



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

7 - 11 November 2022



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Consultation on forming a Multi-Academy Trust

The consultation closed on Monday, 31 October. The Chair of Governors welcomed the comments received and has discussed them with me at length. Having considered all responses and feedback, the Governing Body has decided to proceed with the formation of a Multi-Academy Trust with both Balshaw Lane Primary School and Highfield Community Primary School. The chosen name of the MAT will be ***Aspirational Futures Multi-Academy Trust***. The proposed opening date of the MAT is January 2023, with the two primaries joining us around Easter, as they have to go through the lengthy conversion process to become academies before being able to officially join us. For parents, carers and students of Parklands, you will not notice any changes initially. I will remain as Headteacher, Parklands will remain as Parklands, uniform will remain the same, our standards and expectations will remain the same, so it will be business as usual.

Standards

Each day this week I have held an assembly with every year group in order to remind our students of the standards we have here at Parklands. Timely reminders are always a good thing in order reaffirm our expectations. Whilst the overwhelming majority of our students consistently live up to our school motto of LEARN, RESPECT, ASPIRE, ACHIEVE, we have noticed a rise recently in the usage of offensive language amongst our youngest pupils in years 7 & 8. When dealing with such incidents, it is often the case that the pupils claim to not understand the language they are using or how offensive it can be. I would strongly urge all parents/carers, especially of pupils in Key Stage 3, to please discuss this with their child. **We do not accept or tolerate** racist, homophobic, sexist or any language which is used to offend others. I am exceptionally proud of our bright, vibrant and **tolerant** school community, and it is our role as adults to educate when pupils gets things wrong. However, please rest assured that our full range of sanctions (as listed in our Behaviour Policy) are applied when incidents are reported to us.

Having focused on our standards, I then showed the students the huge amount of praise about them, which teaching staff had emailed me before half-term. It was fantastic to see student faces lighting up when they or their class got a mention from a teacher. This was a great reminder that the vast majority of our students live up to our expectations each and every day.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Mitchell
Headteacher



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Year 7 Messages

YEAR 7- Received their first ever BfL (Behaviour for Learning) report yesterday, Thursday 3rd November. We are delighted to see how well they have settled into school. Their conscientious attitude and hard work suggests that they are going to be an extremely successful year group. The reports are also accessible on Edulink.

For Parents and Guardians of Year 7 students only:

As part of our ongoing department development we often collect feedback from our students in order to improve their experience of Religious Studies lessons. On this occasion we are also seeking feedback from parents and guardians.

We would appreciate your support with this and ask that you take the time to complete [this very short survey](#). All survey responses are anonymous. In this first instance, the survey is open to parents and guardians of Year 7 students only.

Should you have any questions about the form or issues with completing the form, please contact Miss Rhodes (srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Thanks in advance.

Year 8 Messages

YEAR 8- Received their first BfL report of the school year yesterday, Thursday 3rd November. There are so many outstanding students in the year group and we look forward to a hugely successful year ahead. The reports are also accessible on Edulink.

YEAR 8 - Please can you ask your child to check their school emails for information regarding school lockers. We have emailed pupils to let them know once their locker key is ready but there are still lots of keys awaiting collection.

Year 9 Messages

YEAR 9- Received their first BfL report of the school year yesterday, Thursday 3rd November. We are pleased that so many of the year group have returned to school with a positive attitude and are working well. The reports are also accessible on Edulink.



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Year 10 Messages

YEAR 10 - Received their first BfL report of the school year yesterday, Thursday 3rd November. We are delighted to see that the whole year group have made a hugely positive start to Key Stage 4 and their GCSEs. The reports are also accessible on Edulink.

Year 11 Messages

YEAR 11- Received their first Tracker Reports of the school year last Tuesday 1st November. They also had their Review Day where they discussed their Tracker with their HAL and looked forward to the term ahead. Please ensure that you discuss the report with your child. The reports are also accessible on Edulink.

