



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 11th - 15th March 2024

### Week 1



#### Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have all been recovering from last week's dance show, but it has not slowed school life down! It's been another busy week at Parklands. On Tuesday we held our Parent Forum, which was really well attended. We had lots of really positive conversations, and we were delighted to see so many parents and carers in attendance. We discussed mobile phones, vapes, and KS3 Home Study. You should have received an email with a link to the KS3 Home Study survey today, where you can give us some feedback on a proposed new system for Home Study.

On Monday Miss Kothia took a group of Year 7 students to Manchester to visit the Jewish Museum and a Synagogue. They had a brilliant time, learned a lot, and were fantastic ambassadors for Parklands.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to watch our Year 8 girl's football team in action on Wednesday. The level of skill displayed was impressive and their team ethos and heart led them to a 7-1 victory in the District final against Albany. Well done girls we are very proud!

Tonight we are taking a small group of EAL students to see 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' at Chorley Little Theatre. Some of our students are also performing in this show, so it should be a really fantastic evening.

Yesterday was also World Book Day, and there have been lots of bookish activities going on all week, including a live online quiz with authors and footballers and house competitions in school to design bookmarks and find out what the teachers are reading. Our student Reading Leaders are visiting Highfield Primary to read to the KS1 children. In a couple of weeks we will also be hosting a storytelling event in honour of World Book Day, where we will be welcoming some Primary children and our VIPs from local care homes into school for an afternoon of reading (as well as some tea and biscuits!) We have also launched our visitor and staff book swap, which is just outside our main entrance, and is pictured below. Next time you are coming to school, why not bring a book to swap and find something new to read!

Regards,

Mrs. Batson  
Principal



# Whole School Messages

## SCOPAY

**ApplePay & GooglePay** - this functionality is now available to all parents, either via the app or web version.

**New mobile app is coming soon.** The new app will allow SCOPAY to enhance parents' experience and add new features more quickly.

Please be aware it will automatically log parents out whilst the app upgrades. This sadly, is unavoidable as it's a stipulation by both Android & Apple.

## SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP EASTER

Please could parents see the email from Mr Madigan and complete the consent form. This can be either handed into the main office, N12 or returned to Mr Madigan via email. Thanks

## YEAR 11 EASTER SCHOOL

Will be held during the Easter break. Details were sent via email to parents and carers last week. Click on the link for a copy of the [Easter School 2024 letter](#)

## YEAR 11 AFTER-SCHOOL REVISION PROGRAMME

Make the most of every opportunity to prepare for the best possible outcomes.

Week 1	Subject	Week 2	Subject
Monday	Science	Monday	Religious Studies
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Thursday	Option C	Thursday	
Friday		Friday	

## Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 93.5%

Overall school attendance for the week 94.7%

National Average since September - as at 5/2/24 - 90%

### Attendance by House since September:

Australasia 94.1%

**Asia 94.6%**

Europe 94.2%

South America 94.1%

Africa 93.7%

### Attendance by House since last week:

Australasia 92.6%

Asia 94%

**Europe 94.5%**

South America 92.5%

**Africa 94.5%**

### Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Australasia - New Caledonia 96.2%

**Asia - Japan 98.6%**

Europe - Italy 97.3%

South America - Colombia 96.4%

Africa - Madagascar 97.5%

# 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: 57 pupils to date  
Year 8: 45 pupils to date  
Year 9: 39 pupils to date  
Year 10: 30 students to date  
Year 11: 58 students to date  
All: 229 students

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

Year 7: 153 pupils  
Year 8: 120 pupils  
Year 9: 128 pupils  
Year 10: 121 students  
Year 11: 146 students  
All: 668 students

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: 155 pupils  
Year 8: 106 pupils  
Year 9: 110 pupils  
Year 10: 95 students  
Year 11: 124 students  
All: 587 students

**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 March 2024**

"I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence."

