



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

Week 1

6th - 10th January 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all students after the Christmas break - it has been lovely to see everyone. Well done for braving the coldest week of the year so far and getting into school despite the snow and ice. Unfortunately, the weather did result in us postponing Year 10 Progress Evening. This will now be an online event and will take place on the 30th January.

Next week is an important week for Year 11. They have their mock exam results day on Tuesday and then Progress Evening on Thursday. Hopefully this will focus their minds and their results will motivate Year 11 to begin revision in earnest for their Summer exams.

Next week is also our first Family Reading event for KS3. This session aims to help families to support their children with reading, and will offer lots of practical strategies as well as an opportunity to see what resources we have for reading in school.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson
Headteacher

Whole School Messages

Year 7 PASS Survey – Monday 20th January

On Monday, 20th January, all Year 7 students will take part in the PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) survey. This survey, which takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete, is not a test and does not require any preparation. Students will not receive a grade or mark for their responses.

The purpose of the survey is for us to gain insights into students' feelings about school, their attitudes toward learning, and their overall wellbeing. This information is vital in helping us provide tailored support to ensure every student feels confident, supported, and engaged in their education.

To help students to understand the purpose of the survey, there will be an assembly on Friday, 17th January during registration.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to approach the survey thoughtfully. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Rhodes (srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Thank you for helping us ensure that we can provide the best possible support for all our students.

YEAR 10 Review Day - took place on Tuesday - trackers are now available as linked documents in Edulink. Students met with their HALs to discuss these. Please take some time to have a look and discuss at home. There will then be an opportunity to further discuss progress with subject teachers at the **postponed Y10 progress evening**. This will now take place online, at a date to be confirmed via email.

YEAR 11 Mock Results day

Y11 Will have an assembly during registration on Tuesday 14th and they will then receive their **results certificates during P5 in the main hall**. They will also have a 1:1 interview with a member of staff to discuss the mock exams. **On Wednesday they will have their review day** and a chance to discuss their trackers with their House Achievement Leaders (HALs) Finally, **Y11 progress evening is on Thursday 16th**, parents, carers and students will all have the opportunity to discuss progress in individual subject areas.



Whilst the school is working hard in making sure that the pathways and roads are gritted and cleared within the school grounds. **Please take extra care** when visiting the school and movement around site.

Whole School Messages

10K Fundraiser Walk

Unfortunately, the 10K fundraiser walk which was scheduled for Saturday 11th January has had to be postponed due to the dangerous weather conditions. Hopefully, if the weather allows, the walk will now go ahead on Saturday 18th January at 10am, meeting at Rivington Hall Barn car park. Mrs Holly

Wigan Open Evening

Our next Wigan Open Evening is on **Monday 27th January, 4:30pm-7:00pm**, at our **Parsons Walk Campus**, which includes our Centre for Advanced Technical Studies, Centre for Performing Arts, Pagefield Campus, and The Skills Academy.

As always, we encourage students to book a place using the following link:

<https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/events/Open-Evening>

Attendance

Attendance figures - whole school 94.1%

Year 7 - 96.1%

Year 8 - 94.5%

Year 9 - 94.2%

Year 10 - 93.7%

Year 11 - 92%

Asia - 94.9 %

Europe - 94.9%

Africa - 94.5%

South America - 94.4%

Australasia - 93.9%

The winners of the attendance prizes for last term were Liam D, Layla B, Dylan G, Evie C, Millie R and Jacob M.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We warmly welcome you back to school and hope that 2025 is off to a wonderful start for all our pupils, parents, and carers.

We are pleased to share that our whole school attendance currently stands at **94%**, which marks a **0.5% improvement** compared to this time last year. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring your children attend school regularly, as attendance remains a key priority for both the government and our school.

To continue fostering strong attendance and punctuality, we kindly remind you of the following expectations:

- **School Start Time:** Pupils are expected to be in the school building for **8.30 am** in order to be promptly registered at **8.35 am**.
- **School Opening Time:** The school is open from **8:15 am** and pupils are allowed to arrive from this time onward.
- **Late Arrivals:** Pupils arriving after **8:35 am** will serve a same-day **break detention**.
- **Repeated Lateness:** Pupils who are late more than once in a week will be required to attend an **SLT detention on Friday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**.

