



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## WEEK 1

### 6th - 9th January 2026



## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful and joyful Christmas break. It has been wonderful to see the school building full of energy again this week as our students return to their studies with renewed focus. 2026 promises to be a pivotal year for many of our cohorts, and we are hitting the ground running!

### This week:

It has been a particularly busy start for our **Year 10 students** as they begin to navigate the more formal aspects of their Key Stage 4 journey:

- **Welcome to Year 10 Evening:** Thank you to everyone who attended our information session on Wednesday. It was great to see so many families engaging with the GCSE journey ahead. We hope the insights into subject expectations and revision strategies were helpful.
- **Work Experience Launch:** On Thursday, Year 10 had their Work Experience launch assembly. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a glimpse into the world of work later this year. Please do have a conversation with your child about the types of industries they might be interested in exploring.

### Looking Ahead to Next Week:

Next week is a significant one for our **Year 11 and Year 9** students, focusing heavily on progress, feedback, and future planning.

- **Tuesday:** Year 11 Mock Exam Results Event. A key milestone in the build-up to the summer.
- **Wednesday:** Year 11 Review Day.
- **Thursday:** Year 11 Progress Evening (**4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**). This is a vital opportunity to speak with subject teachers about the mock results and final steps for improvement.
- **Friday:** Year 9 Review Day. Students will also be bringing home their **Year 9 Trackers** on this day—please look out for these and discuss the progress updates with them.

Finally, we are committed to ensuring that communication between school and home is as clear and efficient as possible. To support this, we have revised our **Communications Policy**. We know how important it is for you to stay connected with your child's education. To help manage this effectively and ensure every message gets the attention it deserves, we have introduced a new **Communications Policy**. Here is what you need to know:

## Headteacher's Message Continued..

- **Our 48-Hour Goal:** We aim to respond to all enquiries within **48 hours** during the working week. We want to ensure we give you a thoughtful and accurate answer.
- **Operating Hours:** Our staff are available to respond to messages between **7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.**
- **A "Right to Disconnect":** To support the well-being of our teachers and allow them to focus on planning great lessons, we ask that communications be kept within the hours above.
- **Evening & Weekend Emails:** We understand that your schedule might mean you can only sit down to write an email in the evening. If you are writing a message outside of school hours, **please use the "Schedule Send" feature** on your email (often found by clicking the arrow next to the 'Send' button) to ensure it arrives in our inboxes during the next school day.
- **Holiday Periods:** Messages received over the school holidays will be picked up and responded to once the school reopens for the new term.

By working together on this, we can ensure that communication remains productive, manageable, and focused on what matters most: our students. You can find the full details in the Communications Policy on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support as we start this new term together.

Regards,  
Mrs. Batson  
Headteacher



# Whole School Messages

## Key Dates - January and February 2026

- **Tuesday 13th January** – Y11 Mocks Results Day
- **Wednesday 14th January** – Y11 Tracker Reports Home
- **Thursday 15th January** - Y11 Progress Evening in School  
\*Bookings have been available from **Jan 8th at 4pm** - <https://parklands.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **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  
\*Bookings will be available from **Jan 22nd at 4pm** - <https://parklands.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **Thursday 5th February** - Y9 Progress Evening in School  
\*Bookings will be available from **Jan 29th at 4pm** - <https://parklands.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **Friday 13th February** – Last Day of Term 3pm Finish

## Year 11 - Progress Evening on Thursday 15th January

I would also like to remind you of the upcoming **Progress Evening on Thursday 15th January**. This is an ideal time to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and identify key focus areas for the final months of their courses. A link to book your appointments has been sent out on Thursday 8th January.

## Year 7 PASS Survey – Thursday 22nd January

On Thursday 22nd January, all Year 7 students will take part in the GL Assessment PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) survey. This survey, which takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete, is not a test and does not require any preparation. Students will not receive a grade or mark for their responses.

The purpose of the survey is to gain insights into students' feelings about school, their attitudes toward learning, and their overall wellbeing. This information is vital in helping us provide tailored support to ensure every student feels confident, supported, and engaged in their education.

