



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 26th June - 30th June 2023:

### Week 1



#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached to this week's bulletin is the final version of our Ofsted report.

It is a brilliant report - I would like to commend every single person both staff and pupils for the role played in this. We all contribute to the fantastic school that Parklands is, we all create and nurture the culture and ethos of Parklands, so therefore everyone has had a hand in how well we have done. We are very happy with the report!

Here are some highlights:

- Parklands High School continues to be a good school.
- Pupils feel safe and cared for as part of this welcoming and friendly school.
- Overall, pupils enjoy attending Parklands High School. They are happy.
- Leaders have high expectations for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils have positive attitudes towards their learning. They work hard and they achieve highly.
- Pupils know that leaders expect them to behave well. Pupils respond to leaders' high expectations by being polite and courteous. The atmosphere in school is calm and purposeful. Pupils spoke positively about how they learn to treat everyone equally and with respect.
- Leaders have prioritised the development of the curriculum with care and precision. They have designed a broad and ambitious curriculum for all pupils, including those pupils with SEND.
- Leaders prioritise reading. This encourages a love of reading. Pupils said that they enjoy these sessions.
- Pastoral support is strong.
- Pupils manage their own behaviour well, both in lessons and during breaktimes. They are respectful of their teachers. Learning is rarely disrupted by poor behaviour.
- Pupils experience a strong careers programme.
- Staff enjoy working at this school.
- Trustees, governors and leaders know the school well. During this time of transition into a multi-academy trust, they have worked closely together to ensure that they can continue to provide a high-quality education for all pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards Mrs. Batson.  
Principal

Click [here](#) to read the full report.



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### Week 1



#### Whole School Messages

As the weather forecast continues to be warm, although changeable, pupils will continue to be in PE kit or uniform however we will review this at the end of the week.

Wednesday 28th June - Progress evening for pupils with SEND.

#### Year 7 Messages

No messages.

#### Year 8 Messages

No messages.

#### Year 9 Messages

No messages.

#### Year 10 Messages

Y10 mock exams continue and conclude on Friday 30th June.

#### Year 11 Messages

No messages.

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



BLACKOUT

# 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: 21 pupils since September  
Year 8: 27 pupils since September  
Year 9: 18 pupils since September  
Year 10: 42 students since September  
All: 108 students since September

## How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 140 pupils  
Year 8: 125 pupils  
Year 9: 117 pupils  
Year 10: 156 students  
All: 538 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: 126 pupils  
Year 8: 93 pupils  
Year 9: 65 pupils  
Year 10: 118 students  
All: 402 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  
**26th June 2023**

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?**  
The Progress Evening for pupils with SEND is on Wednesday. Year 10 mock exams continue this week. Maths and History are this morning. Other events to look out for this week are the LGBT+ Youth Summit today and the Physics Olympics for some Year 9 pupils on Wednesday. Remember, we're always in N17 if you need any help.  
[Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



What is the name of this fruity pudding?



Lost time's answer: Lemon light

"It's not the years in your life that count,  
it's the life in your years!"  
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

**Joke of the Week**



Why did the banana go to the doctor's?  
...Because it wasn't **PEELING** well!



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- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group
- ADDitude Magazine
- Autism Eye
- Autism Parenting Magazine
- British Dyslexia Association
- The Communication Trust

**Hello,**

**I hope you have had a fabulous week! This week has been Refugee Week and our SSLT members have been collecting your generous donations during form time. Thank you very much for all those who contributed.**

**We also had our Year 8 tug of war yesterday, hopefully all pupils in year 8 went to support their house. Congratulations to Asia and South America for tying in first place. Best of luck to the Year 9's who will be competing next week.**

**Remember to support your house in all upcoming competitions as the results of the house shield are fast approaching and every bit of participation counts!**

**Have a lovely weekend from Ebony.**



## Whole School Messages

Some classrooms are going to need to close for the remainder of term in order for urgent site work to take place. This will affect **maths classrooms from Monday 26th June** and **RS/Drama/Science classrooms from Monday 3rd July**. Students will be able to see where their lessons have moved to via the timetable in their **Edulink app**.

As part of the Refugee week celebrations, Mariam O and Raghad E were invited to the British Red Cross World Food Day Party in Preston, where we celebrated our multicultural society. Lots of Parklands families were also there! The students represented our school fantastically and spoke to the organisers about everything that we have been doing as a school during Refugee Week.



