



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 1

13th - 17th January 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another busy week in school. On Wednesday evening we held our first Family Reading event for KS3 pupils and their families. It was a lovely evening, and we received lots of feedback about how useful it was from the families who attended. We decided to put this place because we do get a lot of enquiries about reading and the reading profiles, and it is obviously something we value enormously. We really hope to see more families in attendance next time we run a family Reading event; we intend to do this later in the year.

We are in the early stages of our annual Chess Tournament and House Competition. It is already fiercely competitive and fascinating to see the wide range of pupils who take part in this, and also how passionate they are about the game.

Year 11 received their mock exam results on Tuesday of this week. They have had individual reviews and a meeting with their HALs to reflect on their results and progress. This is a great basis for them to move forward with preparation for their final exams, which begin in 12 teaching weeks' time. It was also Year 11 Progress Evening last night, and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Food waste and sustainability session - All years

All pupils will be taking part in a session about food waste and sustainability during their form session on Monday. We want the school to be more sustainable and are inviting pupils to give ideas and take responsibility for their part in making this happen. As usual all materials will be available to view via your child's Secure Google Classroom after the session and it would be lovely if parents could take a look and discuss with your child how small changes can make a big impact. If changes at home and school can be mirrored, we can all make a difference together!

Uniform standards - Polite reminder to pupils and parents

A Parklands blazer must be worn at all times.

Only a plain navy blue jumper or cardigan may be worn under a blazer.

Hoodies and Coats are not allowed to be worn in the school building.

Black school shoes must be worn and trainers are not allowed.

Pupils must wear the correct colour tie for their year group. Ties are available on SCOPAY should your child lose theirs. They are priced at £8 and can be collected from the School Office.

Jewelry/make up/lashes are not allowed and pupils will be required to remove them.

Any pupil who arrives at school wearing the incorrect uniform will be loaned items from our pre-loved collection. Pupils must hand over their phone to secure a loaned item.

We do have a large collection of good quality pre-loved uniform. Please email koreilly@parklandsacademy.co.uk should any parents wish to utilise this service. These items of uniform are free. We are always grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniform too.

School office procedures

Please could we ask that the office is only contacted with messages for pupils in an emergency. In addition to this, the office will only contact home for pupils in *exceptional* circumstances. Due to the high volume of incoming and outgoing calls it is not possible for non-urgent messages to be relayed as this could delay a message relating to an emergency. Pupils can pick up text messages once they leave the school grounds after 3pm and switch their mobile phones on.

After school arrangements

Please remind your child to inform you in advance of any information relating to their after school commitments/arrangements such as after school clubs. We cannot routinely pass on messages of this nature.

Dropping items off at school

Any items that are dropped off for pupils at Reception will be left there for pupils to collect. Due to the volume of items we receive each day, we cannot deliver items to pupils or send messages letting them know they have arrived. A reminder has been sent via form tutors but please ensure your child is aware that in the event they forget something they know to check at the main office. Messages will be sent relating to medication.

Whole School Messages

English Department 10K Sponsored Walk

The English Department 10k sponsored walk will take place this Saturday 18th January 2025. It would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. We will meet at 10am at the car park nearest to Rivington Hall Barn. Details have also been emailed this week. Please wear suitable walking boots, wrap up warm and bring a bottle of water!

Thank you for all the donations so far. If you intend to join us and haven't paid your donation yet, the link is below or you can bring cash. <https://gofund.me/9c5b5bcc>

Thank you,
Mrs Holly

Year 7 PASS Survey – Monday 20th January

On Monday, 20th January, all Year 7 students will take part in the 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 for us 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 to understand the purpose of the survey, I met with the year group this morning to discuss.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to approach the survey thoughtfully. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Miss Rhodes (srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Thank you for helping us ensure that we can provide the best possible support for all our students.

Miss Rhodes
Year 7 Achievement Lead

Inclusive Schools Film Premiere

Lancashire County Council have extended their invite to the Inclusive Schools Film Premiere to parents/ carers.

The trip is on 28th January at Duke's Theatre in Lancaster. The event will start at 1:30pm and should be finished by approximately 3pm.

If you would like to attend, parents/carers can choose to make their own way to the venue, or we do have a very limited number of spaces on the coach. Spaces on the coach are for parents/ carers only due to the very limited numbers. These are available on a first come first served basis until the coach is filled.

