

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 15th - 19th Jan 2024 Week 2



Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back all of our students and staff after our Christmas holiday. We hope that everyone enjoyed the break and is now refreshed and ready for the year ahead. On Tuesday, we really enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into school for the Year 10 'Welcome to Key Stage 4' evening. This was then followed by online Progress Evening for Year 10 on Thursday.

Next week, Year 11s will receive their mock exam results, and Progress Evening for Year 11 will take place in school on Thursday. The Summer exams are beginning to feel much closer now for this year group, with some subjects already working on exam submissions and coursework projects.

Year 7 and 8 received their first BfL report of the year this week; we are delighted with the vast majority of our students who show an excellent attitude to learning in all of their lessons.

Today we welcomed children's author Susan Brownrigg into school to speak to a group of Year 8s. Everyone really enjoyed it, and thank you to our Librarian, Mr Johnston, for organising this.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Principal

We were saddened to receive the news over Christmas of the death of Ashley Clayton. Mrs Clayton worked at Gillibrand Primary school for a number of years as Deputy Headteacher and more recently Headteacher. As a school we have close links with Gillibrand and know that a lot of people within the Parklands community are also members of the Gillibrand community so will feel this loss. Ashley was a former pupil herself and always spoke fondly of her time at Parklands therefore when the opportunity to join the MAT came up this was something that she was very keen to do.

We would like to pass on our condolences to Ashley's family, friends and all within the Gillibrand community at this sad time. There will be a representation from school at the funeral next week and a donation to St Catherine's Hospice has been made as requested by the family.

School Uniform Standards - Please can I remind parents and pupils that make-up, jewellery, piercings, false eyelashes and nails are not part of our school uniform standards. Pupils will be asked to remove any items that aren't part of our policy. Please can I ask that as parents you help us to uphold our high standards by ensuring that pupils come to school in the correct uniform.

If any pupils have an issue with their uniform, we have additional uniform items that are available for loan. We strongly believe that the wearing of correct uniform and upholding of standards by all of our community leads to an equitable and calm learning environment. Mrs Haslam

YEAR 9 Immunisations - Just a quick reminder to return your completed Immunisation forms to school on Monday for the DTP/ACDY Immunisations that are taking place Tuesday, 23rd January. Any queries, please contact Intrahealth on 03333 583397 option 2, option 1.

YEAR 10 - We held a Welcome to Key Stage 10 evening on Tuesday 9th January. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school and provide information about our GCSE and BTEC course structures, our expectations and support on offer, plus next step career advice and guidance. Click on the link below for the presentation containing all the information from the evening. Welcome to Key Stage 4 Presentation. Click on the link for a guide on our approach to Key Stage 4 StudySkills

YEAR 11 - It's an important week ahead for Year 11.

On Tuesday afternoon they will attend their Mock Exam Results Day. We run this event in the same style as the actual GCSE results day in August, with every Year 11 receiving their results in a sealed envelope containing their mock results. We hope this experience enables our students to value its importance.

Following receipt of their results every Year 11 will have an individual review. We will discuss the results and offer advice and guidance on how to maximise progress in their remaining time at Parklands.

On Thursday 18th January we are holding Year 11 Progress evening in school. You will have received a separate email with details of how to book. We hope to see all parents and carers in this crucial, final year.

We can provide timely feedback on progress in all subjects and information on the wealth of support to enable the best possible outcomes.

(Year 7) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - An Introduction to Judaism

Enquiry Question - What does is mean to be a Jew in the 21st Century?

- 1. Give 3 key facts about Judaism
- 2. What is the most important prayer in Judaism?
- 3. Why is Abraham important in Judaism?
- 4. What is the holy book in Judaism?
- (Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - The History of Christianity Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?
 - 1. Give 3 key facts about Christianity
 - 2. What is the Holy Trinity?
 - 3. Do you think you have to go to church every week to be a good Christian?
 - 4. Can you think of any stereotypes which exist regarding Christianity and Christians?