CHARLES DICKENS

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire**

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?**  
With GCSEs fast approaching, year 11s should make sure that they continue to attend after-school revision sessions - It's Science today. Also, Runshaw interviews begin on Thursday. WOI is our quiet space for pupils at breaks and lunchtime. Pupils should come to N17 if they need to see a member of staff.  
[Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**What is the name of this mountain?**  
  
Last time's answer: Colonsus of Rhodes

**Joke of the Week**  
Where do baby monkeys sleep? In an APE-RICOT!

**The NIGHT before school**  
Get everything you need for school ready  
Set your alarm with time to spare  
If you bring your lunch to school - Make it now  
Turn off electronic devices 30 minutes before sleep  
Remember that people aged 11-16 need 8-10 hours of sleep

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**Useful Links**

- ADDitude Magazine
- Autism Eye
- Autism Parenting Magazine
- British Dyslexia Association
- The Communication Trust
- FIND Newsletter
- GOV.UK Covid-19 Information
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group



## Head Students' Page

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely week! It's so nice to see all the form doors decorated for World Book Day.

Just a reminder that it's Pi day next week, and I can't wait to see if any of you make one for the competition, or decide to revise some of the numbers of Pi.

Remember it's a house competition! Good luck!

Have an amazing weekend.

- Matilda



## Whole School Messages

### Year 11 - Food & Nutrition exam -

The year 11 Food & Nutrition pupils have had their practical exams this week and have produced a range of fabulous meals including eggs benedict, bao buns, pho, homemade bagels with fillings, sourdough croque monsieur and fresh pasta meals to name a few.

Miss Flight and Miss Harrison are so proud of the dedication and maturity shown by all pupils this week.. Well done!



## Whole School Messages

### RED NOSE DAY for COMIC RELIEF!

The Haslam Hampers are back! Mrs Fox and I will be putting together two lovely 'red' hampers to raise money for Red Nose day. Tickets will be available from the charity prefects £1 per strip from Monday and they will also be available on SCOPAY. The draw will take place on Friday 15th March and we will inform of the winners in next week's Parklands Bulletin.

Many thanks Mrs Haslam and Mrs Fox



### School of Sanctuary

Our process to become a School of Sanctuary has been continuing this week and next week all pupils in school will have a Secure session on what this will mean for Parklands. The students will be looking at what the word 'sanctuary' actually means, what our school already does to welcome people who are seeking sanctuary and what more we can still do.





# Whole School Messages

## A Memorable School Trip to the Jewish Museum & Synagogue!

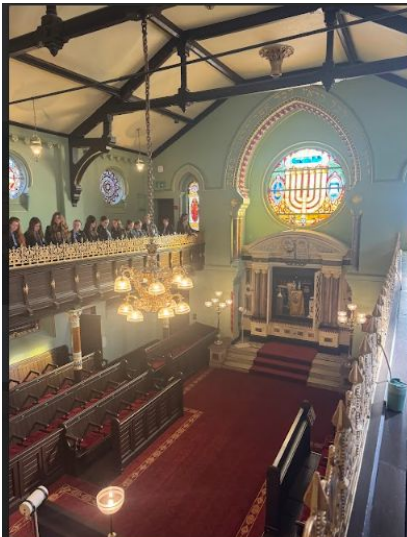
Exploring the Jewish community in Manchester was an eye-opening experience for our students, and the trip provided them with valuable insights into the traditions and history of this vibrant community. The opportunity to examine key artefacts in Judaism and sit in a synagogue that has stood for over 100 years added a historical dimension to their learning.

Our students were given the unique chance to create videos, capturing the essence of a specific story based on the experiences of a Jewish refugee arriving in Manchester. The guides and volunteers who accompanied us were not only informative but also enthusiastic in imparting knowledge about the Jewish religion and the Synagogue. The hands-on experience allowed our students to truly engage with the subject matter, making it an unforgettable educational journey.

What stood out was the students' enjoyment of the filming process and their engagement in following the personal story of a Jewish refugee. The hands-on approach of the museum allowed them to connect with the material in a way that traditional classroom settings may not always provide.

The school trip to the Jewish Museum & Synagogue was a resounding success, and we are grateful for the enriching experience it offered our students. We believe that such outings play a crucial role in broadening their horizons and fostering a deeper appreciation for diversity and history.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making these educational experiences possible.



# Whole School Messages

## PE Update week beginning 4th March 2024

A very busy week in the PE department filled with lots of competitive sport! What a privilege it is to work with these talented youngsters, we're very proud of you all!

