



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

3rd - 6th September 2024

Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to see all of our pupils back in school this week and ready to start the new academic year. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

I have held assemblies this week with all year groups to clarify our standards and expectations. I reminded pupils about the importance of high standards of uniform, including a reminder that make up, false nails, and false eyelashes are not allowed in school. I also spoke about the importance of good attendance, punctuality, and Behaviour for Learning. The assemblies also included information about more serious matters of the consequences of repeated poor behaviour, bringing prohibited items into school, and also of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour outside of school. All of these are examples of behaviour which could lead to permanent exclusion from Parklands. Though we start the year with this reminder, we know that the vast majority of Parklands pupils behave well both in and out of school, and are a credit to us all.

Pupils have also been reminded of our expectations around mobile phones in school. All mobile phones and ear buds should be **off and out of sight** on our school premises. We spoke to the pupils at some length last year about the reasons beyond this expectation, and we have been really pleased with how the pupils have responded to this.

I would also like to remind you that all pupils should have a refillable water bottle with them every day in school. We have several water fountains which dispense cold drinking water, and these can be used by pupils to fill their bottles during the day. We have also ordered some reusable water bottles with Parklands branding and these will soon be available for pupils to buy at a reduced cost from school, using cash or Scopay.

An additional reminder that Parklands offers a wide range of extra curricular activities for our pupils to get involved in; please encourage them to check the timetable for clubs in school and to get themselves involved in as many as possible.

To end on a positive note, we were delighted with our outgoing Year 11's GCSE results. This was our strongest performance ever and we are proud of them all. We know that pupils achieve their very best with us at Parklands, as a result of our high expectations, our pastoral care, and your support.

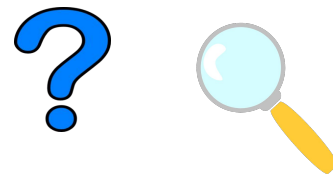
Regards,

Mrs. Batson

Headteacher

Whole School Messages

(Year 7) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.
Current Unit - Ultimate Questions



Enquiry Question - Is it possible to find answers to ultimate questions?

1. What are the 6 major world religions?
2. What does 'fundamental British values' mean?
3. What does democracy mean?



(Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination

Enquiry Question - Why do people discriminate?

1. Give a definition for stereotype
2. Give 3 examples of the 9 protected characteristics
3. Why can stereotyping be harmful?



(Year 9) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - Human Rights and Social Justice

Enquiry Question - Do we still need human rights today?

1. What are the 6 major world religions?
2. Give 3 facts about Sikhism
3. What is the holy book in Sikhism called?



Blood Brothers

The deadline for purchasing tickets for the Blood Brothers trip in November for Year 11 is Friday 13th September. These can be paid for on Scopay. There are only 14 tickets remaining.

Year 11 Welcome Evening

Thank you for attending the 'Welcome to Y11 Evening' we hosted on Wednesday. If you would like to see the details of the presentation again or if you could not make it, you will find the presentation linked [here](#). The key dates are on slide 18.

Lost property

We are receiving items of lost property without the pupils' name attached in some form. This makes it difficult to return to the rightful owner. Could you please ensure that the pupils name is clearly marked on their items.

Whole School Messages

School office

Please could we ask that the office is only contacted with messages for pupils in an emergency as per the Mobile Phone and Smartwatch responsible use policy. In addition to this, the office will only contact home in *exceptional* circumstances. Due to the high volume of incoming and outgoing calls it is not possible for non-urgent messages to be relayed as this could delay a message relating to an emergency. You are welcome to send texts to pupils as they will be able to switch their mobile phones on and check for messages once they leave the school grounds after 3pm.

After school arrangements

Please remind your child to inform you in advance of any information relating to their after school commitments/arrangements such as after school clubs. We cannot routinely pass on messages of this nature.

Dropping items off at school

Any items that are dropped off for pupils at Reception will be left there for pupils to collect. Due to the volume of items we receive each day, we cannot deliver items to pupils or send messages letting them know they have arrived. Therefore please ensure your child is aware that in the event they forget something they know to check at the main office. Messages will only be sent relating to medication. For anything that is being left with us please ensure your child's full name is on and clearly visible.

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: 216 pupils to date
Year 8: 205 pupils to date
Year 9: 209 pupils to date
Year 10: 211 students to date
Year 11: 176 students to date
All: 1017 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](#)



Learning Support Board
Week Commencing
9th September 2024

"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."
LILY TOMLIN



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
Welcome back. We hope that you've had a splendid summer holiday and managed to have some interesting days while managing to stay safe. No doubt, there will still be plenty of new things to get used to this week. We're now back in N17 if you need any help.
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Job of the Week 😄

What did you learn at school today?

