

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 2nd - 5th July 2024 Week 2



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers.

This has been an eventful week with the General Election for the country, and the Parklands General Election in school. We organised an authentic election experience for the pupils; in form time last week they had been given information about the main parties and their manifestos, and yesterday they received polling cards and visited polling booths before casting their anonymous votes into a sealed ballot box. Our results mirrored the national results and we had a Labour landslide in school. We hope that this has given the pupils a good idea of what voting will be like for them when they are 18.

Last night we also held our annual KS3 Presentation Evening. Prizes were awarded to Years 7, 8, and 9 for excellent trackers and for special achievement in subjects. Our KS3 vocal group and KS3 dance team also performed for the family and friends in the audience. It was a fantastic evening, and every pupil who won a prize has worked really hard to achieve this. Please see school social media for pictures of the evening and the prize winners.

Year 10 have also been out on two college taster days this week. They visited Runshaw on Wednesday, and Wigan and Leigh on Thursday. They were able to experience lessons in both A-Levels and Vocational qualifications, to help them to choose their college and subjects for next year. Pupils behaved excellently and were a credit to the school.

We also had Induction Day for the Year 6s who will be starting with us in September. They had a fabulous day, and they fully got into the House spirit for the House Competition in period 5! We can't wait for them to start with us as Year 7s in September.

Year 8 held their Global Goals fair on Tuesday afternoon. Staff and families visited a variety of stalls where pupils were displaying the results of their Global Goals project. Pupils displayed a variety of items including songs, videos, artwork, and poems to raise awareness of their Global issue. There was a wide range of issues which pupils had chosen, including education for all, water quality, gender equality, global warming, and the impacts of war.

Today we are holding our annual Sports Day. This has been rearranged from earlier in the term as a result of the weather, but thankfully today is dry so pupils will be competing in a variety of events to win points for their houses. One House will be the Sports Day winners and receive the Sports DAy Cup, and the points will also contribute to the awarding of the House Shield on the last day of term. The Houses (and House Leaders) are very competitive, so there will be lots of cheering and encouragement today!

Regards,

Mrs.Batson

Principal

The Parklands Election - The Parklands election yesterday saw a whopping 56% of pupils choose to vote, very similar to the national picture. We set up polling booths in different locations around school and pupils had to register to vote first, take their polling cards to their polling station and swap it for a ballot paper. All the voters then deposited their votes into sealed ballot boxes which were counted and verified throughout the day. The winners in our election were Labour, who gained twice as many votes as the nearest other party.

Congratulations to all who took part for their excellent conduct. Mrs Gray

Preston College: For anyone who had an interview and was offered a place at college - you will have been issued with a personalised online enrolment account, with instructions to log in and accept the place. Please do this as soon as possible as a number of courses are already oversubscribed. On GCSE results day, you will need to upload a photo of your GCSE results and you will be enrolled online. All the instructions can be found here:

https://www.preston.ac.uk/14-19-school-leavers/enrolment-at-preston-college/

This means you can upload from anywhere (for instance on holiday abroad) and don't need to queue for hours at college!

Apologies for the non-appearance of Career News - it will be back next week!

Well done to all the Year 10s who visited Runshaw and Wigan & Leigh Colleges this week. Staff at the colleges commented on how mature, polite and engaged you all were. Hopefully, these visits have given you a better idea of what is on offer at college - as you will be making applications before Christmas this year.

As soon as I get all the dates for open events, I will share these. Try to visit as many colleges as you can, then you know you are making an informed choice post-16.

There are still a number of Year 10s who have not handed in a work experience booklet - or been to see me to ask for help, despite assemblies and many reminders.

Please get all booklets into school by the middle of the week, so that I can contact all employers in advance of WEX week and check all insurance details.

If anyone is really struggling, I do still have a small number of placements left, including some spaces on the NHS scheme, where you spend the week at Chorley Hospital in the LIFE Centre, meeting lots of health professionals and taking part in various activities.

There are also a couple of nursery and primary school placements, one or two office placements, and two gym placements, plus a couple more that don't really fit any of those categories.