During Refugee Week, all pupils have listened to the story Meltem's Journey. It tells the true story of a young girl who had to flee her home country of Turkey and the difficulties they had seeking asylum in the UK. If you would like to hear it yourself, please [click here](#)

Thank you so much to everybody who has donated to the British Red Cross as part of Refugee Week. We have collected dozens of items that will go to those who are seeking sanctuary in our town.

## Whole School Messages

### PE Update

#### Cricket 'The Gillette Cup'

The U15 team unfortunately got knocked out of this historic cup in the group stages last week but our superb U13 team got to the final this week by winning their group. The final will be against St Michaels in July at Chorley Cricket Cup. It is the second year in a row our U13s have played in the final, hopefully this year we will win it!

### District Sports Day

On Weds 21st June, we took a 100 strong team of year 7-10 pupils to compete against the Chorley schools.

We had some absolutely amazing performances particularly from our oldest pupils, some special mentions go to, Harry Gibson, Kate Henderson, Ilyana Garin, Ava Bolton, Jacob Joyce and Scarlett Prendergast and Corey Smith, the year 10 actually came 2nd overall and we are still waiting confirmation of points for the overall results.

Another mention to all the team players who stepped up when other pupils were injured or absent and had to compete in events that were not their strongest event. Some more mentions across the age groups to, Danny Bretherton, Elliot Fairweather, Amelie Wood, Thea Primarolo.

Well done to all! We are proud of you for your efforts and look forward to next year.

### Sports Day

An amazing event this year with records broken and pupils doing superbly across all events. Asia house winning sports day for the second year in a row is a great achievement and great team management by the sports day captains and Mrs O'Keefe.

Some special mentions from the day.

Sam Stewart broke the Javelin Record

Thea Primarolo broke the triple jump but then was beaten by Jenny Queally who broke her record.

Harry Gibson broke the year 10 100m record

James Bradshaw broke the year 8 100m record.

We had a number of records set for the first time with 300m becoming a cemented event.

Elijah Willis, Evie McDonnell, Alfie Hughes, Danny Bretherton and Harry Gibson.



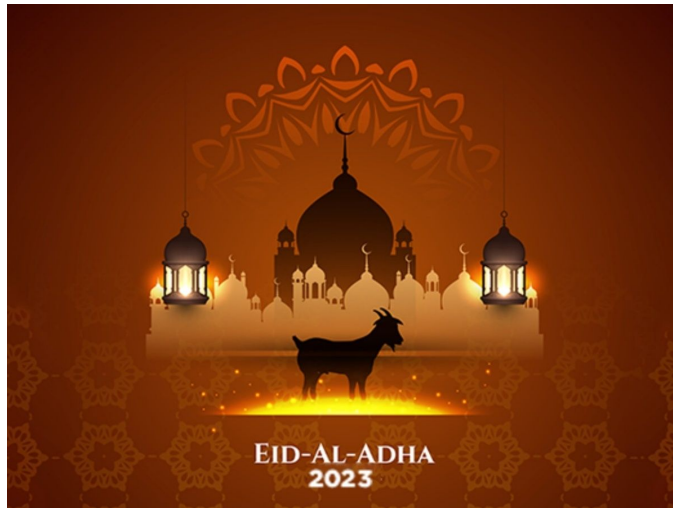
## Whole School Messages

**Eid al-Adha** is expected to begin on Wednesday 28th June (unconfirmed).

This Eid celebration can last up to 3 days and is to remember the sacrifice made by the Prophet Ibrahim.

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Wishing everyone celebrating a blessed Eid, Eid Mubarak!**



**Congratulations to the pupils  
with the highest number of  
Achievement Points in the whole school this week**



Jenny Q  
Year 7  
JPN

Ishaq A  
Year 8  
PAR



LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE **ACHIEVE**



## Whole School Messages

Mrs Sullivan-Brown, Miss Fox and Miss Sullivan are all performing at The Lowry theatre on Sunday 2nd July in a musical extravaganza. Raising money for **Maggies in Manchester**, a **charity providing free cancer support and information in centres across the UK and online**. If you'd like to come and watch then please email [sullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:sullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk) and you won't pay a booking fee!



