



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

11th-15th September 2023

Week 2



Principal's Message

It has been fantastic to welcome our pupils back this week, including our brand new Year 7 cohort. I have been really pleased with how well the Year 7s have settled in, and also with how helpful our older pupils have been; I have seen lots of new Year 7s being taken to their lessons by smiling Year 11s! I have been really impressed with how smart all of our pupils look and it is excellent to see the whole school community looking very smart. We feel that it is really important to establish high standards of presentation and uniform from the start of the school year; wearing our uniform with pride is one of the things that brings us together as a community.

This year we are going to work hard to ensure that we recognise and reward excellent attitude both inside and outside of the classroom, hard work, and behaviour for learning. We already have a reward system, but we feel that we can do more to recognise the everyday positive behaviours of our pupils. Look out for Mrs Wilkinson's notifications about Class Charts, which is one of the ways that we will be recognising our pupils' achievements.

A few of you have asked for clarification about some changes that we have made. As a school we take the environment and Global Warming seriously, and we encourage our pupils to be responsible global citizens. It is for this reason, and also in response to the canvassing of our School Food Champions, that we have decided to no longer sell single use plastic water bottles. Thank you for your support in sending your children with reusable water bottles, which can be filled at one of our water fountains.

We understand that some of you are concerned about the 30 minute lunch. Change can sometimes be unsettling for pupils, but we believe that this is a positive move for our school. We monitored the time that it took for pupils to buy and eat their lunch before the summer, and it was clear that half an hour would be plenty of time and would give us extra learning time. The Government set required time in lessons last year, and this equated to an extra 10 minutes for Parklands. We consulted with staff and parents; the preference was for a shorter lunch, rather than a later finish of 3.10pm. In preparation for this, we have invested heavily in an upgraded Refectory and additional serving area. We have also bought new tables to allow pupils to sit and eat their lunch in a calmer environment. Please see the picture on the next page of our new Refectory area. We will continue to monitor the arrangements.

In order to support our year 7s with the transition, we are also starting lunch for them 15 minutes early, and we will continue this through next week. This means that the Year 7s currently have 45 minutes for lunch whilst they get used to the arrangements, which is allowing them plenty of time to eat, visit the toilet, and socialise with their friends:

Whole School Messages

Our new refectory seating area



Our outside seating and social area



Year 11 Messages

Year 11 Perfect 3s- Academic year 2022-23

Following Year 11 review day we held a special meeting to congratulate 41 pupils who had attained a perfect BfI record for last academic year. All students received a congratulations card written by members of SLT. This is part of our intention to be better at recognising and rewarding student for positive behaviour.



Year 11 - It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and students at our Year 11 Welcome Evening last Wednesday. It was an opportunity to give information about the year ahead, our expectations and the support on offer. The presentation from the evening is attached [here](#).

Year 11 one to one careers interviews will start very soon - please keep an eye on the bulletin for more details. These are short informal meetings, nothing to panic about!

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: 224 pupils
Year 8: 208 pupils
Year 9: 197 pupils
Year 10: 178 students
Year 11: 204 students
All: 1011 students

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

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

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

 Learning Support Board Week Commencing 11th September 2023	<i>"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."</i> LILY TOMLIN	 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire
HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? Welcome back. We hope that you've had a splendid summer holiday and managed to have some interesting days while managing to stay safe. There will be plenty of new things to get used to this week but there's a House cross country competition after school on Friday if you like running. We'll now back in N17 if you need any help. Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk	Job of the Week  What's the name of the snake that was given a knighthood?  SIR-pent! (serpent)	Work hard Be kind and Amazing Things will Happen 
 Inspire Quiz Of which newly promoted Premier League football club is this the badge?  <small>Lord's bonus: answer: 30 mph. Maximum speed limit</small>	Useful Links <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ADDitude Magazine■ Autism Eye■ Autism Parenting Magazine■ British Dyslexia Association■ The Communication Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FIND Newsletter■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information■ Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)■ KOOTH Mental Health Support■ Local Offer■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline■ Witherslack Group
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Whole School Messages

Lateness

This week we have been lenient on students who have arrived at school late. There have been no detention at break, however these are to commence on Monday.

The school day starts at 8.35am. Pupils are expected to be in form at that time and that is when the registration period starts (i.e. when the register is taken and remains open).

Those arriving to form after 8.35am are late and will serve a same-day break detention. Two or more lates in a week will result in a Senior Leadership Detention on a Friday evening 3-4pm. This is a non-negotiable detention and we would appreciate the support of all parents/carers with this. To ensure that pupils attend the detention, phones will be removed for the day of the detention.

School is trying to prepare all students for the wider world. Punctuality is always important in all aspects of life. We thank you in advance for your support.

