



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 1

23rd June - 27th June 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week the Year 10 exams have continued and we have been very impressed with their conduct in the exams. It is clear that Year 10 pupils are taking these exams seriously, and this is a good indication of how well they will do next year in their full GCSEs. Exams will continue into next week. Year 10 also attended their taster day at Wigan and Leigh College yesterday; again their behaviour was excellent and they were very positive about their experience when they returned to school.

Also this week we have launched the Prefect programme to Year 8. The Head Students spoke to Year 8 in assembly this morning and told them about how valuable the experience is, both in school and beyond. The application window will open shortly for new Prefects and for next year's SSLT team. We are really proud of the Student Leadership programme at Parklands, and the wide range of ways in which pupils can become involved. Please encourage your child to apply if they are in year 8 or above.

Just a reminder that Monday is INSET Day, so school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back as usual on Tuesday morning. Could I also remind you that pupils should be dressed in full uniform, other than days where we have communicated otherwise. This includes shoes, blazers, and ties. Pupils should also not be wearing jewellery, make up, or false nails / eyelashes. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Key Dates

June

- **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, even if a parent/carers 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 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.

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.

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: 37 pupils to date

Year 8: 44 pupils to date

Year 9: 34 pupils to date

Year 10: 36 students to date

All: 151 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 138 pupils

Year 8: 131 pupils

Year 9: 122 pupils

Year 10: 145 students

All: 536 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: 114 pupils

Year 9: 91 pupils

Year 10: 119 students

All: 459 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
30th June 2025

"Children learn what they live. Then they grow up and live what they learn."
DOROTHY NOLTE



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

Have You Heard the News?
Today is an INSET day for staff and a holiday for children. INSET (IN-Service Training) days were introduced by Kenneth Baker, then Education Secretary, in 1988. The five annual training days were taken out of school holidays. Back in school from tomorrow year 10 have their final mock exams. Year 8 reach the culmination of their Aspire work with their Global Goals Fair. Have a great week.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk



LED-ZEPPELIN
Who was the lead singer of this English rock band?
East Town's answer: Brocklyn Bridge

Joke of the Week

Why did the examiner get sacked?
Because she always gave 100%!





You might worry about what a child may become tomorrow but never forget what they are today.



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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 63 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	92.1%	93.7%
ASA	96.6%	94.9%
EUR	95.2%	95.2%
SAM	93%	94.3%
AFR	93.6%	94.2%
Totals %	94%	94.1%

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

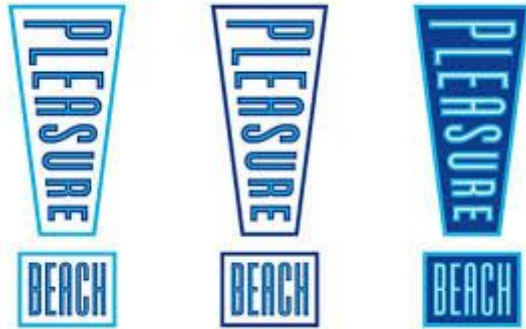
Students are expected to be in the school building at 8:25am, heading to form at 8:30am and be in form by 8:35am. If they are arriving between 8:35am and 9:15am for any reason they need to enter through the pupil entrance and be signed in at the Top Office.

Whole School Messages

Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip

The date of the trip is Thursday 24th July. Final deadline for places and payment is Friday 11th July. Unfortunately, we cannot add pupils to the trip past this deadline.

Miss Burrill



Year 8 Prefect Applications Now Open

We're excited to announce that Year 8 students are now invited to apply for prefect positions. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and play an active role in our school community. Applications are open now - details have been shared with students during tutor time.



Y11 Leavers

Wigan & Leigh College NEW STUDENT DAY:
Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Watch Now: [Wigan & Leigh College – New Student Day Video](#)

Feeling unsure about what to expect?
Students might be wondering:

- What is New Student Day all about?
- Will I meet my tutors?
- How will I find my way around?
- What if I feel nervous?

Don't worry - This short video answers those questions and will help students feel more confident and excited about the day ahead.

Whole School Messages

KS3 Religious Studies This Week

Here are some questions you can discuss with your child to help deepen their understanding of what they're learning in class:

Year 7 - **Wealth and Poverty**

- What do Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tearfund, and All We Can do to fight poverty?
- How does religion inspire people to help others?
- Who was the Buddha, and what made him leave his life of luxury?



Year 8 – **Life After Death**

- What does “paranormal” mean?
- Why do some people believe in paranormal experiences?
- Can the paranormal ever be explained by science?



Year 9 – **Religion and Life**

- Why do some religious people believe life is sacred?
- How does this link to abortion?
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Reminder: Year 9 students have their **End of Year RS Assessment next Tuesday**, covering their current unit of work - good luck!

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 😊



Whole School Messages

PE Update week beginning 23rd June 2025

Only a few more weeks to go! Remember to check out the summer extra curricular timetable which includes athletics, rounders, cricket, 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!

Sports Leaders Well done to our sports leaders Jenny, Leen, Ruby and Izzy who have worked hard over the past year to accumulate enough volunteering hours to enhance their leadership skills. This meant they were able to lead at the Lancashire School Games. Congratulations and a massive well done for all your hard work and commitment.



Year 7 - 10 Rounders Tournaments are coming up next week!



Have a great weekend!

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

ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS THE PERU TRIP

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



Honduras Country of the week



Capital - Tegucigalpa
Population - 10.64 million
Main religion - Christianity
Leader - Xiomara Castro
Official language - Spanish
Land mass - 112,777 km²
Currency - Honduran Lempira

Honduras is a Central American country with Caribbean Sea coastlines to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south. In the tropical rainforest near Guatemala, the ancient Mayan ceremonial site Copán has stone-carved hieroglyphics and stelae, tall stone monuments. In the Caribbean Sea are the Bay Islands, a diving destination that's part of the 1,000km-long Mesoamerican Barrier Reef.



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
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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 NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of *Daily Star* and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including *IGN*, *TechRadar*, and plenty more.



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Thank you.

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