

# PARKLANDS BULLETIN 29th Jan - 2nd Feb 2024 Week 2



# **Principal's Message**

Dear parents and carers,

Tomorrow is Holocaust Memorial day, and Miss Crabtree and some of our Head Students will be attending the service at the War Memorial in Astley Park. The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 is "Fragility of Freedom" and highlights that freedom is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

After school revision sessions for our Year 11 students began this week, and the countdown to exams has begun! It is fantastic to see so many of our students enthusiastically beginning their revision and focussing on their upcoming exams.

We are also delighted to say that we have this week achieved the Rainbow Flag Award. This is a National Quality Mark which recognises LGBT+ inclusion and visibility in schools. We have been working on this for over a year and we believe that it is a valuable recognition of our commitment to improving the lives of all members of the school community, including those who identify as LGBT+ or who have LGBT+ friends or family members.

Regards,

Mrs. Batson Principal





January 2024

**BfL** - From Monday, any pupil who receives a 1 or a 0 in their lesson and fails to attend the break detention will be placed on a SLT detention on the Friday night of the same week. We are hoping that by doing this, pupils will be mindful of their behaviour and engagement in all lessons.

**Memorial padlocks** - Following the recent loss assembly we have a number of padlocks available to purchase in school. The padlocks are £2 each and can be purchased through scopay or via the main office. Once the locks have been purchased, then please collect them from Miss Burrill in the HALS office. These will be placed on the structure in the memorial garden.

The act of attaching a padlock to a designated location or a memorial site allows individuals to not only commemorate the life of their loved one but also find a sense of closure and connection.

These padlocks, often inscribed with names, dates, or personal messages, serve as a physical representation of the bond shared and the grief experienced.

**Year 10** - please return your WEX consent forms as soon as possible. If you have found a placement, collect a WEX booklet from the Top Office to take to the employer.

We will be offering the NHS placements again - not strictly work experience, but a brilliant insight into lots of careers in the NHS, activities, meeting various staff from different departments - if you are interested, let me know (Top Office - <a href="mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk">pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>) Limited numbers, so don't leave it too late!

**BAE Apprenticeship** - Closing dates rapidly approaching for BAE Systems and Leyland Trucks apprenticeship opportunities.

**College interview -** Next college interviews are for Wigan & Leigh College on 6th February, in school. No CV required, I will share appointment times next week. Runshaw interviews are in March.

**College and training providers** - Various open events coming up at local colleges and training providers. You need to register in advance for most of these, so don't miss out. Check the careers calendar on the school website for full details.

Newman College don't routinely interview, but if you have already applied and accepted your place, you can attend on Saturday 3rd February to have a chat about the course(s) you have chosen.

**Year 11 Mock Interviews:** Friday 2nd February. These will be held in the Refectory - pupils have been sent their appointment times via Google Classroom. You will need to bring along a printed CV - please don't leave it until the last minute to print one out - there are printers throughout school that you can use.

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

**Current Unit - Introduction to Judaism** 

Enquiry Question - What does it mean to be a Jew in the 21st century?

- 1. What is the Mitzvot?
- 2. Why do you think individuals practice religion in different ways?
- 3. Give one characteristic of Reform Jews
- 4. Give one characteristic about Orthodox Jews

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

**Current Unit - The History of Christianity** 

**Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?** 

- 1. What are the three Abrahamic faiths?
- 2. What type of Messiah were the Israelites expecting?
- 3. What did Prophet Daniel predict about the Messiah?
- 4. Why is Moses an important figure in the Old Testament?

(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. Who is Prophet Ibrahim in Islam?
- 2. Explain two ways Prophet Ibrahim was tested by Allah
- 3. What did Prophet Ibrahim rebuild with his son Ismail?
- 4. What does the story of Prophet Ibrahim teach Muslims today?

# **Head Students' Page**

Hello everyone!

We are officially halfway through the term!

This week the second round of the chess completion is coming to an end. Well done to everyone who got through and for the people who didn't there's always next year.

We have had the Year 10 and 11 darts competition and there was an excellent turnout. It's great to see all the participation in house comps.

