



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

11th - 15th Dec 2023

Week 1



Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have certainly been getting into the Christmas spirit - the school Christmas tree is up in the hall, the Elf on the Shelf House competition has started, the House assemblies this week have involved a range of festive fun, and tonight is the Year 7 Christmas Disco! It is also Christmas Jumper today, in aid of Save The Children, and both staff and students are proudly wearing their Christmas Jumpers.

On Tuesday of this week our Librarian, Mr Johnston, took 32 Year 7 pupils to Blackpool Tower to meet the author Frank Cottrell Boyce, and listen to him talking about his latest book, the process of writing a novel, and what the life of an author is really like. On Wednesday a group of our Dance students went to Manchester Palace Theatre to see the musical Hamilton. All of the students involved in both trips had a marvellous time, and were excellent ambassadors for Parklands.

Year 11 Mock exams for Art and Photography have taken place this week, and the mock exams begin in earnest on Monday. Hopefully our Year 11s have been revising and are ready to show us what they can do next week.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson
Principal



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Assembly - On Monday 11th December, I will be leading an assembly on 'Grief' and students will be covering this topic in Secure with their form tutors. We understand that this is a difficult topic for all of us, however it is so important that we talk about how we deal with grief and how we can be there for each other as a school community.

I would appreciate it if you could have a conversation with your child/children about the content we are planning to cover and support us with this very personal and significant topic.

The House Achievement Leaders and our school counsellor will be available for any students who should need it on Monday afternoon.

Thank you,

Mrs Haslam

(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. Explain the Christian creation story
2. Explain the Hindu creation story
3. Give 2 main differences between the Hindu and creation story
4. Can you think of any similarities between the Hindu and Christian creation story?

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

Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination

Enquiry Question - Why do people discriminate?

1. Can you give any examples of sexism?
2. What roles did men and women have in Victorian families?
3. Why is the right to vote considered to be so important?
4. What does the term 'suffrage' mean?

(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 does the term human trafficking mean?
2. How do human traffickers exploit their victims?
3. Why would Sikhs believe that human trafficking is wrong?
4. What can the government do to help victims of human trafficking?

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YEAR 10 - Advance notice. We will be holding a Year 10 Key Stage 4 Information Evening on Tuesday 9th January 2024, the first week as we return after Christmas. The following day Year 10 will receive their first tracker reports giving updates on the grades they are working at in all their subjects. This is timed so that pupils will have completed a full term in all their subjects and we will have a better indication of their efforts and progress.

The evening will provide parents and carers with information about our GCSE and BTEC course structures, our expectations and support on offer, plus next step career advice and guidance. Further details to follow next week.

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS - [Timetable for next week](#) - Students must ensure that they bring exam equipment into school for mock exams, including calculators if needed.

Lost Property - The site team are holding quite a few misc items at the moment, including jewellery, watches, airpods, glasses and keys. Could you please encourage your children to pop along to the site office if they think any of these items could be theirs.

Clothing items are also being held in the site office, again waiting for collection. These will also be put out on tables on the concourse w/c 18th Dec.

Any unclaimed items will be held until the middle of January then donated to a local charity.

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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: 90 pupils to date
Year 8: 60 pupils to date
Year 9: 58 pupils to date
Year 10: 56 students to date
Year 11: 75 students to date
All: 339 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 173 pupils
Year 8: 134 pupils
Year 9: 132 pupils
Year 10: 143 students
Year 11: 159 students
All: 741 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: 164 pupils
Year 8: 120 pupils
Year 9: 117 pupils
Year 10: 100 students
Year 11: 122 students
All: 623 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
11th December 2023

"It's not what's under the tree that matters, it's who's around it."
CHARLES M. SCHULZ

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
As Christmas draws nearer, it's another incredibly busy week in school. Year 11 mock exams continue all week. The special Christmas lunch for pupils is on Tuesday. Meanwhile, remember that we're always available to support pupils in N17. DICKENS (the classroom) is available at break and lunchtime for those pupils who prefer a quiet space (except Fridays).
Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Inspire Quiz

Which is the odd one out?



