

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN WEEK 2 13th October - 17th October 2025



#### **Headteacher's Message**

Dear parents and carers,

Last night I watched the opening performance of this year's production, 'Legally Blonde'. It was really brilliant, and it is so good to see so many pupils from all year groups involved in the whole production, including the backstage, lighting, and sound team. Also a huge thank you to the staff involved, especially Miss Finnegan who directed the whole production but missed opening night as she had her baby early on Thursday morning! The whole thing was too exciting, and the baby decided to arrive a few weeks early. Mum and baby are doing well.

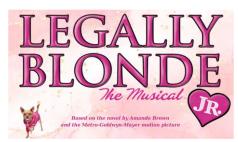
Next week is Year 11 Family Revision on Tuesday evening, from 5.30pm in the hall. This event will give some practical strategies to help parents and carers to support their children in their exam preparation. The Curriculum Leaders of the core departments will also be there to talk briefly about revision for their subjects.

Thursday evening is Year 7 Transition Evening, which is an opportunity for parents and carers of our Year 7s to meet their child's Form Tutor and discuss how they are settling in to school. The event runs from 3.15pm to 5.30pm.

I would also like to draw your attention to a separate email that I have sent regarding vapes. This is a National concern for young people, and something that schools in Lancashire are tackling at the moment. Please take the time to read the email and feel free to contact us if you would like any more information.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Headteacher





#### Year 11 Update

Hello Year 11 parents and carers,

We are now seven weeks into this very important final year of secondary education. This week, Year 11 pupils have attended two key assemblies focused on colleges, apprenticeships, and the grades required to access various courses.

I have been monitoring how pupils have started the year, and I'm pleased to share some excellent news, over 100 pupils have maintained 100% attendance, and over 100 have achieved a perfect behaviour for learning score.

I reminded pupils that, on average, those with 100% attendance in Year 11 achieve a Grade 6 at Parklands across all subjects, so let's keep up the great work!

Next half term, we begin our build-up to the December mock exams, when we will also launch our tuition and revision programme to help them prepare.

Furthemore, I hope to see many of you at our Family Revision Session on Tuesday, 21st October at 5:30pm in the school hall.

Kind regards,

Mr Metcalf

Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians.

If your child qualifies for PP funding, you have been emailed the link to a survey. Please complete at your earliest convenience. Thank you to all who have completed this so far.

Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head)

#### South America House News

Pupils who expressed an interest in becoming the third head of house have received their "golden ticket". All seven pupils have been given a task to complete over the half term so watch this space for our updated house team.- Miss Burrill.



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

- Tuesday 21st October Year 11 Family Revision Evening (more information to follow)
- Thursday 23rd October Year 7 Transition Evening, 3:15–5:30pm (more information to follow)
- Friday 24th October School closes at 3:00pm for half term
- Monday 10th November School reopens

#### **Applications**

REMINDER - Applications to secondary schools close at 11:59 pm on the 31st October. Everyone must apply for a high school regardless of whether you have another child at Parklands or your child attends one of the feeder primaries.

Once the deadline of the 31st October has passed your application will be considered as late and will go to the bottom of the list, regardless of your child's category on the admissions policy.

If you have any questions regarding this, please email shaslam@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.

#### **Uniform Repair**

Now the first half term is rapidly approaching, please could we politely ask all parents/carers to check over their child's Uniform and School shoes to see if anything needs replacing. With the weather turning much colder and wetter there are a lot of pupils who have requested to borrow school shoes as their own have come apart at the sole.

We understand sometimes pupils forget to let their parents/carers know they need replacing. We also run a **Uniform repair shop on a Thursday** after school, where we are happy to stitch on buttons or stitch up small rips in blazers.

Thank you for your continued support with our uniform standards

#### Free Hoodies

We have a large amount of free PE hoodies available in all sizes, any pupil can come and collect one from the PE office, we have many without initials but when these run out we can offer pre-loved hoodies that have initials on.

#### This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

This week in RS, our students have been exploring some big questions and ideas! To help spark meaningful conversations at home, here are some discussion questions you might like to explore together:

#### **Year 7 (Ultimate Questions)**

- What is the truth, and why is it important to find it?
- How might scientific truth differ from religious truth?
- Can more than one type of truth be correct at the same time?
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#### **Year 8 (Prejudice and Discrimination)**

- What was the Bristol Bus Boycott, and what did it achieve?
- How can young people challenge racism in their communities today?
- How do civil rights movements, in Britain and around the world, inspire change today?

#### **Year 9 (Human Rights and Social Justice)**

- What is Amnesty International, and what do they do?
- Why is it important to campaign for human rights?
- What are some examples of their work today?