Mock interviews are coming up in December for Year 11 pupils. They are currently creating CVs - if anyone needs any help with this, please drop me an email, pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk or call in at the Top Office anytime.

One to one careers interviews are also taking place for Year 11s. The appointments are shared with pupils directly and also feature on the daily form bulletin, so there is no excuse for missing these. Anyone missing an appointment will automatically go to the back of the queue.

Hello All,

I hope everyone has had a great week back! This Monday was Halloween so I hope everyone enjoyed their festivities. Many teachers decided to dress up, I hope you found some of the costumes as funny as I did! This was part of a house competition which I hope everyone has submitted. This week you had the chance to enter your pumpkin into the house competition, we love to see your involvement so well done for those who have submitted it. In addition to this, there has also been the eco - poetry house competition. Another well done to those who have submitted poems.

In other news, this Saturday is Bonfire night.

Bonfire night is a commemoration of Guy Fawkes' failed gunpowder plot, the plot to kill the King at the time, King James I. Many don't celebrate it now for its original meaning, however, they still enjoy the tradition of lighting fireworks, using sparklers and lighting a bonfire. This (as you will know) can be quite dangerous so make sure you stay safe!

That's all for now, enjoy your weekend!

Evie

Whole School Messages

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

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: 87 pupils since September
Year 8: 55 pupils since September
Year 9: 45 pupils since September
Year 10: 78 students since September
Year 11: 55 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 144 pupils
Year 8: 116 pupils
Year 9: 90 pupils
Year 10: 146 students
Year 11: 115 students

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

Please note that we are having a huge drive on punctuality to lessons at the moment, which ties in with the new guidelines issued by the Department for Education regarding attendance. The figures below show the number of pupils who have received just one 2 for BfL since September. Our policies are currently being updated to reflect the changes; we will share this with you once finalised.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 127 pupils
Year 8: 79 pupils
Year 9: 69 pupils
Year 10: 107 students
Year 11: 88 students

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

To support our pupils being proud of their school and their place in it, we have been gathering their opinions about parts of our vertical tutor system. Our ongoing work about equality made pupils more aware of the issues faced by people in other countries, some of which are names of our forms. Following pupil feedback, we gave pupils a chance to vote to change the name of their form. Some forms have opted to do this, others will remain the same. Please be assured, only the names are changing and the pupils have learnt more about other countries in the process. The official changeover will be in a few weeks time when each new form captain will be presented with the new flag for their form in a house assembly. As part of this process, we are also asking pupils for their opinions about which charity their house should support and you may have seen an email from me asking them to vote. They will receive more information about this process in next week's house assemblies from their HAL so they should wait until then to cast their vote. The most popular charity in house will be announced when the flags are received.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 94.8%

Overall school attendance for the week 94.2%

National Attendance for 17 - 21 October 91.2%

The national figure is always published a week late

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 95.6%

Africa 95%

Australasia 94.8%

South America 94.8%

Asia 94.7%

Attendance by House since last week:

Europe 96.2%

South America 94.7%

Africa 94.7%

Australasia 93.1%

Asia 92.9%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

South America - Paraguay 99.3%

Europe - Netherlands 98.9%

Australasia - Fiji 97.6%

Africa - Seychelles 97.5%

Asia - India 96.8%

Whole School Messages

Remembrance Day

As in past years our Head Students will be representing Parklands in Chorley on Sunday 13th November in the Remembrance Parade. A number of our students will also be involved representing Scouts, Guides, Cadets and a range of different organisations.

In school Poppies are available for the pupils to purchase during Form time for a small donation. In addition to this we will be laying a wreath in our Remembrance Garden on Friday 11th. This will be followed on Monday 14th with a whole school assembly on the theme of Remembrance.

