

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN WEEK 2 8th - 12th December 2025



# **Headteacher's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we approach the final week of term, the school is truly buzzing with festive cheer and a lot of important activity!

This Week's Highlights and Achievements:

- It was wonderful to see so many pupils and staff participating in Christmas Jumper Day today!
   Thank you for helping to spread some cheer—the colours and sparkle brought a lovely atmosphere to the school.
- The Year 7 pupils who attended the Christmas Disco and Party last night had a wonderful time. It was great to see them enjoying themselves and celebrating the end of a very busy term! The proceeds from the tickets and tuck shop have helped to support the Peru Crew in their ongoing fundraising efforts for their trip to Peru with Camps International..
- A huge well done to our Year 11 students who are continuing with their mock exams. Their dedication and sustained focus during this intensive period has been impressive. These mocks are a vital step in their preparation for the summer, and we are really proud of how they have conducted themselves. The results will be shared after Christmas during our Mock Results Day.



# **Headteacher's Message Cont'd...**

Looking Ahead to Next Week's Festive Celebrations

Next week is jam-packed with exciting events designed to reward our students for their hard work throughout the term:

- Monday: Charity Walk to Derian House
  - This is a significant charity event where pupils and staff will walk to the local hospice,
     Derian House. This walk is a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate our school values of community and compassion by supporting the incredible work this hospice does for children and young people.
- Tuesday: Pupil Christmas Lunch
  - Our catering team is preparing a delicious, traditional Christmas Lunch for all pupils. It's always a wonderful, festive occasion in the school dining hall. Please remember that payment for this should be made via Scopay as usual.
- Wednesday Afternoon: Year 7 Christmas Trip to the Cinema
  - On Wednesday, our Year 7 pupils will be heading out for a festive trip to the cinema to watch the Christmas classic 'Home Alone'. We hope they enjoy an afternoon of relaxation and fun with their friends.
- Thursday: Year 8-10 Christmas Trip to The Trafford Centre
  - Year 8, 9, and 10 pupils will be celebrating with their annual festive excursion to The Trafford Centre. This trip provides them with a chance to socialise, shop, and enjoy the festive atmosphere outside of school before the holidays begin.
- Friday: Early Finish at 1:00 PM
  - Please remember that the school will have an early finish at 1:00 pm to mark the official start of the Christmas holidays.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. These events are a lovely way to celebrate the commitment and effort of the entire school community.

Regards, Mrs. Batson Headteacher



### **Key Dates - November and December 2025**

- Mock Exam Timetable linked here
- Tuesday 16th December Yr11 Mock Exams finish
- Wednesday 17th December Yr7 Cinema Reward Trip
- Thursday 18th December Yrs 8–11 Christmas Reward Trafford Centre.
- Friday 19th December 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 3

#### 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

If you do apply, please also email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) <a href="mailto:srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk">srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>

#### Parklands Admissions Policy -

Proposed changes to the policy for 2027-2028. Please follow the <u>link</u> to view them. If you have any responses to the consultation then please email it to admissionsandappeals@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 7s

Have their final Respect day for 2025 on Tuesday. They will take part in a series of technology enrichment workshops, called a MEGA day. You can read more about the companies involved and how Lancashire county council got involved <a href="https://example.com/here.">here</a>.

#### Year 11

A huge well done to all our Year 11 pupils for their excellent conduct and thorough preparation during the recent mock exams. We are incredibly proud of the mature and focused approach you have shown throughout the series.

If you missed any mocks due to absence, these will be completed during lesson time or at a time arranged with your subject teacher.

A reminder that **Art and Photography mocks will take place next week only**, before you all finish for a very well deserved Christmas break on Friday.

Keep up the great work, Year 11!

#### Year 11

Have their final ever Respect day next week too. This time we will be exploring more mature issues as they prepare to leave school next year. We will start the day with a visit from Lancashire fire service about keeping safe as the passenger of a new driver. The rest of the day is about relationships, including a visitor from Key, a local domestic abuse charity that specialises in education in schools. As usual, all presentations will be available via your child's Secure Google Classroom so you can continue the conversation at home.

