



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

24th July - 28th July 2023:

Week 1



Principal's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

It's been a great Learning Challenge Week where the pupils have worked hard and had lots of fun too. There is more information about what they have been doing on the next page. It was great to see so many of you on school it was a lovely celebration of everything achieved this week. I would like to say a particular thanks to all staff involved in organising this event. It takes a lot of care and dedication to ensure the pupils have such a valuable experience.

Advanced notice - uniform requirements for next week are as follows -

- Monday and Tuesday it is full school uniform for all.
- Wednesday it is PE kit for the big picnic.
- Thursday the students on the reward trip to Blackpool can wear their own clothes however pupils in school should be in full school uniform.
- Friday everyone is in full school uniform.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson



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Whole School Messages

We are looking forward to the last week of term next week. We will have lessons as normal at the start of the week and then a range of events and activities as the week progresses.

On Wednesday we will hold the Big Picnic and House competition- Great Parklands Bake Off! There will be an ice-cream van on site and pupils will be able to buy ice-creams. These cannot be purchased via SCOPay so please send your child with cash or card. The winning form of the House competition will receive a free ice-cream.

On Thursday we have the Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip taking place. Attendance in school for those not attending the trip is expected. Those who have chosen not to attend the trip will still have an enjoyable day including a movie afternoon.

Finally, on Friday we will reach the most exciting point of the year... the reveal of the 2023 House Shield winners! Will it be Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe or South America? All will be revealed in the end of year assembly and there will also be a chance for one lucky person with excellent attendance to win an iPad.

We close at 1pm on Friday for the summer break and wish you all an enjoyable holiday period.

Year 7 Messages

Learning Challenge Year 7

This week our Year 7s have been experiencing their first ever Learning Challenge Week. They have been working in teams to create a brand new island; they have created mascots, laws, maps, National Anthems, National dances, souvenirs, flags, and much more. All of this culminates in the final of the competition - their island stalls and Carnival stage presentations. They have all worked really hard and had a fantastic time, and we have been really impressed with the quality of the items they have produced, and the teamwork and cooperation they have all demonstrated. We are all exhausted now, but we have had a great week!

The winning team was Colom-Bee-A, led by Ms Bond and Mr Jefferson. The winning house was Asia. Well done to the winners and also to every member of Year 7 - you have all been brilliant!

Year 8 & 9 Messages

Learning Challenge Year 8 and 9

This week Year 8 and 9 have been participating in a range of different challenges. We have had two historical challenges, one group visited Skipton Castle and looked at Medieval England and another group have been finding out more about the Windrush generation. We've also had musical challenges, enterprise and fundraising challenges, Street food, Big Art, Wellbeing, Forensics challenge to name but a few. The pupils and staff have had a wonderful experience and it has been a privilege to watch pupils get involved and truly put themselves outside of their comfort zone learning new skills. The journalism group has been busy reporting on all the different activities that have happened this week. If you follow this [link here](#) you will be able to find out more about Learning Challenge Week 2023.

Whole School Messages

LOST PROPERTY

As we near the end of the school year, we shall be putting tables out on the concourse next week with lost property items from the last term.

Could you please encourage your children to look through these items with an attempt to relocate them with their rightful owners.

Any items which still remain will be held until mid September and then donated to a local charity.

Going forward, could you please label clothing items with the pupils name to make it easier for staff to identify.

Thank you for your cooperation, have a lovely Summer break

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 24th July 2023	<p>"Education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."</p> <p>NORA EPHRON</p>	 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire
HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? We have reached the 38th and final week of the school year. Today, year 7 and 8 pupils will have a Reward Assembly during their normal Secure lesson. For the vast majority of pupils, with good attendance and behaviour, there is the Reward Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Thursday. We'll all be back in N17 on 5th September if you need any help. Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk		
 In which English city are this river and bridges found?  <small>Last time's answer: Leeds Ebbw</small>	Useful Links <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ADDitude Magazine■ Autism Eye■ Autism Parenting Magazine■ British Dyslexia Association■ The Communication Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FIND Newsletter■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information■ Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)■ KOOH Mental Health Support■ Local Offer■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline■ Witherslack Group

*No attendance figure updates until the end of term
... who will win the House Shield?*



BLACKOUT



PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL

Parklands High School : An Academy

Southport Road, Chorley, PR7 1LL

Co-Ed Comprehensive with 1107 students on roll. Tel: 01257 264596

www.parklandsacademy.co.uk

Email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve

Business Support Officer (Reception)

Part time (Monday and Tuesday only) Term time - 15 hours per week

Grade 3, pt 4 £7263.47 (£21189 FTE)

Required from September 2023 or as soon as possible.

