

PARKLANDS BULLETIN WEEK 2 6th October - 10th October 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

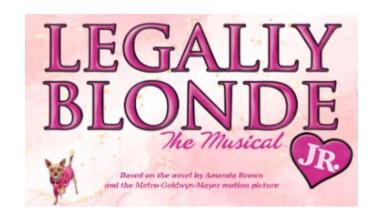
This week was the first Respect Day for Year 7, which was Super Learning Day. These sessions were mostly delivered by our Student Leaders in Years 10 and 11. The staff who supported these sessions were really impressed with the quality of the lessons, and the maturity of delivery. Our Year 7s also gave really positive feedback and they had a great day learning how to be better learners and better friends. The day concluded with a Road Safety Roadshow, delivered by external providers.

Linked to road safety, we have been concerned to receive a number of complaints from members of the local community about the road awareness of our pupils at the start and end of the day. The main issues have been related to unsafe use of bikes and pupils walking into the road whilst distracted by their phones. If your child cycles to school, could I please ask you to speak to your child about responsible and safe behaviour on bikes. It is notable that many pupils do not wear helmets, despite regular reminders from us. Pupils are also cycling on the pavement, which can be dangerous for pedestrians. In more serious cases, pupils have also been seen weaving in and out of the traffic on Southport Road. In addition, please speak to your child about the dangers of mobile phone distractions when crossing the roads

We are excited about our school production of Legally Blonde, which takes place on Thursday and Friday of next week. There are lots of children in many roles - both performing and backstage support. Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/parklands-high-school. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Headteacher



Key Dates - October and November 2025

- Thursday 16th October Legally Blonde Drama Show, 7:00pm
- Friday 17th October Legally Blonde Drama Show, 7:00pm
- Tuesday 21st October Year 11 Family Revision Evening (more information to follow)
- Thursday 23rd October Year 7 Transition Evening, 3:15–5:30pm (more information to follow)
- Friday 24th October School closes at 3:00pm for half term
- Monday 10th November School reopens

Y9, Y10 and Y11 same day detentions

Please be aware that if your child should receive a **BfL 1 or 0** they will be required to serve a same day detention after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. We hope this sanction may lead to an improved focus and better behaviour in lessons. We will endeavour to notify you by text message should your child need to attend the detention, however please be aware this may not always be possible depending on the time of day. For example, if your child receives a 1 or 0 during their P5 lesson we may not be able to notify you ahead of picking your child up at the end of the day. You can also monitor your child's BFL on the EduLink app under the 'Attendance' section.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 9 Health questionnaire

- Monday in form time Year 9 Europe house need to go to A11 and S13
- Tuesday in form time Year 9 Africa house need to go to A11 and S13
- Wednesday in form time Year 9 ANZ house need to go to A11 and S13
- Thursday in form time Year 9 SAM house need to go to A11 and S13
- Friday in form time Year 9 ASA house need to go to A11 and S13

Parking

Please could we ask that you are considerate when parking around school. We have received a number of complaints with regards to residents driveways being blocked and the cemetery being used as a waiting area which has impacted those wishing to visit the cemetery.

Thank you for your understanding.

Polite reminder - Dropping items off at reception

Parents and carers are welcome to drop off forgotten items at reception, however please note that we are not able to notify pupils to let them know an item has arrived. Due to the high volume of PE kits and equipment we receive throughout the school day this is not possible. However, pupils are regularly informed and reminded that if they realise they have forgotten something they are able to check at the office to see if an item has been dropped off, even if a parent/carer hasn't been able to notify them prior. Pupils can continue to check throughout the day.

Please speak with your child to let them know that this is the protocol and therefore should they forget anything, they will know where to look.

Is Your Child a Young Carer?

If you think your child may have young carer responsibilities, or if you'd like to make us aware, please get in touch.

Please email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk with the following information:

- Child's name
- Year group
- Who they care for
- How frequently they provide care
- Anything else you would like us to know

While young carer status does not come with additional funding, it does ensure your child is recognised and supported in school.

Could Your Child be Eligible for Free School Meals?

Check *eligibility and apply* via Lancashire County Council: Free School Meals - Lancashire County Council Lancashire.gov.uk

If you do apply, please also email Miss Rhodes (Assistant Head) srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk

School Menus

To see our school menus, please click here. Next week will be week 4.

Mental Health Awareness

When children and young people experience traumatic or difficult life events, their emotional world can be shaken, and the impact may show up in their behaviour, mood, or relationships. Whether it's bereavement, a family breakdown or witnessing something distressing, the support of trusted adults can be key in helping them feel safe again. This guide looks at how to create a nurturing environment to help young people process difficult feelings. Please click <a href="https://example.com/here-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-world-can-emotional-

It also shares clear, actionable strategies to promote recovery – from building emotional literacy and creating a predictable routine to recognising signs that further help may be needed. Sensitive language, patience, and presence all play a part in empowering children to move forward at their own pace. With the right support, they can rebuild a sense of security and resilience.