# showcase 23

**TICKETS  
£18**  
ALL SEATS  
from participating  
societies or

Seven musical theatre companies return to The Lowry's big stage to celebrate the magic of musical theatre with selections from their own favourites, proudly supporting **Maggies**, another amazing charity.

at The Lowry  
Sunday 2 July at 7:15pm

The Lowry Box Office

**0343 208  
6000**

online at  
**thelowry.com**  
(subject to booking fee)

All Saints Musical Productions • Horwich Amateur Theatre Society  
Hyde Musical Society • Mossley Operatic & Dramatic Society Next Gen  
South Manchester Amateur Operatic Society • Romiley Operatic Society  
Sale & Altrincham Musical Theatre

The Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer  
Charity  
Company Number: SC162451  
Maggies is a registered charity in Scotland.  
Charity Number: SC024414

Manchester

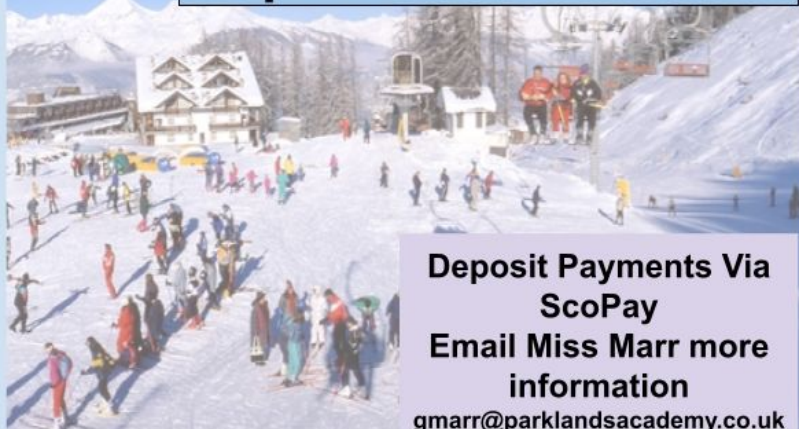


  
**THE LOWRY**

## 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](mailto:gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

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## SCIENCE DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP 2024

**£ 675**

OPEN TO YEAR 7,8, 9 & 10

VISIT CITE DES SCIENCE  
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1 DAY AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

1st-5th APRIL 2024

FULL BOARD, TRANSPORT, TICKETS TO MUSEUM AND DISNEYLAND  
PARIS INCLUDED

If your child is pupil premium or free school meals they may be eligible  
for a discount.

Sign up via and pay the deposit via Edulink app.







### What's on offer

Chorley Wanderers JFC believes football is for ALL and takes great pride to offer a FREE 6 week course for PAN Disability football.

PAN disability is inclusive of a wide range of disabilities, and players with different impairments.

We will provide a safe and fun environment to play football.

Playing for the first time? or showcasing your skills, everyone's welcome.

### Details



Starting Wednesday  
5<sup>th</sup> July for 6 weeks



6:00pm to 7:00pm



Age U13-U16 year 8 to 11



Chorley Sports Hub  
Westway, PR7 1FG



Message the Chorley Wanderers JFC Facebook page



# It's nearly time to reveal the results...



## Who will be the winner of the **2023** House Shield?

Please find a [video](#) of the scores as we go into BLACKOUT.



# Year 6-7 PGL Trip

Welcome to Parklands - To help ease the transition to high school, we want to offer a PGL trip focused on encouraging pupils to meet new pupils in their forms and their houses and staff.

Pupils will spend the weekend completing PGL activities and enjoying evening entertainment that will focus on team building as well as having some free time to socialise with their new classmates. In addition to this they will also have the opportunity to earn house points for their house!

This trip has taken place before with great success and we are really please to be able to offer it again. All food and travel is included in the price and pupils will be accompanied by their House Leaders and members of the Parklands staff.

Please find a video of last years trip [here](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to interact following their first week at Parklands.

The trip will take place between Friday 29th September & Sunday 1st October 2023.

The weekend is at a reduced cost of £160.

If you are interested, please complete the google form [here](#) and return the slip overleaf with a deposit of £50. Please note there is no obligation for your child to attend, it is an optional trip.

If we fail to reach sufficient numbers the trip will not go ahead and refunds will be issued.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please contact Miss Greaves directly

[ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



This will take you to the  
Google Form



## PGL Dance Weekend

**When** - 20th - 22nd October 2023

**Where** - PGL Winmarleigh Hall

**Price** - £135

**Who for** - current Y7-10

Lucy McManus, ex pupil & choreographer of the Moulin Rouge number in this years show, will be attending with us to teach you a dance number for next years show.

You will also get time to do the PGL outdoor and adventurous activities too.