#### 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?
- What influences our worldview?
- How does our worldview affect the choices we make?

#### Year 8 - Prejudice and Discrimination

- What happened in Dagenham in 1968 that contributed towards gender equality?
- What law was introduced in 1975, and how did this change society?
- Why is gender equality still an important issue today?

#### Year 9 – Human Rights and Social Justice

- What is exploitation, and what examples can you give?
- Why does exploitation still happen even when companies know about it?
- How might religious people challenge exploitation in modern society?





### PE Update week beginning 8th December 2025

A great week in the PE department and almost time for Christmas! 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.

#### **Badminton**

A week full of Badminton competitions! Teams from across both keystages were selected to represent Parklands against all schools in the district in both singles and doubles. All pupils did a great job. A big shout out to keystage 4 boys and girls who placed 2nd and 3rd. Well done!







**Swimming Gala** - If your child is a club or competitive swimmer please email Miss Greaves (<a href="mailto:ngreaved@parklandsacademy.co.uk">ngreaved@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>) if you are interested in competing in the upcoming district swimming gala in the new year.











Ex head pupil, Grace Scott has independently written and co-produced an original song to raise money to create a toy drive for Lancashire children this Christmas - partnering with Cash for Kids, Lancashire. If you would like to donate to this fabulous cause you can via this link to her Go Fund Me page. Cash for Kids Lancashire and here's the link to her song "So I won't miss you"





# **Dancing through the Decades**

The sign up sheet is now up in the pavilion for any pupils who wish to audition their own dance or song for next year's dance show, Dancing through the Decades. The deadline to sign up is Friday 19th December and auditions will be held from 3pm on Friday 16th January.

If your child comes to **Yr7**, **8 or 9 dance clubs** the order and payment details for their costumes are on scopay. These are made by a local supplier and need to be ordered by 18th December. Thank you

Have a great weekend!



Start date Friday 16th Jan Break – Feb half term End date – Friday 7th March (sessions will run from 9.30am till 11.30am)

#### 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.

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



## 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: <u>LCC Events</u>

## 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

Chorley's SEND Road Show is on 4th Feb, 9.30am till 1pm, at Inspire Youth Zone.. Agencies can book a stand via.. <u>Lancashire SEND Roadshows 2025/2026</u>

Families.. just turn up!

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 Al-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.



#### Monday 29th December

#### @ Duke Street Family Hub

Baby You & Weigh in Too 9:30am - 11:30am

Warm and welcome (drop in) 2pm – 4pm. Including soup, mince pies and board games.

#### @Highfield Family Hub

Family Support Workers (drop in if need a chat) 9am - 5pm.

#### Tuesday 30th December

#### @ Duke Street Family Hub

Drop In for a hot soup, brew, mince pies and board games, 10am - 12pm

Book on party 2pm - 4pm. Party food, mince pies and party games.

#### @Highfield Family Hub

Family Support Workers (drop in if need a chat) 9am - 5pm.

#### Wednesday 31st December

#### @ Duke Street Family Hub

Family Support Workers (drop in if need a chat) 9am - 5pm.

#### @Highfield Family Hub

Drop In for hot soup, a brew, mince pies and board games. 10am - 12pm

Book on party 2pm - 4pm. Party food, mince pies and party games.

#### Thursday 1st January & Friday 2nd January, both Family Hubs are closed.

If you need any support over the Christmas period, please see a list of agencies below, that you can contact

The Samaritans: 116123	Childline: 0800 1111	Age UK (England) 0800 678 1602
Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) 0800 58 58 58	National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247	NHS 111 (England)
Beat 0808 801 0677 (England)	Stand Alone standalone.org.uk	Talkzone 0800 51 11 11
	Children Social Care Call 0300 123 6720 or out of hours 0300 123 6722	

Duke Street Family Hub
Duke Street
Wright Street
Chorley
PR7 3DU
PR6 0SL
Wellbeing
Contact number 01257 516616
Service





# The Family Hubs are offering Warm & Welcome drop-ins throughout December:

Every Monday at Duke Street Family Hub (3.30pm till 5pm)

Every Tuesday at Highfield Family Hub (1.30pm till 3pm)

Every Tuesday at Clayton Brook Village hall (9.30am till 11am)

# Between Christmas & New Year families can call in:

Due Street Family Hub - Monday 29th Dec (2pm till 4pm)

Duke St Family Hub - Tuesday 30th Dec (10am till 12noon)

Highfield Family Hub - Wednesday 31st Dec (10am till 12noon)

Everyone welcome for free hot drinks, hot snacks, games & chats!