Let's have a go!

Joke of the Week

What do the elves do after school?

Their GNOME WORK

The best Christmas decoration is a...
Smile




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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

Head Students' Page

Hey everyone,

Hope you're all in the Christmas spirit! This week we have been festive with Christmas themed house assemblies (Europe's was fantastic), Christmas jumper day and more!

For some year 11s, mock exams have already begun, and the main bulk of them will commence next week. Revision is so important for academic success but don't overwork yourself! Although self-determination is key, breaks are absolutely needed in this stressful period.

Soon, the new Head Pupils will be taking over this bulletin page, so on behalf of me (Seb), Lucas, Grace and Ebony, it's been such a pleasure to represent the school and be your 2022/23 Head pupils. This role has taught me so many things about myself, and I would absolutely recommend applying for this role to any younger students.

Thanks, Seb



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Update to Parklands stakeholders 30th November 2023

Dear parents, carers and students,

I am delighted to be able to give you an update following the formation of our trust - Aspirational Futures. As I am quickly learning, the process of onboarding new schools into our trust is a very lengthy process due to the amount of legal work which must be completed. However, we are hopefully still on track to be a trust of 5 schools by Easter 2024.

Highfield Primary School and Balshaw Lane Primary School

These are, with Parklands, the founding schools of our trust, and I have been having regular meetings with the headteachers, Mr Proctor from Highfield and Mrs Gregson from Balshaw Lane to discuss our plans regarding collaboration. We had anticipated that both these schools would have converted to academies and joined our trust by November, but we are hopeful that, following a meeting with the Department for Education and the Local Authority earlier this week, conversion will take place on 1st February 2024.

Walton le Dale High School

Many of you will remember Mrs Ardern, who worked with me for many years at Parklands. Since Easter 2023 Mrs Ardern has been the Acting Headteacher at Walton le Dale, working with her new team, myself and several other colleagues from Parklands on plans for their school improvement. This is a very exciting time for the school and our trust, and we look forward to welcoming the Walton le Dale school community into the Aspirational Futures family around February next year as well.

Gillibrand Primary School

This is the 5th school to join our family of schools, with conversion due to take place on 1st March 2024. Unfortunately, the headteacher Mrs Clayton is currently unwell and is therefore unable to fulfil her own personal ambition of the school joining the trust, but we are committed to ensuring that her dream does not fail, so we have been working with the Acting Headteacher, Mrs Clark, and the Chair of Governors, on the process of academisation and joining us.

As Chief Executive of the trust, I am gradually getting used to my new role. I enjoyed over 12 years working at Parklands, with 5 years as headteacher, but I have finally come to terms with handing the reins over to Mrs Batson who took up the post of Principal earlier this year. I continue to be constantly amazed, delighted and inspired by the students and staff at Parklands, and my regular meetings with Mrs Batson give me peace of mind and security in the knowledge that the school continues to do all it can in the best interests of the pupils and the Parklands community. Despite a successful Ofsted inspection and another year of great GCSE results, it is clear that everyone in the school is keen to do all they can to ensure the school continues to thrive, to develop the pupils into wonderful young adults, and provide a high quality, inclusive education. There is certainly no sense of resting on one's laurels!

GCSE Presentation Evening took place last week, and while it was a joyous occasion, seeing our former year 11s and celebrating their successes with them, it was also a sad occasion for me

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personally, as this was my final cohort of year 11 students. When they joined Parklands in September 2018, little did we all know that a global pandemic was about to hit us! The tumultuous journey we all went through ultimately led to a great set of exam results, and I am so proud that our school community - our Parklands - could produce such incredibly talented young people. #proudtobeparklands

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell
CEO

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Careers Day

Some of our Y10 students visited Wigan and Leigh College for a medical careers day. They met the interactive mannequins in the clinical ward that are programmed to cough or shout out when they are undergoing procedures to replicate real life responses. Students also checked their blood pressure before and after exercise and answered a lifestyle questionnaire.



