



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 1

3rd - 7th February 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we held the Year 7 Respect day, which was delivered mostly by visitors from Daisy inclusive UK, a charity who work with disabled people and their families. After the day, the visitors sent us this lovely feedback about the day: *“Just to let you know what an amazing day we had at Parklands yesterday. The students were receptive and behaved impeccably while supported by your staff. The feedback from the students was great and I hoped we helped break down barriers towards a more inclusive society. We used sport as the medium in which to highlight the skills and determination that disabled people need to achieve their goals.”* Well done to all of Year 7!

Year 11 pupils have had admissions interviews with Wigan and Leigh College this week, and today they are taking part in mock interviews with a range of local employers. Year 11 have created CVs and have been practising their interview skills for the day. They have been very nervous, but they have performed really well.

Next week is the final week in school before the half term break. It is also the final dress rehearsals ready for the annual Dance Show, which takes place in the first week back after the February half term break. Tickets are available to buy on Scopay now; we look forward to seeing lots of you there to support the children. It's always a really great show and I'm sure that this year will be no exception.

We have now run a system of progress Evenings being alternated between remote and in person events. This was based on a parent and carer survey which we conducted just over 12 months ago. We are always happy to take feedback from parents and carers, and make adjustments where appropriate. We are seeking feedback now in order to plan for our Progress Evenings going forward. We will be sending a separate email with a survey for you to complete.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

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: 68 pupils to date

Year 8: 58 pupils to date

Year 9: 47 pupils to date

Year 10: 59 students to date

Year 11: 52 students to date

All: 284 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 157 pupils

Year 8: 161 pupils

Year 9: 135 pupils

Year 10: 164 students

Year 11: 118 students

All: 735 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: 151 pupils

Year 8: 121 pupils

Year 9: 98 pupils

Year 10: 133 students

Year 11: 96 students

All: 599 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](#)

 <p>Learning Support Board Week Commencing 10th February 2025</p>	<p>"Take rest. A field that has rested gives a bountiful crop." OVID</p>	 <p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire</p>
<p>Have You Heard the News? We have reached the final week of this half-term. Over the last six weeks, sunset has moved forward a full hour so spring is surely on its way. For a few of our pupils, there are GCSE Choreography exams on Friday. Best wishes to them. Learning Support remains based in N17. Have a great week. Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk</p>	<p>Joke of the Week</p>  <p>Two silk worms had a race. It ended in a TIE!</p>	<p>Tension is who you think you should be. Relaxation is who you are.</p>
  <p>What kind of bird is this?</p>	 <p>Follow us on Instagram: p_h_s_learningsupport</p>	<p>Useful Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FIND Newsletter■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information■ Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)■ KOOTH Mental Health Support■ Local Offer■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline■ Witherslack Group

Attendance

Dear Parent / Carer

EXCESSIVE LEAVE IN TERM TIME - S444 EDUCATION ACT 1996

Lancashire County Council are currently reviewing the arrangements for pupils who are absent from school due to unauthorised leave/holidays.

Attendance at school is vital to help children thrive and achieve their best. Children who are absent from school can fail to meet their academic potential and those who fall below 90% attendance are at significant risk of underachieving.

Absence during term time must be avoided. If you are considering taking your child out of school for any reason, it is essential that you request permission for the absence.

When penalty notices are issued, parents have the opportunity to discharge liability for an offence under S444 of the Education Act instead of being prosecuted by the Local Authority. The penalty notice regulations determine the amount of the penalty notice fine. Unfortunately, some parents are choosing to remove their children from school for longer periods, as the fine amount is the same regardless of the number of school days missed.

From 01/01/2025, the following rules will apply:

1. **Unauthorised leave less than 15 school days:** penalty notice issued
2. **Unauthorised leave of 15 school days or more:** the Local Authority will review any requests for penalty notices and may **prosecute** parents and not offer the opportunity to pay a penalty notice fine instead.

Failure to ensure your child's regular attendance at school is a criminal offence, and this means that if you are convicted, this could result in **a fine of up to £2,500 and you will have a criminal record.**

We have been asked by Lancashire County Council to issue this letter to parents to inform you that this procedure will now be applied to all excessive leave requests made to this school.