Black History Month

All pupils will continue to celebrate Black History Month's theme of 'Standing firm in power and pride' in Secure on Monday. We will be looking at famous black Britons and how they have influenced British culture and society. We will also have a fantastic guest speaker for our assembly. We are pleased to host Paris Bartholomew, who you can read more about here.

This Week in KS3 Religious Studies

This week in RS, our students have been exploring some big questions and ideas! To help spark meaningful conversations at home, here are some discussion questions you might like to explore together:

Year 7 (Ultimate Questions)

- What is an ultimate question?
- What are some examples of ultimate questions people might ask?
- Where might religious and non-religious people try to find answers to ultimate questions?

Year 8 (Prejudice and Discrimination)

Year 8 students have been completing their first assessment of the year: an extended piece of writing about the history of racism in Britain. As part of this, they have reflected on:

- What do you know about the treatment of Black people in Britain?
- How did this make Black people feel at the time, and how do they feel today?
- What can be done today to stop racism by you, by school, and by the government?

Year 9 (Human Rights and Social Justice)

- Why do Sikh and Jewish teachings place such importance on fairness?
- How do religions encourage people to act for justice?
- How can religious and non-religious people work together for justice?





Attendance

Weekly Attendance Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a positive and successful learning environment at Parklands, we would like to provide you with an update on the overall attendance across the school. Regular attendance is essential for student success, and we want to share important information regarding current trends, key attendance goals and ways we can work together to support all of our students.

We currently have 545 students who have 100% attendance so far this year. If your child is one of these students please congratulate them and continue to encourage their attendance, it is a great achievement.

House	This week %	This year %
ANZ	92.5%	95.1%
ASA	94.1%	95.1%
EUR	95%	95.6%
SAM	95.6%	95.3%
AFR	93.6%	95.2%
Totals %	95.1%	94.1%

Students are expected to be in the school building at 8:25am, heading to form at 8:30am and be in form by 8:35am. If they are arriving between 8:35am and 9:15am for any reason they need to enter through the pupil entrance and be signed in at the **Top Office**.

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: 142 pupils to date Year 8: 107pupils to date Year 9: 117 pupils to date

Year 10: 112 students to date Year 11: 106 students to date

All: 584 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 181 Year 8: 158 Year 9: 166 Year 10: 159 Year 11: 176

AII: 840

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: 175 Year 8: 141 Year 9: 147

Year 10: 136 Year 11: 141 All: 740

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



Congratulations to our Wellbeing Prefect Team!

A huge well done to our incredible Wellbeing Prefect Team for completing an amazing challenge walking, cycling, or rowing **50 miles in just one week** in support of the **Young Minds charity**. Their energy, teamwork, and commitment to promoting positive mental health have been truly inspiring!

Donations are still being gratefully accepted. You can contribute **via cash or through Scopay** to help support this fantastic cause.



Reindeer Run



Careers

Click <u>here</u> for career news.



As always, lots of useful information in this week's Career News: Open events, webinars, podcasts, work experience opportunities, conferences, competitions and much much more.

Next week sees two college assemblies for Year 11, plus the same colleges (Runshaw and Newman) will be in school for a lunchtime drop-in session (16th and 17th October). This is an ideal opportunity to speak to college staff and ask about courses, entry requirements, applications and interviews. Year 11 need to be getting college applications in before Christmas, as interviews start in January and places fill up very quickly. Don't forget that at this stage you are only reserving a place at a college - you can change your mind about the subject or course at any point up until enrolment in August 2026. If you are considering an apprenticeship or joining the armed services, you still need a full time college place as a backup option, as so much could change before next September!

Careers

Each college has a different offering so it's worth going to as many open events as possible to see which one is best suited to your particular situation. Some only offer vocational courses, some just A Levels, some have a mixture of both. You need to apply to at least TWO colleges - everyone needs a Plan B.

The BAE Systems apprenticeship window opens in November. If you are interested in applying, check out the website now and be prepared:

https://careers.baesystems.com/locations/uk/apprentices/advanced

However, applications for MBDA apprenticeships for September 2026 are open NOW:

https://www.mbdacareers.co.uk/early-careers/apprenticeships - don't miss out ... some popular roles may close sooner than the advertised date, based on volumes of applicants.

You can set up an account on the <u>Gov.UK</u> national apprenticeship website at any time (even if you can't start an apprenticeship until the end of June 2026 at the earliest!) https://signin.account.gov.uk/sign-in-or-create The process is very straightforward, but if you are struggling I have a useful booklet that breaks down each step. Email Miss Berry for details.