Following a quick break, we moved to the science lab where Ben the tutor had the team dissecting hearts and lungs. Everyone had a great day and learned a lot about the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, as well as the vast range of careers in the health and social care sector.

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PE Update week beginning 20th November

Another fantastic turnout for extra curricular clubs this week in the PE department including dance, cheerleading, dodgeball, netball, basketball and gymnastics. Auditions for the amazing annual school dance show were also held this week, good luck to everyone who auditioned. Another busy week for fixtures too!

Indoor Cricket U13 at Parklands. The team displayed some great skills in this competition and came in the district beating Bishop Rawsthorpe in the semi final. A great innings from DM, well done.



Under 13s Girls football Lancashire cup against Clitheroe Grammar. What a game! It ended with a 6-6 draw which meant penalties. After a nail biting performance Parklands won!! Congratulations and a big thanks to our Y10 student MH for professionally officiating the entire thing.

Under 16s Basketball Lancashire Cup against Alder Grange High school in Rawtenstall away. The team showed great teamwork and determination and won 38-14. Well done!

Under 16s Basketball Lancashire Cup will play against All Saints High school in Rawtenstall away on Friday. Good Luck!

The Gymnastics Team will be involved in a district competition after school on Friday involving a floor routine and a vault. Good luck to those involved! A massive thanks to Gemma Stokes from the Chorley SSP who ran this club for us.

We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!



Like sport and PE but looking for a club to join? Click [Here](#)

Library book of the week



The latest book written by popular horror writer Alex Bell, in combination with well renowned YA horror publisher Redeye, does not disappoint. The Lighthouse is set on the creepy surroundings of Bird Island off the scottish mainland where nothing is as it seems. The characters are on a working holiday counting seabirds but the island is inhabited by strange ghosts and there are also people from other islands hunting seabirds. Everything hints at dark goings on, threat is always there.

The book is pretty gruesome without being graphic throughout. There are scenes showing people falling off lighthouses, birds pecking people to death, people just disappearing and even eels attacking people from inside. It's pretty unpleasant in places, but that's part of what makes this book so enjoyable for young people. The scares, threat and gore are pitched perfectly for young people, Y8 onwards. The atmosphere, which really important in horror, was just right. Just a brilliant scary book, even I was a bit frightened.

A couple of minor complaints, the epilogue was tacked on to enable a possible sequel. I dislike it when authors do that, they should bury something in the text instead to be dug up at a later date if they want a sequel. And secondly, and with the author seemingly wanting a sequel, why would anyone want to go back to Bird Island when it is such a horrible creepy place? Alex Bell is truly the YA horror master.

Mr Johnston - Library Manager



Parklands Trips 2024



Please find on link [here](#) the following slides all the trips with spaces available and running this year.

Please note some trips may require payments ASAP to catch up.

Please contact the member of staff on the slide for the specific trip for further details.

All the trips are dependant on good behaviour and attendance and pupils can be removed once on a trip for poor behaviour and attendance.

SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski or snowboard hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

Open to years 7-10

The next trip will not go until 2027 so don't miss out!

Final 4 places!

15th February 2025
7 days
Total cost: £1350
Deposit: £100



Deposit Payments Via ScoPay
Email Miss Marr more information.
gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk
Letters available from the pavilion office.



Barcelona Football Tour

Saturday 25th May – 31st May 2024



Pupils in current years 7-10 who play and attend school football 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 including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £775.

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Barcelona Dance Trip

Saturday 25th May – Friday 31st May 2024



All pupils 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 £775.

Deposit of £100 required by 7th July 2023

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP

Email gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more information



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ONLY OPEN TO YEARS 7,8 AND 9

Pay £50 deposit now and you don't need to make any more payments until September 2024 (Further payments can be made if you would prefer). A fantastic summer holiday experience!
Letter available [here](#).



