

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN WEEK 2 22nd September - 26th September 2025



#### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Today has been our annual fundraiser for Macmillan and it has been an incredible event. I want to say a huge thank you to all of our children and their families for their support. We had so many marvellous cakes to sell - pupils and staff donated hundreds of cakes, many of them baked at home. As always, we had some amazing showstopper cakes for our auction; Mrs Haslam's cake was sold for over £200. We will be able to give the final total next week, but it is currently over £3,000. When the final total is confirmed, we are expecting it to be our highest total ever!

After a very busy day, many of our Year 7 pupils are leaving for an exciting weekend at the PGL Camp, where they will take part in lots of outdoor activities.

I'd like to end with a reminder about the 1pm early finish for pupils on Thursday next week as it is our Open Evening. Thank you to any pupils who are helping out; please be back in school for 5pm looking smart and ready to show off our fabulous school.

Mrs. Batson Headteacher

#### **Key Dates - October 2025**

- Thursday 2nd October School closes at 1:00pm for Open Evening preparation.
  - Open Evening: 5:15–8:00pm
  - Headteacher's speeches: 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm
- Thursday 16th October Legally Blonde Drama Show, 7:00pm
- Friday 17th October Legally Blonde Drama Show, 7:00pm
- 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

#### 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.

#### 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, even if a parent/carer hasn't been able to notify them prior. 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 <a href="mailto:admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk">admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a> 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 celebrating Black History month in Secure on Monday. We will look at the themes of the celebration for this year, which are power and pride, by learning about some of the people who have contributed significantly to our society over the decades.

#### Week commencing - Monday 13th October 2025 in House groups.

Year 9 Electronic School Health Needs Assessment (Y9 EHNA)

Parental consent is not required for EHNA. Any concerns raised from the questionnaire will be followed up by the school nurse in her weekly drop-ins.

Mrs Fairhurst DSL

#### Flu Immunisation - All years

Please see the information below for the Flu immunisation this winter. Please follow the link to complete the consent/no consent form. Any queries, please contact the number below. This information has also been sent to you via Edulink.

Many thanks.

#### Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

#### https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/34c84245

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on 03/12/25. The link will close on the 02/11/25. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 1.

#### Lockers

We are currently allocating recently purchased lockers to pupils. Once allocated the key will either be sent out via form tutors or a message will be sent out to ask students to collect it from the office. Due to the volume this can take some time, so please don't worry if your child hasn't received their key yet. Please email <a href="mailto:admin@parklandsacademv.co.uk">admin@parklandsacademv.co.uk</a> with any questions.

#### 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) <a href="mailto:srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk">srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a> 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>

#### **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 687 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	95.1%	95.9%
ASA	95.2%	95.7%
EUR	94.4%	96%
SAM	93.8%	95.3%
AFR	94.7%	95.8%
Totals %	94.6%	95.7%

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.

#### 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: 164 pupils to date Year 8: 135 pupils to date Year 9: 135 pupils to date

Year 10: 122 students to date Year 11: 116 students to date

All: 672 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 189 Year 8: 152 Year 9: 163 Year 10: 149 Year 11: 151

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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: TBC

Year 8: TBC Year 9: TBC

Year 10: TBC Year 11: TBC All: TBC

**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



#### **European Day of Languages & Quiz**

Halo, bonjour, buenos días, dobre irano.

Thank you to all parents, students and colleagues who supported Parklands European Day of Languages. It is all about promoting the positives of language learning and the breadth of language in our own continent of Europe! But really celebrating diversity and inclusion in our school and community.

In the morning, form tutors held an online quiz competition between the various Houses for the esteemed Languages prizes and certificates.

1st place - was Botswana Africa House, 2nd place was Mongolia Asia House and 3rd place was Egypt Africa House.