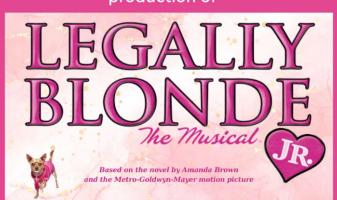
There are a number of free conferences coming up from Medic Mentor - these are absolutely vital for anyone in Year 10 or 11 considering a career in healthcare. Despite the number of pupils stating their intention to follow such a career path, these are very poorly attended. To stand out in interviews for medical schools, you need to have far more than just good GCSE and A Level grades. Medic Mentor also offer a free virtual work experience programme with the NHS.

Click here for more details and to sign up.

Legally Blonde Jr - Snap up the last few remaining tickets before it's too late!



Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin



Book by Heather Hach

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtishows.co.uk)

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October, 7pm start

Tickets: £3 Concessions, £5 Adult, £10 Family (up to four people)
Available on Ticket Source: www.ticketsource.co.uk/parklands-high-school

Tickets are now on sale for our musical 'Legally Blonde Jr'. Please visit Ticketsource to purchase.

ADHD AWARENESS EVENING

26TH NOVEMBER AT 6:00PM - 8:00PM

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENING OF INFORMATION ALL ABOUT ADHD AND ADOLESCENCE

- The ADHD parent workshop will be a practical and engaging session that aims to provide
 parents with a clear understanding of what ADHD really is, separating facts from common
 misconceptions, and show how ADHD affects children at school and home.
- Parents will gain clear, research-based insights and easy to use strategies to support their child's learning and wellbeing.
- The workshop will be delivered by Lydia Brooks, an Assistant Educational Psychologist who
 currently works for ed-Psychology Solutions, an educational psychology service that helps
 identify and meet the individual and complex needs of young people across Lancashire.
- Lydia has a Masters in **Developmental Disorders** and has supported children with a wide range of special educational needs in nursery and school settings.

All parents welcome!

Please contact Lisa Williams SENCo if you would like to attend.

Email: lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk

PE Update week beginning 6th October 2025

Another busy week in the PE department! Remember everyone is welcome to come and try clubs we offer. We have something on almost every night after school. There is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

KS4 Intra School Netball Tournament Well done to years 9,10 and 11 who completed the intra school netball event. They all played very well and scored some vital house points!

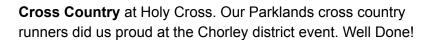






















Y7 Football at home against Bishop Rawstorne. Their first official game representing Parklands against a very strong opposition. Some great football on display and lots to work on in practice. Well!





@wake.up.wednesday







As a school we are getting behind local initiatives and charities.

If you have any unwanted WARM COATS AND JACKETS at home please bring them in and dump them in the designated bin in the FITNESS SUITE PE office.

We will take any unwanted coats and give them to charities that support the homeless, refugees, children living in poverty and people fleeing domestic violence

*Coats must have working zips and be in good condition/clean.

PE HOODIES AVAILABLE





We have a large amount of PE hoodies available in school in a range of sizes for free.

These can be worn during PE lessons.

Please encourage your child to come and collect one from the PE office.

We have many without initials but when these run out we can offer pre-loved hoodies that do have initials on.

First come first served.

CHECK OUT OUR RESOURCE HUB:





Compass Bloom are the Mental Health Support Team in your school. We provide free support for mild/moderate mental health concerns:



MILD TO MODERATE ANXIETY



LOW MOOD: SADNESS, LOW MOTIVATION



DIFFICULTY MANAGING EMOTIONS



DIFFICULTY ADJUSTING TO CHANGE AND TRANSITION

SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT SUPPORT FROM COMPASS BLOOM OR GET IN TOUCH:



COMPASSBLOOM@COMPASS-UK.ORG



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Peru Crew Recipe Book We want your recipes!

We're looking for your favourite recipes to feature in our upcoming Recipe Book. It can be savoury, sweet or a even a drink, mocktails only please. Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are welcome too.

Please send the recipe along with a photograph of the dish to ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk











CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!



Is your young person feeling more worried than usual?

Are those worries starting to get in the way of everyday life?

We're here to help.

We're running online worry management courses (PODS) for secondary school aged young people across Central & West Lancashire.

- 6-week course
- Delivered on MS Teams
- · Join alongside other young people who feel the same

What we'll cover (one topic each week):

Session 1 - Understanding anxiety – fight, flight, freeze + intro to CBT

Session 2 - Spotting & managing physical symptoms

Session 3 - Challenging negative thoughts - fact or opinion?

