

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 24th - 28th June 2024 Week 1



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

After our brief Summer heat earlier this week, the weather has now returned to grey and a bit chilly, so pupils should be back in full uniform next week. Thank you to the vast majority of pupils who wore their PE kit correctly and brought all their equipment during the hot weather. Could I just remind everyone that we no longer sell bottles of drinks in the canteen, so pupils should bring a reusable bottle to fill from the water fountains.

Today, our Year 8s have had a STEM themed Respect Day, and they have done some fabulous work. Year 10s have continued with their exams, and we are really pleased with how seriously they have taken these exams. Exam season is now over; well done to everyone for all of their hard work. On Monday I took three pupils to the Town Hall, where Chorley Council marked Armed Forces Day with a flag raising ceremony. There were a number of dignitaries present, including the Deputy Mayor and Lyndsey Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Just a reminder that it is INSET day on Monday, so pupils will not be in. Despite the shortened week, it will be a busy week. We have the Year 8 Aspire project 'Global Goals' reaching its conclusion with the Global Goals fair on Tuesday afternoon. After school, we are hosting a one mile fun run to raise funds and awareness for our School of Sanctuary status. On Thursday after school we have KS3 Presentation Evening; those who are invited will have already received an email. I will update you with winners next week.

Our final big event for next week is the Parklands General Election. This Is taking place on the same day as the national event, and pupils will have an authentic experience of voting, including ballot boxes and voting booths. They have been provided with unbiased information about all of the major parties, and it will be interesting to see how their vote compares to the national picture.

Regards,

Mrs.Batson

Principal

Cycle Safety - We have had reports from concerned members of the public about some pupils who were seen cycling dangerously on their way to and from school. Please could we ask that you remind your child about the importance of keeping themselves safe. Thank you for your assistance..

Respect day - Year 8 were lucky enough to have some local employers come into school on Friday to talk to them about careers in STEM. This was a fantastic day where all of the year group got to consider the various paths into STEM employment by doing practical activities. A huge thanks to all our visitors.

General election - Next week pupils will be taking part in a general election so they get to experience first hand how a democracy works. Pupils will be able to vote for a choice of six national parties and we have spent some time in forms this week and last week explaining how elections work, as well as showing pupils some of the campaign materials from the major parties. If you would like to see how we have shared this information with pupils in an impartial way, please click on the links <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

The voting situation in Chorley is very different to other constituencies so we have also covered this in the school newspaper if you would like more information to be able to discuss this with your child. The results of the Parklands election will be shared with pupils next Friday and I will let parents know who the pupils voted for in this newsletter next week. Mrs Gray

Every school day matters!



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that is absent.

For example, 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

၂ £160 pp, pc

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

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(within 3 years from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

> £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

引 Up to £2500

(within 3 years from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.

1ST OFFENCE

2ND OFFENCE

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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: 31 pupils to date Year 9: 31 pupils to date Year 10: 26 students to date All: 128 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 147 pupils Year 8: 121 pupils Year 9: 122 pupils Year 10: 126 students All: 516 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: 142 pupils Year 8: 93 pupils Year 9: 97 pupils Year 10: 95 students All: 427 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



The Big Parklands Paper

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General Election 2024 Special Report

The Candidates Answer **Your Ouestions**

Chorley **Elects**

On Thursday 4th July, millions of people will visit polling stations across the country to cast their vote and choose our next government. Our current Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, is the leader of the Conservative Party, the current biggest party in the House of Commons. He has called the election and is seeking to win another majority for his party.

The second biggest party, the Labour Party, is currently ahead in the polls. Led by Kier Starmer, the Labour Party is hoping to replace the Conservatives as the biggest party in the House of Commons and, therefore, form the next government

How do Parliamentary elections work?

In a General Election, each Constituency (Chorley to represent them. It is then these Members of Parliament who choose the next Prime Minister. Usually, they vote along party lines, meaning the party with the most MPs becomes the Government and its leader becomes the Prime Minister.

In Secure, we have looked at the major parties that are vying for votes across the country. All of them claim to have a vision to make society better. Voters will now choose whose promises and vision they believe in most.

The Conservatives have been in power since 2010 and have won the last four elections. They are currently behind Labour in the opinion

polls and look unlikely to win the election. However, opinion polls have been notoriously inaccurate over recent years.

We will start to get results from Constituencies across the country from about 11pm. Usually, it is clear who is going to win the election by the early hours of the morning. That means that when you wake up on Friday 5th July, one party will have won the election.

Why is Chorley different?

Our current MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, is the Speaker of the House of Commons. This is a special job that means he chairs the debates in the House of Commons and decides what gets debated in Parliament. Due to Sir Lindsay's special position, the three main parties choose not to stand is ours) chooses one person to send to Parliament candidates against him. This means that voters in Chorley have a very different choice to those in the rest of the country.

