

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 30th Sept - 4th Oct 2024 Week 1



### **Headteacher's Message**

Dear parents and carers,

Today we held our rescheduled MacMillan coffee (and cake) morning, and as ever it was a great success. We will share the full total raised next week, but a group of year 11 pupils donated a total of £265 for a single cake in the KS4 auction! It is always lovely to see the cakes donated and baked by staff and students, and there were some very impressive bakes this year.

Our annual Open Evening took place on Wednesday of this week, and we really enjoyed welcoming in potential pupils and their families. We got some lovely feedback from the visitors, especially for our fabulous pupil tour guides who all did a brilliant job of showing off our school.

Next week sees the first respect day for Year 7, and this is always one of the best. It is Super Learning day, which is delivered by our Learning Ambassadors in Years 10 and 11. It is always a really good day, and the Year 7s learn lots about their brains and about how to study.

Next week is also Transition Evening for Year 7, where parents and carers get the opportunity to come in and talk to their child's Form Tutor about how they are settling in during their first few weeks. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Regards,
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Mrs. Batson

Headteacher

Year 7 - On Tuesday year 7 will experience their first Respect day. These days are an opportunity for pupils to work with their peers to discover topics that cut across different subjects and throughout their lives. The theme of next week's day is Super learning day. On this day, pupils' usual lessons are suspended and they will be taught by a selection of older pupils about how to be the best learner they can and how to get the most out of their time here at Parklands. We are also going to have an exciting assembly from Lancashire road safety to draw their attention to getting home safely, especially as the nights draw in.

Your child should have joined the Secure Google classroom where they can see what group they are in and what their timetable for the day is. If they have not, the code to join is i5x7gsq



### Important Update - Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

### Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period<sup>1</sup>. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will
  count towards the above thresholds.

### Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.



### 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: 193 pupils to date

Year 8: 141 pupils to date

Year 9: 124 pupils to date

Year 10: 151 students to date Year 11: 123 students to date

All: 732 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the

previous week?

Year 7: 200 pupils

Year 8: 159 pupils Year 9: 147 pupils

Year 10: 166 students

Year 11: 145 students
All: 817 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

**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



### Languagenut Pupil Leaderboard

All points have been reset to 0 at the beginning of October. Next week will be our first October leaderboards.



It's all to play for!

### ClassCharts



As we head into the third week of Pupil of the Week, all teachers were looking for pupils who demonstrated **generosity** which is another of our schools' chosen character virtues. This wouldn't have been a very hard character virtue to spot this week given that so many pupils gave up their time to attend Open Evening and help with our amazing Macmillan Coffee Morning!

You will be notified via ClassCharts and email if your child has been chosen as a Pupil of the Week. Each teacher only picks one Pupil of the Week so they have been chosen from over 1100 other pupils. This is a huge success and deserves to be celebrated!

Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week!

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilkinson ClassCharts Lead

If you need further information on classcharts, please click this link to see more detail.

Also linked is the parent code spreadsheet, and the start up quide.

### **Prom Incentive**

### PROM - Incentive (half termly)



- BfL average 2.95 and over 1 point
- Attendance 94% and over 1 point
- No social strikes 1 point
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- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

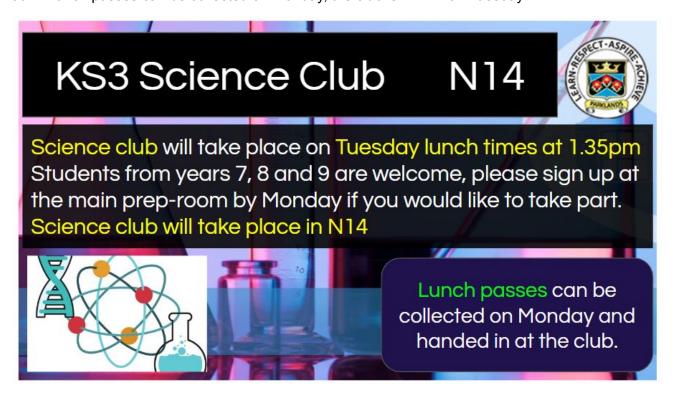
From today until exams finish.

You will need 18 points to be eligible for prom.

There will be opportunities for you to gain extra points by attending revision sessions, Easter School and using Class Chart points.

Extra points available for 100% attendance and perfect '3' BfL.

<u>Science Club next week</u> will be 'Chemical Gardens' - please sign up in the upper North main prep room. Lunch passes can be collected on Monday, the club is in N14 on Tuesday.