Our sports red ties also had a trip to the leisure centre to help children with all things active.

Hope you have a great second half of the term!

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# Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 93.5%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.4%

National Average since September - as at 8/1/24 - 91.6%

Attendance by House since September:

Australasia 94.1%

Asia 94.4%

Europe 94.2%

South America 93.9%

Africa 93.4%

Attendance by House since last week:

Australasia 92.6%

**Asia 94%** 

Europe 94%

South America 92.6%

Africa 91.7%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Australasia - Fiji 96.4%

Asia - Philippines 96.5%

Europe - Belgium 97.9%

South America - Colombia 98.6%

Africa - Botswana 98.6%

#### 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: 75 pupils to date Year 8: 55 pupils to date Year 9: 47 pupils to date Year 10: 32 students to date Year 11: 64 students to date

All: 273 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 181 pupils Year 8: 136 pupils Year 9: 140 pupils Year 10: 102 students Year 11: 149 students All: 708 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: 160 pupils
Year 8: 114 pupils
Year 9: 117 pupils
Year 10: 97 students
Year 11: 123 students
All: 611 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





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 22th January 2024

Another busy week of extra curricular activities here in the PE department, especially for football fixtures!

**GCSE Moderation** - Some of our GCSE P.E. students have been involved in Badminton, Trampolining and Football practical activities in preparation for their exam moderation.

#### Year 7 boys football @ Bishops

All boys competed well and represented Parklands proudly. It was absolutely fantastic to see more pupils getting the opportunity to represent the school in competitive sport.





**Year 8 boys football Lancashire cup** against ArchBishop Temple school in Preston. The team fought hard against a very strong team that we managed to compete well with in the first half but unfortunately no subs in the second half took their toll and we lost.

Year 9 boys football at Bishop Rawstorne - the boys played really well as a team in a series of friendly matches it was great to see!

Year 10 boys football at Bishop Rawsthorne - A great friendly tournament played well by all of the boys. They made our school proud.



**Year 11 boys football at Bishop Rawsthorne -** the boys played a series of friendly matches and as always represented Parklands fantastically. Well done.

#### PE Update week beginning 22th January 2024

#### Year 7 3v3 Basketball home Parklands

- Against Albany, St Michael's and Holy Cross. The first time this team has played in an official competition and what a great effort they all put in they made us very proud! We look forward to more upcoming competitions.



**Year 10/11 Girls football semi final** tournament against Bishop Rawsthorne and Holy Cross. We beat both teams to successfully make it through to the Chorley Cup final against St Michael's - congratulations!



It was absolutely fantastic to see more pupils getting the opportunity to represent the school in competitive sport and we look forward to giving pupils many more of these opportunities!

# Gaza Bake Sale



# Save the Children Bake Sale

Thursday 1st February, Break time, Concourse

A selection of cakes, sweets, biscuits and tea will be available.

Bring your money and help those in need.





# **Opportunity: Prefect Duties**

We need some Prefects to join the duty team and work next to the new station in the dining hall.

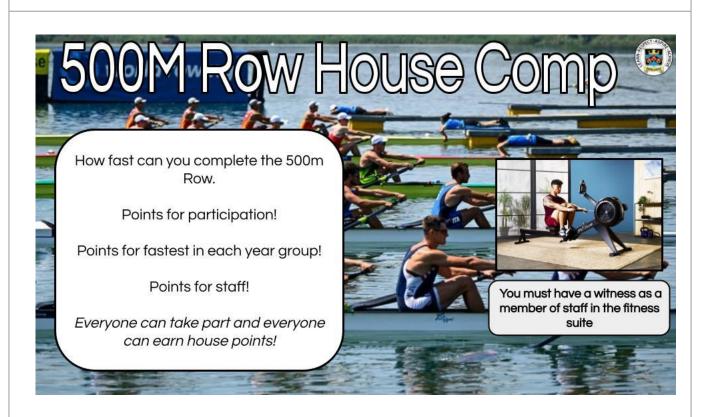
You will be there to help to bring the trays from the tills back to the front of the queue

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL SSLT/PREFECT TEAM





Year 9/10 pupil and interested? Email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



#### **HOUSE T Shirt Order**

For all pupils. Link to Google Form is here. You then MUST pay via SCOPAY. Deadline 9th February 2024



# PARKLANDS HOUSE T-SHIRTS



Represent your house on sports day, alternative sports day and other house events!