In this paper, the three locally based candidates have answered questions devised by our newspaper club. How would you cast your vote?

The General Election will take place on Thursday 4th July.

General Election Special

This week's special edition of the newspaper includes a Q&A with each of the three locally based candidates in Chorley's General Election. As well as explaining the mechanics of the Election, candidates have answered nine questions put to them by the newspaper club. Download the entire issue here to see their answers.

Physics Olympics

On Thursday Miss Alston and Mrs Speakman took 8 year 9 students to compete against 26 other local teams in the Physics Olympics hosted at Bolton Boys' School. The students' Physics knowledge was put to the test when they had to complete 5 different physics challenges using their creativity and knowledge. They did amazingly well securing bronze and silver medals. The Science department are very proud of them. Well done Aaron, Emily, Oliver, Nathan, Izzy, Amy, Sophie and Aidan.







Astley Park Colour Run

Mrs GB and PL visited Astley Park School to take part in their colour run. This was to raise money for Rosemere cancer. A good time was had by all.



PE Update week beginning 24nd June 2024

A great week in the PE department. A busy week with lots of tournaments being played in the sunshine (at last!)

Year 7 & 8 Cricket Competition at Holy Cross playing against teams from Bishop Rawsthorne, Holy Cross and St Michael's. What an unbelievable performance! The team won all 3 matches with special mention to Josh M. and Jack G. who had an outstanding performance. The team is now through to the final! Well done!



Year 7 & 8 Rounders friendly intra school game against our Y7 & 8 teams. The pupils worked really well establishing team tactics to use in the upcoming rounders tournament next week.



Year 9 Rounders district tournament played against Bishop Rawsthorne, Holy Cross and St Michael's. Great teamwork and tactics shown throughout the tournament and what a performance in the final match with only 2 points between teams. The girls won the district title!! Congratulations!

Year 10 Rounders district tournament played against Bishop Rawsthorne, Holy Cross and St Michael's. What a day for a tournament! The sun was shining for our Y10 team on their very last rounders tournament for Parklands. They played some great rounders and came Third overall. Well done!





Year 9 Football Summer Cup Final at Westway against Bishop Rawsthorne. The team played a very strong game for the majority of the game with a 4-2 lead. In the last 5 minutes Bishop's mananaged 2 goals to equalise which resulted in a penalty shoot out. After a nail biting performance we unfortunately lost but came runners up in the district. Well done!

PE Update week beginning 24nd June 2024

Year 10 Football Summer Cup Final at Westway against Bishop Rawsthorne. Another strong performance from the team but unfortunately it ended in a 2-1 defeat. Well done for being runners up in the final.





Some lovely news for our current Y11 leaver Leo T. who has just signed a 2 year contract with Fleetwood Town FC congratulations we wish you all the best!

Great attendance at all extra curricular clubs this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Run for Fun

Our charity Run for Fun is just a few days away now and we'd love for as many people to join in as possible - pupils and parents/ carers!

After making your way around the one mile course in whichever way you like (you absolutely don't have to run!), you'll then get the chance to soak some of our wonderful staff members with wet sponges and even try and score goals past Mr Johnson, who I hear could even give Pickford a run for his money!

We're hoping for some nice weather and lots of fun all in aid of a wonderful cause.

Please sign up and pay your £1 entry donation on Scopay. Please note that after you have confirmed your child can attend the event and confirmed their medical information is up to date, please can you log back into the event and pay the fee. We have a lot of people who have consented but not yet paid so please check your child's account.

Please bring cash on the day for the additional events and refreshments.



LGBT Youth Summit

On Wednesday this week, some members of Pride Club had the opportunity to attend and represent Parklands at the LBGT+ Youth Summit in Manchester. The event was run by the Proud Trust and was an astounding success overall, shown by just how much the students engaged and enjoyed themselves. Other than having a wonderful, fun-filled day, our representatives came away with so many resources to share with the staff and students at Parklands that can help in making our school all the more inclusive.

I would also like to commend the students that attended, as I was given so much positive feedback on how polite, respectful, and helpful our students were.

It was truly a wholesome day for everyone and a lovely end to Pride Month.



Global Goals Fair

On Tuesday 2nd July, our year 8 students are holding a Global Goals Fair to showcase to their family members what they have been learning about in Aspire this year. One group is collecting donations for 'Chorley Help The Homeless' and have asked to share their poster here for any donations people may be able to bring along to the fair ...



We have picked this shelter because it's local to us and we want to help people struggling on the street.

Most people have luxury items like a warm home where you feel safe, or a family to love you and provide you with the essentials, we want to help the people who don't.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO HELP THIS SHELTER OUT!