#### Is Your Child a Young Carer?

If you think your child may have young carer responsibilities, or if you'd like to make us aware, please get in touch.

Please email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) <u>srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> with the following information:

- Child's name
- Year group
- Who they care for
- How frequently they provide care
- Anything else you would like us to know

While young carer status does not come with additional funding, it does ensure your child is recognised and supported in school.

#### 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>

#### **School Menus**

To see our school menus, please click here. Next week will be week 1





## Y11 Family Revision Evening

In preparation for Y11 mock exams

- Come and learn about Parklands' 3 step strategy for revision
- Create a revision timetable
- Receive advice from different departments
- Trial some of the activities so that you can best understand how to support your child

Tuesday 21st October, 5.30-6.30 PM in the School Hall. Refreshments will be available

Please let us know if you plan to attend on this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDX\_SnlxvcORL\_f1O3Aj837uJAWnrGYgKuhzWTMc3S6 AKiFQ/viewform?usp=dialog#



#### 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: 132 pupils to date
Year 8: 98 pupils to date
Year 9: 108 pupils to date
Year 10: 109 students to date
Year 11: 97 students to date

All: 544 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 173 Year 8: 146 Year 9: 148 Year 10: 156 Year 11: 157

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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: 167 Year 8: 134 Year 9: 137

Year 10: 135 Year 11: 135 All: 700

**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



#### **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 481 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	92.4%	94.7%
ASA	96.4%	95.2%
EUR	94.1%	95.3%
SAM	95.2%	95.3%
AFR	94.8%	95.1%
Totals %	94.5%	95.1%

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** 

## **Absence Reporting**

Please remember that if your child will be absent from school due to illness, you must report the absence as early as possible on the morning of the first day they are away.

To report an absence relating to sickness or a late arrival please use the following.

- Call: 01257 264596 and select option 1. If prompted to leave a message please ensure you are advising of the child you are calling for, their form and their year group as well as details of the absence.
- **Edulink:** Select 'Absence Reporting', complete start date and time, end date and time and give a detailed reason for absence, the paperclip can be used to attach confirmations if required.

Absences due to illness need to be reported each day of absence.

To report a medical appointment where your child will miss a period of school please follow the above steps but ensure that you are giving at least 24 hours notice before the appointment. If you have an emergency appointment where this notice cannot be given please call and hold for reception and a member of the office team will be able to assist you. Please note, we are unable to authorise a full day of absence for a local appointment.

For any other absences, please complete the leave of absence request form which can be found on the attendance section of our website.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records and ensure the safety of all students.

#### PE Update week beginning 13th October 2025

A very busy week in the PE department! Remember everyone is welcome to come and try clubs we offer. We have something on almost every night after school. There is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!









Y8 & 9 Netball Both teams played their first friendlies of the season against teams in the Chorley district away at Holy Cross. Both teams showed some great skill in their games with some improvements to work on in training. Well done!

Year 10 and 11 Netball Tournament at Holy Cross. The last ever Netball tournament representing Parklands for our Y11 girls. You have all grown into fantastic netballers and we will really miss you! Both teams made us extremely proud with our Y10 team securing third place! Well done!

Y7 & 8 Girls Football at home against Albany. First match of the season and both teams played well resulting in a win for both teams. Well done!

**Y7 Boys Football** at home against St Michaels. What a match! Trailing 5-0 at half time the team played some fantastic football to bring it back to 5-3 before the final whistle. Well played year 7!

**Y8 Boys Football** away against Bishop Rawsthorne . The team played some great football and are ready for their next match next week. Well done.

**Y9 Boys Football** at home against Bishop Rawsthorne. A tough match against a strong opposition resulting in a 4-2 loss. Lots to work on in training. Well done.

**11 Boys Football** at home against Albany. Another nail biting match! A 3-3 draw led to penalties...unfortunately it didn't go our way but what a match! Well played!











## PE Reminders/Cold Weather



The weather has changed significantly and pupils do still have lessons outside. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for PE. As they will still do the lesson outside unless it is deemed unfit by myself.

We have spare hoodies available if your child does not own one. I am happy to trade a hoodie permanently for a small donation.

We encourage the purchase of the leggings or pants from our suppliers

You can also wear your own base layers, white, black or blue. Underneath their PE t shirts.

Pupils should arrive at PE and change into the PE kit in the changing rooms.

Pupils who are struggling with an injury/medical ailment, please email pe@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Pupils will be expected to be involved unless there is medical note excluding them from the activity.