At lunch time, the canteen staff supported the day by catering many foods from European countries. The food was superb and they dressed the hall beautifully.

iMuchísimas gracias! The Foreign Languages Team 🙂





#### PE Update week beginning 22nd September 2025

Great weather and even better extra curricular attendance! Everyone is welcome to come and try the 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! This half term we have:

- Boys Football Y7 Monday. Y8/9 Thursday Y10/11 Tuesday.
- Girls Football All years Friday
- Netball Y8-11 Monday, Y7-9 Tuesday, Y7-11 Thursday
- GCSE Handball Friday
- Rugby all years Thursday
- Cheerleading teams are split into key stage 3 and key stage 4 and train Y7,8,9 Thursday, Y10/11 Tuesday
- **Pom Dance -** Y7 Monday, Y8/9 Thursday, Y10/11 Tuesday
- Dance Y7 Monday, Y8/9 Wednesday, Y10/11 Thursday
- **KS3 Badminton** every lunch (must bring trainers)

**All years Cross Country** away at Albany. We took a strong group of runners to compete in our first cross country meet of the season! The weather was glorious (which is unusual!). The entire team did fantastic but a real big shout out to our GCSE PE students who came 1st and 2nd for KS4! Well done.







#### This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

We are now in week 4 of the term, and our KS3 students are exploring some really interesting topics in their RS lessons. Here are a few questions you can ask your child to see what they have been learning this week:

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

- What does it mean to be part of the Parklands community?
- How does being part of a community shape the choices we make?
- What does "truth" mean, and how can we know what is true?

#### **Year 8 (Prejudice and Discrimination)**

- What is the Windrush generation?
- What challenges did the Windrush generation face?
- How can understanding history help us challenge racism today?

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

- What do Sikhs and Jews believe about human rights?
- How do Humanists work to support human rights?
- Can religious and non-religious worldviews work together to promote human rights?

#### Legally Blonde Jr



Book by Heather Hach

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October, 7pm start

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtishows.co.uk)

Tickets: £3 Concessions, £5 Adult, £10 Family (up to four people)
Available on Ticket Source: www.ticketsource.co.uk/parklands-high-school

Tickets are now on sale for our musical 'Legally Blonde Jr'. Please visit Ticketsource to purchase.







#### Periods and PE - You are Supported!



We know that periods can sometimes be uncomfortable, but being active can often help with cramps, low mood, and tiredness.

You will not be excused from PE just for having your period – but we will support you to join in at a level that feels right for you.

Options include lighter roles such as coaching, officiating, or doing gentler activity (e.g. walking instead of running).

Talk to your PE teacher if you are worried – we will always listen and help.

If you have strong pain or a medical condition that affects PE, let us or your parent/carer know so we can make a plan together.





- Periods are not an illness they should not automatically prevent participation in PE.
  - Adaptations and support will always be offered so pupils feel comfortable.
- Our aim is to create an inclusive environment where periods are never a barrier to taking part in PE.



### 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







As a school we are getting behind local initiatives and charities.

If you have any unwanted WARM COATS AND JACKETS at home please bring them in and dump them in the designated bin in the FITNESS SUITE PE office.

We will take any unwanted coats and give them to charities that support the homeless, refugees, children living in poverty and people fleeing domestic violence

\*Coats must have working zips and be in good condition/clean.

### PE HOODIES AVAILABLE





We have a large amount of PE hoodies available in school in a range of sizes for free.

These can be worn during PE lessons.

Please encourage your child to 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 do have initials on.

First come first served.



### Peru Crew Recipe Book We want your recipes!

We're looking for your favourite recipes to feature in our upcoming Recipe Book. It can be savoury, sweet or a even a drink, mocktails only please. Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are welcome too.

Please send the recipe along with a photograph of the dish to ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk







#### **Careers**

Click <u>here</u> for career news.



Absolutely packed to bursting this week with great careers-related information!

Open events, webinars, virtual and in-person work experience opportunities, videos, podcasts, competitions, recipes, hackathons, conferences, support, career of the week ... and so much more! Pop the kettle on, put your feet up and have a read.

Next Wednesday 1st October, there will be a lunchtime drop-in with Bolton College (1.30pm on the concourse). Year 11 - please come along and chat to staff about the amazing opportunities on offer at the college. Remember, you need to apply to at least TWO colleges so you have a backup option.

#### Careers

#### College open events coming up:

- Preston College Wednesday 1st October, 4pm 7pm
- Myerscough College Saturday 4th October, 10am 2pm
- Wigan & Leigh College Monday 6th October, 4.30pm 7pm
- Bolton Sixth Form Wednesday 8th October, 5pm 8pm
- LUSoM Saturday 11th October, 10am 12.30pm

Year 11 pupils should make an effort to visit as many as possible in order to make a fully informed choice. Each college or sixth form will offer different subjects, qualifications and combinations and have different entry requirements, so it's important to make sure you will be able to do the course you want to do at the college you prefer.