Please find a copy of the letter attached [here](#)





# 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**



# SUMMER SCHOOL



**Week 1: 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Week 2: 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August**



**Price is £100 per week**

If you have any queries, please email: [summerschool@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:summerschool@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**Monday - Thursday will include team building, getting to know you activities, sports, creative activities, sample lessons and much more.**

**Friday of each week will be a trip.**

**Week 1 - Reel Cinema/  
Escape Entertainment  
Venue**

**Week 2 - Chill Factor**

**Minimum number is required  
for Summer School to run.**



**Pupils can  
attend  
one week or  
both.**

**Please complete and return to Parklands High School by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**



Reminder to our new incoming year 7 students that we are running our annual summer school. The deadline has been extended to allow reply slips and deposits to be returned on the meet the form tutor evenings.





Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig  
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Next Street Productions  
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. "I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI - [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

You will have received an email via Edulink regarding the next reward trip. For any further details, please contact Mrs Fox ([gfox@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gfox@parklandsacademy.co.uk))

A photograph of a roller coaster at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The coaster has a blue track and a red car with passengers. The background shows the blue sky and the structure of the roller coaster.

# Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9.30am - 7.30pm  
Price: £27.00

Limited Spaces  
BOOK NOW

T&C apply



Chorley Inspire Youth Zone are inviting all school starters to come to the inbetweeners sessions and get to know pupils who will be starting the same high school as them in September.

The sessions are 3-5 pm and cost just 50 pence.

Parklands' session is Saturday 1st July.



We're working with Tippy Toes, the Good Food Clubs and Living Waters Storehouse to support Chorley families who are soon to be welcoming a new baby, or have a young child already.

There are a 6 pop up shops from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> August where families can receive free items and advice. These are dotted around the borough to make it easier for families to get to. If a demand is identified through these pop ups, we'll look to provide more in future.

Please help to share this opportunity far and wide.

We would like to invite lots of families who would benefit from the support and also reach local people or businesses who may be able to donate time or items. More details about TTBB can be found here

[Home - TippyToes Baby Bank](#).





# WALK AND TALK: PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

**TAKING PLACE EVERY  
WEDNESDAY 10:00-11:00AM**  
MEETING OUTSIDE HOME START ON FLEET  
STREET CARPARK, CHORLEY, PR7 2SA

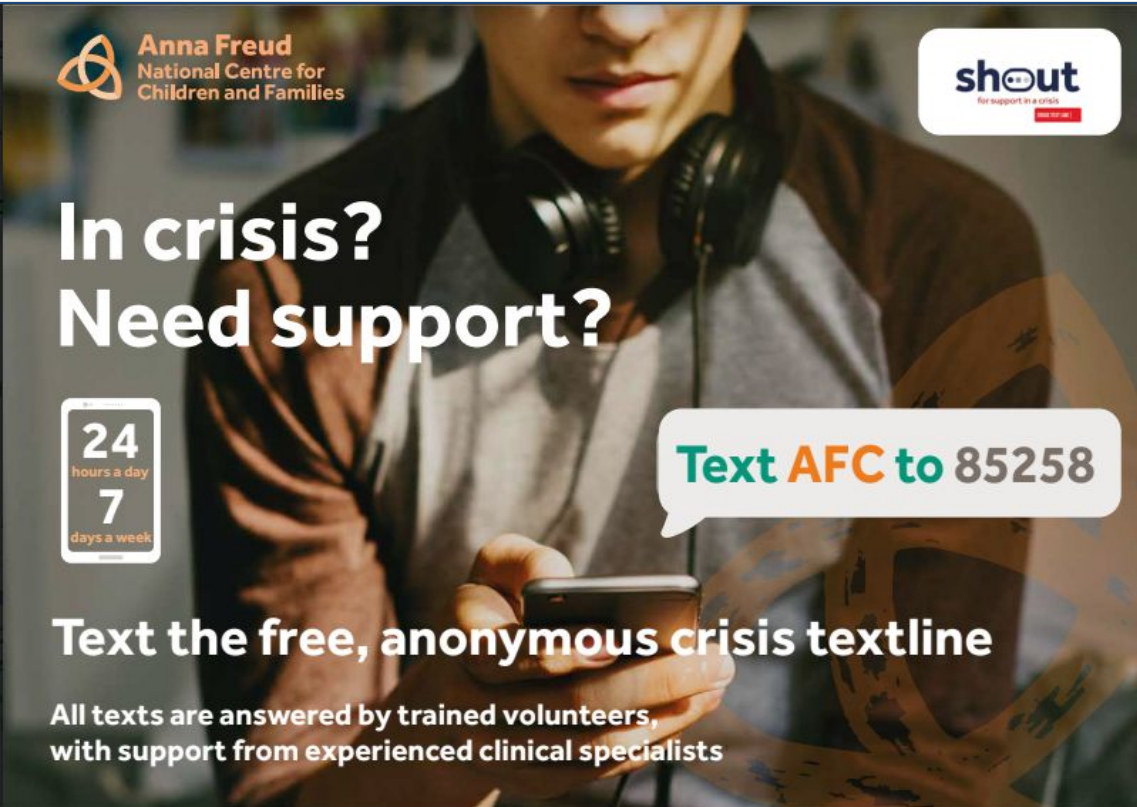
**\*OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO OTHER LOCAL  
PARENTS AND CARERS.**  
**\*TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOCAL GREEN AREAS  
AND INCREASE WELLBEING.**  
**\*ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AS WE GO ALONG!**  
**\*SEEK ADVICE FROM A HOME START FAMILY  
SUPPORT COORDINATOR.**