Open evening

Miss Greaves and Mrs Fox would like all prefects to be in attendance for open evening on Wednesday 27th September from 4:45 - 8:00 Thank you.



Scooters

Please note that scooters and electronic scooters are **not allowed** to be used as a mode of travel to and from school. We have had a number of issues raised this week by members of the public in relation to this. We are happy to accommodate bikes and we would advise that all pupils riding bikes use a helmet too.

Whole School Messages

Performing Arts Success

Over the summer holidays a number of our staff and pupils attended the Bolton Amateur Theatre Society Awards evening where the HATS Youth Production for We Will Rock You was nominated for Best Youth Musical that starred our head pupils Seb and Ebony along with our previous head pupil Eadie and a number of younger Parklands students. To be nominated for this prestigious award is a wonderful achievement, we are very proud of everyone who was involved.

If you wish to come and watch them perform along with some of our talented staff members including Mrs Sullivan-Brown, Mrs Holbert and Miss Sullivan in October then book your tickets at H-A-T-S.net for their forthcoming musical extravaganza!



Horwich Amateur Theatre Society
Presents

BROADWAY

The

HATS

A Musical Showcase
including the best from
Matilda, Billy Elliot, Six
and much more!

Thur 5th - Sat 7th October 2023 at 7:30PM

Tickets: H-A-T-S.net

@ Bolton Little Theatre, Hanover Street,
Bolton, BL1 4TG

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Be inspired by amateur theatre

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

Hope you have all had a well rested summer break. Our first week back started on Tuesday with our new Year 11's and Year 7's. This was to ensure that Year 11's could make a good head start on their GCSE year and so that Year 7's could get to know the school slightly better with the help of our Year 11's. On Wednesday we welcomed back Year 8, 9 and 10 and we all got to see what changes had taken place over the summer.

We now have a new serving hatch for Year 11's in the refectory, which will hopefully reduce queues in the main hall. Our new lesson schedule allows for 10 extra minutes of learning each day which will make a huge difference in the long run.

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A promotional poster for SSLT Applications for the 23/24 academic year. The poster has a black background. At the top, the text "SSLT APPLICATIONS" is written in large, white, bold, italicized capital letters, flanked by two small circular school crests. Below this, the year "23/24" is written in large, white, italicized numbers. In the center is a graphic of Uncle Sam pointing forward, with the text "WE WANT YOU!" in blue and red block letters below it. On either side of the Uncle Sam graphic are two rectangular images of a person in a suit and tie, with four colorful speech bubbles (pink, green, red, blue) containing question marks overlaid on them. At the bottom, the text "OPEN NOW!" is written in large, white, bold, italicized capital letters.

SSLT APPLICATIONS

23/24

WE WANT YOU!

OPEN NOW!

Whole School Messages



Positive Behaviours Rewarded
01/09/2023 - 07/09/2023



We are excited to announce that we will be using ClassCharts this year.

This will enable you to track achievements and behaviour as well as view timetables and scheduled events.

Next week, all pupils will receive a letter to pass to you with the parent access details for the website.

You will also be able to download the handy app to your devices.

Pupils will also be shown how to access their own version of the website so that they can spend their points in the reward store!

FRIDAY 15th September @3.15pm	Cross Country ALL YEARS	Unlimited Points for attendance
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Selecting team for District Cross Country



Parklands Trips 2024

Please find on link [here](#) the following slides all the trips with spaces available and running this year.

Please note some trips may require payments ASAP to catch up.

Please contact the member of staff on the slide for the specific trip for further details.

All the trips are dependant on good behaviour and attendance and pupils can be removed once on a trip for poor behaviour and attendance.

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Year 7 PGL Trip



The trip will take place between Friday 29th September & Sunday 1st October 2023.

I will be in touch in the coming weeks regarding the kit list and further details.

We have over 100 pupils attending this year which is fabulous!

A reminder that behaviour and attendance can affect their eligibility for the trip



Whole School Message

Please click [here](#) for the weekly menu and additional information.



OUR MENU WEEK 2


Choose your favorite dish








Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Chicken & rice served with salad (gluten free) £1.90 Vegetarian option Chickpea curry with rice (gluten free) £1.90 Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza £1.20	Main Meal Loaded burgers (gluten free) chicken wraps £1.90 Vegetarian option Veggie loaded burgers £1.90 Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go Meat & Potato pie £1.15 Cheese pasty £1.15 Sausage roll £1.15	Main Meal Beef tacos (gluten free) £1.90 Vegetarian option Mixed bean taco (gluten free) £1.90 Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go Pizza £1.20 Chicken wrap £1.90 Herby potato cubes £1.50	Main Meal Roast dinner (gluten free) Vegetarian option Cheese quiche with salad £1.90 Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go Panini £1.90	Main Meal Chinese chicken curry with egg fried rice £1.90 (gluten free) chicken arrabiata Vegetarian option Veggie stir fry Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Steak pie £1.15



HOUSE COMPETITION 23/24



Year 7 Basketball

AFR

6

EUR

6

ASA


5

ANZ


4

SAM

3



AFRICA	6
EUROPE	6
ASIA	5
AUSTRALASIA	4
SOUTH AMERICA	3



NEXT WEEK
YEAR 8

 THURSDAY
LUNCH TIME

 SPORTS HALL



You are invited!