Not enough. I have to go back TOMORROW!



New beginning.
New mindset.
New focus.
New start.
New intentions.
New results.
New school year.



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Useful Links

- FIND Newsletter
- GOV.UK Covid-19 Information
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group



At the end of last year we introduced you to our Parklands' Peru Crew. If you missed it, we are a group of current Year 9 pupils and 2 members of staff who are going on the adventure of a lifetime in August 2026. As you can imagine, this is an amazing opportunity and one that we need our whole school community to help with. We are going to be holding fundraising events over the next two years for you to get involved in but the easiest way for you to support us, without it costing you a single penny, is to download the from your App store or scan the QR code and register for Parklands' Peru Crew. If you shop online using this App then over 7000 companies from Amazon to Tesco, Compare the Market to M&S and thousands more will give us a percentage donation of all your purchases without it costing you anything. We'll keep you posted on all our news and plans. Thank you for your support.

easyfundraising App



**Paddington Bear Film Night. Years 7 and 8 welcome
26th September 2024 at 6pm.
In Aid of The Camps International Peru 2025 Expedition.**

**Tickets are Available on
scopay for £2.00 each.**



Refreshment
available on the
night.

**CASH
ONLY**



**70
THE
HATS
WAY**

**WED 9TH, FRI 11TH,
SAT 12TH OCT 2024**

**A SHOWCASE
FEATURING MUSIC FROM**

**OUR HOUSE • THRILLER • IN THE HEIGHTS
RENT • CHICAGO • COPACABANA • A CHORUS LINE
AND MUCH MORE...**

BOOK ONLINE: h.a.t.s.net

**Peace Community Theatre,
Rishton Lane, Bolton, BL3 2BN**

Whole School Message

Barcelona Football and Netball Tour 2025 - Expressions of Interest -The link to the form is [here](#).



Barcelona Football and Netball Tour



Saturday 24th (Sunday 25th) May – Thursday 29th (Friday 30th) May
2025

Pupils in current years 7-10 who play and attend school football/Netball 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 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](#)

DANCE & CHEER CLUBS



Monday

3pm - 4pm

Year 7

Dance, in the Hall

4pm - 5pm

Year 7

Pom Dance, in the Gym

Tuesday

3pm - 4.15pm

Year 7, 8 & 9

Cheerleading, in the Gym

4.15pm - 5pm

Year 8 & 9

Pom Dance, in the Gym

Wednesday

3pm - 4pm

Year 8 & 9

Dance, in the Hall

Thursday

3pm - 4pm

Year 10 & 11

Dance, in the Pavilion

Friday

3pm - 4pm

Year 10 & 11

Cheerleading, in the Gym

4pm - 5pm

Year 10 & 11

Pom Dance, in the Pavilion

* PE kit or Dance kit must be worn and hair tied back *

Territory of the week

Galapagos Islands



Capital - Puerto Baquerizo Moreno
 Population - 25,000 (2010)
 Main religion - Catholicism
 Big Sport - Snorkeling
 Official language - Spanish
 Land mass - 8,010 km²
 Currency - US Dollar

The Galapagos Islands, located in the Pacific Ocean, are an archipelago known for their unique wildlife and significant role in Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. These islands are home to various endemic species, such as the Galapagos giant tortoise and the marine iguanas. The diverse ecosystems found on the islands, from volcanic landscapes to lush forests, make the Galapagos a fascinating destination for nature lovers and scientists alike.

Click [here](#) to view



OUR MENU WEEK 2

Choose your favorite dish

				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Chili con carne served with boiled rice £1.90	Main Meal Sausage and mash served with veg and gravy £1.90	Main Meal Beef hotpot served with veg £1.90	Main Meal Chicken carbaborame £1.90	Main Meal Meatballs and spaghetti served with garlic bread £1.90
Vegetarian option Fixed bean chili con carne served with boiled rice £1.90	Vegetarian option Quorn sausage and mash served with veg and gravy £1.90	Vegetarian option Veggie potato bake £1.90	Vegetarian option Mac & cheese £1.90	Vegetarian option Veggie pasta £1.90
Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (GF)	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (GF)
Grab & Go Pizza twist £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Meat & potato pie £1.15	Grab & Go Sausage roll £1.15 Cheese pasty £1.15 Pizza twist £1.90	Grab & Go Pizza £1.20 Chicken wrap £1.90 Herby potato cubes £1.50	Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Pizza twist £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90	Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Steak pie £1.15



WHAT IS CLASSCHARTS?

At Parklands, we use Classcharts to record positive praise, rewards, badges achieved, skills displayed as well as logging infringements to the school standards.

All parents are able to access this through the **ClassCharts Parent App** or through the **ClassCharts website**.