Yours faithfully

Whole School Messages

This term, KS3 students are exploring the rich traditions and beliefs of the Abrahamic religions. To support their learning, here are some discussion questions you can explore with your child/children this week:

Year 7 – Judaism

- What are the main features of a synagogue?
- How do Orthodox and Reform synagogues differ?
- Why is the Torah important in Jewish worship?



Year 8 – Christianity

- What are the Gospels, and what do they reveal to Christians about Jesus?
- Are there any historical accounts of Jesus from non-Christian sources?
- How do different Christian denominations interpret Jesus' teachings?



Year 9 – Islam

- What was the early life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) like?
- How did Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) spread the message of Islam?
- What challenges did Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) face when spreading Islam?



Extra Challenge: Students in Years 8 and 9 are encouraged to test their knowledge by answering questions from the earlier year groups!

Year 10 University of Sheffield Visit

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit **The University of Sheffield**. They spent the day exploring the campus, learning about university life, and considering their future options. The visit was a great success, and we hope it has inspired them to think about higher education and opportunities such as the university's summer school.

A huge thank you to the Outreach Team at The University of Sheffield for hosting us and giving our students such a valuable experience!



Whole School Messages

Year 11

Next week is week 2 and the revision schedule looks like this...
Speak to your teachers for more information.

Week 2	Subject
Monday	Religious Studies
Tuesday	Option C
Wednesday	
Thursday	Maths

Science Autumn Cup Winners

A fantastic response to the first edition of the science cup saw around 20 students battle it out on a test featuring some really challenging questions from each science discipline. All students received a certificate endorsed by Cambridge University. Pictured here with Miss Alston and Mr Galbraith are 3rd Place Muhammed D, 2nd place Raghad E and 1st place Mohamed H. Students will have the chance to compete for the cup again in the summer term. Well done all!



Whole School Messages

Youth Voices Board

Lancashire County Council is setting up a Youth Voices Board for young people who have resettled in the UK from a different country. The group will meet up in person with Lancashire Youth Challenge 5 times a year (plus the option to be involved in more projects) to share their views and help to plan events and activities for young people across the county. The meetings will also involve activities in arts, filmmaking and other fun sessions led by youth workers.

If you are interested, see Mrs Donohue for more information.

مجلس مقاطعة لانكشاير يعترف بإنشاء "مجلس أصوات الشباب" للشباب الذين أعيد توطينهم في المملكة المتحدة من دول أخرى. سيلتقي أعضاء المجموعة شخصياً مع "تحدي شباب لانكشاير" خمس مرات في السنة (مع إمكانية المشاركة في المزيد من المشاريع) لمشاركة آرائهم والمساهمة في تخطيط الفعاليات والأنشطة للشباب في جميع أنحاء المقاطعة. ستتضمن الاجتماعات أيضاً أنشطة في الفنون وصناعة الأفلام وجلسات ممتعة أخرى يقودها العاملون في مجال الشباب.

إذا كنت مهتماً، راجع السيدة دونوهيو للحصول على مزيد من المعلومات.

Ланкаширська окружна рада створює "Раду голосів молоді" для молодих людей, які були переміщені до Великобританії з інших країн. Група буде зустрічатися особисто з "Молодіжним викликом Ланкаширу" п'ять разів на рік (з можливістю брати участь у додаткових проектах), щоб поділитися своїми думками та допомогти у плануванні подій та заходів для молоді по всьому графству. Зустрічі також включатимуть активності в галузі мистецтва, кіновиробництва та інші цікаві сесії, які проводитимуть молодіжні працівники.

Якщо ви зацікавлені, зверніться до пані Доноґ'ю для отримання додаткової інформації.

Youth Voices Board

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-25 FROM RESETTLEMENT BACKGROUNDS

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN OUR YOUTH VOICES BOARD!

What we offer:

- Regular meetings with other young people
- Fun workshops: try out team building activities, archery, boxing, filmmaking, music production
- A chance to have your say on issues that matter to you
- The opportunity to organise events for young people in your local community

Scan the QR code to sign up or email LRITCommunity@lancashire.gov.uk to find out more



ARE YOU A RESETTLED PERSON AGED 14-25 LIVING IN LANCASHIRE?