(Year 9) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - An Introduction to Islam Enquiry Question - Is it possible to be a 'good' Muslim living in Great Britain?

- 1. Give 3 key facts about Islam
- 2. What are the 2 main branches in Islam?
- 3. What does Tawhid mean? Why is this belief important to Muslims?
- 4. What does Risalah mean? Why is this belief important to Muslims?

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

We hope you all had a great Christmas break and New year. Hopefully, you have all made a good start to 2024 and are getting back into the routine of school!

We would also like to thank the amazing former Head Students for their contribution and we know that we have very big shoes to fill but we look forward to helping make this school the best it can possibly be!

Make sure to look out for any upcoming house competitions and get involved with any opportunities that come your way. We strongly believe that taking part in these activities can develop you as a person and with the huge variety of extra-curricular clubs at Parklands, there is something for everyone!

Josh, Tom, Amna and Matilda



Attendance matters!

The BITUP Attendance Trial second messages were sent this week.

Overall school attendance since September 93.6% Overall school attendance for the week 95.4% National Average since September - as at 18/12 - 86.6%

Attendance by House since September:

Australasia 94.2% Asia 94.4% Europe 94.1% South America 94% Africa 93.6%

Attendance by House since last week:

Australasia 96.9% Asia 95.4% Europe 95.3% South America 96.1% Africa 95.3%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Belgium 99.6% Australasia - Marshall 100% **South America - Uruguay 99.1%** Asia - Japan 97.8% Africa - Cabo Verde 100%

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: 78 pupils to date Year 8: 56 pupils to date Year 9: 55 pupils to date Year 10: 49 students to date Year 11: 74 students to date All: 312 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 196 pupils Year 8: 153 pupils Year 9: 153 pupils Year 10: 136 students Year 11: 180 students All: 818 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: 165 pupils Year 8: 118 pupils Year 9: 115 pupils Year 10: 101 students Year 11: 119 students All: 618 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



We raised a total of £325 for Derian House Children's Hospice over the festive season selling the Christmas Plushies and at our Christmas Market. This will help provide respite and end-of-life care to more than 400 babies, children and young people across the North West.

Derian House do this 24 hours a day, seven days a week, They are never closed to those who need them. Thank you to everyone involved.



Like sport and PE but looking for a club to join? Click Here



We're looking forward to a new year of sporting challenges here at Parklands!

PE Update week beginning 8th January 2024

Happy new year! We hope everybody had a restful Christmas break and we are all ready to get back into sport at Parklands! Please make sure to look at the PE extra curricular timetable as some clubs may have changed and some new activities have been added. Also as the weather is cold please ensure you bring suitable warm clothing as lessons will still be on outside (PHS PE hoodies/leggings/tracksuit bottoms). NB if you do not have PHS outer gear, base layers may be worn **under** PHS shorts and T-shirts.

Y8 Boys Football Lancashire Cup - against Brownedge School Preston. A great team talk to start the match led to a stellar performance showing great team work and determination. A great 3-1 win which takes us through to the next round. Well done!



Talent Recognition Trip - A selection of Year 10 pupils from our talent recognition group were fortunate enough to attend a careers in sport event at Manchester United's Old Trafford. We are very fortunate to have opportunities like this for our pupils to experience.



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Parklands Trips 2024



Please find on link <u>here</u> 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 dependent on good behaviour and attendance and pupils can be removed once on a trip for poor behaviour and attendance.

Please click here for the weekly menu and additional information.



