

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 18th - 22nd Dec 2023 Week 2



Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another wonderful and Christmas themed week at Parklands. However, unfortunately I need to start on a more serious note. Parklands has been the subject of some unpleasant social media comments from a small number of people, primarily regarding the parking situation outside school. It is always upsetting when people make negative comments in public forums; we always choose not to respond to these publically. However, we are always available and willing to listen to any ideas or feedback about our school. It is particularly disappointing to read comments directed at us about the parking, which is something we have very little control over. We have tried our best, and appealed on a number of occasions, for people to be respectful and safe in the way that they park when collecting their children. Please can I ask again that you park safely and considerately outside of school. Please do not use the cemetery at any time when collecting or dropping off your children.

On a much more positive note, we are hugely proud of a group of our Year 9 pupils who took part in a national Engineering competition in Lincolnshire. After months of hard work after school and already winning the regional final in Manchester, the pupils competed against 11 other schools, who had travelled from the four corners of the UK. The competition was hosted by Raytheon, a technology and innovation leader specialising in defence, national security, and other government and commercial markets around the world. The final was hosted at RAF Cranwell. As well as hearing from guest speakers and having a tour of the air base, pupils competed in two events, which included a presentation of their idea and a drone flying competition.

During the awards ceremony at the end of the day, our team won the award for 'The best Engineering concept' and returned to school proudly carrying their trophy.





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This week staff and pupils have also eaten delicious Christmas dinners at lunchtime. Thank you to all the canteen staff for their hard work and Christmas spirit! The canteen staff even managed to employ some special elves to help out...



Today we are also holding our Christmas markets where we will be selling Christmas sweets and other treats. This has been organised by our charity prefects who have been bagging up sweets all week!

Last night our Christmas trip to Disneyland Paris set off. We wish them a wonderful trip and a safe journey. There will be pictures in next week's bulletin.

I would like to close with a reminder that next Friday school finishes at 1pm for the Christmas break. We hope that everyone enjoys the last week of term.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Principal

(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. What did you find most interesting about the Hindu creation story?
- 2. Why might religious people find it important to be part of a community?
- 3. Which type of truth do you think is the most important? Why do you think this?

(Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination Enquiry Question - Why do people discriminate?

- 1. What was the main difference between the Suffragists and Suffragettes?
- 2. Which movement do you think was more effective?
- 3. Do you think the methods used by the Suffragettes were too violent? Explain
- 4. Do you think non violent protests are the most effective way to make a change?

(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 'fair pay' mean?
- 2. Can you think of any examples where there might be a gender pay gap?
- 3. What is the practice of "Langar" in the Sikh community?
- 4. How does the Langar show a sense of community and compassion?

Year 8 Assembly - Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service sent their Hate crime officer to speak to Year 8 in an assembly today. Thank you Year 8 for your great behaviour and listening skills.

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 Respect day - Year 11 will be having a Respect day next week about 'Mature Relationships'. They will have sessions on topics such as consent and the law, how to keep themselves safe in relationships and online. As well as these we will be visited by Lancashire fire service who will speak to the pupils about making good decisions over the festive period and showing them some of the consequences for young people who didn't. We hope this day will inspire our Year 11s to make great choices over the holiday period and stay safe and well. All resources will be shared with pupils at the end of the day.

HUGE congratulations to the following students, who have <u>had their work selected to be</u> <u>published</u> in the YoungWriters' anthology '*Lest We Forget*': Hind Fares, Izzy Frohock, Jenny Queally, Lincoln Stothers, Raghad Elhabal, Róisín Cunningham, Elizabeth Musa, Lillie Morgan and Safiyah Zentani. This is a hugely exciting achievement and should be celebrated! Well done - your poems are beautiful!

Christmas Market - £482 was raised at the Christmas markets today. The charity prefects and cheerleaders did a fantastic job raising money for Derian House and our very own Fusion Cheer Team. Mr Penketh and the vocal ensemble kept us entertained throughout lunch time too. A great time was had by everyone who attended.



Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

Hope you're all doing well. This week has marked the mock exam week for Year 11s. Despite the number of tests taking place, this week has been an important experience leading up to the real exams in May next year.

On Wednesday, I was part of a group selected to take part in a college course taster day at Cardinal Newman College. This experience gave us a valuable insight into education after school, and leading up to university.

On Friday, Parklands' Christmas Markets took place giving students the opportunity to buy sweets, chocolate and Christmas Decorations in order to raise money for Derian House and our school's cheer team.

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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: 84 pupils to date Year 8: 58 pupils to date Year 9: 55 pupils to date Year 10: 52 students to date Year 11: 75 students to date All: 324 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 160 pupils Year 8: 143 pupils Year 9: 140 pupils Year 10: 123 students Year 11: 156 students All: 722 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: 159 pupils Year 8: 116 pupils Year 9: 117 pupils Year 10: 99 students Year 11: 118 students All: 609 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



PE Update week beginning 11th December 2023

A great week of sport this week in the PE department with after school clubs and fixtures. Thanks to all staff for giving up their time to ensure these opportunities can happen.