**\*ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL  
\*CHILDREN WELCOME  
\*FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF  
ALL AGES**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 01257 241636 OR EMAIL  
VOLMANAGER@HOMESTARTCENTRALLANCS.ORG.UK**

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**Chorley  
Council**



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National Centre for  
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**7**  
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County  
Council



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Service

We are looking  
for people from all  
types of **BACKGROUNDS**  
and with a **VARIETY** of  
**INTERESTS** aged  
between 12-19 and  
up to 25 years for  
young people with  
**SEND**



**CHORLEY**  
**Youth Council**

To learn more about or join our Youth Council  
please contact: Richard Fawcett  
[chorleysouthribble.tys@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:chorleysouthribble.tys@lancashire.gov.uk)  
tel: 07827807948



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[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

And search for: Parklands



# THRIVING TOGETHER

ENHANCING HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND  
FINANCIAL STABILITY

11AM - 2PM

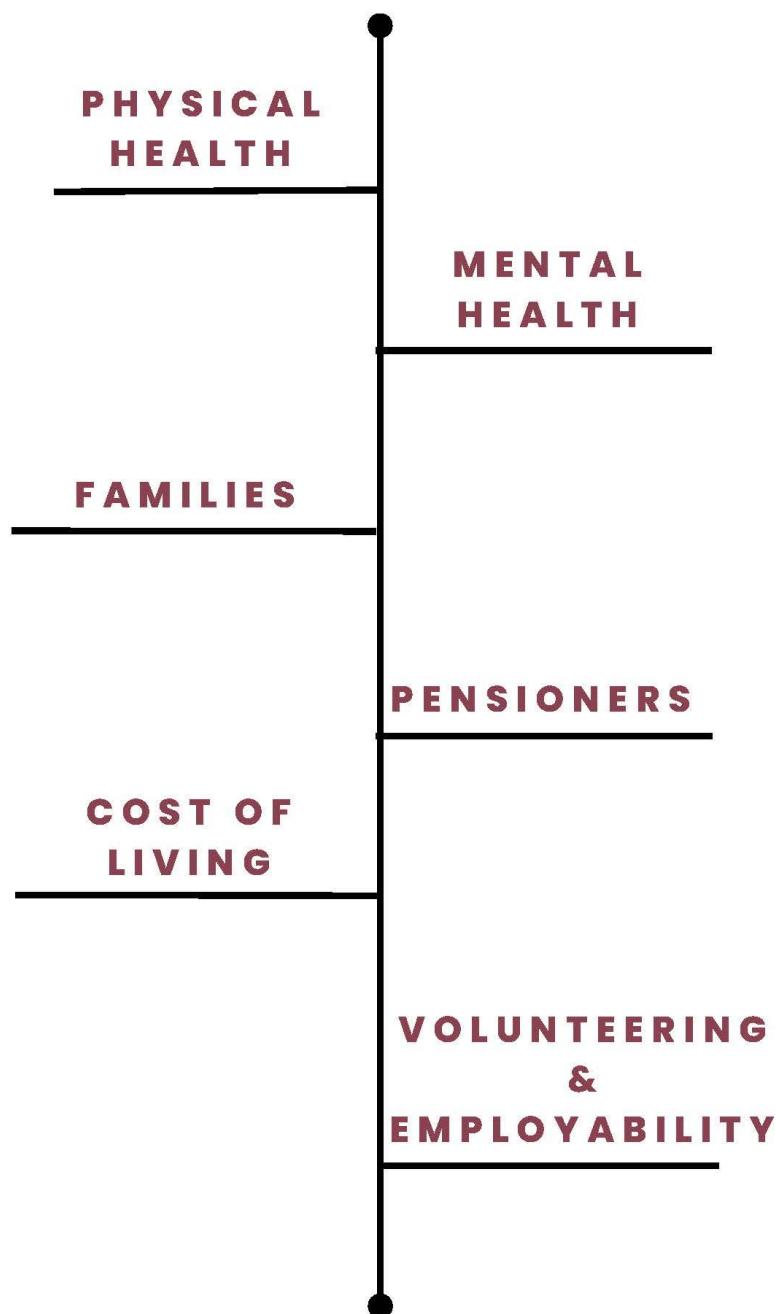


- Empowering event with local services providing support and advice
- Resources to enhance physical and mental health
- Assistance for young people, families, and older individuals
- Addressing challenges of cost of living
- Promotion of overall well-being
- Opportunities for volunteering and boosting employability
- Comprehensive assistance and community-driven initiatives
- Improve the lives of Chorley residents

**Fazakerley Street Markets, Chorley, PR7 1BG**






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FAZAKERLY STREET MARKETS  
MONDAY, 3RD JULY 2023










**Join Us**

## A Youth Voice and Influence group for young people with SEND

A space to raise issues of importance to young people with SEND. Make changes across Lancashire to improve services and have fun!!!

Where	When
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Mondays</b> 131 Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6YJ</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 4:30pm to 6:00pm ages 8-15 (Burnley and Morecambe Only)</li></ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Tuesdays</b> The Zone in Burnley, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 6:30pm to 8:00pm ages 16-25</li></ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Wednesdays</b> Morecambe Library, Central Drive, Morecambe, LA4 5DL</li></ul>	<div><b>Who</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Any young person diagnosed or undiagnosed with SEND</li></ul>

**Contact** Suliman Hussain at [suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk)

# Aspris Children's Services



Oliver House, a specialist autism provision, are offering free training to parents. There will be two courses:

***Sensory & Anxiety Issues in Autism*** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

***Pathological Demand Avoidance*** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

The courses will run from 10am to 12 noon and there are 80 places on each course. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Please note that if you wish to attend you **must** book on the courses. Please contact Jenny Powell at Oliver House School on 01257 220011 to book.