Booklets available on the website or from the top office:

 $\underline{https://files.schudio.com/parklandshighschool/files/workex/2024/Work_Experience_Information_Pack_2024.pdf}$

SafetyNet Parklands will be launching a new LinkedIn account shortly, to share information about health and safety in the workplace - more details to follow very soon

Every school day matters!



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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.

1 £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.

2 £160 pp, pc

(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.

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

3RD OFFENCE

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: 39 pupils to date Year 8: 31 pupils to date Year 9: 30 pupils to date Year 10: 24 students to date

All: 124 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 151 pupils Year 8: 126 pupils Year 9: 117 pupils Year 10: 126 students All: 520 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: 141 pupils Year 8: 96 pupils Year 9: 99 pupils Year 10: 95 students All: 431 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



In advance of the new school year, please could you let us know if you would like your child to be registered for the GCSE in their home language or languages.

This would be a language they already master, as no curriculum time or lessons would be provided to them.

It would be a wonderful opportunity for your child to demonstrate their language abilities and to add them to their list of qualifications, which looks fantastic on their CV.

We generally recommend that students be in Year 9 or Year 10 (current year 8 or 9) when they take this additional GCSE so that it does not affect their preparation for their other Year 11 exams. GCSEs are available in the following languages:

French

German

Spanish

Mandarin

Cantonese

Italian

Russian

Arabic

Greek

Japanese

Urdu

Portuguese

Gujarati

Biblical Hebrew

Modern Hebrew

Persian

Turkish

Polish

Bengali

Punjabi

Please send an email with your child's name and the language(s) you wish them to be entered for to jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Year 8 STEM Team - A belated very well done to the Year 8 STEM team for gaining their Bronze Industrial Cadet awards last week at the University of Liverpool, and for winning 'Highly Commended in the Innovation Sector'. Judges commented on how thorough and well researched their project was and how well they had interpreted the brief.



Here's the team, pictured with their sponsors NSG Environmental Ltd - grateful thanks to Sam and Jack for being so supportive (and of course to Rob, the mad scientist!)

Country of The Week

St Lucia





Capital - Castries
Population - 179,857
Main religion - Christianity
Main sport - Football
Official language - English
Land mass - 617 km²
Currency - East Caribbean
Dollar

St Lucia is an island nation located in eastern Caribbean. With their tropical climate and their welcoming diversity it is an amazing holiday destination to all. It gained its self governance from the British Commonwealth in February 22, 1979 even though the United States recognised it as a federated state.

PE Update week beginning 1st July 2024

A great week in the PE department. All of the summer tournaments underway as we draw closer to the end of the school year!

Year 7 Girls Rounders District

Tournament at St Michael's. The girls played against teams from St. Michael's, Bishop Rawsthorne and Holy Cross. Being relatively new to the game of rounders the team displayed some great tactics and skill with some amazing catches on display! We have some things to work on for next year. The team placed 3rd overall, well done!





Year 8 Girls Rounders District

Tournament at St Michael's. The girls played against teams from St. Michael's, Bishop Rawsthorne and Holy Cross. Unfortunately we only had a team of 6 Y8 girls, a big thank you to Y7 girls Eva and Laya who played up for our Y8 team you were great! The girls fought hard against some strong teams. We are very proud of you! Well done.

Year 9 & 10 Cricket Competition at Holy Cross playing Holy Cross. Despite the weather the team played fantastic and beat Holy Cross to make it through to the final of the Gillette cup. What an achievement both teams are through to the final! Congratulations!

Year 7&8 Rugby festival at Leyland Warriors. The games played were of a very high standard and the team performed really well throughout! They placed 4th overall. Well done!

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



School of Sanctuary

We are so thrilled to have collected our Schools of Sanctuary award at a special presentation at Lancashire County Hall. Yosra, Hind and Walid all spoke beautifully about how welcoming our school is and we are so proud of them for this. Being a School of Sanctuary is recognition of how we make our school a safe space for anybody seeking sanctuary - something which is at the heart of everything we do.