Our uniform can be purchased from both below.

https://jadauniforms.co.uk/product-category/phs-parklands/ https://www.nuuniforms.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=60

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#### How Parent Communication Can Support PE



Effective communication between home and school plays a vital role in shaping pupils' attitudes towards Physical Education. Supportive messages from parents and carers can significantly increase participation, resilience, and confidence, even when pupils are managing injuries or other circumstances.

Below are two contrasting examples of parent emails — one that supports our policy and encourages involvement, and one that undermines it — to highlight the impact language and approach can have.



Subject: PE Lesson - Injury Update
Dear PE Department,

I just wanted to let you know that Olivia twisted her ankle slightly over the weekend. She's absolutely fine to attend school and we've encouraged her to still bring her PE kit as usual. We completely understand the importance of staying involved, so she's happy to do any adapted activities or upper-body tasks she's able to manage while it heals.

Thank you for supporting her and helping her stay engaged.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Turner

#### Subject: PE - Not Taking Part

Jack won't be doing PE today. He's hurt his leg a bit so I haven't sent his kit in. Please don't expect him to join in. Thanks,

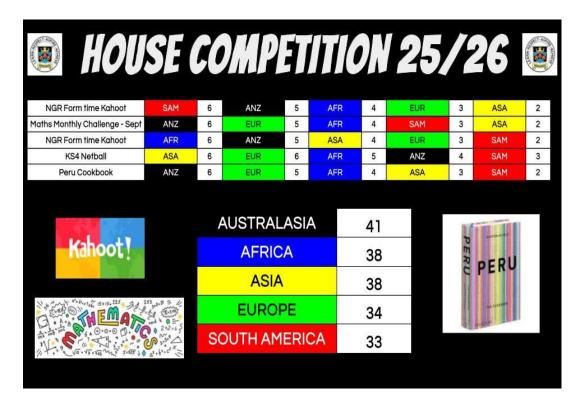
Mr. Smith



#### Policy Reminder

All pupils should bring their PE kit and participate to the best of their ability unless a medical professional advises otherwise. Adapted tasks and alternative roles can always be provided to ensure inclusion. Please note that being on a period does NOT mean automatic exclusion from PE — we will always work sensitively with pupils to ensure they feel comfortable and supported while still engaging in appropriate activity.

Results are in from our recent house competitions, well done everyone for participating this half term!





#### PE Extra Curricular Timetable - Aut 2 - 2025

Lunch time activities are the same each day

- Badminton in Sports Hall until rotation change.
- Astroturf assigned to a year each day. Year 7 Monday, Year 8 Tuesday etc
- Bookable dance space see sign up sheets in pavilion

Monday				
Sport	Staff	Time	Who for	Where
Dance	LSB	3-4pm	Year 7	Hall
Pom Dance	HMA/JSU	4 - 4.45PM	Year 7	Hall
Fitness suite Girls only	SOK/ JC2	3-4pm	Y9-11 Girls	Fitness suite
Boys Football	ACR/TME	3-4pm	Y7	Astro
Basketball	SRI	3-4PM	Y9-11	Sports Hall
Gymnastics	Coach	3-4pm	KS3 (KS4 Gymnasts)	Gym

Tuesday				
Sport	Staff	Time	Who for	Where
Cheerleading	GMA	3-4.15pm	Y 10 8 11	Gym
Pom Dance	GMA	4.15-5pm	Y10811	Pavilion
Netball	CS/NG	3-4pm	Y 7-9	Playcourts
Boys Football	SRI/ACR	3-4pm	Y9-10	Astro
Fitness suite Boys only	ES1	3-4pm	Y9-11 boys	Fitness suite
KS3 Badminton	ACR/SRI	3-4pm	Y7-9	Sports Hall

Wednesday				
Sport	Staff	Time	Who for	Where
Dance	LSB	3 - 4pm	Y889	Hall
Dance Team	LSB	4-5pm	KS3 Dance Team Pupils	Pavilion
Badminton GCSE Yr11/10	CSSP	3-4pm	GCSE	Sports Hall

Thursday				
Sport	Staff	Time	Who for	Where
Cheerleading	HM/JS	3-4:15pm	Y7,889	Gym
Pom Dance	HM/JS	4:15-5pm	Y8 6 9	Gym
Dance	GMA	3 - 4pm	Y10 8 11	Pavilion
Dance Team	GMA	4 -5 pm	Y10 8 11	Pavilion
KS3 Basketball	SRI	3-4PM	Y7-8	Sports Hall
Fitness suite	CSA	3-4pm	Y9-11	Fitness suite
Boys Football	ACR	3-4pm	Y8	Astro
Rugby	IP	3-4pm	Y7,8 & 9	Field

Friday				
Sport	Staff	Time	Who for	Where
Girls Football KS3	NGR	3-4pm	Y 7-9	Astro
Pom Dance	JSU/HMA	3-4pm	Y7-9	Gym
GCSE Night - Handball	ACR	3-4pm	GCSE PE - 10/11	Sports hall
Fitness suite	KOR	3-4pm	Y9-11	Fitness suite
GCSE Contemporary Dance	MAS	3-4pm	Y10 & 11	Pavilion

#### Careers

Click here for career news



Lots of useful information in this week's Career News. There are webinars, podcasts, conferences, open events, drop-ins, clubs, apprenticeships, videos and various virtual work experience opportunities with the NHS, Channel 4, Browne Jacobson and much more.

