



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 2

16th June - 20th June 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week was the last of the Year 11 GCSE exams, and we said our final farewells to the Class of 2025 in the Leaver's Assembly on Thursday. This was the last time they were together as pupils of Parklands; they have now officially left us. The next time we will see Year 11 is at the Prom on July 10th, then on Results Day in August. As always, it was an emotional event and there were lots of hugs and also a few tears. We are incredibly proud of the way that Year 11 have conducted themselves through the exams and we wish them all the best for the future.

Year 10 are now the oldest year group in school, and they have begun their end of year exams. We have been really impressed with how they have approached the exams so far, and we hope that this will continue next week. On Thursday Year 10 are attending Wigan and Leigh Sampling Day; all pupils will need to ensure their uniform is of the expected standard.

The weather forecast looks more temperate next week, so we will expect to see all pupils in full uniform on Monday. We will inform you if this is not the case.

As mentioned before, we are trying to be as cashless as possible. We would encourage you as much as possible to use Scopay for catering, trips, and purchases.

A reminder also that Monday 30th June is INSET Day, so school will be closed to pupils.

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Key Dates

June

- **Tuesday 24th June:** Parent Forum 6pm
- **Thursday 26th June:** Year 10 Wigan and Leigh College Taster Day
- **Monday 30th June:** INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

July

- **Wednesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day and Year 10 Runshaw College Taster Day
- **Thursday 3rd July:** KS3 Presentation Evening - Invite only
- **Wednesday 9th July:** Year 7 and 8 Behaviour for Learning reports home
- **Thursday 10th July:** Year 11 Prom
- **Monday 14th July:** Learning Challenge Week, Year 10 Work Experience
- **Thursday 17th July:** Charity Football Match - Staff vs Pupils at Westway 3:30pm kick off
- **Friday 18th July:** Learning Challenge Week Festival Day
- **Wednesday 23rd July:** Year 9 End of Key Stage report home
- **Thursday 24th July:** Summer Reward Trip
- **Friday 25th July:** Last Day of the School year 1pm Finish

Whole School Messages

Polite reminder - Dropping items off at reception

Parents and carers are welcome to drop off forgotten items at reception, however please note that we are not able to notify pupils to let them know an item has arrived. Due to the high volume of PE kits and equipment we receive throughout the school day this is not possible. However, pupils are regularly informed and reminded that if they realise they have forgotten something they are able to check at the office to see if an item has been dropped off. Pupils can continue to check throughout the day.

Please speak with your child to let them know that this is the protocol and therefore should they forget anything, they will know where to look.

Cashless systems - SCOPAY

To ensure smooth transactions that can be tracked and recorded for trips, food payments, uniform and more, we ask that payments are made online on SCOPAY wherever possible. We aim to reduce the amount of cash that is handled in school to improve efficiency and security. If you do not have a SCOPAY account, please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk stating your child's full name, form group and year group and a SCOPAY link will be sent to you. If this link does not arrive in your inbox please check your junk box.

Secure

All pupils will be learning about Refugee week in Secure on Monday. Parklands is a School of Sanctuary and we will be looking at this year's Refugee week theme of 'Community as a superpower' both in terms of our school community and also the wider Chorley community.

Y9 and Y10 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.

Whole School Messages

Polite reminder - Uniform and Standards

A big thank you to those pupils and parents who are supporting us to uphold our uniform standards. However, we still have a minority of our pupils who are still not getting it right. Please see below some of the areas which are causing us the most issues;

Pupils' hair colour should be of a natural colour - blue and pink are not natural!

Socks should be black or navy and should not be sports socks.

False nails/nail varnish of any description are not permitted.

Makeup is not allowed nor are false eyelashes. Year 11s may wear discreet makeup.

The only jewellery that is permitted is a watch. All other jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the week.

School will be the final arbiter with regards to uniform and standards. Should any pupil continue to disregard our school policy then further sanctions will be applied.

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: 40 pupils to date
Year 8: 44 pupils to date
Year 9: 35 pupils to date
Year 10: 40 students to date
All: 159 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 154 pupils
Year 8: 138 pupils
Year 9: 109 pupils
Year 10: 159 students
All: 560 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: 135 pupils
Year 8: 115 pupils
Year 9: 91 pupils
Year 10: 121 students
All: 462 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
23rd June 2025

**"Things change and friends leave.
Life doesn't stop for anybody."**
STEPHEN CHOESKY



LANCASHIRE LOCAL OFFER
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

Have You Heard the News?
Now that the 2025 GCSE season is out of the way, it's time for our year 10s to face the exam challenge. Year 10 exams are timetabled through to the 3rd July. Another event for year 10s this week is the college sampling day at Wigan & Leigh College on Thursday. In the evening, it's the Parents' evening for the forthcoming Paris Disneyland trip. Unless we're supporting exams, you can still find help in N17.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Joke of the Week

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. Unfortunately, I lost my case.