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

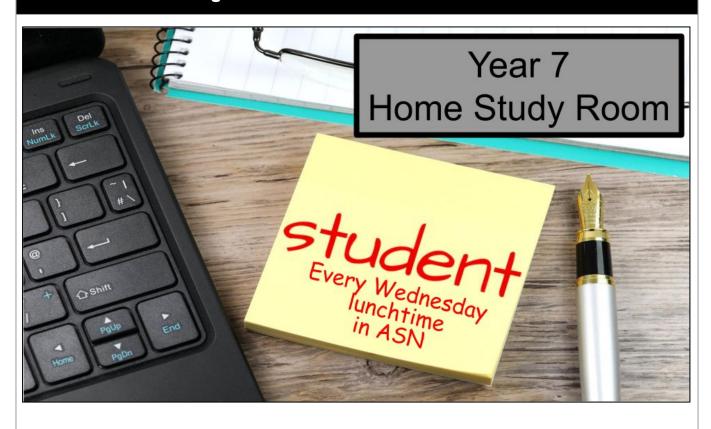
Time: 15:30-17:00

Where: Westway

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

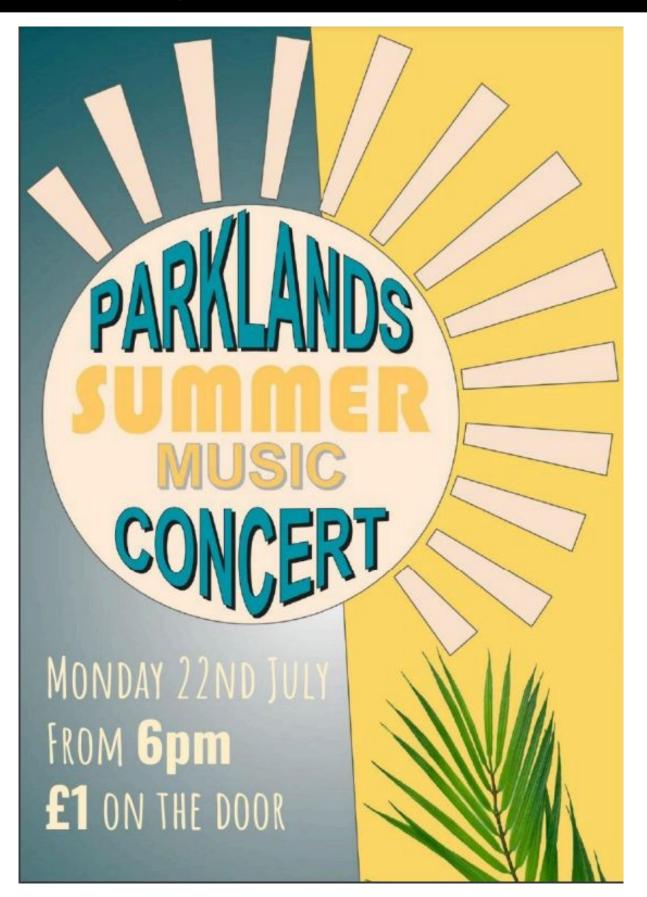
Please click <u>here</u> for the weekly menu and additional information.

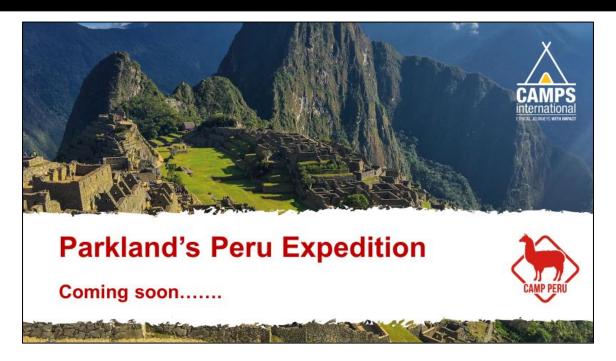




Please click here for the weekly menu and additional information.









Vacancies

Click here for for further information





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

A vacancy has arisen for a

IT Technician

Grade 6 points 11-19, Full Time, 37 hours per week, Term Time Only FTE Salary £25979 - £29777 (pro rata £21966.79 - £25178.22)

Start date 03 September 2024.

