

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 20th - 24th Nov 2023 Week 2



# **Principal's Message**

Dear parents and carers,

This has been another busy week at Parklands.

On Sunday I attended the Remembrance Service at the cenotaph in Chorley with some of our Head Students. We laid a wreath on behalf of the whole Parklands community, and it was lovely to see so many of our pupils represented in the various cadet squads who took part in the ceremony. All of the children were excellent representatives of our school. We also laid a wreath at our war memorial in school on Monday at 11am. This memorial is dedicated to all who have been lost in war, but in particular to past pupils of Parklands who have been killed in conflict. This is always an important day for us to come together as a school community, and we held our remembrance assembly on Monday for the whole school, where we also observed a minute's silence, and listened to one of our Year 11 pupils playing the Last Post. There are some photographs of the events below.

As you may have seen on our social media, on Tuesday we hosted our first Parent Forum of the year. It is always really good to meet with parents and carers to discuss initiatives and share ideas about moving Parklands forward. Amongst other things, we had a discussion about Class Charts and we now have some ideas for ways in which we can help pupils and parents become more familiar with all the features of Class Charts.

Yesterday was our annual 'Positive Noticing Day', where pupils and staff write positive notes to one another on luggage tags, which they proudly display on their blazers or lanyards. This was the first time Year 7 have experienced this, and it was lovely to see them so involved. It was fantastic to see so many people smiling and chatting about the positive messages they had been given.

Today is our non uniform day for Comic Relief, and we will update you next week on the amount we have raised for charity. We always raise lots of money for charity when we run events, and we are hoping that we will be able to donate generously again to Comic Relief.

There will be more charity work next week, when we will start selling the red ribbons for World Aids Day, which takes place on December 1st.

Next Thursday we will welcome our Class of 2023 back for GCSE Presentation Evening, where we will celebrate their achievements and present their awards and GCSE certificates.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Batson Principal





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# The Remembrance Service







(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 are the main beliefs in Christianity?
- 2. What is the Old Testament and New Testament?
- 3. What does denomination mean?
- 4. What are the three main denominations we have focused on in the lesson?

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

**Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination** 

**Enquiry Question - Why do people discriminate?** 

- 1. Why do you think Jesus has been shown as a White man in artwork throughout history?
- 2. What does the Bible say about racism?
- 3. 'God created man in his own image'. What does this mean?
- 4. 'A new commandment I give to you. To love one another as I have loved you'. What does this 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. Who is Malala Yusuf Zai?
- 2. Why is Malala often described as an inspirational person?
- 3. Why do you think it is important that every child receives an education?
- 4. Do you think we take education for granted in the UK?

#### Year 8 Respect day - Personal responsibility

Next Tuesday all year 8 pupils will be taking part in sessions throughout the day which look at beginning to take responsibility for their own lives, as well as seeking support in other areas. They will have sessions about personal finance and budgeting as well as relationships and online safety. As part of this day we will be welcoming into school the charity 'Stand against violence' who will be

As part of this day we will be welcoming into school the charity **'Stand against violence'** who will be talking to pupils about domestic violence, how to spot the signs, where to get help and how to support a friend who may be experiencing this. You can see more about this session <u>here</u>.

The assembly may be difficult for your child if your family has experienced this, however, Mrs Fairhurst will be on hand and the house leaders will be liaising with staff to ensure all pupils are supported. If your family is currently in a situation like this, and school doesn't already support your child, please let your house leader know via email.

#### If you need to talk to someone, you can contact:

- Clare House Women's Refuge and 24 hour Helpline 01772 435865.
- Key unlocking futures <u>website</u> helps people who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse and violence across Chorley.
- Galop For LGBT+ Anti-abuse

All materials used on this respect day will be available via your child's Secure Google Classroom.

Mrs Gray

**Year 10** - Advance notice. We will be holding a Year 10 Key Stage 4 Information Evening on Tuesday 9th January. 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 and next step career advice and guidance. Further details to follow nearer the time.

**Repair shop for blazers** - Pupils can drop their blazer off at 3.10pm in Inclusion on a Wednesday and collect them on Thursday morning before Form. The shop is due to start on **Wednesday 29th November**.