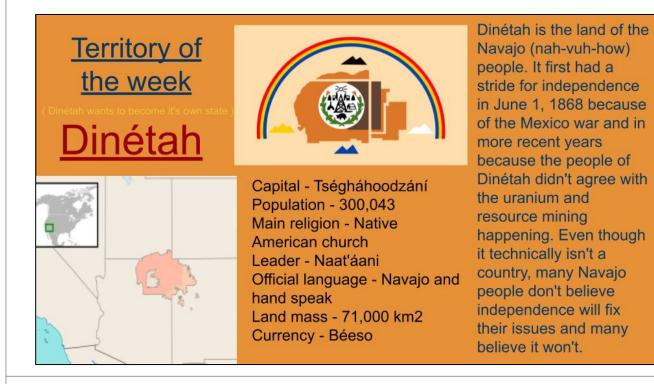
We found a shelter that helps with all these issues they would like us to help them. Please on the 2nd of July can you bring along with you to the Global Goals Fair; Food storable items or canned food, Tolieters, Duvets, sleeping bags or blankets, Pillows, Sanitary items

A request from the Y8 pupils -

We are taking positive action against World Hunger. If anyone is able to donate tinned or packet food it will help make a big difference. Thank you.







Last minute places have become available

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.

Open to years 7-10 The next trip will not go until 2027 so don't miss out! 15th February 2025 7 days Total cost: £1350 Deposit: £100

> Deposit Payments Via ScoPay Email Miss Marr more information. gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk Letters available from the pavilion office.

Charity Football Match Parklands Staff vs Former Year 11 pupils (2024 leavers)



Mr Metcalf is leading his team of fine teacher athletes into a charity football match once again against our former pupils!

Please come if you want to see the famous Mr Cross offside trap, Mr Rimmer rolling back the years and Mr Johnston flying up the wing.

Last year the staff came from a goal down to win 2-1 and we are very confident of another win!

This is to raise money for a very worthy cause that we will announce closer the time.

When: Thursday 18th July

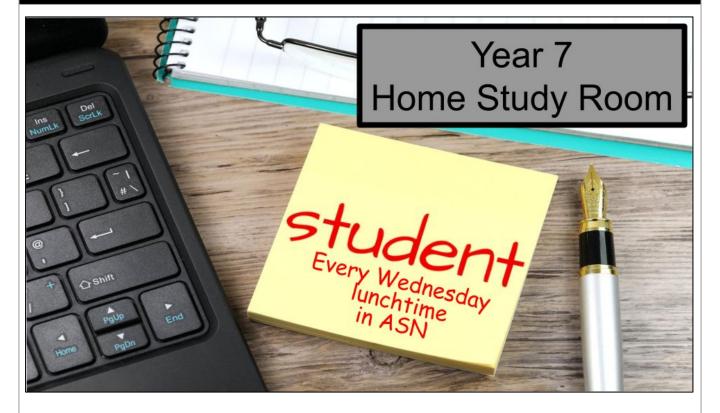
Time: 15:30-17:00

<mark>Where:</mark> Westway

Donations: Minimum £2 cash per person to watch, this to be collected at Westway by staff.

Please click here for the weekly menu and additional information.





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Monday

Tuesday

Main Meal Main Meal E1.90 bake E1.90 bake

Vegetarian option Creamy pasta and broccoli bake £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go pies £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizzini £1.90 Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Grab & Go

Sausage rolls £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Chicken wings £1.15

Wednesday

Main Meal Chicken biryani £1.90

Vegetarian option Veggie biryani £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Wedges £1.50 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza twist £1.90

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Thursday

Main Meal Spaghetti and meatballs £1.90

Vegetarian option Mac & cheese £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Chicken wings £1.15 Panini £1.90 Pies £1.15 Friday

Main Meal Peri chicken on ciabatta

Vegetarian option Peri halloumi on ciabatta £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Sausage rolls £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza £1.20

PAKALANDS JUNE MUSIC CONCERT

Monday 22nd July From **6pm £1** on the door



Please see your emails for full details of our end of year trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

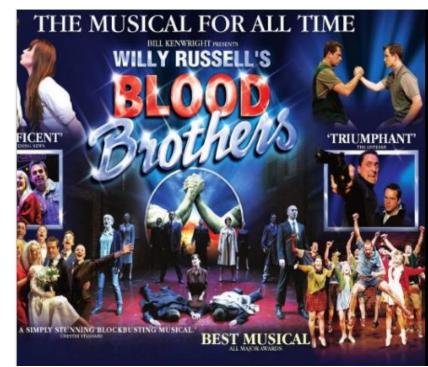
Please ensure that once the consent form has been completed that you log back into the trip to pay for it. It is the payment that secures your child's place on the trip however please note, attendance on the trip is subject to approval from the Houseleaders. If your child is removed by the Houseleaders, a full refund will be given.