To help students understand the purpose of the survey, there will be an assembly on Wednesday 21st January during registration, to introduce it and explain why it is important.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to approach the survey thoughtfully. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head and Year 7 Achievement Lead) at [srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

## 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](mailto:srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

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

# Whole School Messages

## Chorley's SEND Road Show

Chorley's SEND Road Show is on **4th Feb, 9.30am till 1pm, at Inspire Youth Zone..**

Agencies can book a stand via.. [Lancashire SEND Roadshows 2025/2026](#)

**Families.. just turn up!**

## Child and Family Health App

Parents and carers in Lancashire can now access trusted child health and wellbeing advice through two new digital tools from Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing.

**A new Lancashire Child and Family Health App (developed by HCRG) has been launched.**

It is packed with information for parents, young people, and professionals working with families across the 0–19 age range.

**The 'Lancashire Child and Family Health' app provides:**

- Expert information on child development from before birth to age 18
- Guidance on breastfeeding,
- Healthy eating
- Sleep
- Vaccinations
- SEND
- Support for dads

**Download for free**

<https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/lancs-child-and-family-app/>

**Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing has also launched Anya**, a free digital companion supporting families from pregnancy through to a child's second birthday. Anya offers 24/7 personalised guidance on infant feeding and early parenting, including interactive 3D animations, virtual communities, and specialist drop-in sessions.

**Key features include:**

- An AI-powered virtual companion offering personalised support
- Interactive 3D breastfeeding animations
- Specialist drop-in video sessions for feeding support
- A trimester-specific antenatal programme with birth planning
- Virtual communities and peer support

Anya is available in multiple languages, including English, Arabic, Urdu and Bengali, making support more accessible for families across Lancashire.

# Whole School Messages

## This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

As we begin the new term, this is a perfect moment for pupils to reflect on the big ideas they explored in RS last term. Here are some conversation starters you might like to discuss with your child at home:

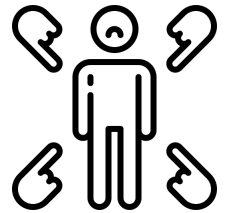
### Year 7 – Ultimate Questions

- Which ultimate question do you find most interesting, and why?
- What is your worldview, and where do you think it comes from?
- Why is it important to respect different beliefs?
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### Year 8 – Prejudice and Discrimination

- What is the most important lesson you've learned about prejudice this term?
- How might you personally challenge discrimination in the future?
- Why is it important to keep discussing these issues?
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### Year 9 – Human Rights and Social Justice

- How has your understanding of human rights changed last term?
- What issues of justice are you most passionate about?
- How can you play a part in making the world more equal?



All KS3 students have now moved, or will shortly be moving, onto their new RS topics for this term. I'll share more details with you in next week's bulletin.

## 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: 101 pupils to date  
Year 8: 77 pupils to date  
Year 9: 81 pupils to date  
Year 10: 84 students to date  
Year 11: 78 students to date  
All: 421 students

## How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 187  
Year 8: 163  
Year 9: 171  
Year 10: 159  
Year 11: 160  
All: 840

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: 171  
Year 8: 132  
Year 9: 133  
Year 10: 132  
Year 11: 153  
All: 721

**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.....



# 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 **183 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	93%	93.1%
ASA	95%	94.2%
EUR	94.4%	94.7%
SAM	94.9%	93.7%
AFR	91.3%	93.9%
<b>Totals %</b>	93.1%	93.4%

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**.



# Learning Support

## Learning Support - Every Minute Counts: The Importance of Being in Lessons

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  
12th January 2026



"These are the first pages of a  
365-page book. Write a good one."  
BRAD PAISLEY

**LANCASHIRE  
LOCAL  
OFFER**  
Special Educational  
Needs and Disabilities  
Local Offer in  
Lancashire

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?**  
This is the first Learning Support Board since the Christmas break so we must start by wishing you all a very happy New Year. Obviously, this is an important year for our year 11s. Starting this week, they have Mock Results Day on Tuesday and their Progress Evening on Thursday. Finally, remember that there is always somebody available to talk to in N17 before school, break and lunchtime but not during lessons.  
[Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**Inspire Club  
Quiz**



What natural surface is shown here at x10 magnification?  
Last time's answer: True



**Joke of the Week**  
What's the favourite time of in the farmyard?  
**Moo Year!**



**New Year's Resolution**  
Laugh a little louder  
Smile a little wider  
Rush a little less  
Love a little deeper

**Instagram**

**Follow us on Instagram:**  
**[p\\_h\\_s\\_learningssupport](#)**

**Useful Links**

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



Click [here](#) for career news

**digdata** Created in collaboration with Google

We're delighted to share some fantastic career opportunities for you and your students to Digdata in 2026.