This will allow you to track their positive behaviour points, their timetable, any milestones e.g "Bronze Award" as well as the ever coveted "Pupil of the Week" award.

HOW TO ACCESS CLASSCHARTS

You will be able to access the parent account by using this [spreadsheet](#) to find your **parent access code**.

To protect data, you will have to use your child's **Admission number** to identify the correct Parent Access Code. If you are already logged in to ClassCharts from a previous year you do not need to take any further action.

I have attached information about how to access ClassCharts and all the features. Please do take the time to look through the start up guide

https://pages.classcharts.com/wp-content/uploads/Class_Charts_for_parents_guide.pdf

HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S ADMISSION NUMBER

You can find your child's admission number on Edulink under "Account Info" and scroll down to reach "Admission number".

HOW YOUR CHILD ACCESSES CLASSCHARTS

Your child's form tutor should have shared the pupil access codes with them during form this week. If for any reason your child does not have their access code, please ask them to email classcharts@parklandsacademy.co.uk and someone will get back to them with their ClassCharts access code.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wilkinson
ClassCharts Lead



Cost of Living Event

Tuesday 01 October 2024
Duke Street Family hub

Hosted by Jigsaw Homes and CFW
Come along and get advice on what's
on offer in your area such as:

- Energy advice
- Free activities in your area

Organisations offering advice:

- NHS
- SVP Chorley Buddies
- DWP
- Representatives from Chorley Council
- Social prescribers
- Citizens Advice

And many more

For more information contact
Tracy Townson on 07708 320 351



Refreshments available
Free fresh food market
vouchers.



www.jigsawhomes.org.uk



Creating homes. Building lives.

Click [here](#) to view.

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NHS

Providing NHS services

Kooth's guide to managing back to school or college anxiety



kooth.com



Autism Training

Oliver House, a primary school, are offering free training to any parents. There will be ten courses:

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| 9th September 2024 | Throwing away the rule book – Parenting in Autism |
| 7th October 2024 | PDA and High Anxiety in Autism |
| 4th November 2024 | Autism and ADHD |
| 2nd December 2024 | Sensory issues and Autism |
| 13th January 2025 | Maximising Educational opportunities |
| 10th February 2025 | Organisations who support families |
| 10th March 2025 | Behaviours that challenge |
| 12th May 2025 | Autism & Associated Conditions |
| 9th June 2025 | The Future - beyond school age |
| 7th July 2025 | Transitions in Autism |

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**

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**

Whole School Messages

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.

Enter our **Super Draw** **Nintendo Switch Bundle**

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win an amazing gaming bundle!



PLAY NOW:

Go to

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Search for: **Parklands**



GambleAware



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 24/02/24

Click [here](#) for this week's career news.

The ICE presents ikigai 2024
A nature and people positive creative arts festival
14 October 2024 | One Great George Street, London

The Institution of Civil Engineers aims to use art to engage the next generation of engineers by running this arts competition, closing date 12th September 2024.

The competition hopes to spark creativity in younger people, helping them to harness the power of art to understand the relationship between people, nature and infrastructure.

Composition entries should focus on themes their entry around creating a nature- and people-positive world, with a focus on infrastructure.

The categories are:

- Poetry
- Songs (with or without instruments)
- Photography
- One-minute short film
- Painting, drawing or collage in 2D (excluding digital art)

Full details can be accessed by [clicking this link](#).

Three finalists will be chosen from each category to present their entries at a special ikigai 2024 festival.

The event will feature speeches from key sustainability personalities and a unique nature and sustainability themed fashion show at the ICE's prestigious headquarters, OGGG, in London.

Winning teams will be awarded the coveted ikigai 2024 trophy and a cash prize of £500, and runners-up will receive certificates and an ICE goody bag.

How to enter
Entries can be sent by email to ikigai2024@ice.org.uk or via [Transfer to ikigai2024@ice.org.uk](https://www.transfer.com). You may also include some brief commentary with your submissions.

PRESTON COLLEGE

YEAR 10 & 11

OPEN EVE
WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER

Register for events
Apply online
Get college updates

Future Open Events
SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

PARKLANDS
LEARN • RESPECT • ASPIRE • ACHIEVE

University of Central Lancashire Training 2000

It's not too late to apply for an Apprenticeship

Our Apprenticeships start throughout the year so it's never too late to apply. We have local and national employers advertising their vacancies with us.

Our Apprenticeship sectors:

- Business and Customer Services
- Engineering and Optical
- Fire & Security
- Manufacturing
- Scaffolding

Apprenticeship or not sure to choose?