**Year 7 Netball Tournament** - We're so proud of the girls for coming out in force this year to attend the netball tournament. Both teams played well and fought hard against teams from Holy Cross, St Michaels, Southlands and Bishop Rawsthorne. Well done! Our B team did an amazing job and came 1st Fantastic! Well done.



**Y8 Girls Football District Final** against Albany at Westway.

What a performance! There was great talent on display which led an exciting 7-1 victory! Congratulations!



**Year 9 Girls Handball Tournament** at St Michael's - We fielded a strong team to compete in the district tournament. The girls showed great resilience and teamwork with amazing defending skills. They came 2nd in the district! Well done.

**Year 9 Boys Handball Tournament** at Albany

Great effort in Chorley distinct competition with all players relative;y new to the sport. Well done.



**Year 9 Boys ~Basketball Tournament** at Parklands.

Two teams took part in the Chorley district competition. We came 3rd and 5th in a competition with very talented basketball players. Well done lads.

Fantastic work by everyone well done! Summer sports are on the horizon...



# Whole School Messages

## PE Update week beginning 4th March 2024

On Monday we took the GCSE Dance students to Leeds to watch a performance of Shadows, one of the dances they need to study for their exam. It was a fantastic opportunity for them and gave them a unique revision opportunity through booklets of information and the opportunity to ask the dancers questions. Some even got to try on the costumes!



# Whole School Messages

Like sport and PE but looking for a club to join? Click [Here](#)



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



## OUR MENU WEEK 2

Choose your favorite dish



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Sticky chicken & rice £1.90	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken korma £1.90	<b>Main Meal</b> Pasta americano £1.90	<b>Main Meal</b> Lasagna £1.90	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken chow mein
<b>Vegetarian option</b> Pasta bake £1.90	<b>Vegetarian option</b> Veg burritos £1.90	<b>Vegetarian option</b> Veggie lasagna £1.90	<b>Vegetarian option</b> Veg lasagna £1.90	<b>Vegetarian option</b> Veggie stir fry
<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with various fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with various fillings (GF)	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with various fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with various fillings	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> with various fillings (GF)
<b>Grab &amp; Go</b> Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza £1.20	<b>Grab &amp; Go</b> Meat & Potato pie £1.15 Cheese pasty £1.15 Pizza twist £1.90	<b>Grab &amp; Go</b> Pizza £1.20 Chicken wrap £1.90 Herby potato cubes £1.50	<b>Grab &amp; Go</b> Panini £1.90 Pizza twist £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90	<b>Grab &amp; Go</b> Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Steak pie £1.15



# Whole School Messages

## Pi Day

Pi day is held every year on the 14th of March due to the famous number it is named after,  
[3.141592653589793238462643...](#)

There are 2 house competitions running, with individual prizes included. **Memory Challenge!**  
There will be house points available for whichever house can remember Pi to the most digits. The student record is **Tamsin Hannaford** with **400+ digits!!**  
The Teacher record is **Miss Cosgrove** with **130 digits!**

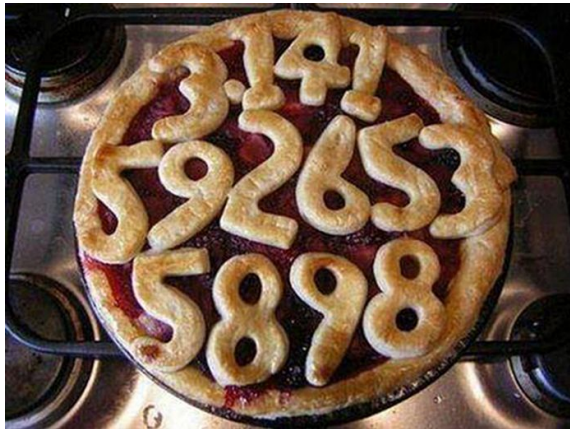
### Pie making contest!

Make the best **Pi Pie** you can and bring it to **S27 on Pi Day**  
**It must be homemade!!**

An expert panel of Judges will test your pies on:

**Quality, taste and mathematical decoration!!**

Here are last Pi Days Pi Pie winners.





### PROM - Incentive (half termly)

- BfL average 2.94 and over - 1 point
- Attendance 93% and over - 1 point
- No social strikes - 1 point
- No lates - 1 point
- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

4th December until exams finish!