MEDITERRANEAN ADVENTURE, SPAIN

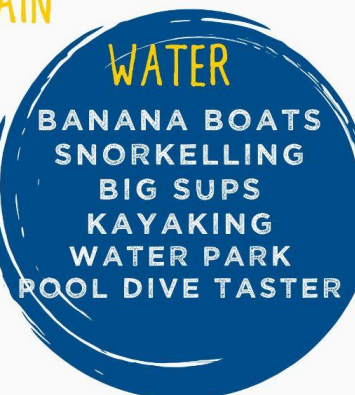
Ideally located between the popular beach resorts of Tossa de Mar & Lloret de Mar in the Costa Brava, Spain, this exciting Mediterranean Adventure is packed full of beach water sports from big SUPs to kayaking, You'll also enjoy a fun-filled day at the local waterpark and soak up some Spanish culture in Barcelona.

ACCOMMODATION

Stay in your own private ensuite cabins set within a private zone of the Cala Llevado complex which features a large swimming pool (with lifeguard). Dine in the onsite canteen next to the pool.

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE:

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Please click [here](#) for the weekly menu and additional information.



OUR MENU WEEK 2

Choose your favorite dish







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Chicken & rice served with salad (GF) £1.90	Main Meal Meat and potato pie served with fresh veg £1.90	Main Meal Beef tacos (gluten free) £1.90	Main Meal Meaty pasta bake £1.90 (GF)	Main Meal Chinese chicken curry with egg fried rice £1.90
Vegetarian option Chickpea curry with rice (gluten free) £1.90	Vegetarian option Cheese and onion quiche £1.90	Vegetarian option Mixed bean taco (gluten free) £1.90	Vegetarian option Cheese and broccoli bake £1.90	Vegetarian option Veggie stir fry Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (GF)
Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (GF)	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings	Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Steak pie £1.15
Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza £1.20	Grab & Go Meat & Potato pie £1.15 Cheese pasty £1.15 Sausage roll £1.15	Grab & Go Pizza £1.20 Chicken wrap £1.90 Herby potato cubes £1.50	Grab & Go Panini £1.90 Pizzini £1.90 Chicken wrap £1.90	



The following is a suggested list only

It's Christmas Hamper time

- ★ Tins of vegetables
- ★ Tins of fruit
- ★ Tin of ham or any other meat
- ★ Tin of tuna or salmon
- ★ Tin or rice or sponge pudding
- ★ Tin of custard
- ★ Bottle of salad cream
- ★ Jar of jam or marmalade
- ★ Jar of pickles
- ★ Jar of honey
- ★ Jars of paste (salmon or beef)
- ★ Jar of marmite or Bovril
- ★ Bottle of wine
- ★ Bottle of sauce
- ★ Bottle of beer or stout

- ★ Miniature bottle of spirits
- ★ Bottle of cordial
- ★ Tinned Soup
- ★ Sweets
- ★ Bag of sugar
- ★ Tea or coffee or Hot Chocolate
- ★ Chocolates or bar of chocolate
- ★ Packet of biscuits
- ★ Packets of cereal or porridge
- ★ oats
- ★ Jellies
- ★ Small Christmas pudding
- ★ Christmas cake
- ★ Christmas mince pies
- ★ Crisps or snacks
- ★ Nuts



Hampers will need to be completed by 2nd week of December

Christmas Menu

THURSDAY 12TH DEC

Christmas Dinner Day

Turkey / Quorn roast

Sprouts / carrots

Potatoes

Yorkshire pudding

Pigs in blankets and
delicious gravy

£1.90

Christmas pudding/
biscuits also available.