Parklands High School is looking to appoint a reliable, flexible and well-motivated individual to join our existing office team as a business support officer / receptionist. The main duty of the role is to oversee the main and student receptions as well as working as part of the busy school support team. You will be a main point of contact for visitors in person and on the phone, and responsible for ensuring a good first impression of the school.

Hours of work are 8.15am to 16.30pm Monday and Tuesday only, with a 45 minute lunch break.

Experience is desired but not essential as appropriate training will be given.

Parklands High School is a popular and high-achieving school located in extensive grounds close to Chorley town centre. It is easily accessed from across the region and is located just a few minutes' drive from the M6 motorway.

For more information about the role please email Mrs J Cunningham, Office Manager, via admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from the school website, along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12 noon Monday 4th September 2023 with interviews to be held w/c 11th September 2023

Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks. Online checks will also be conducted on shortlisted candidates. Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from HR@parklandsacademy.co.



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A vacancy has arisen for a

CLEANER – 20 hours per week

3.15pm – 7.15pm Mon- Fri, Term time only plus 3 weeks.

Grade 3, SCP 4 £21,189 (£10449.02 pro rata). Start date September 2023.

Parklands High School is a popular, oversubscribed, forward thinking and high-achieving school which is part of the Aspirational Futures Multi Academy trust

We wish to appoint a reliable, flexible and self-motivated individual to join our existing Premises team. Under the direction and instruction of the Cleaning Supervisor, you will undertake the cleaning of designated areas within the School premises to ensure that they are kept in a clean and hygienic condition, to the agreed quality standards and be responsible for ensuring a consistent high standard of cleaning throughout. Experience is preferred but not essential as training can be given however a strong work ethic and to be able to work well in a team are crucial.

Parklands High School staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance, entry into the LGPS pension scheme, UK healthcare, as well as out of hours access to our new gym facilities and our cycle to work scheme

For more information about the role and how to apply please email Carol Slater, Chief Operations Manager at COO@aspirationalfutures.co.uk. Candidates should complete an application form, available from the school website in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk. Handwritten applications may be posted to HR Manager c/o Parklands High School, Southport Road, Chorley. PR7 1LL. Please clearly mark the envelope "Application for post of Cleaner"

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 24/07/2023 with interviews to be held the same week.

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Barcelona Dance Trip

Saturday 25th May – Friday 31st May 2024



Pupils in years 7-10 who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- 4 professional coaching sessions
- Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings
- Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast, packed lunch and Tea.
- Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops.

Total Cost estimate £775.

Deposit of £100 required ASAP

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP



Barcelona Football Tour

Saturday 25th May – Thursday 31st May 2024



Pupils in current years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- A stadium tour and museum/shop visit.
 - Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings included in price
 - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast and Tea and a packed lunch for days when out of resort
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £775.

Deposit of £100 required ASAP

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY



PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard 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.

15th February 2025
7 days
Total cost: £1350
Deposit: £100



**Deposit Payments Via
ScoPay**
**Email Miss Marr more
information**
gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk



DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

10:00AM - 11:30AM U12S GIRLS

1:00PM - 2:30PM U16S GIRLS



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Chorley
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Summer Playday

**MAKING IT
HAPPEN IN
Chorley**

Wednesday 2 August

Coronation Recreation Ground, Chorley PR7 2DJ

11am - 3pm

Family free FUN!

Come and take part in a variety of free and fun family activities including a face painter, bouncy castle/inflatable slide, penalty shootouts, crafts and play activities! There will be information about children and young people's activities around the borough along with lots of opportunities for families to find out about cost of living and health support available from Chorley groups and services.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
'Everyone' on Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as 'Who is the nicest person?') and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll: not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

LIBRARY

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a 'gold membership' package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but that may alter as the app evolves.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child *does* want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/w-app-anonymous-polls/id1645858841> | <https://www.slay.co.uk/>
<https://techcrunch.com/2023/01/19/german-teens-went-crazy-for-this-compliments-app-and-now-vcs-are-backing-its-next-phase/>

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Chorley's Superheroes Hunt

CHORLEY'S VERY OWN SUPERHEROES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A MISSION TO EDUCATE US, ON THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER. FIND THEM ALL, BEFORE THEY MOVE ON TO SAVE MORE LIVES!

19TH AUGUST - 10TH SEPTEMBER
ASTLEY PARK WALLED GARDEN
CHORLEY

Children's colouring in hunt sheet available from Astley shop throughout event.
Complimentary superhero tattoo's for all children who complete hunt on opening day.



OPEN TRAINING

At Chorley FC

FOR YOUNG SUPPORTERS

27th July

FREE ADMISSION

MEET THE PLAYERS

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

6pm Arrival for a 6.30pm start