Session 4 - Worry tools – the worry tree, letting go & problem solving

Session 5 - Behaviours – safety, exposure & building confidence

Session 6 - Emotions – self-soothing, safe spaces & moving forward



A safe space to learn, share and discover new ways to manage worries.

Want to know more?











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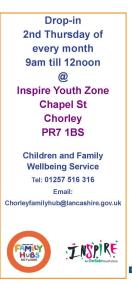


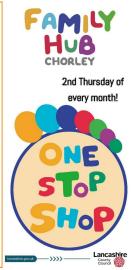


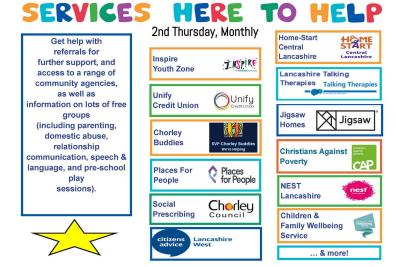
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The One Stop Shop was relaunched on the 11th September, with numerous parents attending to access support for a range of support or advice needs, in one location..

Some of the feedback comments included:

- "Very helpful, all under one roof"
- "Face to face better"
- "Easier to speak to housing directly"
- "All agencies were very welcoming"
- "Face to face is better than automated machines"
- "I've actually sat down with someone who helped me. Made my day and made me happy."

This is running on the 2nd Thursday of every month (9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec), 9am till 12 noon, at Inspire Youth Zone Chorley.



School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

The School Nurse service runs a weekly drop in at your school, where you can attend, to access confidential health advice.

(no appointment needed- just turn up)

Emotional Health - Stress - Worries - Relationships - Healthy lifestyles Healthy eating - Sleep and so much more

Your school Nurse is - Kate McGee
Will be in school onMondays

Time: Lunchtime

Place: MAT Room 2



Scan this QR code to access our website:

Scan this QR code to send a message to our confidential messaging service, ChatHealth

Lancasture Healthy young People & Families Service (LHYPFS)



ONLINE SUPPORT - VAPING & SMOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Book an individual 20 minute session with one of our advisors on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 3.30pm to 5pm - offering tips & advice on how to stop smoking or vaping.

Book your slot via: https://calendar.app.googl e/a5B8yFpZ2f737PJa9 Or use the QR code



www.smokefreelancashire.org.uk

Fireworks, The Law and You



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October - 10th November 26th December - 31st December 3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

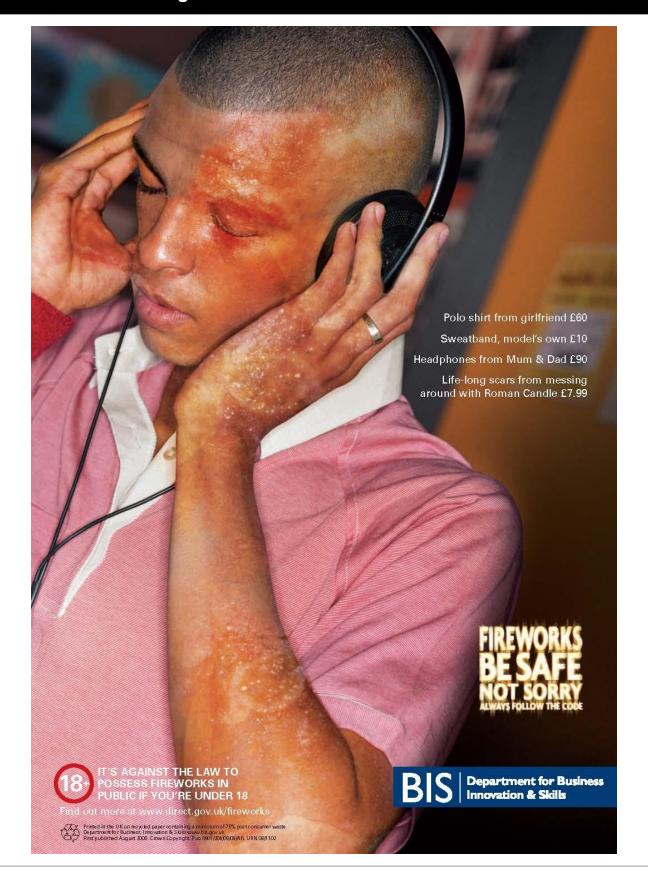
It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers



If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.

THINK ABOUT IT.





THOUGHT TO THOUSE FIRE VORYS









Parklands Preloved uniform

Pass it on, don't throw away,
A uniform's here to save the day!
Keep it going, let it flow,
Helping pupils as they grow.

Please send any preloved uniform into school to Mrs.K O'Reilly.

Thank you.