Vegetarian option lasagna £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Sausage roll £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizzini£1.90 Vegetarian option Sausage, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy £1.90

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Grab & Go Pizza £1.20 Chicken wrap £1.90 Herby Potato Cubes £1.20 Vegetarian option Veggie burger& wedges £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Sausage roll £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizzini £1.90



Vegetarian option Veg burittos £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Cheese pesty £1.15 Panini £1.90 Meat an potato pie £1.15 Vegetarian option Cheese & broccoli bake £1.90

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Sausage rolls £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Chicken strips £1.50





PARKLANDS High School

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Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve

Finance and Payroll Assistant

Full time, Monday to Friday, Term Time only pus 1 week Grade 5, scale points 6-11 £20,734.48 - £22,544.73 (£23,893 - £25,979 FTE).

Required as soon as possible.

Parklands High School is looking to appoint a reliable, flexible and well-motivated individual to join our existing finance team as a Finance and Payroll Assistant. The main duties are to support the busy finance team in the provision of an accurate and efficient finance service including the submission of payroll information. You will use practical and procedural knowledge and analytical skills to interpret and submit information and solve problems.

Experience is preferred but training will be given, however good ICT and Mail Merge knowledge will be beneficial, and with this in mind if you are interested in joining our team, it is important that your application reflects how you meet the criteria of our job/person specification.

Hours of work are 08.15 to 16.30 Monday to Thursday, with a 45 minute lunch break, and 08.15 to 15.45 on Friday with a 30 minute lunch break

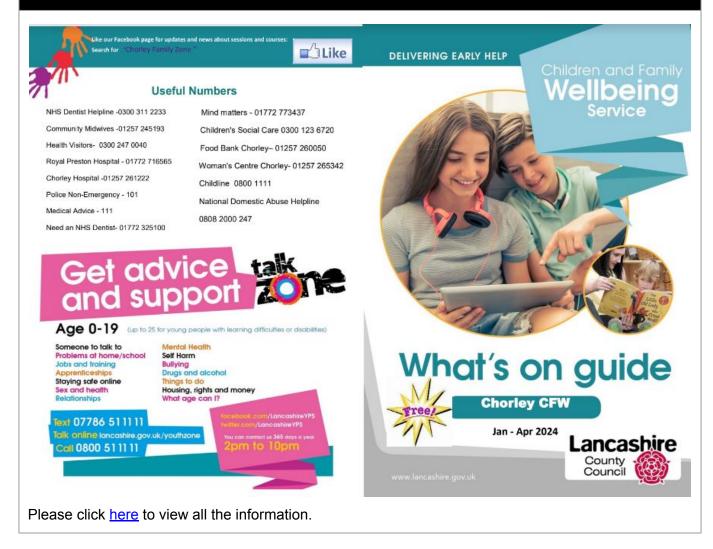
Parklands High School is a popular and high-achieving school located in extensive grounds close to Chorley town centre and the founding school in the recently formed Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust. It is easily accessed from across the region and is located just a few minutes' drive from the M6/M61/M65 motorways. Staff benefit from on-site parking, use of the well equipped school gym as well as employer paid healthcare and access to the Cycle to Work scheme.

For more information about the role please email Mrs L Eaton, Finance and Core Services Manager, via leaton@parklandsacademy.co.uk Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from the school website, along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12 noon Friday 26th January 2024 with interviews to be held Friday 2nd February 2024 Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw this vacancy at any time and regret we are unable to contact individual applicants who may be unsuccessful. Parklands High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its staff and pupils and expects those working at the School to share this commitment. Applications from ethnic minority candidates and other diverse groups are welcomed. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service as well as qualification and reference checks. Online checks will also be conducted on shortlisted candidates Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from http://document.org/







TINSPIRE An OnSide Youth Zone

Sessions

- SEND Holiday Club (2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th January) Book here

- Sunday SEND In-Club Sessions are now live online to book in for January and February Book here



SEND Epic Night THURSDAYS 4-9PM

6 week Projects

Wheelchair Basketball Football Team Training Dance Troupe Clay Club Choir / Music Lessons Baking Club

If you would like to book your child/ren onto any of the above EPIC sessions please email: <u>caitlin.blythe@inspireyouthzone.org</u> to confirm a place. Sessions will cost 50p per entry. Places are limited due to the level of support needed for the children, so please can you

ensure your child is available for the majority of the sessions.