#### 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: 102 pupils to date Year 8: 67 pupils to date Year 9: 73 pupils to date Year 10: 62 students to date Year 11: 78 students to date

All: 382 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 185 pupils Year 8: 146 pupils Year 9: 166 pupils Year 10: 125 students Year 11: 147 students

All: 769 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: 175 pupils
Year 8: 123 pupils
Year 9: 124 pupils
Year 10: 98 students
Year 11: 119 students
All: 639 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



# Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 94.2% Overall school attendance for the week 94.7% National Average since September - 92% as at 6/11

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 93.6% South America 93.2% Africa 93.1%

Asia 93.9%

Australasia 93.4%

Attendance by House since last week:

Europe 95.7%
South America 95%
Australasia 95.2%
Asia 96%
Africa 93.4%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Italy 98.8%

Australasia - Fiji 98.9%

South America - Uruguay 97.9%

Asia - Tibet 98.6%

Africa - Botswana 97.1%

# **Head Students' Page**

Hello everyone,

Hope you're all doing well. Last weekend marked the 11th of November and so as Head Pupils, we recognised the occasion by attending the the Remembrance Service in Astley Park. Despite the cold, wet weather, we paid our respects by laying our wreath during the service. We enjoyed taking part in the parade seeing many other pupils also attending the event in their uniformed groups.

In other news; on Thursday we had interviews with our Year 10s applying for head pupil. The Year 10s had prepared well and did a great job.

To conclude the week, today we've enjoyed non-uniform in aid of children in need. Thanks for all your donations.

Lucas.





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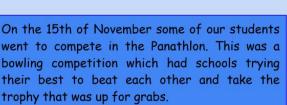
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# Panathlon.



The day was divided into two - a morning team and an afternoon team. Both teams bowled their hearts out and came back to school with medals and trophies!! We palace 2nd, winning a silver and gaining a trophy and one of our pupils even got the Hot shot award scoring the most strikes and spares!!

A great day was spent by all Thank You Panathalon and Chorley School Sports Partnership for organising the event!!







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



#### PE Update week beginning 13th November

A fantastic week for attendance this week at practices for netball, football, rugby, badminton, cheerleading and dance! A special mention to Sam S. who refereed an important U16 girls football match and displayed great leadership skills, well done!

- Y7 Boys Football. The boys played fantastic last Friday in the Lancashire Cup round robin coming in 4th. The best performance came against Bishop Rawsthorne with a 3-2 win! Congratulations and well played to everyone.
- Under 14s Girls football Lancashire cup game versus Darwin, game postponed due to weather.
- Year 10 Boys Lancashire cup against Fishermore School in Colne. The team fought strong and hard against a very good team and unfortunately lost.
- Under 16s Girls football. The girls played the next round of the English schools FA cup, they battled well against a very good team from St Christophers, Accrington. Unfortunately in the second half our legs got the better of us and we lost the game which means we are now out of the English schools cup but we are still ready for the next round of the Lancashire cup.
- **Year 7 Netball** it was a brilliant night with Parklands being able to take 2 teams of girls to play in friendly matches against the district. Both teams showed great progress with their footwork and passing skills and will be working on getting into space in practice. The girls have shown great grit and determination so far, well done!





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

#### **GCSE Presentation evening**

GCSE Presentation Evening for last year's leavers will be held on 23rd November 2023. All parents/carers have been sent an email invitation and it is also on social media. We would love to see as many of our leavers from last year as possible there to celebrate!



#### **Positive Noticing Day**

On Thursday we celebrated Positive Noticing Day in school. Staff and students used labels to pass on kind words to each other. There was a lovely atmosphere in school and everyone made an effort to notice the positives in each other.









# 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 dependant on good behaviour and attendance and pupils can be removed once on a trip for poor behaviour and attendance.

# PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL 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!





# 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
  - 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 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 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.



#### Monday

Chicken and chorizo jambalaya £1.90

> Vegetarian option Stuffed peppers (GF)

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Sausage roll £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 Pizza £1.20

#### Tuesday

Main Meal Chicken enchiladas £1.90

> Vegetarian option Veggie enchiladas

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (GF)

Grab & Go Herby potato cubes £1.50 Chicken wrap £1.90 Sausage rolls £1.15

#### Wednesday

Main Meal Chicken pie £1.90

Vegetarian option Leek and potato pie (GF) wraps

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Pizza £1.20 Chicken Wrap £1.90 Steak pie £1.15

#### Thursday

Main Meal Chicken chimichanga £1.90

Vegetarian option Veggie chimichanga (GF chimichanga)