For those making their own travel arrangements, information about how to get to the theatre and parking is available here: <https://dukeslancaster.org/your-visit/getting-here>

If you wish to attend, please complete this Google Form by 3pm on Monday 20th January:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2yfgRcFEVCTkvq5Lbw1KcrW8Gkz09TQPDifFuV5w9qK81og/viewform?usp=header#>

Mrs Donohue

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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: 73 pupils to date

Year 8: 63 pupils to date

Year 9: 50 pupils to date

Year 10: 77 students to date

Year 11: 57 students to date

All: 315 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 164 pupils

Year 8: 155 pupils

Year 9: 126 pupils

Year 10: 153 students

Year 11: 128 students

All: 726 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: 121 pupils

Year 9: 101 pupils

Year 10: 136 students

Year 11: 105 students

All: 618 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
20th January 2025

Have You Heard the News?
As the year continues apace, there are several events this week. There is an apprenticeship assembly for year 11 this morning. On Thursday there is a Film Night to raise funds for the Peru expedition. Learning Support remains based in N17 if you need to see a member of staff. Have a wonderful week.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Inspire Quiz
What is the name of this root vegetable?
Last time's answer: Daffodil
Butterfly wing

Joke of the Week
What did one raindrop say to the other raindrop?
Two's company. Three's a CLOUD!

The Bad Sleep Cycle
Worry or stress → Lack of sleep → Tiredness → Difficulty coping with daily life → Low self-esteem → Worry or stress

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

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YEAR 11 AFTER-SCHOOL REVISION PROGRAMME

As we move into this crucial stage of Year 11, we are pleased to inform you about the additional support available for students.

Revision sessions will begin this half-term, with some subjects starting next week (w/c 20th January, Week 1). Many other subjects will commence after the February half-term.

You will be notified separately via email by your child's subject teacher or Curriculum Leader regarding the specific start dates for individual subjects.

Please find the whole-school revision timetable below. You may find it helpful to print and keep a copy to support your child in planning their revision as they approach their final exams this year.

Week 1	Subject
Monday	English
Tuesday	Option A
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	Option B

Week 2	Subject
Monday	Religious Studies
Tuesday	Option C
Wednesday	
Thursday	Maths

Core Subjects	Option A	Option B	Option C
English Maths Science RS	French Geography History Art Dance Health and Social Music Photography GCSE PE	Computer Science French Geography History Art Drama Engineering Food and Nutrition Business Studies Health and Social	Computer Science Geography History Creative Media Triple Science Design Technology Engineering Food and Nutrition Music Tech Connect

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Additional details, including subjects that appear in multiple option blocks, will be sent via email by your child's subject teacher or Curriculum Leader. Sessions will run for one hour after school, finishing at 4:00 pm.

We are fortunate to have committed and dedicated staff who are prepared to give their time to provide this additional support. To ensure students gain the most benefit from these sessions, we expect excellent behavior and conduct at all times.

If pupils are required to complete Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) coursework, this will take precedence over revision sessions until the coursework is finished.

We hope you find this information helpful. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Mr Metcalf

Assistant Headteacher - Y11 Achievement Lead

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PE Update week beginning 2nd December 2024

A BIG WELCOME BACK from the Parklands PE department for the new year! The weather had a major impact on our clubs over the past couple of weeks. As the weather is still cold pupils can wear base layers UNDER their PE kit if they wish. Lessons outside will still continue unless it is unsafe to do so. Remember, there is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

Year 7 Netball Tournament - This was postponed due to poor weather. We will contact you with another date as soon as it has been rescheduled.

Year 9 Netball Tournament - This was rescheduled from before the Christmas break. The girls played teams from across the district including St Michaels, Holy Cross and Bishop Rawsthorne. The girls played really well considering we did not have our full team available to play. Lots to work on next year, well done!



Key Stage 3 Table Tennis - Everyone is welcome from key stage 3 for the table tennis club on Thursdays after school 3-4 in the gym.

District Swimming Gala - if you are interested in representing Parklands at the upcoming swimming gala on January 28th please contact Miss Greaves
(ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!

Head Pupils Message



Coming soon to your Form room

Valentine's Gifts bags for just £2 each. All money raised goes to Derian House.



Cash Only please.