We are seeking to employ an enthusiastic IT technician to work alongside our current IT Support Team at Parklands High School, Chorley, providing support for the school's IT infrastructure. The ideal candidate should have relevant work experience and have knowledge of Microsoft Windows server/client systems, network architecture and computer hardware/software maintenance.

This is an exciting time to come and work for us as Parklands High School is the founder school of the newly formed Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust. We are an over-subscribed and high-achieving 11-16 school located in the historic market town of Chorley, which

This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, supportive, well resourced and forward looking environment. We were inspected by OFSTED in July 2018, resulting in "Good" overall. Staff here also benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance as well as out of hours use of the well equipped school gym, cycle to work schemes, pension scheme free onsite parking and other local discounts.

has excellent transport links and the school is within easy reach of the M6, M61 and M65 motorways.

If you wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Mr Alan Dowsing, Trust Network Manager, by telephone or email (it@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@aspirationalfutures.co.uk.

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.



PARENTICARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs.

We work in 63 schools and colleges
throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING WORRIED



STRUGGLING TO SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS ANDIOR USUAL ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD I YOUNG PERSONWE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.















Have you lost a Mum, Dad or Sibling?

Are you under 18 years old and want to meet others in the same situation?

We know first hand how little support there is available, and how you feel, that nobody understands! We can't promise to make your situation easier, but we can offer support and an opportunity to listen and share experiences amongst people who have been through a similar thing to you.







Games, Activities & Crafts

Or maybe you want a casual chat or even just to listen, come along for a drink and a snack.

Sunday 14th July 2024
Euxton Parish Church Community Centre
2pm – 4pm

We hope to see you there!

You are not alone!



Families welcome

Please send a message or phone Donna to let us know if you would like to call in or if you simply have any questions

The One Stop Shop is a monthly drop in where families & young people can access support from different services under one roof.

We offer a warm welcome. refreshments and an opportunity to get help with:

Housing (am)

Finance (am)

Accessing food banks (am)

Mental health support (am)

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Citizens Advice (am)

Relationship advice (am & pm)

Targeted Youth Support (pm)

Sexual Health (pm)

We Are With You (pm) (substance / alcohol)



Drop in on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, between:

9am till 12 noon (parent / carers) 2.30pm - 5pm (11 - 19 years)

Children and Family Wellbeing Service **Duke Street Family Hub** Chorley

PR7 3DU

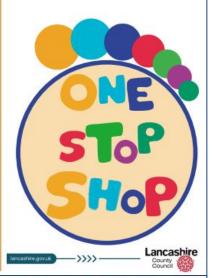
(Next to Duke St Primary)

Tel: 01257 516 316









ERVICES HERE TO

CFW staff are available to help with referrals for further support, and signpost to a range of community agencies, including smoking services and employment support.

They can also give information on a wide range of free groups (from parenting, domestic abuse, relationship communication, to speech & language, and pre-school play sessions).

FREE WEEKLY BUS PASS

FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS WHO ARE NEET/ LONE PARENT/ SARER

RUNNING TUE 18TH JUNE & TUE 16TH JULY

Chorley **Buddies**



Citizens Advice



Places For People



Social Prescribing Service



Targeted Youth Lancashire Support Team



Lancashire Talking **Therapies**



Jigsaw Homes



Christians Against Poverty



NEST Lancashire



Inspire Youth Zone



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 wellbeling, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tias deserved in the appropriate conversations with the confidence of the confidenc

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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ONLINE TROLLING

The term "Trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't da

ESCALATION

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and constitutions.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching batween them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, ence you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many troils resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional horm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teosing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time — with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing troils and their abuse as part and parcel of social media — an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most troiling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for troiling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

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HALF"

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolis". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troli online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

while every protestional criticle expires to minician ingli standards, it simportant to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply se the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it altituit to block troils permanently or even for very long - it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the troils", and it's more elipful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew he whistle.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A long-time fan of Arsenal, he's a parent who understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer whose work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



The National College

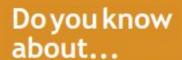
Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/online-trolling













Free III school meals

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If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a free meal every school day

It's easy to find out if you qualify -

Lancashire

Website: https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/

Pupil Premium

Is additional funding for our school to ensure we can support pupils to achieve their full potential

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.