Click here to view



### PE Update week beginning 30th September 2024

A busy week in the P.E. department this week with football cup games, netball friendlies and the Y7 PGL weekend! Remember, there is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

Year 9 Football away at Holy Cross. The first game of the season. The boots were dusted off and the team shirts put on! The team worked well and we now know what we need to work on in training. Well done.





Year 9 Football Lancashire cup game at home against Shuttleworth College. Our strongest year 9 team was selected to play the first round of the Lancashire cup game. They worked well together and fought hard but unfortunately lost. Well done.

Year 11 Netball away at Holy Cross. The team played a set of friendly games against all other schools in the district. The girls displayed some good skill and have definitely improved on their tactical play. Bring on the tournament!





Year 7 PGL weekend. What a weekend! Some of our Y7 pupils spent the weekend away at Winmarleigh Hall participating in out door adventurous activities, games of ambush and a silent disco! They had all of the fun!

We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!

Barcelona Football and Netball Tour 2025 - Expressions of Interest -The link to the form is here.



- 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 TBC

Total Cost estimate £825

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLY. Links to the videos of last years trip are here (part 1 and part 2)

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk





Videos - part 1 and part 2



Pupils should arrive at PE and change into the PE kit in the changing rooms.

If your child has forgotten any kit, they will hand over their tie (we advise you label them). They will then receive a 'missing kit' mark and you will be notified on ClassCharts. 2 marks = break detention, 3 marks = after school.

Pupils who are excused from PE, must have brought a note or a parental email to pe@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Pupils excused MUST still bring their kit. They will be involved in another way. This also ensure if caught in bad weather they can change into a dry uniform.

The PE staff will decide if they need to get changed or not. E.g. if the pupil has a difficult plaster cast that makes it difficult for the pupil to change.

Pupils who do not engage with the lesson/refuse, or who's BfL is not acceptable will receive sanctions.





## Barcelona Dance Trip



Sunday 25th May - Thursday 29th May 2025

All pupils who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- Flights to and from Spain
- 4\* Accommodation in Lloret De Mar
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel
- 4 professional dance sessions
- Visit to Girona
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling
- Full day at the local waterpark
- 1 x tour t shirt

Total Cost estimate £895.

Deposit of £250 required by 11th October 2024

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### 70 THE H.A.T.S WAY

Come celebrate with us in our fabulous 70th Anniversary showcase production, 70 THE H.A.T.S WAY, Weds 9th, Fri 11th, Sat 12th Oct 2024 7:30 PM @ Peace Community Theatre, Rishton Lane, Bolton, BL3 2BN.

Featuring sections from Jesus Christ Superstar, Rent, Dream Girls, Chicago, Les Misérables, Burlesque, Oliver, Our House, and much more!

This is not one to miss, Have you booked your tickets yet? Book online at <u>h-a-t-s.net</u> or call Ticket Source at 0333 666 3366 and quote our show! **Featuring staff and pupils.** 



### Do you like to sing or dance or act?

Horwich Amateur Theatre Society have a welcome night on Monday 14th October - 7.30pm at Bolton Arena for their next production "Witches of Eastwick"

Come and join us and learn more about the show and production team for this magical show. Open to everyone ages 16 plus. FB @horwichamateurtheatresociety



Click here for vacancies. Trust website link



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Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve

### **Teacher of Science from January 25**

Full time, one year in the first instance. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

We are seeking a well-qualified teacher to join our vibrant Science department. This position would suit an experienced teacher or an ECT. Parklands has a bespoke ECT/RQT programme in place and at every stage you will receive high quality, comprehensive CPD and support from your colleagues who will coach and guide you through any continued professional development. Staff also benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, a cycle to work scheme, out of hours access to our gym facilities and much more.

Parklands High School, part of the Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust, is a popular, over-subscribed and high-achieving school. This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, supportive, well-resourced and forward-looking environment. If you wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Mr Jonny Galbraith, Assistant Principal, by telephone or email (jgalbraith@parklandsacademy.co.uk). Visits are welcome.

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Please visit the trust website <a href="https://aspirationalfutures.co.uk/about-us/vacancies">https://aspirationalfutures.co.uk/about-us/vacancies</a> or <a href="https://aspirationalfutures.face-ed.co.uk/Vacancies/Detail?campaignRef=SCH-AFM-0010">https://aspirationalfutures.face-ed.co.uk/Vacancies/Detail?campaignRef=SCH-AFM-0010</a> for more details. Alternatively electronic applications should be returned to the email address admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 11th October 2024 with interviews to be held w/c 14th October2024.