Saturday morning 'Dads Group' – Our FREE dad's / male carers group happens every second Saturday of the month.

Dads / male carers can join us for positive activities with their children, as well as chat-

time with parents. Staff are on hand to support with play ideas to help children

develop fine and gross motor skills, social skills & creativity.

Saturday 13th December 9.30 – 11.30am at Duke Street Family Hub Breakfast provided for dads / male carers and children!

#### **LCC Events**



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)



# ▲ Reindeer Run for Derian House ▲



Thank you to those who have signed up to take part in the Derian House Reindeer Walk on Monday 15th December.

We will be meeting at the pavilion at 3:10pm. Please ensure that you bring waterproof clothing and suitable footwear, as we will be walking through Astley Park. We aim to return to school by 4:15pm.

Everyone must follow the designated route and demonstrate their best behaviour throughout the event.

Thank you for your support.





# **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 **212 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	91.6%	93.2%
ASA	94%	94.3%
EUR	95.5%	94.9%
SAM	90.9%	93.6%
AFR	92.7%	94.2%
Totals %	92.9%	94%

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**.

#### 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: 109 pupils to date

Year 8: 74 pupils to date Year 9: 80 pupils to date

Year 10: 85 students to date Year 11: 78 students to date

All: 424 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the

previous week?

Year 7: 180 Year 8: 135 Year 9: 160

Year 10: 155 Year 11: 164

All: 794

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: 170

Year 8: 131 Year 9: 136

Year 10: 128

Year 11: 142

AII: 707

**Students**, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school Parklands Bulletin



# **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



# Careers

Click here for career news



As always, lots of really useful information in Career News. There are competitions, conferences, webinars, podcasts, videos, apprenticeship news, virtual work experience opportunities and much much more - plus Career of the Week is a lighthearted look at seasonal jobs - reindeer walker anyone?!

The STAR Method is a simple technique that helps you give clear structured answers in interviews. Year 11s have both college and employer interviews in the New Year, so it's worth having a look at the technique and thinking of some situations or challenges that you could talk about.

If any Year 11 has not yet applied to college - please do so before the Christmas break. Interview schedules are already being put together for January and you don't want to miss out. Even if you are not sure about the subject(s) or course, it doesn't really matter at this stage - you are only reserving a place at college and booking an interview. You can change anything on the application form any number of times up until next August on GCSE results/enrolment day.



# CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

# Is your young person feeling more worried than usual?

Are those worries starting to get in the way of everyday life and would they like to access support from Compass Bloom for the first time?

We're here to help.



# online group

We're running an online worry management group for secondary school aged young people across Central & West Lancashire.

- 6-week course
- Delivered on MS Teams
- Join alongside other young people who feel the same

### What we'll cover (one topic each week):

Session 1 - Understanding anxiety - fight, flight, freeze + intro to CBT

**Session 2** - Spotting & managing physical symptoms

**Session 3** - Challenging negative thoughts – fact or opinion?

**Session 4** - Worry tools – the worry tree, letting go & problem solving

Session 5 - Behaviours - safety, exposure & building confidence

Session 6 - Emotions - self-soothing, safe spaces & moving forward



A safe space to learn, share and discover new ways to manage worries.

TO REGISTER FOR OUR NEXT ONLINE GROUP

Scan the OR code or follow the MS link below to fill in

# <u> Phttps://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PKVaK3FqKY</u>

We'll then give you a call to organise an Assessment and confirm the date of the next course and answer







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# **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.