
Their GNOME WORK

The best Christmas decoration is a... Smile





Follow us on Instagram:

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Useful Links

- [ADDitude website](#)
- [Autism Eye](#)
- [Autism Parenting Magazine](#)
- [British Dyslexia Association](#)
- [The Communication Trust](#)
- [FIND Newsletter](#)
- [Lancashire SEND Partnership](#)
- [Headspace \(Meditation & Sleep\)](#)
- [KOOH Mental Health Support](#)
- [Local Offer](#)
- [NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline](#)
- [Witherslack Group](#)

Christmas Hamper Raffle

- Win a Christmas Hamper full of chocolates, sweets, biscuits and other goodies
- Tickets on sale now, £1 each,
- Please pay on scopay under Peru christmas Raffle, or in cash to Mr Johnston
- Drawn on Wednesday 17th December
- See Mr Johnston in the library for more information



All the money raised goes towards the Peru Crew trip in summer 2026

Year 7 Disco

Year 7 Christmas Disco

Thursday 11th December

£2.00 entry fee

6pm-8pm

Tuck shop,

Music, dancing & games

A fun night guaranteed.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 18th December

Lunchtime in The Pavilion



Lots of christmas goodies for sale plus Name the Christmas tree competition and much more..... CASH ONLY!

Raising money for Parklands Fusion Cheer team, Derian House & The Peru Crew





Christmas Reward Trip Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate and recognise the good behaviour, effort, and achievements of our Year 7 students this Autumn term, we are delighted to offer a trip to **Reel Cinema in Chorley to watch the Christmas movie - Home Alone.**

Date: Wednesday 17th December 2025

Cost: £5 per student. For pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium the cost will be £2.50

This payment covers cinema ticket only. Students may wish to bring additional spending money for popcorn or sweets.

Timings:

- Depart school at approximately 2:00 pm for a 3:00 pm start of the film
- Please collect your child from Reel Cinema at 5:00 pm or alternatively if they usually walk home, they may do so.

Dress code:

Students may come to school in appropriate non-school uniform for the day.

Payment details:

- **Deadline for payment: 3:00pm on Friday 12th December 2025**
- Payment link: <https://www.scopay.com/parklands-lancashire>
- Please note: Payments are non-refundable.
- By making payment, you are providing consent for your child to attend the trip.
- Please ensure your child's medical information on Edulink is up to date. If you need to update details, email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk
- Your child's place will only be secured once payment has been received.
- If you require online payment login details, please email your child's name and form to: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

There are 160 places available, and the trip will close once all places are filled.

Eligibility criteria:

As this is a trip organised through staff goodwill, it is open to students who have shown consistent good attendance, behaviour, effort, and progress.

We will use the Points system to determine eligibility. Students can earn up to 8 points during the Autumn term, and will need at least 6 points to qualify for the trip.

Christmas Reward Trip Year 7 cont'd....

Criteria	Requirement	Points
Behaviour for Learning (BfL)	2.95 or above	1
Attendance	95% or higher	1
Lates	0	1
Social Strikes	0	1

Each criterion is measured for both Autumn half-terms

Maximum 8 points

Behaviour expectations:

This trip is designed to be an enjoyable reward, but safety and conduct remain our top Priorities.

We ask that you remind your child of the importance of respectful and responsible behaviour throughout the trip.

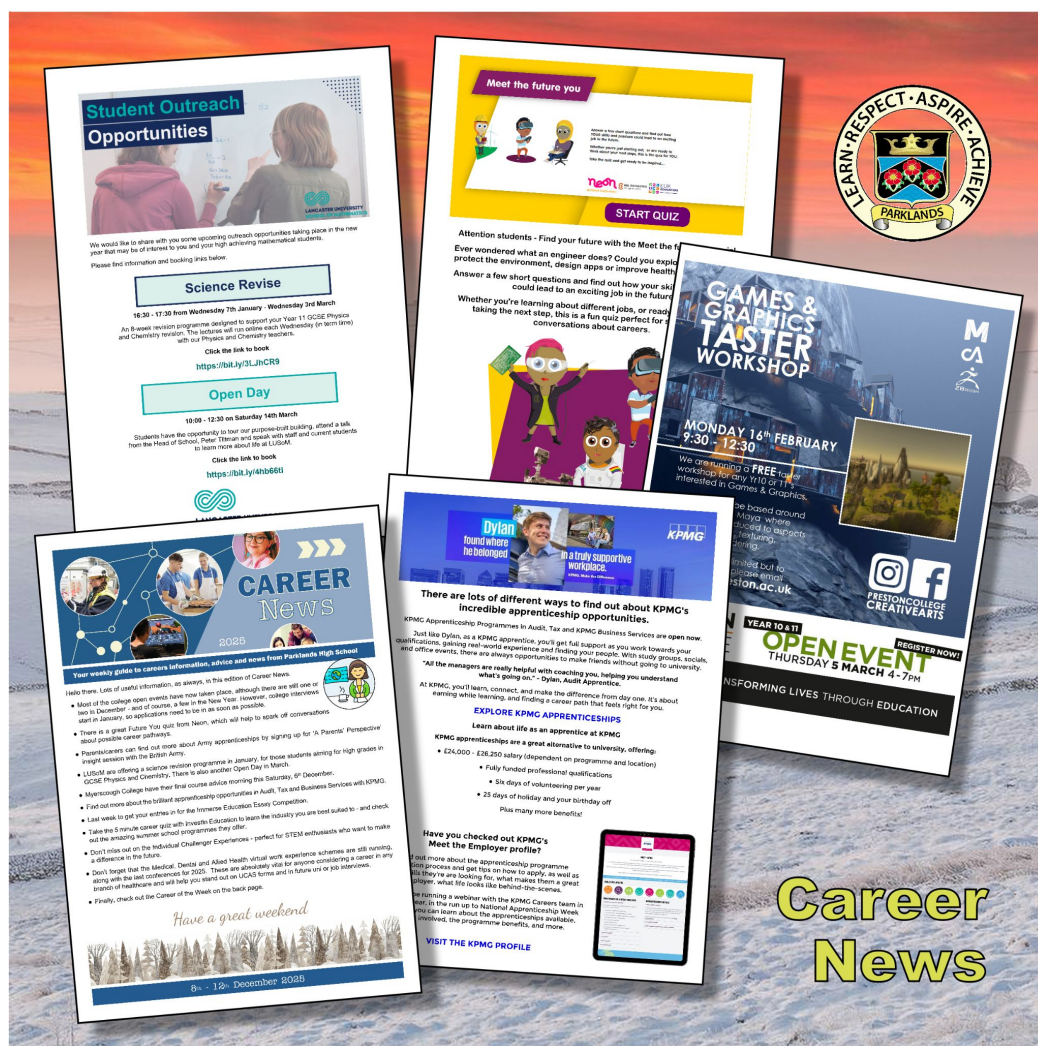
The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's place at any point up to and including the day of the trip if behaviour, attitude, or attendance do not meet expectations. We appreciate your full support in this matter.