Pupils who feel ill whilst in school **must** see their HAL who will then contact parents/carers should they feel it necessary.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please use the **EDULINK app** to notify us of their absence. Notifications must be sent **before 8:30 am** on each day of absence, along with the reason for their illness.

Attendance

Please note there is no longer a requirement for pupils to observe the 48 hours after sickness rule. Your child is welcome back into school as soon as they are fit and well enough.

For medical appointments, we kindly ask that you inform us via the **EDULINK app** in advance. Ideally, appointments should be scheduled **after 8:55 am and before 2:00 pm**, as this ensures your child's attendance is minimally impacted. Please provide evidence of the appointment wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting attendance and punctuality. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Snell.

Kind regards,

Sara Haslam

Assistant 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: 76 pupils to date

Year 8: 68 pupils to date

Year 9: 52 pupils to date

Year 10: 77 students to date

Year 11: 60 students to date

All: 333 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 169 pupils

Year 8: 160 pupils

Year 9: 140 pupils

Year 10: 161 students

Year 11: 126 students

All: 756 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: 155 pupils

Year 8: 123 pupils

Year 9: 103 pupils

Year 10: 135 students

Year 11: 106 students

All: 622 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school [Parklands Bulletin](#)

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click [here](#)

Learning Support Board
Week Commencing
13th January 2024

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
We hope 2025 has started well for you all. This is a relatively quiet week in school although year 10 have a Review Day on Tuesday before their Progress (parents') evening on Thursday. Learning Support remains based in N17 if you need to see a member of staff. Happy New Year!
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

INSPIRE CLUB
Quiz
What is the subject of this closeup photo?
Last time's answer: Turkey

These are the first pages of a 365-page book. Write a good one.
BRAD PAISLEY

LANCASHIRE LOCAL OFFER
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

Joke of the Week
What's the favourite time of in the farmyard?
Moo Year!

New Year's Resolution
Laugh a little louder
Smile a little wider
Rush a little less
Love a little deeper

Useful Links

- ADDitude website
- Autism Eye
- Autism Parenting Magazine
- British Dyslexia Association
- The Communication Trust
- FIND Newsletter
- Lancashire SEND Partnership
- Headspace (Meditation & Sleep)
- KOOTH Mental Health Support
- Local Offer
- NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline
- Witherslack Group

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[phs_learningsupport](#)

Head Pupils Message

PE Dances for the Dance Show - STARTING NEXT WEEK!



Year 8 & 9
Uptown Funk

Monday 3.00 - 4.00pm

In the Pavilion



Year 10
Domino

Tuesday 3.00 - 4.00pm

In the Pavilion



Year 7
Cotton Eye Joe

Wednesday 3.00 -
4.00pm

In the Pavilion

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**WILLY
WONKA**
IN CINEMAS
December 8

MOVIE

Night

THURSDAY

23RD JANUARY

6-8PM

TICKETS £2

BUY ON SCOPAY

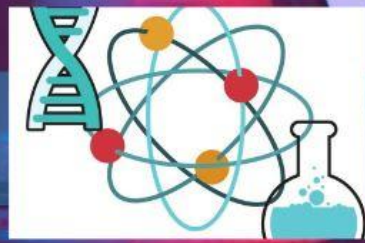
YEARS 7 AND 8 ONLY

See Mr Johnston in The Library for more information

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.