'SWEET CHILLI PARENTING'

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...



To book your space please call:

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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- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Free entry into the bonus Super Draw

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk And search for: Parklands

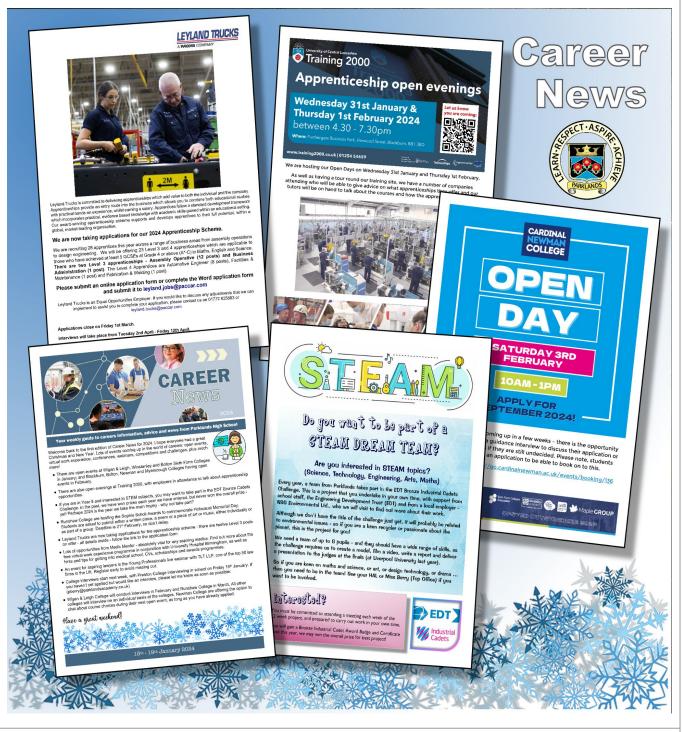


Gamble Aware



Careers

Please click here for this week's career news.



Welcome to the first issue of Career News for 2024. Lots of useful content in this week's edition: conferences, competitions, challenges, open events, webinars, virtual work experience and much more.

Careers

- Leyland Trucks are now accepting applications for their apprenticeship scheme. There are twelve L3 positions on offer for Assembly Operatives don't miss out!
- BAE Systems are still accepting applications, but not for much longer, so if you are intending to apply, do it now.

Most other apprenticeship positions aimed at school leavers will be advertised around March/April, but you can register on Gov.UK anytime and receive notifications whenever a new vacancy is advertised: <u>https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register</u> - create an account so that you can apply to any position. Use your personal email, not a school email address.

For any Year 8s who are interested in STEM subjects, we are taking part in the EDT Challenge again this year, linking up with NSG Environmental, the experts in nuclear waste disposal. We have always won a prize each year we have entered, but we have never won the overall trophy yet. Can 2024 be the year we win the whole competition? See Miss Berry (top office) for details on how to take part.

Preston College interviews are in school, next Friday (19th January). If you have not yet applied, but would like to be interviewed, see Miss Berry asap and I will add you to the schedule.

Work Experience for Year 10. Consent forms need to be back with me as soon as possible please. The WEX week is 15th - 19th July 2024 and all the documents and information relating to work experience is on the website: <u>https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/parents/work-experience</u> Placement booklets are also available from the Top Office.

Please note that St Michael's have chosen the same week for WEX, so don't delay if you intend to approach a business/school/cafe/shop/office/garage/nursery/garden centre/salon ...

If there is anyone in Year 10 or 11 who is interested in a career in the armed or uniformed services, Carolyn Tasker from MPCT, the military preparation academy in Chorley, will be in school on Monday 22nd January. Please let Miss Berry know if you would like to speak to her.