Parklands Christmas Market

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

BREAKTIME: YR 7, 8

LUNCHTIME: YR 9, 10, 11



HOT CHOCOLATE
REINDEER CONES

£1



LUCKY DIP

20p



50p

GUESS THE
NUMBER OF
SWEETS IN
THE JAR



LOLLIPOPS

50p



LARGE SWEETIE CONES!

£2



CANS OF POP

£1



In aid of Parklands Cheer Team and Derian House Children's Hospice

Derian's **ELF ARMY**

We're selling Festive Friends
for Derian House



Available from the Charity Prefects
during form time or from the
pavilion office at lunch

Just £3

all proceeds to Derian House Children's Hospice



Payment for the Derian Elf Army key chains can also be made on scopay. It is listed as "DERIAN ELF ARMY KEY CHAIN" Orders will be delivered to forms. Thank you for your support ❤️



Year 8, 9, 10 and 11



**Christmas trip to the
Trafford Centre
for shopping, bowling
and eating**

£9 coach fare - purchase through Scopay



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YEAR 7
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**Reel Cinema to see the
newly released movie: Wonka**

Tuesday 19th December 2.00 - 4.00pm

£5.50 - purchase through Scopay

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WORKSHOPS AT ST JOHNS'S CHURCH COPPULL

? Is your child experiencing emotional, behavioural, or mental health challenges, and you are not too sure how to help?

? Do you want to learn how to support your child to be resilient, and to deal with the challenges they may face?

Home Start Central Lancashire are leading providers in therapeutic parenting training, which allows parents to gain a better understanding of the emotional and physical impact of trauma.

We all experience trauma within our lives, however how we are supported through challenging times can have a huge impact on our parenting styles, future life choices and wellbeing.

This course will allow parents to learn about brain development, the impact of stress on both adults and children, and how a trauma informed, therapeutic approach to parenting can have a positive impact on the whole family.

The course is delivered over
4 workshops that will take
place at Coppull on...

Monday 12th February

10:00-14:30

Monday 19th February

10:00-12:30

Monday 26th February

10:00-12:30

Monday 4th March

10:00-12:30

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Reflective Learning

To book your space please call:



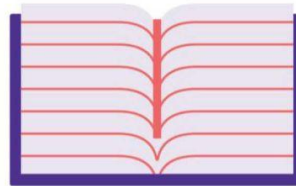
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And search for: Parldands



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Universal Reach Team



Specialist Services Team

Meet your HCRG Care Group 0-19 LHYDFS School Nursing Team (Central)