You will need **12 points** to be eligible for prom.

There will be opportunities for you to 'buy' extra points by attending revision sessions and using Class Chart points.

Extra points available for 100% attendance and perfect '3' BfL.

### PROM - Incentive (this term)



- **2 extra prom** points available for attending a minimum of 12 revision sessions
- **1 extra point** if you attend between 6 and 11
- This is in addition to the 4 you can gain for this half term

At the moment there are;

- 73 pupils with 8 points
- 64 with 7 points
- 38 with 6 points
- 20 with 5 points
- 8 with 4 points
- 9 with 3 points
- 3 with 2 points

# After School Revision Programme 2024

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Monday	Science	Monday	Religious Studies
Tuesday	Option A	Tuesday	Option B
Wednesday	Maths	Wednesday	English
Thursday	Option C	Thursday	
Friday		Friday	

## Easter School 2024

Takes place during the Easter break.

Attendance is not compulsory.

Sessions:  
9.00am-12.00 noon  
12.30pm-3.30pm

Timetable to follow.

Subjects on offer.

Dance

H&SC

RS

D&T

Maths

Further maths

Business

Science

Computer science

Art

Food & Nutrition

Media

Languages

Not English, Drama, Geography, PE, History or Music



# Parklands Projects

## Canopy

The canopy build is in week 2 with the steels now erected. The polycarbonate roof will be delivered Monday ready to be installed next week. Looking good!



## 3G Pitch

This week sees the artificial grass pitch being installed, we have been lucky with the weather which is making the work a little easier.





### CURRENT YEAR 11

We need your photos from your time at Parklands.  
This could be trips such as Ski, PGL's, Watersports, DofE.

We want photos from the COVID period in school, sports, cheer, dance shows, young love,

MUST be a JPEG image and of a good quality, no screenshots or blurry images.



[yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



Parents and carers

Please send your

- A 'baby' photo
- 1st day of year 7 photo
- photos to the email address below!

*Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.*



29th March 2024



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## Whole School Messages

### Priscilla

Seb Hobert, Mrs Sullivan-Brown & Mrs Holbert are all performing in the smash hit musical Priscilla Queen of the Desert during the Easter holidays. It is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they had ever dreamed of. With a dazzling array of outrageous costumes and a hit parade of dance floor favourites including "It's Raining Men," "I Will Survive," "Hot Stuff," "Boogie Wonderland," "Go West," "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," and "I Love The Nightlife," this wildly fresh and funny musical is a journey to the heart of FABULOUS! Choreographed by Miss Marr and Mrs Sullivan-Brown. Tickets are available from @h-a-t-s.net



**HATS**

"PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT" is presented through special arrangement with and authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), [www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

**Celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**HORWICH AMATEUR THEATRE SOCIETY**  
**Present...**

**PRISCILLA**  
— QUEEN OF THE DESERT —  
*The Musical*

**WED 3<sup>RD</sup> - SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**  
**Peace Community Theatre, Rishton Lane, Bolton, BL3 2BN**  
**TIME: 7:30<sup>PM</sup> TICKETS: [h-a-t-s.net](http://h-a-t-s.net)**

Developed for the Stage & Originally Directed by Simon Phillips  
Book by Stephan Elliot & Allan Scott  
Musical Arrangements & Orchestrations by Stephen 'Spud' Murphy

**WARNING:**  
This production contains  
strong themes and language  
(which may be unsuitable  
for children)

Based on the Latent Image / Specific Films Motion Picture Distributed by Metro Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.  
Produced by NULLARBOR PRODUCTIONS. In association with MGM ON STAGE

The original motion picture was written and directed by Stephan Elliot, produced by Al Clark and Michael Hamlyn. Executive producer Rebel Penfold-Russell and was financed with the assistance of the Films Finance Corporation Australia Limited and the New South Wales Film and Television Office

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## Whole School Messages

Please ensure that your child wears a helmet when they ride a bike.



**WEAR  
A HELMET**  
*Please*

**Cyclists who receive a head injury while riding without wearing a helmet are **three times more likely to die** than those who are injured while wearing a helmet.**

Click [here](#) for further details.