Parkland's Peru Expedition







BLOOD BROTHERS THEATRE TRIP

Wha: This trip is open to current Year 10 to go when you are in Year 11.

Where: Manchester Palace Theatre.

When: Thursday 21st November 2024 leaving school at 6pm.

Price: Total cost is £46 per pupil.

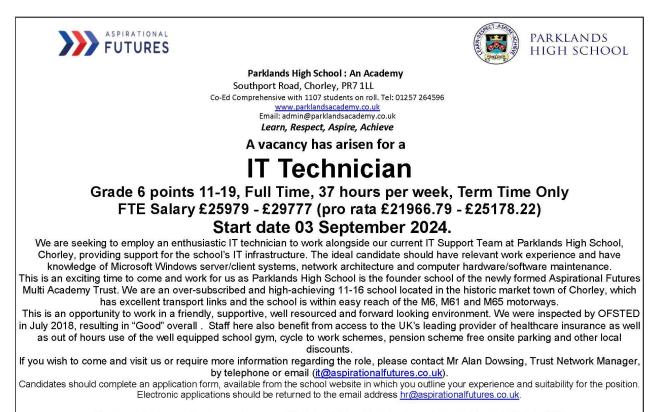
This includes your ticket and return coach.

There are 99 places available.

Pay your £20 deposit on Scopay to secure a place.

Please see Miss Duffell or Miss Malone for more details. Further details have been emailed to Year 10 parents.

Click here for for further information



Closing date for applications: 12 noon 12th July 2024 with interviews to be held w/c 22nd July 2024

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. Aspirational Futures 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.

nd 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. At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and ec conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellb

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented - emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

verts for online bookmakers and betting Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concorns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental hoeith, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to miligate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive expresure to manipulative advertisemates osure to manipulative advertisements

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ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

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GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensities young neople to mitting their or their femily's young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterforation of relationships, social Isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss. P

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ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourles it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

MONITOR SPENDING

Meet Our Expert

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children obout how they spend money online; an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/gambling

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance

GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0808 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.



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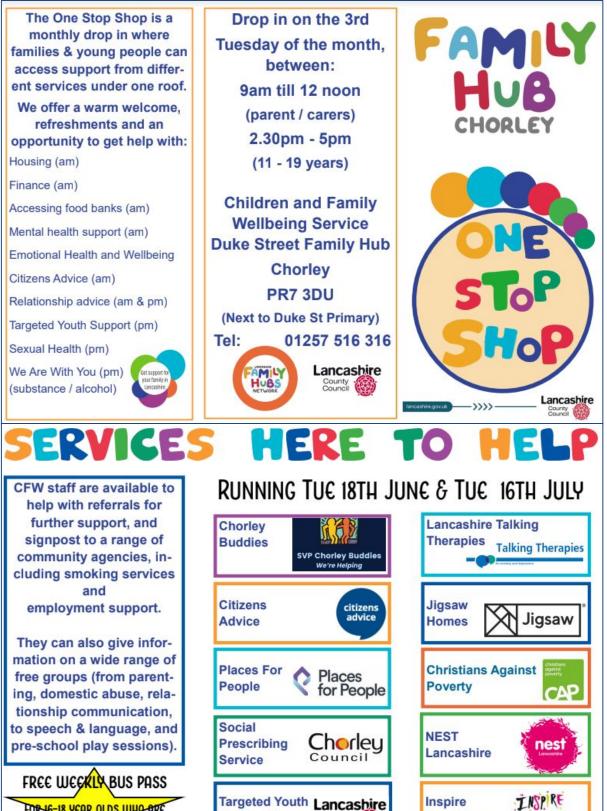
Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.

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COME AND BE PART OF THE ULTIMATE FAMILY WELLBEING EXPERIENCE

Our objective for this not-for-profit family event is to educate, inspire & motivate parents and their children to embrace nature and engage in activities as a family

Fully accessible for all

Free Parking

Fun, Activities, Food, Family Challenges for all ages will be over 8 wellbeing zones spread over the area of Rivington, Lancashire.

Visit us at: www.itsmental.co.uk/familywellbeingfestival IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Let's Keep Bolton Moving > > > >

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RIVINGTON

11AM TO 6PM



Whatever you're feeling this summer...



Get inspired with simple ideas for good stuff to do this summer. Vote for the chance to win prizes!



And if you need a safe space to get support for your well-being, <u>kooth.com</u> is here everyday.

Visit: <u>kooth.com/GoSomewhereGood</u> #GoSomewhereGood



Please get back involved. We have had lots of ticket sale disappear and we need to get them back up to 250 tickets

£1 a week, the weekly prize fund is currently at around £70 a week! There is a draw every week for Parklands and you are also entered in all of the bigger prizes.