OUR MENU WEEK 2



Choose your favorite dish

Monday

Main Meal
Sausage & mash £1.90
Vegetarian option
Veggie sausage & mash £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Pizza £1.20
Curly fries £1.50
Chicken wrap £1.90
Sausage roll £1.50
Chicken wings £1.50

Tuesday

Main Meal
Meat and potato pie served with veg £1.90

Vegetarian option
Cheese pie served with veg £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings (GF)

Grab & Go
Chicken wrap £1.90
Pomme bites £1.50
Pizza twists £1.90
Chicken wings £1.50

Wednesday

Main Meal
Beef tacos served with salad and sauce
£1.90

Vegetarian option
Mixed bean tacos served with salad and
sauce £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Panini £1.90
Calzone £1.50
Pomme bites £1.50

Thursday

Main Meal
Peri chicken pasta bake £1.90

Vegetarian option
Mac & cheese £1.90

Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings

Grab & Go
Pizza £1.20
Cheese pasty £1.50
Chicken wings £1.50
Chicken wraps £1.90

Friday

Main Meal
Beef enchiladas £1.90
Vegetarian option
Veggie fajitas £1.90
Jacket Potatoes
with various fillings (GF)

Grab & Go
Pizza twists £1.90
Curly fries £1.50
Sausage roll £1.50
Chicken wrap £1.90



Say **YES** to the prom dress



Our prom dress pop-up shop is back.

Featuring quality pre-loved dresses in a range of styles and sizes. We've got price points to suit every pocket and no appointment needed. Pop along and try on all of your favourites. Say yes to the dress and support your local hospice.

 **The Garden Room,
St Catherine's Hospice
PR5 5XU**

 **Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd
February 2025
10 am to 4 pm**

For further **details**,
call our team on
01772 695299

Shop to Support
St Catherine's
hospice care 

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine a week before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school; whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently; so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education easier possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



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Free
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**

Whole School Messages

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

INVEST IN THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE
Weekend Career Opportunities
Choose your career, maximise your potential

We're excited to share that our weekend programmes are now open for registration! This spring, we're running weekend programmes for students aged 15-18 with 15 exciting careers to choose from, such as medicine, architecture, investment banking, law and many more.

Our weekend programmes provide students with the perfect introduction to an industry, where they can meet top professionals, participate in interactive career simulations and build practical skills to prepare for their future careers.

What's more, students will gain real-life experience as well as a personalised certificate to boost future university applications!

View Programmes

IN-PERSON **ONLINE**

SPRING WEEKEND PROGRAMME DATES

- 09th March 2025 - London or Live Online
- Doctor (Architect) | Entrepreneur | Computer Scientist | Artist
- 16th March 2025 - London or Live Online
- Lawyer | Dentist | Engineer | Filmmaker | Forensic Scientist
- 23rd March 2025 - London or Live Online
- Baker | Psychologist | International Politics | Fashion Designer | Vet

Find Out More

the **apprenticeship** guide

UCAS has set the date for a big change to help former and current apprentices to college or university.

From 2025, apprenticeships at level 3 (in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland/Scotland) will be given UCAS 'tariff' points. This means students doing apprenticeships to apply for university or college, just like A-levels or other qualifications.

How will apprenticeships be awarded Tariff points?

The new system aims to make the Tariff points system fair. The number of points an apprenticeship takes, how much work and study is involved, and the where it was done in the UK.

Haven't I heard all of this before?

UCAS announced the change back in February 2024, originally saying that the new plan in September 2024. This was pushed back to give universities the time to prepare.

What will employers and universities think of someone who takes an apprenticeship?

Currently, it can be challenging for young people to demonstrate the value of an apprenticeship to university or college admissions teams, but this change will help bridge that gap.



ART & DESIGN TASTER WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY
9:30 - 12:30

We are running a FREE workshop for any Year 10 students interested in Art & Design.

on is intended to give you a taste of your creative print skills. It will be hands-on and cover a number of different forms of print.

Places will be limited but to place please email ppreston.ac.uk

PRESTON COLLEGE CREATIVEARTS

CAREER News
2025

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to Career News. As always, it's packed full of useful information and advice, events, webinars, virtual work experience and much more.

Just some of the great content inside...