We look forward to what promises to be a fun and memorable afternoon for our students.

Warm regards,

The House Achievement Leaders

Click [here](#) for career news



Lots of really useful information in this week's Career News. There are competitions, webinars, quizzes, activities, open events, revision sessions, workshops, conferences, virtual work experience opportunities and apprenticeship vacancies - plus much more!

Year 11 - Don't forget to complete and submit your college applications before Christmas. Interviews start in January and some courses will fill up very quickly - if you don't apply, you will not have a place, even at partner colleges. Remember you can change your mind about the subject(s) or course you have chosen, so don't panic thinking you are stuck doing bricklaying when you would really like to do business studies.

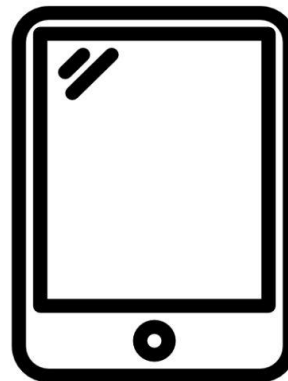
You still need a college place as a back up even if you are planning on joining the uniformed services or taking up an apprenticeship - anything can happen before next September!

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

YOUR OLD TECH CAN POWER NEW LEARNING

WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF USED LAPTOPS AND IPADS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AT HOME. IF YOUR COMPANY CAN ASSIST, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO LEARNING.



**Please contact Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) at
srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk**

Whole School Messages

CHECK OUT OUR
RESOURCE HUB:



Compass Bloom are the Mental Health Support Team in your school.
We provide free support for mild/moderate mental health concerns:



MILD TO
MODERATE
ANXIETY



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TAKE A LOOK AT
OUR WEBSITE:



Operation Encompass Parents Awareness Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school/ college is participating in **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been **a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident** to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

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A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At **Parklands High School** our Key Adult is **Mrs Fairhurst/Mrs Haslam**. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need-to-know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Pan Lancashire Operation Encompass

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools/ colleges. The aim of sharing information with local schools/ colleges is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident, by 9.00am on the next school/ college day the school's Key Adult will be informed of the child or young person's involvement. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child/ young person.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.

Mrs Fairhurst
Designated Safeguarding Lead



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Jolly Christmas Jumper Party!

Grab your ugliest or most fabulous jumper and join us in supporting a worthy charity



**HOUSE POINTS FOR THE
HOUSE WITH THE MOST
JUMPERS**



Christmas Cookie House comp!



Rules

You **must** evidence making and decorating your cookie plus your finished product.
(three pictures sent to Mrs K O'Reilly)

Final finished picture will be judged!

STARTS MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER – ENDS SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

PRIZES FOR 1ST 2ND AND 3RD PLACE. CLASS CHARTS POINTS FOR ALL WHO ENTER.



🌲 Reindeer Run for Derian House 🌲



After school on Monday 15th December, we will be walking to Derian House Children's Hospice in Astley Village and back to help raise money and awareness for this wonderful charity. Everyone will be wearing festive reindeer antlers and spreading plenty of Christmas cheer along the way! Each participant will also receive a little Christmas treat. The cost to take part is £2.50, which should be paid via Scopay by Monday 1st December. Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference this Christmas!





Parklands Preloved uniform

Pass it on, don't throw away,
A uniform's here to save the day!
Keep it going, let it flow,
Helping pupils as they grow.

Please send any preloved uniform into school
to Mrs.K O'Reilly.

Thank you.