They are £11 and you can pay on SCOPAY.

Complete the document <u>here</u> to order and pay online.





See Miss Greaves for any other information: NEW DEADLINE 9th February 2024

#### **Parklands Sports Bag**

We have a new item we want to offer to pupils. These can be used for fixtures, school, trips abroad.

We will be offering these as an optional item to all pupils on the Barcelona trip to use while travelling and going from Hotel to Activity.

Also available on SCOPAY.



# PARKLANDS SPORTS BAGS



Represent your school. Keep your sports kit organised.

They are £20 and you can get yours in Royal or Navy Blue.

School Badge and your child's initials.

Separate compartment for footwear and two pockets for other items.



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#### Year 11 ONLY.

You have been emailed via EDULINK the link to the leavers shop. Please find another link here. This is all done by an outside company. Any errors will have to be amended and paid for by yourselves. The deadline is 11th February 2024. This CANNOT and will not change.

https://www.leavershoodies.com/parklands-2024-leavers/january-2024-1



### **LEAVERS ITEMS**



https://www.leavershoodies.com/parklands-2024-leavers/january-2024-1

The Leavers items shop is open now!

Hoodies, T-shirts and even Pyjamas.

Deadline 11th February 2024.

After this date you cannot purchase any more items.

This is a online separate company and school is just the delivery address.



See Miss Greaves for any other information: NEW DEADLINE 9th February 2024

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



#### "Songs from the Screen"

Tickets are now on sale for our annual dance show.

"Songs from the Screen" will be a celebration of the best movie and TV soundtracks from our generation. With over 200 pupils performing, this is an event not to be missed! Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. They are available at break or lunchtimes from the pavilion office. Don't miss out!









Click here for more information.





#### Parklands High School: An Academy

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Email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve

# Business Support Officer (Reception) Full Time (Monday to Friday), 37 hours per week, term time only.

Grade 3, scale point 4 £19544.26 (£23114 FTE)

#### Required as soon as possible.

Parklands High School is looking to appoint a reliable, flexible and well-motivated individual to join our existing busy office team as a business support officer / receptionist. The main duty of the role is to oversee the main and student receptions as well as working as part of the school support team. You will be a main point of contact for visitors in person and on the phone, and responsible for ensuring a good first impression of the school.

Hours of work are 8.15am to 16.30pm Monday to Thursday with a 45 minute lunch break, 8.15am to 15:45pm Friday, with a 30 minute lunch break. Experience of working in a busy school office is preferred but not essential as appropriate training will be given.

Parklands High School is part of the newly formed Aspirational Futures Multi Academy Trust and this would be an exciting time to be joining us. We are a popular and high-achieving school located in extensive grounds close to Chorley town centre. It is easily accessed from across the region and is located just a few minutes' drive from the M6/M61/M65 motorways.

For more information about the role please email Mrs J Cunningham, Office Manager, via admin@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@aspirationalfutures.co.uk

#### Closing date for applications: 12 noon 7th February 2024 with interviews to be held 22nd 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 hr@aspirationalfutures.co.uk

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit national college com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# MYLOL

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

#### FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively alimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

# AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nuality or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in filtry or sexually explicit conversation.

# POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have pold money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

#### DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy,
MyLOL collects user data including
email addresses, contact details and
interests. While the company says it
is committed to protecting users'
privacy, the small print states that
information may be shared
externally, MyLOL claims to follow
procedures to keep data secure, but
does not specify what these
procedures are, or whether such
information is encrypted.

# CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posting under a false identity.

# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catflished' until it's too late – It really Isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

#### RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to discable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

#### EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

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Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

#### SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

#### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the edito of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.





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

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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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#### Careers

Please click <u>here</u> for this week's career news.



Another packed edition of Career News this week, with lots of great opportunities for students that you do not want to miss!!