- Year 11s are currently creating CVs for their mock interviews with employers - check out the article on BBC Bitesize Careers on writing a brilliant CV.- Preston College is offering a series of taster workshops in the February half term holiday. Film and Photography, Games and Graphics, ICT and Art and Design, for Year 10/11. Limited places - apply now!- Investment are highlighting their amazing weekend career opportunities, in London or live online.- Bolton Sixth Form have a few places left on their Performing Arts and Media after school courses.- Future Medics are well served - with conferences and free virtual work experience from Leeds. Mentor plus a chance to take part in a residential Medical Summer School at the University of Central Lancashire from the Medical Schools Council - definitely one not to be missed!- Thinking about university? Think Cambridge has a series of webinars to enable students to find out more about life at one of the UK's most prestigious universities.- Lots of information and advice about apprenticeships, including the news that an apprenticeship will now be given UCAS points, in the same way that A levels, T levels and BTECs are.- Various open events coming up in the next few weeks, at Wigan & Leigh, Preston, Runshaw, Blackburn, Bolton, Cardinal Newman and Myerscough - plus the first one at LUSO! for anyone considering further maths A level. The early application deadline for LUSO! is Monday 13th January - so don't miss out.- A local plumbing and heating company has approached the school to offer an apprenticeship to an enthusiastic and reliable individual. If you think you would like to apply, you will need to send your CV to Miss Berry in the Top Office in the next instance, as soon as possible. There will be a lot of interest in this position, so get those CVs completed and sent to me: ppreston.ac.uk

College Interviews in school start on 4th February with Wigan & Leigh, followed by Preston and Runshaw in March. Year 11s also have Mock Interviews with employers on 7th February, for which they will need their completed CVs. More details to follow soon.

Have a wonderful weekend
13th - 17th January 2025

PRESTON COLLEGE

OPEN EVENT
THURSDAY 6 MARCH 4PM - 7PM

scan to register
www.preston.ac.uk/march

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PRESTON COLLEGE PROUD TO PROVIDE EXCELLENCE IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

At the end of last year's half term sessions, I'm pleased to announce our Visual Arts and Graphics, Art and Design and ICT during the February Half term. There is a maximum of 20 spaces per course and these will fill quickly. Please email ppreston.ac.uk to book a place as on the individual posters.

Career News

Another absolutely packed edition of Career News for the new year. There are some really useful articles inside, as well as news about webinars, open events, virtual work experience, recipes, workshops, after school courses, residential summer schools, conferences and much more

For any aspiring medics, don't miss out on the residential summer school experience at the University of Central Lancashire in July 2025. There are five virtual sessions leading up to the summer school, covering all aspects of medical careers. You must apply by **Sunday 19th January 2025**, so don't delay if you are serious about a career in medicine.

Whole School Messages

Local plumbing and heating company Wm Wilding and Sons Ltd, is offering an apprenticeship position to a reliable and enthusiastic school leaver. If you are interested in a plumbing/heating apprenticeship, please let me know and make sure I have your completed CV as soon as possible (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Preston College has some great FREE workshops running over the February half term holiday for Year 10 and 11 students. Reserve your place as soon as possible - places are limited and filled up really quickly last time they were offered.

Final open event of the year at Newman College and LUSoM is on Saturday 1st February, with application deadlines fast approaching. If you miss the deadline, you will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee of a place.

First college interviews in school are with Wigan & Leigh on 4th February. If you intend to apply but have not yet done so, please collect a paper form from the top office or go online and get your application in so that you can be added to the interview schedule.
Preston and Runshaw are interviewing in school in March.
Please note that most local colleges were oversubscribed last year, so don't leave it too late to apply.

Runshaw College is holding a Pathway to Excellence twilight event on Tuesday 28th January from 5pm - 7.30pm for students and parents/carers. The event is aimed at those Year 11s considering studying A Levels and expecting a GCSE grade profile of 6 or above. There will be 3 inspiring sessions: Revision strategies for GCSEs; Success in GCSE Science and a talk on developing an A Level mindset. Please email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you would like further details.



OPEN EVENINGS

4.30PM - 7.00PM

PARSONS WALK CAMPUS, WIGAN
MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025

LEIGH CAMPUS
MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025



Come and *visit* an Open Event

4th Feb 4.30pm - 7.30pm

24th April 4.30pm - 7.30pm

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