THE PERU CREW PRESENTS

Wonka



TIMOTHEE
CHALAMET IS
**WILLY
WONKA**
IN CINEMAS
December 8

MOVIE

Night

THURSDAY

23RD JANUARY

6-8PM

TICKETS £2

BUY ON SCOPAY

YEARS 7 AND 8 ONLY

See Mr Johnston in The Library for more information



OUR MENU WEEK 3

Choose your favorite dish



Monday

Main Meal
Spaghetti bolognas' £1.90
Vegetarian option
Veggie pasta bake £1.90
Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Pizza £1.20
Potato cubes £1.50
Chicken wraps £1.90
Steak pies £1.50

Tuesday

Main Meal
Chicken korma £1.90
Vegetarian option
Chickpea and spinach curry £1.90
Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings (GF)

Grab & Go
Panini £1.90
Pizza twists £1.90
Sausage roll £1.50
Meat & potato pie £1.50

Wednesday

Main Meal
Jerk chicken & spicy bean rice £1.90

Vegetarian option
Caribbean veggie curry & rice £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings
Grab & Go

Pizza £1.20
Chicken wrap £1.90
Chicken wings £1.50

Thursday

Main Meal
Cottage pie £1.90
Vegetarian option
Veggie quesadilla £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Panini £1.90
Chicken wrap £1.90
Potato cubes £1.50
Sausage roll £1.50

Friday

Main Meal
Chicken fajita £1.90

Vegetarian option
Halloumi fajita £1.90
Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Pizza £1.20
Curly fries £1.50
Steak pies £1.50



Dancing

THROUGH life

SONG & DANCE



Show Dates



Wednesday 26th February

Thursday 27th February

Friday 28th February 2025

at 7pm in the Hall



Tickets on sale now

£5 - Adults £3 - Concessions

Available from the Pavilion at lunchtimes

Song and dance extravaganza

Do you know
about...



Free
school meals



If your child qualifies for free school meals,
they will have a **free meal** every school day

It's easy to find out if you qualify –

Lancashire

Website: <https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

**Pupil
Premium**

Is **additional funding** for our school to
ensure we can support pupils
to **achieve their full potential**

Compass BLOOM

CENTRAL & WEST LANCASHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

GROW YOUR MIND

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO EXPLORE OUR
MENTAL HEALTH
RESOURCE HUB



OR VISIT

WWW.PADLET.COM/MENTALHEALTHRESOURCES/BLOOM

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Click [here](#) for career's news

WESTHOLME UNIVERSITY, APPRENTICESHIPS & CAREERS FAIR
OPEN TO YEARS 9 - 13
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025
6PM - 8PM
EXHIBITORS FROM OVER 50 UNIVERSITIES AND APPRENTICESHIPS
REGISTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN! A VOUCHER TO THE IVY

QEGS SIXTH FORM Old Co Scholarships
The supporting body of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, is delighted to offer up to 10 scholarships per academic year to students. Each scholarship is worth £2,000, payable in two instalments in the first in December of Year 12 and the second in December of Year 13.

CHOICES
WHY I AM SO EXCITED FOR NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK!

Amazing Apprenticeships
CHOICES MAGAZINE - JANUARY EDITION
The January edition of the Choices magazine is now available, featuring an interview with Jacqui Smith MP, as well as exploring the changes to apprenticeships in 2025, showcasing employers, and the ESC answers the question of the month "How do I help my child apply for an apprenticeship?"

How much will I get paid?
A free student & parent event series on compensation in careers

Free Student and Parent Event Series Let's Discuss Pay
What about pay can feel like a taboo topic and yet, "how much I earn" is one of the most common questions students ask the professionals on our programmes. Winning costs of living and an understanding of other unpredictable job market, compensation and security have become a top priority for young people today.

NATIONAL TRUST APPRENTICESHIPS
LEVELS: THE SUBJECT AVAILABLE

CAREER News
2025
Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

20th - 24th January 2025

Career News this week is absolutely packed full of useful information, links, webinars, events and opportunities for all ages.

Westholme School in Blackburn is hosting a Careers Fair on 4th February, featuring over 50 exhibitors, both universities and apprenticeships. This looks like a fantastic event and is sure to be popular, so make sure you register early. It's the ideal way to speak to lots of providers at once and get all your questions answered. You can also win a meal at The Ivy, just for registering!

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The latest issue of 'Choices' magazine is available to download - just follow the link. There is also a link for 'STEM Dorado' - the free science based magazine for younger students - the focus in this issue is dinosaurs.

Year 11 college interviews start on 4th February with Wigan & Leigh College. If you intended to apply but haven't yet done so, please see Miss Berry (top office) for an application form.

Year 11 also have Mock Interviews with employers on 7th February - for which they will need a CV. These should be submitted on the Google classroom for checking. Thank you to all the wonderful local employers and STEM Ambassadors who have volunteered to support this event.

BBC Bitesize have a good section on CV advice and tips for anyone struggling:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd3qnrq>

Alternatively, email Miss Berry: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk or call in at the Top Office.