KS4 Badminton Boys at Bishop Rawsthorne. The team played against competitors from Holycross, Bishops and St Michaels. They fought hard and came third.



KS4 Badminton Girls at Holy Cross. The team played against competitors from Holycross, Bishops and St Michaels. They fought hard and came third.



KS3 Badminton Boys at Bishop Rawsthorne. The boys did us proud playing teams from across the distinct and placing second! Well done.

Under 16s Basketball Lancashire Cup played away against All Saints High school in Rawtenstall. After a tough game the team came out with a win! Well done.

Under 16 Basketball Lancashire Cup away to Haslington. After playing both the A & B team from Haslington the boys made it through to the next round of the Lancashire Cup. A long time coming for Parklands! Well done!





Gymnastics Team Congratulations to the team who competed in a very strong competition in both floor and vault against other schools in the district. Great skill was on display and we are very proud. Well done.

Under 14s Girls football Lancashire cup away to Trinity School in Carlisle. The girls fought hard against a very strong team but unfortunately lost 3-1. Congratulations on progressing so far in the competition.

We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, the countdown to Christmas is officially on!



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

Library book of the week



This book is fantastic, from the opening words "Scarlett McCain woke up next to 4 dead bodies.." to its exciting and unexpected conclusion. Stroud's books are usually light fantasy books with laughs, to read after Potter for example, but this is his first book of this sort. It's a total rollercoaster ride of a book, action scenes, thoughtful dialogue, interesting well developed characters and a hint of some weird magic. On the surface it is a straightforward future-set dystopian book, but scratch at the surface and you find hidden depths, there are hints at a climate crisis apocalypse event with the stylings of a retro cowboy film.

The books events concern the mainly illegal activities of Scarlett McCain, and her sidekick Albert Browne. They meet at the start of the book and they try to get to an aquatic East London where Albert believes he will be safe after escaping a secure unit. The development of their relationship is one of the highlights of the book - Scarlett is hard, as an outlaw should be, Albert is like a cat in the headlights, overwhelmed by everything, with childlike interest in the mundane. Both characters are likeable, and bounce off each other.

It is down to Stroud's genius as a writer that easy options are not explored, he doesn't allow a hint of romance between them, he refuses to allow this book to fit into a single genre, he creates an alternative but believable future UK, allowing the action scenes to be exciting and dangerous, but never to take over as the main plot, only being used as devices to give you a jolt to further the main plot. Its superb work from a well seasoned experienced author who knows how to write for his audience.

Mr Johnston - Library Manager

On Saturday 2nd December a number of pupils and staff performed in Shine for Sally 3. This is an annual event organised by Mrs

Sullivan-Brown in memory of former pupil Sally Cornes who passed away 3 years ago, aged just 14, after being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. This year Miss Bond sang and brought the house down with a rendition of "Girl on Fire" and pupils from all year groups danced and sang throughout the show. A fabulous £5000 was raised for local charities that supported Sally and her family including Derian House, Milly's Smiles, Rory's Box and The Keepsake Circle. #proudtobeparklands





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.

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





- 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. NOW TAKING PAYMENTS VIA SCOPAY

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

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@parklandsacademu.co.uk for more information



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 <u>here</u>.

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 kayaying, 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.

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Please click<u>here</u> for the weekly menu and additional information.





FOREWORD

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

Protecting children and young people in Lancashire is a key priority for me as part of my commitment to supporting vulnerable people and creating safe and confident communities across the county. We all have a part to play in making sure our young people have the knowledge they need to stay safe and that we as parents and carers know what we can do to support them.

By working together we can improve the well-being of our young people, reduce anti-social behaviour and make our communities safer for everyone. Our police officers work hard to protect children and young people every day and a lot of work goes into crime prevention to help equip children with the skills needed to protect themselves. For those that have been affected by crime, harassment and bullying I have set up Nest Lancashire, a specialist service to support young people and help them recover from whatever it is they have experienced. This booklet has been produced to provide you with information that will help keep your children or those in your care safe from harm.

Educating young people about risks and consequences is important to their continued safety and well-being and I hope that you find the information useful in discussing the issues covered with young people in your care.

Thank you Clive Grunshaw – Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner

Please click here for more information.

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.

WINTER 2023 HAF! FREE HOLIDAY FUN AND FOOD



TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY - FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

WINTER FUN AT INSPIRE YOUTH ZONE!

Aged between 7 and 11 and eligible for benefit related free school meals? We're excited to offer every young person, up to 4 sessions absolutely FREE!