### 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:

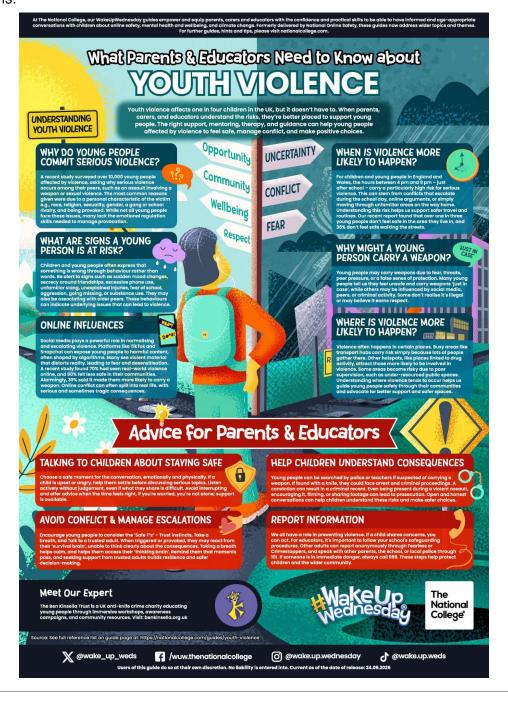
Scan this QR code to send a message to our confidential messaging service, ChatHealth

Lancasture Healthy young People & Families Service (LHYPFS)

#### **Youth Violence**

Youth violence impacts 1 in 4 children and young people in the UK, yet many parents and educators feel unsure how to respond. This guide breaks down the causes, risks and warning signs of violent behaviour in young people, helping adults feel more confident in supporting those at risk.

Drawing on expert insights from the Ben Kinsella Trust, it explores why some young people may carry weapons, how violence is influenced by online content, and what time and locations pose the greatest risk. It also highlights the importance of early intervention, emotional support, and honest conversations.



## 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

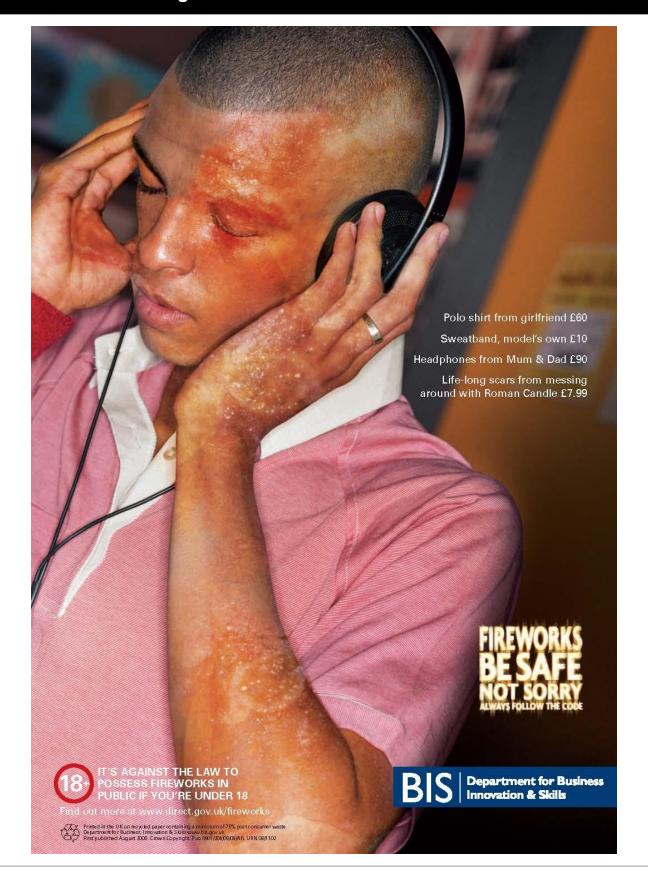
It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers



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.





## THOUGHT TO THOUSE FIRE VORYS









#### **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.





## Free III 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