Duke Street Family Hub opens on Tuesday 26th September!

Drop in anytime from 10am-6pm to find out more about what's on offer at our Family Hub, and join in with some family friendly activities.

Welcoming speeches from 11am.

Duke Street, Chorley,
PR7 3DU

Drinks and
nibbles will be
provided!

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Opportunities For Ages 12-18
Live & interactive career masterclasses this term

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Choose your career, maximise your potential.

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We are delighted to share with you our autumn term career opportunities, which are available in 15 cutting-edge industries. Students will learn directly from some of the world's best professionals through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made professional experience to ages 12-18.

All programmes take place on Sundays, with dates available from November to January. Students can choose to attend in-person at UCL in London or Live Online.

We expect to be fully-booked soon so we would recommend that students register as soon as possible.

VIEW & REGISTER NOW

RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY
Saturday 28th Oct 2023

Are you in year 10 or above? or a mature student? Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?

We are inviting prospective visit our radiotherapy open 28th of Oct. Situated in the radiotherapy department at Preston Hospitals.

If you would like to attend a 1 hour slot by contacting below.

Our University Guide 2023-2024 is here
LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

applying to university but not quite sure where to start? Perhaps you're right route for them, but need more information to work it out? Our Guide, sponsored by Liverpool John Moores University, is here to help. We provide you with all the information you need to make a successful application.

range of universities including Exeter, Cambridge, Cardiff, UWE, Manchester Metropolitan and Greenwich.

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your child, but not sure what else they could do? Look out for our free guide in January 2024 for everything you need to know.

PRESTON COLLEGE
YEAR 10 & 11 OPEN EVENTS
Wednesday 4 October 2023, 4-7pm
Saturday 18 November 2023, 10am-2pm
Wednesday 7 March 2024, 4-7pm

visit www.preston.ac.uk
Register for events
Apply online
Get college updates

CAREER News
2023
Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Welcome to the first issue of Career News for the autumn term. I hope everyone had a lovely summer break.

For anyone new to Parklands, each week Career News brings together all the open events, webinars, conferences, jobfairs, information, blogs, work experience offers, apprenticeship vacancies and any other opportunities on offer to students and staff. All the links will take you straight to the relevant information.

- This week, there are open events at Q&A, Preston College and Bolton Sixth Form coming up - a must for Year 11s but recommended for Year 10s as well. Book early to secure your place.
- For anyone who is interested in a career in Radiotherapy, the NHS Trust is offering an open day at Royal Preston Hospital in October - register now to avoid missing out.
- Franning 2000 have a series of open events - put this dates in your diary.
- Success at School are offering a great free Guide to University sponsored by Liverpool John Moores University - download the guide now.
- Investin have a series of weekend career experiences that you don't want to miss. Aimed at ages 12-18, these are live interactive sessions delivered by professionals - register now. They are not open, but there are limited places available, so have a look.
- Music Mentor are inviting students to a free virtual Get Into Medicine conference (there are three open places, but there are limited places available, so have a look).
- We next few weeks there are a host of health professionals coming up, so keep an eye on Career News for upcoming webinars and health professionals coming up.
- Will apprenticeship vacancies this week, but the apprenticeship page highlights Supporting 'Rise Up to Level Up' campaign that may be rolled out nationwide.
- Finally, we have Career of the Week - the full article is on the school website if you want to know more about this career!

If you have an interesting or inspiring career or want to get involved in our careers programme, please email us at careers@parklandsacademy.co.uk or call us on 0151 275 1111. We'll be happy to hear from you.

Have a great weekend!
11th - 16th September 2023

PARKLANDS ACADEMY
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Welcome to Career News - your one-stop careers information resource!

Every week there are details of events, open evenings, conferences, webinars, work experience opportunities, apprenticeship vacancies and much more.

If you have any queries about any aspect of careers, please email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Likewise, if you would like to be involved in any aspect of our careers programme, whether it is delivering an assembly or class talk, or supporting with mock interviews or the careers fair, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

There is an apprenticeship vacancy on offer if anyone is still looking for a position after leaving school in the summer. Blues and Twos Credit Union are seeking a Business Administration apprentice. For more details go to: www.bluesandtwos.org.uk or email Vicky Harrison, CEO directly: vharrison@bluesandtwos.org.uk