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HIGH SCHOOL

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*Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve*

## Assistant Curriculum Leader - Maths

**Required from September 2024 (or sooner)**

**TLR 2.2**

**Full time, permanent. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document**

We are seeking an Assistant Curriculum Leader to join our successful maths department. The position would suit an experienced teacher with excellent qualifications who can demonstrate a strong ambition to support the improvement of our provision.

The ethos of the department is one of teamwork, engagement and high expectations. We are seeking someone with a love of maths and a firm belief in the Mastery approach who can inspire our students. In return you will receive high quality, comprehensive CPD and support to coach and guide you through any continued professional development.

As a member of our staff you can also benefit from working for a provider who has wellbeing at its heart including access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, out of hours access to our excellent gym facilities, easy access to school from all major road and motorway routes, free onsite parking, cycle to work scheme and a host of other local discounts and benefits.

Parklands High School is a popular, over-subscribed and high-achieving school. If you wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Beth Cosgrove, Assistant Principal, by telephone or email

[bcosgrove@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:bcosgrove@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available via the TES or our school website, along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address [admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 with interviews to be held w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Parklands High School is part of the Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust. Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a



## Highfield Family Hub Open Event Monday 11th March 2024

Children and Family  
**Wellbeing**  
Service

Come along & try one of our free sessions:

Mini Move & Groove 10am - 11.30am	↓	Transitions 1pm - 2.15pm
Both fun activity sessions- mobile to pre-school children		
Drop-in with fun Arts & Crafts 3pm - 5pm		
↙ Open to families with children of all ages!		

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Or just call in and chat about  
what's on offer & find out more  
about the Family Hub Network

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For more information call:  
01257 516316 / 516466

**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



## Internet Safety

£10 million in sales within 10 days 50,000 simultaneous players The fighting game Tekken 8 has enjoyed an astounding degree of success since its release in late January. Its impressive presentation and entertaining roster of characters has struck a chord, both with long-term fans and newcomers to the Tekken series – many of whom are children and young people.

Tekken's relative lack of gore distinguishes it from similar titles such as Mortal Kombat, making it seemingly more suitable for under-18s. Its inherent focus on violence, however, plus a highly competitive online play mode against (often older) strangers and some potentially problematic strands of the plot combine to earn it a PEGI 16 age rating. Our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide has the full story. Click [here](#).

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TEKKEN 8

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI 16

## FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

## COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

## VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and looking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

## FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakenings' focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

## RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

## ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Skilled players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

### MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

### EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'gray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

### CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

## Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

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Source: <https://pypi.org/project/tekkens8/> & <https://www.nintendo.com/games/detail/tekkens8-switch>



## Whole School Messages

Please get back involved. We have had lots of ticket sale disappear and we need to get them back up to 250 tickets

£1 a week, the weekly prize fund is currently at around £70 a week! There is a draw every week for Parklands and you are also entered in all of the bigger prizes.

# Enter our **Super Draw** **Nintendo Switch Bundle**

**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win an amazing gaming bundle!



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SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

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Go to

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Search for: **Parklands**



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 24/02/24

Click [here](#) for this week's news.



**AtkinsRéalis virtual work experience**

Are your students interested in engineering, design or project management? Let them step into the world of AtkinsRéalis through this WEX programme to discover the early careers options available to them!

AtkinsRéalis is a world-leading design, engineering and project management organisation that connects people, data and technology to transform the world's infrastructure and energy systems.

In this virtual work experience programme, your students aged 13+ will enter the world of AtkinsRéalis and discover what life could look like with a career in consultancy, transportation, infrastructure, aerospace, technology and much more.

With modules on 'Building a better world', 'Sustainability' and 'Energy and clean power', students will explore the early careers options available to them whilst completing activities and quizzes to test their knowledge.

The programme allows students to gain a true understanding of the company, as well as hearing first hand from employees what it is like to work for AtkinsRéalis, projects they have worked on and why they decided on a career with AtkinsRéalis.

The programme can be completed in the students' own time. The programme's content takes approximately 10 hours to complete and upon completion the student will receive a certificate.

All that is required is access to a laptop, the programme is free and you can request it support from the provider Springpod if needed.