**1. Virtual Work Experience Opportunities**

We've collaborated with Google to bring virtual work experience opportunities to your students on the 28th and 29th January. These sessions will be hosted on Zoom outside of school hours and do not require any teacher / career leader attendance.

**FIRST STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 7-9**

**Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)**

**Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you a viral!**

- A 45-minute briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- Register [now!](#) (student link)

**NEXT STEP - suitable for students in Year Groups 10-13**

**Thursday 29th January at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)**

**Google joins forces with Gen Z Creators to launch the Pixel 10!**

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the Google team
- Complete the career challenge at your own pace
- Certificate awarded on completion
- Register [now!](#) (student link)

**Everyone should digdata!**

1 Register and attend the 45 minute session  
2 Students work on the challenge  
3 Record industry experience  
4 Certificate of completion

**Charles Russell Speechlys**

Insight to  
**Charles Russell Speechlys**

Scan to sign up!

**PARKLANDS**  
LEARN - RESPECT - ASPIRE - ACHIEVE

**Kick-start your career in Audit with the National Audit Office**

**KICKSTART YOUR CAREER IN AUDIT**

Tuesday 10th February 2026, 6.30pm

- Earn a competitive starting salary (£28k in London) and gain a top qualification that could take you to the top of the field.
- Hear from current apprentices about why they chose an apprenticeship over university.
- Get the inside scoop on life as an Audit day-to-day work.
- Explore career progression and the opportunities the NAO offers to help you grow.

**Register Here**

**Want to travel the world? Get to know NEBOSH**

NEBOSH is a global name in health, safety and wellbeing, and their work protects millions of people around the world in their daily lives. On 12th February, you'll discover how a career with NEBOSH can open doors internationally, combine purpose with progression, and give you skills that employers everywhere value. It's an exciting career with the chance to earn big from the start!

**Explore NEBOSH**

**Your Future in Health & Safety: From Film Sets & Festival Stages to Sports Arenas**

Thursday 12th February 2026, 6.30pm

Think a career in Health & Safety is just about rules? Think again! Join our webinar during **National Apprenticeship Week** and discover a career where you can:

- Travel the world
- Earn a median salary of £55k
- Do work you're passionate about every single day

**Ready to turn safety into your adventure?**

**Register Here**

**Find out about Dunelm apprenticeships!**

Starting your career with Dunelm opens a world of possibilities. Dunelm will be opening their apprenticeship vacancies on the 2nd February 2026 across a range of roles, including Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Retail, and an exciting new Filter Apprenticeship opportunity.

But be quick, the roles are very popular!

There are a lot of ways you can find out more about these incredible opportunities, depending on what programmes you're interested in.

**Learn about the apprenticeship roles on offer with Dunelm**

Meet the Early Career team at Dunelm to learn about their exciting apprenticeship opportunities, including Retail, Supply Chain & Logistics, Commercial, Filter and more in the recording you'll find out about Dunelm's early career programmes and pick up some hints and tips for your apprenticeship application.

**WATCH NOW**

**Learn about the new Filter Apprenticeship ahead of its launch**

Join us on 15th January to find out about Dunelm's new Filter Apprenticeship - a unique role blending hands on technical skills, customer interaction and the freedom of being out on the road. Apprentices will learn a Customer Service apprenticeship qualification, while gaining specialist training in fitting blinds in customers' homes.

**REGISTER FOR LIVE WEBINAR**

**if you can't wait ...**

**Check out Dunelm's virtual work experience programme**

Dunelm has created their free-ever virtual work experience programme, created in partnership with Sprogged.

This exciting opportunity is designed for students aged 13 and up, offering seven hours of immersive content across a range of modules that reflect the reality of the business - from retail and customer service to product development, marketing, and more.

**FIND OUT MORE**

**Career News**

As always, lots of useful career-related information in Career News. There are open events at local colleges and training providers, competitions, webinars, apprenticeship news, challenges, virtual work experience opportunities, courses, workshops and lots more.

Thursday was the launch of the Year 10 Work Experience programme. Each child has been given a letter to be signed and returned. They will find their own work placements, as in previous years, although we can of course support with this if necessary. **The date of the WEX week is 13 - 17 July 2026.**

All paperwork is available from the Top Office or on the school website: [CLICK HERE](#)

We will be running the Army and the NHS scheme again (full details in due course) - any interest, drop me an email - [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) and I will provisionally add you to the list (10 places on each).