On Monday, some of our staff came dressed as literary characters in order to raise money for Book Aid: <https://bookaid.org/about-us/>

This charity makes it their mission to deliver books to those people most in need around the world and they have changed many people's lives. Children have the chance to read stories, parents have the chance to read to their children, parents can learn about farming, agriculture and much more. There are many amazing and inspiring stories on the website above. If you would like to make a donation please see ScoPay (Book Aid) and change the donation to anything you are willing to give. Thank you!



Whole School Messages

Unfortunately we have had a complaint from a member of the public about a small group of students who ride to school on bikes and come through Astley Park. Please can parents of those children remind them that pupils need to be courteous to all of the park users.



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



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|---------------------------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|--|---|
| Year 7 Basketball | SAM | 6 | ANZ | 5 | EUR | 4 | | | | | 2 |
| Year 8 Basketball | SAM | 6 | ANZ | 6 | ASA | 5 | AFR | 4 | EUR | | 3 |
| Year 9 Basketball | SAM | 6 | AFR | 5 | ANZ | 4 | EUR | 3 | ASA | | 2 |
| Year 10 Basketball | EUR | 6 | AFR | 5 | ANZ | 5 | ASA | 5 | SAM | | 4 |
| Year 11 Basketball | AFR | 6 | SAM | 5 | ANZ | 4 | EUR | 3 | ASA | | 3 |
| Whose Eyes HP | SAM | 6 | AFR | 5 | ASA | 4 | ANZ | 3 | EUR | | 2 |
| 5 a-side football 7 Girls | AFR | 6 | ASA | 5 | SAM | 4 | ANZ | 3 | EUR | | 2 |



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| SOUTH AMERICA | 37 |
| AFRICA | 33 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 30 |
| ASIA | 27 |
| EUROPE | 23 |

After a fortnight away, we have come back strong on the world language nut leaderboard and Mrs Donohue's classes are dominating the leaderboard. (Oh, yay....)



Language nut Leaderboard

30/09/2022

School World Ranking



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| 16 | Parkside Community College | 26082500 |
| 17 | Nova Hreod Academy | 25988500 |
| 18 | Parklands High School | 25115500 |
| 19 | Mossley Hollins High School | 25058700 |
| 20 | Archbishop Temple School | 25027100 |

Local!



Class League

| | | |
|----|---------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1755600 | KE - 8YK - Spanish |
| 2 | 1527900 | JD - 8YY - Spanish |
| 3 | 1217000 | BC - 8XC - Spanish |
| 4 | 1184900 | BC - 7YK - French |
| 5 | 1144900 | KE - 11BKE - Spanish |
| 6 | 1141000 | WR - 8XB - Spanish |
| 7 | 1043500 | JD - 8XD - Spanish |
| 8 | 1036500 | JD - 11C JD - Spanish |
| 9 | 992900 | KE - 7YV - French |
| 10 | 982800 | JD - 7YY |

Students School Ranking

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|----|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 210100 | H Wade |
| 2 | 140300 | O Connor |
| 3 | 111000 | Mc Holly |
| 4 | 109500 | W Yasmin |
| 5 | 101500 | N Max |
| 6 | 98200 | B Scarlett |
| 7 | 95000 | J Hermione |
| 8 | 93300 | W Matthew |
| 9 | 92400 | S Sophie |
| 10 | 90800 | P Anastasiia |



If your child is having a hard time, you can try to find out how they'd like to be supported by asking gentle questions like:

- How can I support you through this?
- Do you want to talk about what's going on?
- Is there anything you need from me? Space, time to talk, time to do something fun?
- What was the biggest problem you had today? What helped?

Call the young minds Parents Helpline for detailed advice, emotional support and signposting about a child or young person up to the age of 25.

You can call for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday - Friday.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>



LEYLAND GIRLS CRICKET CLUB TRAINING NIGHTS



Womens Cricket 13+ - Thursday 7-9pm @
Hutton Grammar



U13/15 Girls - Tuesday 7-9pm @ Hutton
Grammar



U11 Girls - Wednesday 7-9pm @ Leyland St
Marys



Just turn up!