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWAY DAY

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
11AM-4:30PM @ FOSTER BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE, PRESTON

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SPORTS, ART, FUN ACTIVITIES AND A CHANCE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE!

TRANSPORT AND FOOD PROVIDED

Please contact your caseworker, social worker or personal advisor for more details

<https://forms.office.com/e/rvCG85EHDy>

SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE THE LINK TO SIGN UP!





PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL
LEARN | RESPECT | ASPIRE | ACHIEVE



SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

6PM IN THE MAIN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

£3 ADULTS // £1 CONCESSIONS



Dancing THROUGH life

SONG & DANCE



Show Dates



Wednesday 26th February

Thursday 27th February

Friday 28th February 2025

at 7pm in the Hall




Tickets on sale now

£5 - Adults £3 - Concessions

Available from the Pavilion at lunchtimes

Song and dance extravaganza




See Mrs Walling for more information.

Parklands High School
Geography Italy Trip
4th-7th April 2026

- Phlegraean Fields
- Pompeii
- Crater walk at Mt Vesuvius.
- Amalfi Coast excursion
- Ravello
- 2 games of bowling on one evening
- Full board
- Coach travel whilst in Italy
- Coach travel to and from school
- Return flights to Manchester Airport
- Trip hoody

Total: £990
1st Deposit: £275

TRIP TO BAY OF NAPLES



Guatemala Country of the week



Capital - Guatemala City
Population - 16,865,000
Main religion - None
Leader - Bernardo Arévalo
Official language - Spanish
Land mass - 108,889km²
Currency - Guatemalan Quetzal

Guatemala is a North American nation bordering the countries of Belize, Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador. It is a country of many volcanoes, national parks and Spanish colonial buildings. The capital of Guatemala City contains the National Palace and the National Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Lake Atitlán, formed in a massive volcanic crater, is surrounded by coffee fields and villages.

Barcelona Dance Trip 2026

Sunday 24th May - Thursday 28th May 2026

All pupils, in current Y7-10, 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



absolute
travel&tours

Total Cost estimate £895.

Deposit of £250 required by 28th March 2025
**NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER
BARCELONA DANCE TRIP**



MONDAY-THURSDAY ON THE
CONCOURSE

Valentine's Market

HAVE A LOOK AND BUY YOUR
LOVED ONE SOME VALENTINES
DAY GOODIES

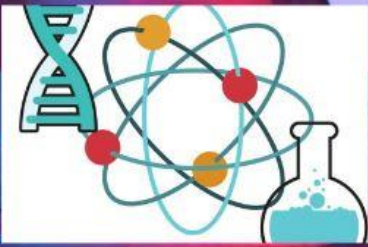
CASH ONLY PLEASE

KS3 Science Club

N22



Science club will take place on **Tuesday lunch times at 1.35pm**
Students from years 7, 8 and 9 are welcome, please sign up at the main prep-room by Monday if you would like to take part.
Science club will take place in N22



Lunch passes can be collected on Monday and handed in at the club.



Coming soon to your Form room

Valentine's Gifts bags for just £2 each. All money raised goes to Derian House.



Cash Only please.



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 wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such offers often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fake-news-and-scams>

Do you know
about...



Free
school meals



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**

Vacancies

Click [here](#) for more details.

Teacher of Food – Maternity Cover

Ref: SCH-AFM-0020 **21 day(s) remaining**

Establishment: Parklands High School

Location: Parklands High School, Chorley

Closing Date: 28/02/2025 12:00

Interview Date: w/c 10/03/2025

Click [here](#) for career news.

Lots of great opportunities in this week's Career News. Apprenticeship vacancies, webinars, open events, work experience, conferences ... it's all inside!

For anyone interested in apprenticeships, there are some fantastic events going on at Alliance Learning in Horwich, Wigan & Leigh College and at Preston College. Have a look in Career News for dates/times and how to register. There will be employers at these events, looking for apprentices, so don't miss out.

There will also be a re-scheduled assembly after half term with ASK Apprenticeships, explaining how to register and apply for vacancies.

Finally, don't forget that the BAE Systems apprenticeship window closes on 28th February and the Leyland Trucks apprenticeship window closes on 2nd March, so get those applications in now.