**Learning outcomes**

- Improve engagement, interest or enjoyment in STEM subjects
- Learning what the engineering workplace is like
- Improve awareness and aspirations for STEM-related study and careers
- Challenge stereotypes by showing the diversity of disciplines, people and skills involved in engineering



**WIGAN WARRIORS COLLEGE**  
**OPEN EVENING**  
RECRUITMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024  
**TUESDAY 19th MARCH**  
**AT ROBIN PARK ARENA**  
**4.00PM - 8.00PM**  
(APPOINTMENT TIME REQUIRED)

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## Career News





**Myerscough College & University Centre**  
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

**COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS**

**Saturday 16th March**  
**Saturday 8th June**  
Starts 10.00am

CENTRES IN PRESTON, BLACKBURN, LIVERPOOL AND WARRINGTON



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**FREE EVENTS FOR PARENTS**

To help you support your child's career development

We are delighted to announce our upcoming free webinars, designed to help parents supercharge their child's career potential.

**Commitment for Corporate Careers**  
Wednesday, March 20th, 7-8pm (UK time)  
Gain insights from industry professionals on diverse corporate opportunities and learn how to support your child's entry into the field.

**Effective Leadership & How to Follow**  
Wednesday, 27th March, 7-8pm (UK time)  
Learn strategies for skill development and discover how to nurture your child's ability to lead and follow effectively.

If parents are unable to join the sessions live, they can still register for the event to receive the recording and follow-up resources.

These events are designed to complement our series of free career tasters for students. Below is the full timetable of our free webinars scheduled for this term.

**Explore Parent Events**      **Explore Student Events**  
[View Full Event Timetable](#)

**Student Career Webinars**  
Open to all students, these webinars offer insights and guidance, allowing participants to explore their interests and passions.

**12th March - 6pm**  
[Breaking into Creative Arts](#)  
[Breaking into Psychology](#)

**13th March - 6pm**  
[Breaking into Engineering](#)  
[Breaking into Law](#)

**14th March - 6pm**  
[Breaking into Medicine](#)  
[Breaking into Business](#)

All webinars will take place online.



**CAREER News**  
2024

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

Welcome back to another issue of Career News, with lots of great careers content!

There are conferences, virtual work experience opportunities, courses, webinars, open events and much more.

- Myerscough College have an advice morning next Saturday (16th March) at all of their north west centres - why not check out the college and the vast range of courses they offer?
- Wigan Warriors also have an open evening coming up for anyone interested in signing up for September.
- Medic Mentor have conferences and work experience on offer - vital for any aspiring doctors or dentists.
- Year 10 have an assembly this week to choose their subjects for the Wigan & Leigh sampling day in July.
- They will also visit Runshaw for a day - that assembly on Thursday and Friday next week - if anyone has not yet applied but would like an interview, please let me know as soon as possible and I can add you to the interview schedule. The final deadline for college applications is in two weeks - after that students go on a waiting list, with no guarantee of a place.
- The Careers Fair went really well - a big THANK YOU to anyone who was involved. Feedback from the employers and colleges was really positive. If you would like to see anyone in particular return to host an assembly, class talk, lunchtime drop-in or workshop, please let me know.
- Work experience booklets are available from the Top Office. These need to be signed by the employer, parent/guardian and student before being returned. There are also application forms available for the NHS work experience programme - the web is a really popular option last year, so with limited numbers, don't wait too long to get your application in! Finally, I can also offer a very limited number of work experience placements with MPCT, the military preparation academy in Cumbria.

See Miss Berry for more details on any of these options.

*Have a great weekend*

11th - 15th March 2024

As always, lots of great careers content in Career News, including conferences, work experience opportunities, webinars, open events and much more!

Interviews for Runshaw College are in school on Thursday and Friday (14th and 15th March). Application deadline is rapidly approaching, so if you intend to apply to college and haven't yet done so, please see Miss Berry as soon as possible. Deadlines have already passed for some colleges - you will be placed on a waiting list, but with no guarantee of a place.

## Careers

Assembly on Tuesday for Year 10, to choose their subjects for Taster Day in July at Wigan & Leigh College.

Application forms are now available for the NHS work experience programme (Year 10). There are limited places and it is a very popular option, so see Miss Berry asap for a form.