For any queries, please contact abigailbates08@gmail.com



PARKLANDS BOOT ROOM

If you have any boots/trainers/shin pads in great condition that no longer fit your child or you, then please donate them to our PE department.

Please ensure all shoes/trainers have been washed/cleaned before you hand them in.

Please bring to the PE office.





AUDITION

Thursday 15th December
from 3pm onwards

**Musical
MADNESS**

Show dates: 15th, 16th & 17th March 2023

You can audition a song to sing or dance to - **it must be from a musical** and must be your own arrangement/choreography.

Please speak to Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown regarding song choices before signing up, in case your song has already been chosen.

Your chosen piece/song/dance must not exceed 2 minutes.

If anyone is interested in auditioning a song or dance for this year's dance show, sign up sheets are now in the pavilion. It must be from a musical stage show and no more than two minutes long. You can work individually or with a group of friends on your piece. Please check your song with Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown first to ensure that it is not already being used.



If your child is interested in joining a club outside of school please view the slides [here](#) and contact the club directly.



Please collect your Early Lunch Pass for the week ahead from Miss Johnson in S26 on Monday Morning

Congratulations to the following pupils who received the Most Achievement Points this week:

Y7: Ali A (IND)

Y8: Grace S (HUN)

Y9: Ben B (HKG)

Y10: Bradley C (MAS)

Y11: Aimee M (HKG)



Year 11 Early Lunch Pass



Youth Zone | 8 - 12 years

GAMEBUILDING Afterschool Club_

This GAMEBUILDING workshop will teach learners how to code and build their very own Computer Game. From Flappy Birds to Candy Crush, kids have consistently shown their ability to develop good games, this workshop will teach them to do this. Game coding teaches children to work in teams, think logically and solve problems.

DATES :

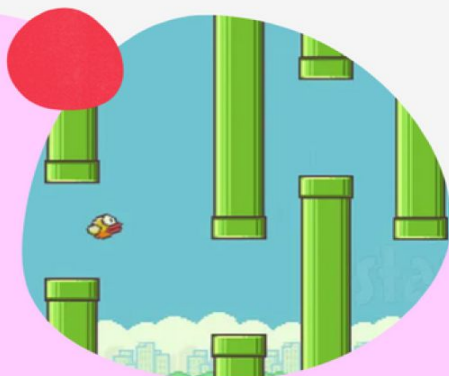
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov
6th Dec

TIME :

4:30-5:30pm

PRICE :

£4.50 per session
£27 for full programme



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For more information, contact your Area Manager on:

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and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 27th (Sunday 28th) May - (Thursday 1st June) Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- Nou Camp 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 including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £725.

Deposit of £100 required ASAP

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Barcelona Dance Trip



Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-10 who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- 4 professional coaching sessions
 - Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings
 - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast, packed lunch and Tea.
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
 - 2 x Tour tops.

Total Cost estimate £725.

Deposit of £100 required by 1st JULY 2022

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP



Careers

Lots of interesting and useful events and opportunities in this week's Career News. There are various college open days, which require you to register in advance. Try to see as many as possible and ask questions of the staff and students about assessments, homework, exams, timetables - make sure you choose the college that is right for YOU, not just the one closest to home or the one your second cousin went to and loved.

Click [here](#) for this week's Careers Bulletin.



I have a number of really nice little booklets about Careers in Law and Apprenticeships in Law. If anyone would like a copy, please let me know. (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Applications to study at LUSoM for September 2023 are now being received. For any pupils that are considering applying to Lancaster University School of Mathematics, we have an early applicant deadline of 11th November 2022. Any pupil with a completed application by the 11th will be invited to the aptitude support workshop on 30th November 2022.

We also have plenty of events and activities over this half term providing opportunities for pupils to talk with the staff and receive taster lessons across the curriculum. On 12th November 2022, we hold our next open event. This will be held at Cardinal Newman College between 10am - 1pm.

Pupils can register here to join us: <https://go.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/form/LUSoM-opensday>