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Chicken wrap £1.90 Cheese pasty £1.15 Pizzini £1.90

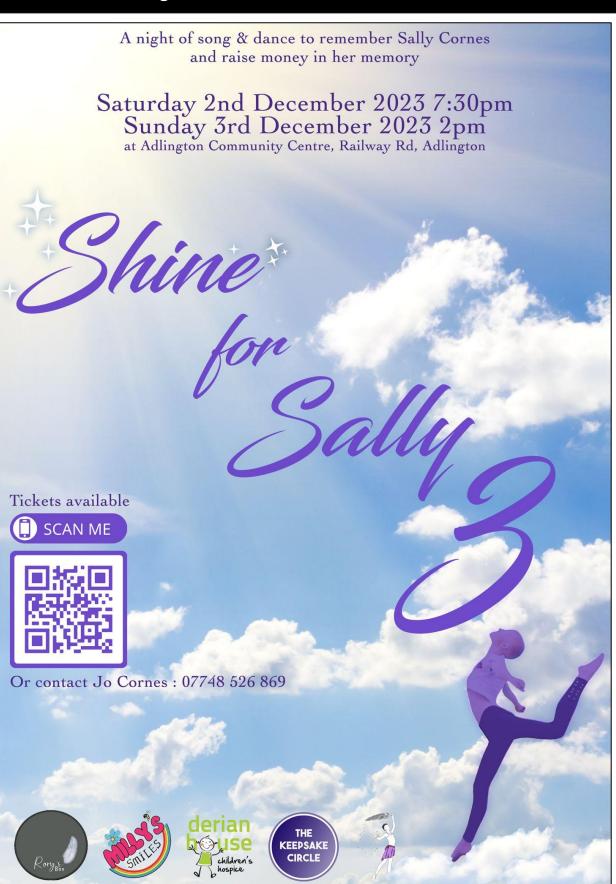
#### Friday

Main Meal Beef hotpot £1.90

Vegetarian option Vegetable served with crusty bread

Jacket Potatoes with various fillings

Grab & Go Meat & Potato pie £1.15 Chicken wrap £1.90 pizza £1.20





Year 8, 9, 10 and 11

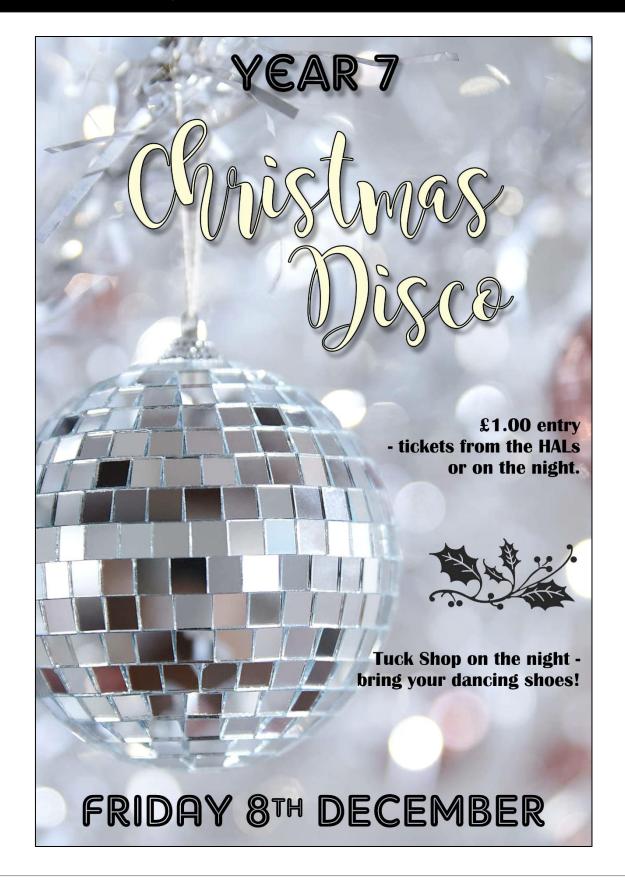
# Christmas trip to the Trafford Centre for shopping, bowling and eating

£9 coach fare - purchase through Scopay













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# **Vacancies for Exam Invigilators**

This is an opportunity to work as part of a team of invigilators at various dates throughout the school year, in particular around the external exam periods in May and June.