**Venue: Valley Church, Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS**



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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

Artificial intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen significant development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-based software or adding an AI element to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example). One form of AI to become especially popular has been the 'AI friend' or chatbot, as children eagerly experiment with these new-found computer-generated companions. There are now numerous apps available with this 'virtual friend' functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other successful platforms soon.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

AI chatbots may not always be able to recognise when content is age inappropriate or harmful and should be filtered out. So there's a possibility that children could be exposed to offensive language or explicit material while conversing with their virtual friend. The companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

#### REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT

An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially cause a child to begin reducing the amount of face-to-face communication they have, leading to social isolation. If young people become dependent on chatbots to provide companionship, it could very likely hinder the development of their real-life social skills.

#### LACK OF SENSITIVITY

Chatbot software isn't always sophisticated enough to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, as most humans would. It might therefore fail to respond appropriately. AI misinterpreting what it's being told or replying insensitively to a young user who's already struggling could potentially impact a child's emotional wellbeing or exacerbate any existing emotional issues.

#### UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

AI companions are only as reliable as the information they've been programmed with. The algorithms they use, therefore, may unintentionally promote bias, stereotypes or discriminatory behaviour (as many originate from the USA or the UK, for instance, they can display a distinctly western-centric worldview). This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and behaviours.

#### COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS

Although many are now undeniably advanced, AI-powered chatbots still have limitations in terms of understanding complex concepts, context and nuance. Depending heavily on chatbots to help with learning or solving problems may stunt the development of a child's own powers of critical thinking, creativity and ability to engage in open-ended discussions with other people.

#### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is ostensibly to improve their performance as they gradually learn about our behaviour – but many experts are warning that there may be significant risks associated with how this information is stored and used (the possibility of potential breaches or misuse by third parties, for instance).

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS

If your child is already expressing an interest in AI apps, a relaxed, natural chat should help you to discover which ones they're aware of and how they're using them (or are planning to). Discuss these options with your child and perhaps do your own research to ensure you think they're suitable. Once you're totally happy, you could sit with your young one and begin exploring AI chatbots together.

### CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment: ideally in a shared space at home, so you can easily keep an eye and ear on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance – and gently remind them that you'll be close by and ready to help with any questions or concerns that may arise.

### FIND A BALANCE

Work alongside your child to establish the right balance in terms of how they might use AI-powered chatbots – and when it's appropriate. It's important to make sure that children are still getting plenty of opportunities to learn to solve problems for themselves, as well as building their interpersonal skills through face-to-face conversations with friends, family members and teachers.

### TAKE CONTROL

As with any form of app or game, when it comes to AI chatbots we'd strongly recommend that you consider employing parental controls (either on the device being used or within the software itself) to manage which apps your child can download and use. This is particularly important for younger children, who may be more at risk of being upset or frightened by inappropriate content.

### RECOGNISE THE RISKS

It's unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks attached to having a virtual companion. So it's probably wise to explain some of the possible hazards and challenges of AI chatbots to your child. In particular, emphasise that AI isn't a real person (however much it might sound like one) and may occasionally tell them something that isn't entirely impartial or accurate.

### Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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# HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Children and Family  
**Wellbeing**  
Service

When we argue with our partner or our co-parents, we can easily get caught up in the heat of the moment.

At times like these its difficult to find a way forward.

Our Healthy Relationships Course can help. Learning about the stages of relationships, understanding each other and how to argue better. Remember that when you stay calm, your child feels the benefit.

If you would like further details about the course or book on to the course please contact the number below. A fun group for children ages 5 – 11 will also be running alongside the course, so they can come along with their parent/carer and make new friends.

**To book a place please ☎ 01772 531948**

**Venue:** Preston Central Neighbourhood Centre, Brieryfield Road, PR1 8SR

**Dates:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June for 4weeks.

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00pm



Please click [here](#) for this weeks Career News.



**INVESTIN**  
**The Skills of the Future**  
Free career development resources for ages 12-18

**INVESTIN SUMMER CHALLENGE**  
**SKILLS OF THE FUTURE**  
PRIZES AVAILABLE!

We are delighted to present a free-of-charge resource for your students. Our Skills of the Future pack has been created in response to the recently-published Future of Jobs report by the World Economic Forum. The pack includes a 40-minute video we have created to help students develop the skills that are most sought-after by employers, plus worksheets and a summer checklist to ensure they are maximising their career development over the holidays.

**VIEW THE RESOURCE**

**THE ULTIMATE CAREER EXPERIENCE**  
JULY & AUGUST 2023  
AGES 12-18 | IN LONDON

**Summer Career Experiences in London**

There are just a handful of places left on our immersive Summer Career Experiences. Shadow doctors in a London hospital; trade the stock market in a London skyscraper; meet top employers in a relaxed environment. Lancashire's leading employers will be on hand to discuss the amazing career opportunities currently available.

**SOUTH RIBBLE SKILLS FACTORY**  
**RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW 2023** 07 07 23

**THE SOUTH RIBBLE SKILLS FACTORY RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW IS BACK!**

Are you looking for a job?  
Are you thinking of changing career?  
Are you looking for an apprenticeship or training?

**THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU!**  
Friday 7th July - 1pm till 6pm  
Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH

**CAREERS ADVICE**  
**RECRUITMENT HUBS**  
**APPRENTICESHIPS**  
**JOB VACANCIES**

**IT'S FREE TO ATTEND!**

Shout Futures has partnered with South Ribble Borough Council to host the South Ribble Recruitment Roadshow on Friday 7th July. The event will be held at Leyland Civic Centre, PR25 1DH.

Connecting employers with teams of the future. This summer, the South Ribble Recruitment Roadshow will provide the ultimate opportunity for employers and anyone planning their career to meet and connect with potential apprentices in a relaxed environment. Lancashire's leading employers will be on hand to discuss the amazing career opportunities currently available.

Come along and get involved. Discover how you can develop new skills, secure your ideal job and gain the power to take your career forward. If you are looking for your first role, want to progress into a job or apprenticeship, this is the event for you!