The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you



Inspire Club



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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

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 65 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	94.9%	93.8%
ASA	96.8%	94.8%
EUR	95.8%	95.2%
SAM	94.4%	94.3%
AFR	92.7%	94.2%
Totals %	94.8%	94.1%

Due to the Year 11's currently being on study leave they have been excluded from these figures.

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.

Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 16th June 2025

The summer term is in full swing with glorious weather too! Remember to check out the new summer extra curricular timetable which includes athletics, rounders, cricket, flag football and tennis! Lessons outside will 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!

District Sports Day at Horwich Athletics track involving all high schools in the Chorley school district. Some outstanding individual performances on the day with an overall 4th position. A special mention to the Y10s as it was their last opportunity to represent Parklands in athletics. All pupils were a credit to the school. Well done!



Y7 Rounders A team was selected to compete in some friendly rounders games at St Michael's. The team showed great tactical awareness and have made huge improvements since starting year 7. Well done. Now bring on the tournament!



Whole School Messages

Fusion

On Sunday, the Fusion teams took part in the UKCA National Schools Cheerleading Competition. They represented the school so well and thrived in the opportunity to showcase all of their hard work in their routines! **We are so proud of them all!** Results as follows:

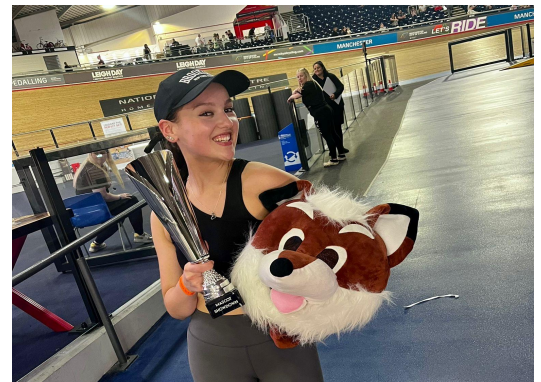
FIRST PLACE - KS3 Cheerleading and KS4 Urban Cheer

SECOND PLACE - KS4 Pom and KS3 Urban Cheer

THIRD PLACE - KS4 Cheerleading and KS3 (Y8/9) Pom

FIFTH PLACE - KS3 (Y7) Pom

There was a bonus win from our Mascot, Foxy, in the Mascot Dance Off - performed by our ex-pupil, Ebony!



Whole School Messages

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

Our KS3 classes are well on their way through their summer term topics. To support learning at home, here are some discussion questions you could explore with your child this week:

Year 7 - **Wealth and Poverty**

- What is the Parable of the Good Samaritan about?
- What does "Love your neighbour as yourself" mean in today's world?
- Why do Christians feel they should help people in need?



Year 8 – **Life After Death**

- What do Humanists believe about life and death?
- How are Humanist funerals different from religious ones?
- How do Humanists find comfort when someone dies without believing in an afterlife?



Year 9 – **Religion and Life**

- What is meant by the 'sanctity of life,' and how does this idea relate to views on abortion?
- What are the current laws regarding abortion in the UK?
- In what situations might a religious believer consider abortion to be acceptable?

Ice Bucket Challenge

Are you able to sponsor Mr Herbane to do the Ice Bucket Challenge? Mental Health is something that concerns all our community, students, staff parents ... everyone!

Lancashire Mind is a local independent charity based in Chorley. Their committed and energetic team of staff, trustees and volunteers are passionate about making a difference to the mental health of people living and working in Lancashire.

Any amount Mr Herbane can raise to help Lancashire Mind will be fantastic and your support is greatly appreciated. Payment is preferable on SCOPAY, but you can also pay cash. The deadline for sponsorship will be the 16th of July and buckets will be sent (without ice in!) on the day.

Alternative Sports Day 16th July Period 5. Venue to be confirmed!

My sincere thanks,
Mr Herbane 😊



Staff versus Y11 Charity Football Match

The time is almost upon us...



PARKLANDS WATER FIGHT

Wednesday 16th July, After School

**£3 PER PLAYER, PLEASE PAY ON SCOPAY
DODGEBALL WITH WATER**

**MORE INFO, SEE MR JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY
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SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

Open to years 7-9

**The next trip will not go until 2029 so
don't miss out!**

13th February 2027

7 days

Total cost: £1590

Deposit: £100



**Deposit Payments Via ScoPay
Email Miss Marr more
information.**

gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk

**Letters available from the
pavilion office.**

Who will become Y7 "Parklands Memory Champion"?