## Careers Continued.....

Year 11 will take part in college interviews on 21st and 23rd January with Wigan & Leigh and Preston College. The times will be posted outside the Top Office and all pupils will also get a text message from the colleges reminding them of their interview times. They do not need to bring anything along to the interviews, which are held in the Conference Room. If anyone has not applied yet, please do so this week!

[Click here for the Ultimate Guide to College Applications and links to application forms.](#)

Mock Interviews with employers will take place on 6th February - more details to follow soon.

Runshaw College has taken the decision to NOT interview in school this year. Instead Parklands has been allocated the evening of 9th February, from 4.30pm - 8.00pm.

Pupils will receive a text or email from the college telling them the time of their interview.

If this is going to be a problem for anyone - I know some pupils have already indicated that parents/carers work in the evenings and travel will be an issue - then please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can organise alternative provision.



# POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

## STRONGER FAMILIES

**JOIN US TO TALK ALL THING  
POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

Relationships are a journey filled with ups and downs, and disagreements are a natural part of it. We understand that managing these disagreements can be challenging and may impact how we parent our children.

Join us for our 4 week course that aims to empower you as parents to understand your conflicts and see how to resolve the issues yourselves with constructive and destructive communication.

**Courses run  
throughout the  
year on  
Wednesdays  
1pm - 2:30pm.  
Please check out  
for the next one  
via the QR code to  
the right.**



Come and join us for our 4 week Positive Relationship course. Learn valuable skills on positive communication, learning how to argue better, how to resolve argue when they arise. **Contact your local Family Hub to book yourself on to a course.**



Our '**Positive Relationships, Stronger Families**' is a 4 week course, which aims to empower parents to understand conflict and see how to resolve issues with constructive communication.

**Next course is running:**

8th January till 19th February 1pm till 3pm

(For those that cannot join us in centre, please contact the Family Hub about joining us virtually)



### **We are now running 'Riding the Rapids'**

Riding the rapids is a ten-week programme for parents and carers of children who are neurodivergent.

It aims to help parents to understand their child when they are displaying behaviour that challenges.

The course enables parents to understand their child's distress related behaviours in the context of their neurodivergence and apply strategies and adjustments to support them. It also helps parents to develop stress management strategies to help support their child.

**Start date Friday 16th Jan**

**Break – Feb half term**

**End date – Friday 7th March**

(sessions will run from 9.30am till 11.30am)

Calls to families / screenings will be done via call or face-to-face appointment in the Family Hubs, in advance of the start date.

Please make all enquiries via [chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk)



### **Triple P - Teens at Duke Street Family Hub**

For Parents with teenagers up to 16 years, and assists where there are specific concerns about teen's behaviours.

Next course running:

8th January till 19th February 1pm - 3pm

Referrals via the booking page: [LCC Events](#)

### **Triple P - Group at Duke Street Family Hub**

For parents of children aged 2-11 years old, for parents who have specific concerns about child's development or behaviour.

Next course running:

Tuesday 3rd January till 24th February 1pm till 3pm

Referrals via the booking page: [LCC Events](#)



# Whole School Messages

The One Stop Shop is a drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof.

We offer a warm welcome, refreshments, and an opportunity to get help with:

Housing

Finance

Accessing food banks

Mental health support

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Relationship's

Targeted Youth Support

Sexual Health

Substance / alcohol

... & more



Drop-in  
2nd Thursday of  
every month  
9am till 12noon

@

Inspire Youth Zone  
Chapel St  
Chorley  
PR7 1BS

Children and Family  
Wellbeing Service

Tel: 01257 516 316

Email:

Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk



**FAMILY  
HUB  
CHORLEY**

2nd Thursday of  
every month!



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County Council

## SERVICES HERE TO HELP

2nd Thursday, Monthly

Get help with referrals for further support, and access to a range of community agencies, as well as information on lots of free groups (including parenting, domestic abuse, relationship communication, speech & language, and pre-school play sessions).



Inspire  
Youth Zone



Unify  
Credit Union



Chorley  
Buddies



Places For  
People



Social  
Prescribing



citizens  
advice

Lancashire  
West

Home-Start  
Central  
Lancashire



Lancashire Talking  
Therapies Talking Therapies



Jigsaw  
Homes



Christians Against  
Poverty



NEST  
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Children &  
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... & more!