Our Preparation Programme would be perfect for the opportunity to try out different sectors that you need to find, and succeed on an

For guidance?
Contact our support team on 01254 54659
Website: www.training2000.co.uk

CAREER News
2024

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

Welcome to the first edition of Career News for the Autumn Term. For those parents/carers new to the school, this magazine is published weekly and covers all aspects of careers, college open events, apprenticeship vacancies, news, competitions, blogs, webinars and much more more.

Our current Year 11 completed a week of work experience in July 2024 - and the feedback from employees has been overwhelmingly positive. They also attended two sampling days at colleges to give them a better idea of the sort of pathways they may want to follow.

Year 11 now have the task of choosing their next steps, whether that is a college place or an apprenticeship. All the local colleges and apprenticeship training providers will be in school over the next few weeks to present themselves and answer questions about applications, courses, grade requirements and so on. There will also be a couple of assemblies from Rushwade and Wigan & Leigh Colleges, explaining exactly what the application process is. Students should apply (where possible) to at least TWO colleges, as interviews will take place early in the spring term. I will send out lots of reminders and there will be a great deal of support with making choices and completing application forms.

All the colleges will be holding open events, and I will advise these as and when I receive dates/times. I would recommend that Year 11s go to as many different events as possible in order to make a fully informed choice. Our colleges offer different courses, options and facilities as well as transport and breakfasts which can make a huge difference to family finances - keep an eye on Career News for updates.

In other news, there are lots of great opportunities on offer for students of all ages. For instance we will again be offering the EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge for Year 8 students, so if your child is keen on STEM subjects or loves putting together presentations - this is the ideal choice! We have seen prizes every year we have entered, but the overall 'Best Project' trophy has so far eluded us. Perhaps this year is our year?

For any aspiring medics or dentists, don't miss the Medical Mentor conferences and virtual work experience programme - this is essential for anyone considering applying to medical schools. More details inside.

Advance notice and a date for your diaries: Chorley Council will be holding their annual Careers Event on Thursday 7th November, at the Town Hall from 10am - 1pm. The event is open to all Year 10 and 11 students and of course parents and carers will feature some of the biggest employers in the area, hoping to recruit local talent. Make sure to follow on this in the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend

9th - 15th September 2024

NORLAND

Join us for Norland Unwrapped

Our virtual Norland Unwrapped! Applying, funding and accommodation session is the perfect event if you're considering applying to Norland to start in September 2025.

Taking place on 25 September, 5-6.15pm GMT, we'll walk you through all the practical information you'll need to apply to Norland.

For more information and to sign up, click the button below.

Book your place

Why study at Norland?

While Norland may be different from many universities and providers, we consistently surpass them in performance.

From our exceptional NSS results to our prestigious TEF Gold status, along with the guaranteed career prospects we provide to our graduates, there are countless reasons why we are truly distinct.

Discover why choosing Norland is a decision worth making below.

Why choose Norland

For any parents/carers new to the school, Career News is published weekly and covers all aspects of careers: college and apprenticeship open events, work experience, vacancies, blogs, webinars, competitions, conferences and so much more.

We are again running the EDT Bronze Industrial Cadet Challenge - a STEM competition for Year 8 pupils. If you are interested in STEM subjects, or good at making presentations or models - please let me know: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk or call in at the Top Office. The challenge will run from November to March this year, rather than in summer - and I am aiming to win the overall 'Best Project' trophy this year!

Careers

Lots of college open events coming up in the next few weeks. I will be publishing the Careers Calendar early next week once I have all the dates and times confirmed - this will go on the school website and in Career News. Year 11 should attend as many events as possible to make a fully informed choice (this applies even if you are intending to take up an apprenticeship place or join the uniformed services). You will need to book in advance for some of these events, so keep an eye on the bulletin for details. The first Runshaw event is Saturday 21st September from 10am - 2pm.

Advance Notice: The Chorley Careers Event is at the Town Hall on Thursday 7th November, from 3pm - 7pm. This will feature some of the biggest employers in the region, hoping to recruit local talent. More details to follow on this in the next few weeks. Open to all Year 10 and 11 plus parents/carers.



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL

QEGS
BLACKBURN

QEGS
SIXTH FORM

Open Events

Sixth Form
Tue 24th Sep 2024
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Primary, Secondary
and Sixth Form
Sat 5th Oct 2024
9.00am - 12.00pm

QEGSblackburn.com [@QEGS_Blackburn](https://www.instagram.com/QEGS_Blackburn) [/QEGSBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/QEGSBlackburn)

Ofsted
Rated Good
with Outstanding features

QEGS
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**CARDINAL
NEWMAN
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OPEN DAYS

10AM - 1PM

**SAT
05
OCT**

**SAT
09
NOV**

**SAT
01
FEB**