THE PROJECT: Who can remember the most within their chosen category in the correct order?

24th June	Heats in Aspire Class
1st July	Semi Finals in the Hall during Form
7th July	Finals in the Hall during Form



Uganda

Country of the week



Capital - Kampala
Population - 47,487,000
Main religion - None
Leader - Yoweri Museveni
Official language - Swahili
Land mass - 241,553
Currency - Ugandan Shilling
Main Sport - Football

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa whose diverse landscape encompasses the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and immense Lake Victoria. Its abundant wildlife includes chimpanzees as well as rare birds. Remote Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is a renowned mountain gorilla sanctuary. Murchison Falls National Park in the northwest is known for its 43m-tall waterfall and wildlife such as hippos.

Peru Crew Sponsored Walk

Join the Peru Crew on Sat 28th June for a walk on a local route with woods, water and a small hill.

**£5 PER PERSON, PLEASE PAY ON
SCOPAY. FOR MORE INFO, SEE MR
JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY**



Wanted: Food Business Owners

The Peru Crew are putting together a community recipe book and would like you to donate a recipe. If you want to be involved, please scan the QR Code opposite and donate £10 to our justgiving page. In return for this, you will get a double page spread in the book featuring your recipe, a photo, and an advert for your business. We are hoping to distribute our book throughout our school community, around Chorley and beyond. If you want to get involved or need more information please contact me on ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk





Well worth a visit - you can take part in various activities, learn a new skill or just have fun watching!
Check out the link for full details: <https://festivalofmaking.co.uk/>

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

AGE RESTRICTION
4+

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.



SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.



AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.



DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.



Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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RISE UP

A fantastic work experience opportunity has just been offered to us. RISE UP is a new project set up to represent young people in Chorley and they need to hear from young people about the issues that affect them. They are running a pilot scheme and this is where you come in!

They are looking for TEN young people to be involved in this scheme - get involved, and you can make a difference to future generations in the town.

ARE YOU ...

- ▶ A caring person who thinks about other people?
- ▶ Someone that wants to see change and a better future?
- ▶ A creative, arty individual who is keen on interior design?
- ▶ Someone who likes to help out with tidying, organising?
- ▶ Able to lend a hand with maintenance, painting, gardening?

If you can answer yes to any of the above, then this WEX week is for you! You will be working together as a team to transform a vision into reality. You will get to discuss issues that affect young people, whether it's mental health, family life... whatever it is that makes life tough for you.

• You might be leading a discussion group or painting a wall.
• You might be planting flowers or writing letters to MPs.
• You might be deciding what issues RISE UP should be concerned with.

PRESTON COLLEGE
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENT
MONDAY 30 JUNE 4-6PM
REGISTER TODAY!

Wigan & Leigh College

CAREER News
2025

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

STUDY ELECTRICAL AT BOLTON COLLEGE!

GET SWITCHED ON

Career News

Absolutely loads of really useful information packed into this week's Career News: work experience opportunities, both in-person and virtual, webinars, open events, drop-in sessions, apprenticeship vacancies, courses, advice, interview tips and much much more. If this weekend gets too hot, make yourself a cool drink and settle down to read it indoors!

If you need further details of any of the work experience opportunities, please email:

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- You might be planting flowers or writing letters to MPs.
- You might be deciding what issues 'RISE UP' should be concerned about and thinking of possible solutions.
- Whichever role you choose, you will be spending time in a safe, supportive environment, with friends.

**SOUNDS
GOOD?**

If you are interested in finding out more, let me know - come and see me in the Top Office.

THIS IS A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY - DO NOT MISS OUT!

Year 10 Work Experience opportunity

I have a great opportunity available for anyone who hasn't managed to find a work placement yet. A local charity has offered TEN places on a new project: **Rise Up**. This is a project **for** young people, created and designed **by** young people.

If you are creative, caring, practical or just want to make a difference ... this placement is for you. See Miss Berry asap if you are interested (full details in Career News)

Year 10 visit to Wigan & Leigh College

The whole of Year 10 will visit Wigan & Leigh College next Thursday, 26th June for a sampling day. They have already chosen the subjects they want to try out and will receive their individual timetables when they arrive at college. Pupils need to check the notice boards outside the Top Office to see which coach they are on, and whether they need to bring comfortable clothing for dance/performing arts. Full school uniform is required for this visit.



Thank you to all our Year 11 leavers and their families for donating to our preloved uniform. This really makes a huge difference to our school community and the environment.

Donations of clean preloved uniform are always welcomed with thanks.

Please send any clean preloved uniform to Mrs.K O'Reilly.

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about...



Free school meals



If your child qualifies for free school meals,
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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**