Parklands High School is part of the Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust. A company limited by guarantee. Registered office address c/o Parklands High School, Southport Road, Charley PR7 11L Company Number 08151601. Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. Online checks will be completed for shartlisted candidates. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check win the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks. Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from hr@aspirational/futures.co.uk

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and aducators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes For further guides, hints and tips, please visit national college.com.

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people - and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

### **DIFFERENT TYPES** OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many canners—exercisity an PC — will play tylin a

### **CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know. that they don't know. 

### **BULLYING AND ABUSE**

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial sturs, anti-LBBT contracts and the statistic that the troll the result of the statistics that the statistics are the statistics that the statistics are the statistics that the statistics are statistics and the statistics are statistics are statistics. sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

### **POTENTIAL FOR** PRIVATE CHAT



### COMPETITIVE **ATMOSPHERE**

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

in-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the comer of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

De\*#! Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries then, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chart for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.





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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

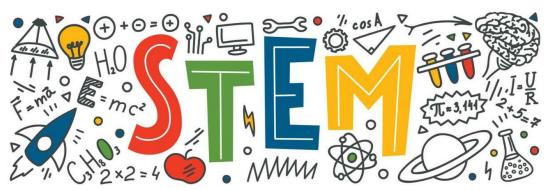


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### **Attention Year 8!**

Are you interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths)?

Would you like to take part in a competition and gain the Bronze Industrial Cadet award?

Are you ready to take on this year's EDT challenge?

If you can work well in a team and think creatively to solve problems, then this challenge is for you!

You will attend a weekly meeting plus STEM Club on Tuesdays (the project runs for 12 weeks) to create a model, a short video and a written report that you will present to the EDT judges. You will work alongside our industrial mentors and visit their workplace to find out more about the nuclear industry. Finally, you will be invited to attend the Grand Final of the competition at the University of Liverpool, in the summer term, to receive your awards - and hopefully the overall Best Project trophy!

If you think this is the challenge for you see Miss Berry (top office) or Mr McAvoy in S03 to find out more.

The challenge will start straight after half term.







### Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is **free** to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting <a href="https://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a>.

Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the Country.

If you have any questions please let us know. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com.
Kind Regards





If you're a parent dealing with children who vape or smoke, this **FREE** online event is perfect for you. Join us on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** at 10.30am or 6.30pm for information about vapes and advice on how to handle this challenging situation. Starting on September 18th, this workshop will focus on:

- What's in a vape
- Types of vapes
- Why Young People are vaping / smoking
- The effects of nicotine on the young brain
  - Vaping Laws
- M How we can help to support young people

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other parents facing similar issues.

Smokefree Lancashire has dedicated teams to help support both young people & adults who use nicotine products.

Please book your space on Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-information-session-children-who-vape-orsmoke-tickets-1009115921887

Please visit <u>www.smokefreelancashire.org.uk</u> for more information on the service See you there!

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Does your child vape or smoke?

Do you want to find out how to

support your child?

## Join our monthly Parent Information online drop-in sessions

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am & 6.30pm



Use QR code to book with Eventbrite to secure your FREE place

smokefreelancashire.org.uk spoc.smokefree@wearewithyou.org.uk



### **Making Sense of Special Needs**

A FREE 6-week course for parents or carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities [SEND]

Does your child struggle at school?

Do you know what help may be available for them?

Are you confused by the words and abbreviations that are used in meetings?

Do you know how to find information, advice and support for your yourself?

### Would you like to know more?

Lancashire SENDIAS have a 6-week course for parents and carers to help them understand more about the special needs process in Lancashire.

This course is run by Trinity Special Needs Advice Partnership and will start in the Chorley and South Ribble area in October 2024.

There will be a limit on numbers on each course, so you will need to book a place.

For more details please email trinitysnap17@gmail.com





# 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

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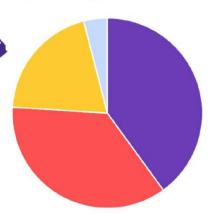
### How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Parklands High School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Parklands High School



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

= £30 weekly cash prize

= £2,080 a year for our school



To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Parklands





### **Careers**

Click <u>here</u> for this week's career news.



Another packed edition of Career News this week. Lots of great content, including webinars, competitions, open events, apprenticeship news, conferences and virtual work experience.