This is a casual contract. No experience is necessary as full training will be given and successful applicants will always work with experienced invigilators.

A strong attention to detail and the ability to remain calm, with a pleasant demeanour is highly desirable.

#### You will be responsible for:

- Maintaining the security of the examination question papers at all times and conducting the examinations in accordance with examination board and JCQ regulations
- · Preparing the exam as required by the examination board
- Ensuring that the candidates adhere to the exam rules at all times
- Assisting with any issues that arise during the examination
- · Assisting with any persons needing to leave the examination hall

Parklands High school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

The post will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Please contact the school Exams Manager, Mrs S Adamson via <a href="mailto:sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk">sadamson@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a> for further details. Application forms available from the vacancies section of school website.

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 <a href="https://www.hrm.gov.nu/minutes/">hrm.gov.nu/minutes/</a>.

For more information on the vacancies please click here.



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### We are currently seeking a dynamic and inspirational

# Teacher of English

A February 2024 start is desirable; a later start date can be negotiated

Full time, one year in the first instance. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document

We are seeking a teacher of English to join our highly successful English department. The position would suit an experienced practitioner but we would also welcome applications from ECTs / RQTs.

You will receive high quality, comprehensive CPD and support from your colleagues who will coach and guide you through any continued professional development. Parklands has a bespoke ECT/RQT programme in place and staff also benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare and out of hours access to our gym facilities.

Parklands High School is a popular, over-subscribed and high-achieving school. This is an opportunity to work in a friendly, supportive, well-resourced and forward looking environment. If you wish to come and visit us or require more information regarding the role, please contact Lucy Pilkington, Vice Principal, by telephone or email (pilkington@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available on our school website, along with a letter of no more than 3 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Electronic applications should be returned to the email address <a href="mailto:hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk">hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk</a>

Closing date for applications: 12 noon Friday 8th December with interviews to be helitiom 13th December.

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# **Teaching Assistant Level 3**

Required from 8th January 2024 - 37 hours per week, Term Time only.

Grade 6, Scale points 11-19 £21966.79 – £ 25178.22 (£25979 - £29777 fte)

Parklands High School is a popular and high-achieving school with an excellent reputation in the local community. We are committed to improving outcomes for all our students and levels of achievement have increased markedly over the past few years, along with many other key aspects of the school's provision.

As an ever-developing school, we have a vacancy for an enthusiastic, committed and well organised Teaching Assistant. The suitable candidate will have a proven record in supporting and assisting in the learning of students with SEND or those in need of additional support, in a range of ways across the curriculum including: in-class support, one-to-one and in small groups. We are looking for a person who can interact well with students, must be able to engage them, inspire and generally enjoy education. In a demanding and fast-moving environment, it is really important that you are able to build and maintain a rapport with students. You would be joining a small, but highly effective department, with a passion for SEN and determination to ensure excellent outcomes for all students who require support.

The successful candidate must be adaptable to any changes in the future development of both the school and the role, and be willing to take part in training relevant to the post and other administrative tasks as required. They must also be aware of confidentiality requirements and Health & Safety issues.

Parklands staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, we are part of the cycle to work scheme (from April 2021) and have out of hours access to our new Fitness Suite facilities.

For further information about the role, please contact Lisa Williams, SENCO <a href="mailto:lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk">lwilliams@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>.

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from our 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 marked 'TA3 Application' and returned to the email address admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 1st December 2023 with interviews to be held w/c 11th December 2023.

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Everyone welcome!



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St Vincent de Paul Society



# Hot choc bar / lunch / festive cakes

Be the first to find out what's happening in the St Laurence's Wellness Hub from January 2024

The Wellness Hub provides a range of groups and courses to promote wellbeing, healing and positive mental health. It also provides training for volunteers and fun courses for leisure

For catering purposes, let us know either by emailing rachelgilkes@capuk.org or letting cafe staff know you are coming



Connecting with others is vital for our mental health, yet so many people struggle with social isolation and loneliness. This course focuses on 'Connect'- one of the Five Ways to Wellbeing. It will equip you with vital skills to form connections with others, support those who are isolated and boost your social confidence and wellbeing.

> To book a place email office@stlaurencechorley.co.uk





# SEND Peer Support Group

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#### Careers

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Lots of great content in this week's Career News, from apprenticeships to conferences, open days to work experience.