**FREE LIVE GET INTO DENTISTRY**  
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE  
Saturday 24th June with Dr Fiona Andrews

Today, I have an opportunity for the dentist! I'd like to invite your students in years 10-11 to a free, virtual Get into Dentistry conference with Dr Fiona Andrews on Saturday 24th June (9am - 1:30pm). Dr Fiona will lead your students step-by-step through the application process to maximise their chances of getting into dental school. A limited number of spaces are available. We're aiming to close registrations earlier, I encourage your students to think about their career paths are welcome. They just need to register on [www.getintodentistry.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/](https://www.getintodentistry.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/). Work Experience, School, Choose Dental Schools, and Awards Programmes Entrance Exams to Dental School. For your students to hear about applying to dental school from those who have been successful - dentists and dental students. [www.getintodentistry.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/](https://www.getintodentistry.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/) giving this to your students, our Chief Dentists are very excited to

**CAREER News** 2023

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

Here we are at the end of another busy week at Parklands! GCSEs are over for Year 11s and they are now looking forward to their Prom. Year 10s have visited Wigan & Leigh College and will go to Burnham College in July for sampling days - as well as setting their end of year exams.

However, still lots going on for students in all year groups, including:

- Investin is offering a free resource: Skills of the Future, with a video from employers to help students develop those all important employability skills, plus worksheets and a summer checklist.
- Find out more about engineering apprenticeships with the Metropolitan Police in their upcoming webinar (link inside)
- The South Ribble Recruitment Roadshow is back - Friday 7th July - meet employers, training providers and educators. Ideal for job seekers or career changers.
- Oxford Scholastica Academy are highlighting some of the benefits of online summer schools.
- Follow the link to find out more.
- Year 11 students - don't forget to sign up for one of the Subject Choice Days at your chosen college(s) - and ensure you are picking the right subject for you.
- Lots of conferences and virtual work experience opportunities from the Met Police, NHS, and for any aspiring medical, dental or vet. You can also take part in the very first conference on Neurodiversity in the Clinical World on Saturday 10th July. Sign up now, places are limited.

Coming up:

- A number of Year 10 students will take part in a Bioethics Challenge with local employers ROQ - very not give them a like or follow!
- The NHS is 75 on the 24th July and to mark the occasion, you are invited to an online birthday celebration looking at how the NHS has changed over the years. There will be a competition launched for young people to take part in - look out for the link in next week's Career News.
- Finally, please hand in those completed Work Experience booklets as soon as possible - there are now only THREE weeks before WEX week. Please let me know if there are any issues/problems.

For those who chose the best placements, they are all confirmed. I am still waiting for the next part of the process to be completed and will hand out any booklets/paperwork as soon as I receive them.

*Ngela Jularanta*  
(or Happy Midsummer. The background photo shows the land of the midnight sun)

28th - 30th June 2023

**METROPOLITAN POLICE** **Amazing Apprenticeships**

**APPRENTICESHIPS WITH THE METROPOLITAN POLICE**

**ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS WEBINAR**

Join an exclusive webinar with the Met Police's Operational Support Unit (OSU) to learn how Engineering apprentices can kickstart their career and work on surveillance solutions that help to keep people safe. The Operational Support Unit (OSU) is a dedicated team of around fifty specialist engineers and technical staff of the Met, including working with surveillance products, camera technology, IP networks, communications, equipment and rapid prototyping, fabrication and machining using Computer Aided Design, CCTV, video analysis.

**>>> REGISTER NOW <<<**

When is it? On Wednesday 12th July from 3pm - 4pm for a 1-hour online webinar.

Who should attend? If your webinar is suitable for students, teachers/trainers advisers and parents/carers. If you can't live make sure you register anyway to receive the recording afterwards.

What's about the apprenticeship opportunities with the Met Police? We have a Level 3 engineering apprenticeship with a starting salary of £22,370 + location allowance of £1,639, going up to £27,686 by Year 4 (on a full allowance).



Lots of great events featured in this week's Career News: webinars, virtual work experience, open days, free resources, recruitment roadshows, conferences, traineeships and apprenticeship vacancies and much more.

Countdown to Work Experience - just THREE full weeks left before WEX week. Please get your completed placement booklets back to me as soon as possible.

A number of Year 10s will be taking part in the ROQ Defectives Challenge. ROQ is a large local employer, based in Euxton - but what do you know about them? Check out their socials links and find out who they are and what kind of work they carry out - you might be surprised!

## Careers

Runshaw College are intending to hold an open event with their Additional Learning and Foundation Learning teams to highlight the support available and the Foundation Learning Courses offered at Runshaw.

The date is Monday 3rd July, from 3pm - 6pm. Parking is available on Car Park B and C to avoid the college buses. The event is open to parents/carers and students.

Look out for the link to take part in the **NHS at 75** competition - coming soon ....  
(Open to all year groups).