DIGITAL

ARTS

DANCE

FOOTBALL

MULTI-SPORTS

MUSIC

CLIMBING LOTS OF FUN!

To claim your free Inspire membership sign up online at https://www.inspireyouthzone.org/become-a-member/ Code - HAFCHRISTMAS2023

Renew membership at https://www.inspireyouthzone.org/renew-a-

member/ Code - HAFCHRISTMAS2023

code expires 07.01.24



SCAN THE QR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



BOOKING LINK - HTTPS://BIT.LY/43NXCFW

If you have any further questions or issues with booking, please ring the Inspire team on 01257 2288888.

Inspire Youth Zone, Chapel Street, PR7 185

 (\mathbf{c}) 01257 228888

Please click here for more information.

Christmas Period Help and Support 2023 Chorley Council	
	Emergency Food Provision and Community Support
Chorley Community Helpline	Several voluntary, charity and faith groups in Chorley have come together to launch the Chorley Community Helpline. This free phone helpline will allow individuals to access the emergency food support they require from a local group.
	Community Helpline number: 0800 368 8452
Foodbank Living Waters	Food Parcel for individual or family Partner referrals only – no self-referrals
store house (food bank)	07889 757045 / Email storehouse@lwchurch.co.uk Open for referral and collection
	Last session for 2023 will be 12 noon on 22 nd December. Will re-open on Friday 5 th January 2024 at 10am as normal
Chorley Help the Homeless	The Gateway: Food bank and free hot lunchtime meal Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm At: Matrix House, Friday St, Chorley, PR6 0AA. Contact: 01257 220077 reception@chth.org.uk Website: www.chorleyhelpthehomeless.org
	Christmas hours:
	Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open on Wed 27 th , Thur 28 th and Fri 29 th Dec for food bank only. Back to regular hours on Tuesday 2 nd January 2024.
	On email include your name, the number of adults and children in your household, your phone number.
St Laurence's Emergency Food Parcels	Dedicated phone line - To request a food parcel, please call 07763 226275 between 9:00am and 12:00 noon and someone will be able to deal with your request. Calls made after 12.00 noon will be actioned the next day.

Please click <u>here</u> for more information.

Devian's

We're selling Festive Friends for Derian House



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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



There will be a Christmas party on Tuesday lunchtime for all pupils who can speak a language other than English in E22. Please encourage your child to attend!

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У вівторок, під час обіду, відбудеться різдвяна вечірка для всіх учнів, які розмовляють не англійською мовою в E22. Будь ласка, заохочуйте свою дитину до участі!

Please click here for full details



Parklands High School : An Academy

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PARKLANDS High School

A vacancy has arisen for a **CLEANER – 16.25 hours per week** 3.15pm – 6.30pm Mon- Friday. Term time only plus 3 weeks.

Grade 3, SCP 4 £9261.133 (£23114 fte). Start as soon as possible.

Parklands High School is a popular, oversubscribed, forward thinking and high-achieving school which is part of the Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust

We wish to appoint a reliable, flexible and self - motivated individual to join our existing Premises team. Under the direction and instruction of the Cleaning Supervisor, you will undertake the cleaning of designated areas within the school premises to ensure that they are kept in a clean and hygienic condition, to the agreed quality standards and be responsible for ensuring a consistent high standard of cleaning throughout. Experience is preferred but not essential as training can be given however a strong work ethic and to be able to work well in a team are crucial.

Parklands High School staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance, entry into the LGPS pension scheme, UK healthcare, as well as out of hours access to our new gym facilities, free onsite parking, good motorway links and our cycle to work scheme

For more information about the role and how to apply please email Michelle Curtis, Chief Financial Officer at CFO@aspirationalfutures.co.uk. Candidates should complete an application form, available from the school website in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address <u>hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk</u>. Handwritten applications may be posted to HR Manager Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust c/o Parklands High School, Southport Road, Chorley. PR7 1LL. Please clearly mark the envelope "Application for post of Cleaner"

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 12/01/2024 with interviews to be held 16/01/2024

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. Aspirational Futures 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 ht@aspirationalfutures.co.uk



'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





- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
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Meet your HCRG Care Group 0-19 LHYPFS 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

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



Careers

Please click here for this week's career news.



Lots of useful information in this week's Career News, settle down with a cup of tea and have a read!

Work Experience launch assembly next week - all Year 10s will undertake a week of work experience in July 2024. More information to follow after the assembly.

If any Year 8s think they can top the achievements of our incredible Year 9 STEM team, there are various STEM competitions and challenges starting after Christmas, with the Engineering Development Trust, Safety Groups UK and Raytheon Technologies - so drop me an email if you are interested in finding out more (pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Year 11 will have mock interviews with employers in February. If any parents/carers would like to be interviewers for the day, please let me know. (Miss Berry)