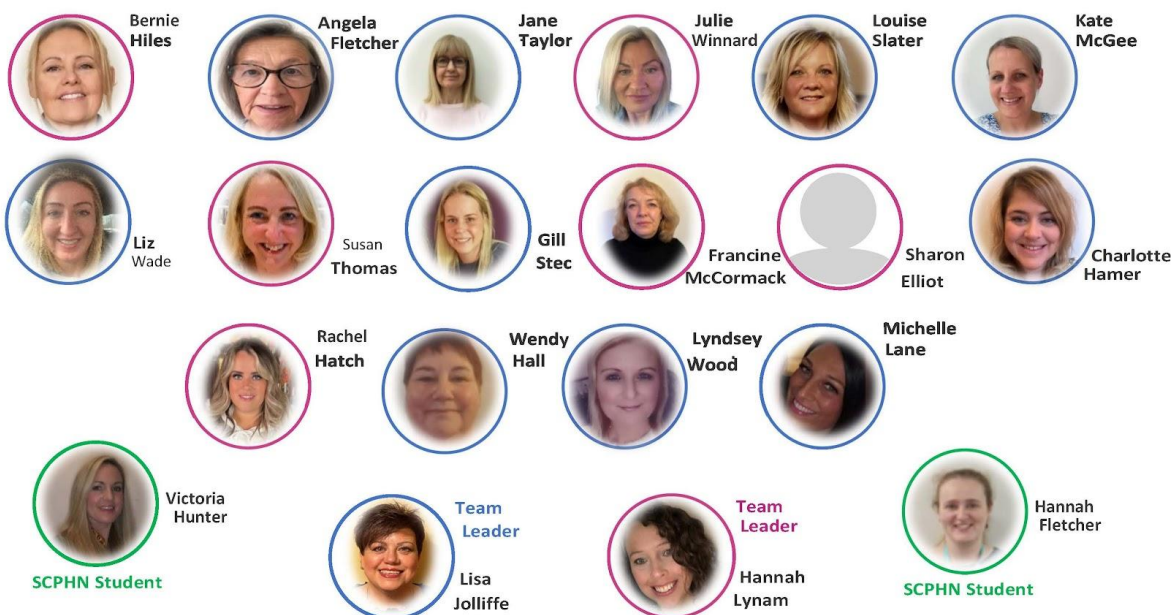
Universal Reach Team

This team will deliver a universal service to all children and young people with a focus on public health interventions and assessment of health needs. This will include a named link school nurse to each school/college, delivery of the School Health Needs Assessment process and the National Child Measurement Programme in line with the Healthy Child Programme. There will continue to be a Duty practitioner available each weekday to provide support and advice to families and professionals. Requests for support referrals will be triaged by the team and actioned accordingly with individual packages of care provided.

Specialist Services Team

This team will be responsible for providing support to the most vulnerable children and young people including those with complex and additional needs and those in need of protection. Although not directly linked to individual schools the practitioners will work closely with staff in the relevant schools/colleges for which these children and young people attend. The team will attend identified Child Protection, Child in Need meetings, undertaking individual health assessments and providing identified packages of care.

Meet your School Nurses

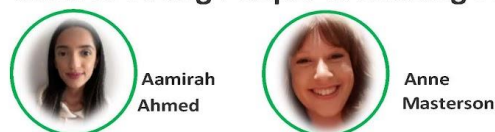


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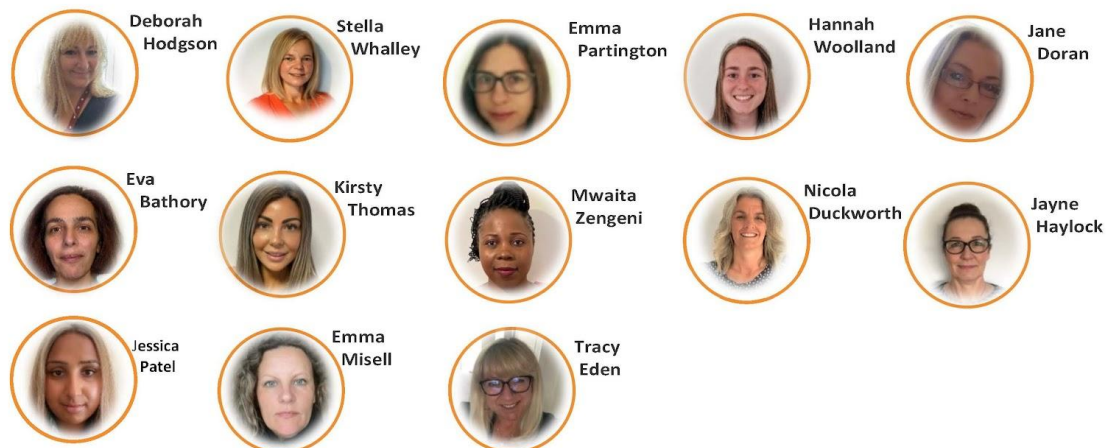
Meet your Staff Nurses



Child & Young People Wellbeing Practitioner (CYWP)



Meet your Healthy Family Support Worker (HFSW)



You can contact the School Nursing Team on **0300 247 0040** or by sending a Request for Support form to: **vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net** contact ChatHealth (11-19yrs) by Text: **0750 733 0510** or Lancashire ParentLine (5-19yrs) by text: **07312263554**. You can also visit us for help, support and advice via **w: lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk**