There is also 'The Ultimate Guide to College Applications' - all your questions answered, plus links to all the colleges, apprenticeship and training providers.

Just to reiterate: Year 11s must apply to at least TWO colleges before Christmas, as interviews start in January and popular courses will fill up rapidly. You can change the course or subject you have chosen at any time, all you are doing at the moment is reserving a place at college. There are lots of college prospectuses available in the Top Office - pupils can call in and collect one at any time.

Click <u>here</u> for The Ultimate Guide to College Applications.

The link Includes links to all the local college, apprenticeship and training providers, plus answers to all the questions you might have about the next steps, post-16.

If you have any further questions about any aspect of careers, please feel free to drop me an email: <a href="mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk">pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>



## ADHD AWARENESS EVENING

26TH NOVEMBER AT 6:00PM - 8:00PM

#### PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENING OF INFORMATION ALL ABOUT ADHD AND ADOLESCENCE

- The ADHD parent workshop will be a practical and engaging session that aims to provide
  parents with a clear understanding of what ADHD really is, separating facts from common
  misconceptions, and show how ADHD affects children at school and home.
- Parents will gain clear, research-based insights and easy to use strategies to support their child's learning and wellbeing.
- The workshop will be delivered by Lydia Brooks, an Assistant Educational Psychologist who
  currently works for ed-Psychology Solutions, an educational psychology service that helps
  identify and meet the individual and complex needs of young people across Lancashire.
- Lydia has a Masters in **Developmental Disorders** and has supported children with a wide range of special educational needs in nursery and school settings.

All parents welcome!

Please contact Lisa Williams SENCo if you would like to attend.

Email: lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk

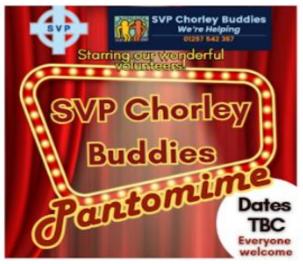




At SVP Chorley Buddies, we run a variety of family events throughout the year.

Our services are available to <u>all</u> so feel free to get in touch if you need help or if you want to support us in any way.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what's going on!





#### Compass Bloom

Compass Bloom is in school weekly for students, if you think your child would benefit from these services scan the QR code and fill out the form, someone will then be in touch to discuss the course.





## **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?

We're here to help.

We're running online worry management courses (PODS) 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



#### Want to know more?

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



We'll then give you a call for a friendly chat about the







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Compass Bloom are the Mental Health Support Team in your school. We provide free support for mild/moderate mental health concerns:



MODERATE

ANXIETY



MOTIVATION



**EMOTIONS** 



TRANSITION

SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT SUPPORT FROM COMPASS BLOOM

OR GET IN TOUCH:



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#### Family Hub Chorley

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

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

Housing

Finance

Accessing food banks

Mental health support

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Relationship's

Targeted Youth Support

Sexual Health

Substance / alcohol

... & more



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

Inspire Youth Zone Chapel St

Chorley PR7 1BS

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Tel: 01257 516 316

Email:

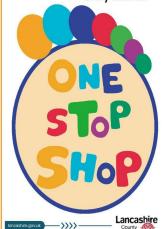
Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk







2nd Thursday of every month!



This is running on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month (9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec), 9am till 12 noon, at Inspire Youth Zone Chorley.



## School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

The School Nurse service runs a weekly drop in at your school, where you can attend, to access confidential health advice.

(no appointment needed- just turn up)

Emotional Health - Stress - Worries - Relationships - Healthy lifestyles Healthy eating - Sleep and so much more

Your school Nurse is - Kate McGee
Will be in school onMondays

Time: Lunchtime

Place: MAT Room 2



Scan this QR code to access our website:

Scan this QR code to send a message to our confidential messaging service, ChatHealth

Lancasture Healthy young People & Families Service (LHYPFS)



# Fireworks, The Law and You



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October - 10th November 26th December - 31st December 3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers



If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.

THINK ABOUT IT.





## **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.