

## PARKLANDS BULLETIN 4th - 8th Dec 2023 Week 2



## **Principal's Message**

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday of this week we announced the new members of our Senior Student Leadership Team, including our new Head Students. As ever, the standard of applications was incredibly high and it was difficult to choose the team. All of the students should be congratulated on their impressive applications, group interviews, and final interviews with SLT. Well done to our new team - the SSLT have been awarded their red ties for senior prefect roles, and purple ties for the Head Student roles. This year also sees the return of the Year 11 Alumni team; these roles are awarded to prefects who contributed fully in their red tie role, and they have been awarded blue ties in recognition of this work. They will act as mentors to the new red tie team.









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Last night was the opening night of the school performance of 'Shrek - The Musical'. It was a fabulous evening and the cast and crew have worked incredibly hard to make this show an absolute treat for all who attended. There was singing, dancing, and a lot of laughing! We look forward to seeing more friends and family in attendance at tonight's sold out performance.



As Year 11s prepare for their mock exams, we also launched our new Prom incentive scheme - further details can be found later in this bulletin. This year will pass very quickly for Year 11, and we want to ensure that they make the most of every day that they are with us.

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 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 Yousafzai?
- 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?

#### **Parking**

Please could we ask that you are considerate when parking around the school. We have received a number of complaints from local residents about problematic parking by people who are picking up pupils. Please ensure that when parking around school you are not blocking the road or a driveway and pedestrians can cross safely. Thank you.

#### Nasal Flu Immunisations Reminder

The immunisation team will be in school next Tuesday and Wednesday (all years) for the Nasal Flu Immunisations. If you need any further information please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397, opt 2, opt 1.



Hello all,

If you are having any problems accessing the ClassCharts parent app, I have created a tutorial video which shows you all the steps of logging in and all the features of the app.

Please just scan this QR code or click this link to watch.

Mrs Wilkinson

#### 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: 93 pupils to date Year 8: 62 pupils to date Year 9: 61 pupils to date Year 10: 60 students to date Year 11: 76 students to date

All: 352 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 180 pupils Year 8: 153 pupils Year 9: 135 pupils Year 10: 127 students Year 11: 159 students

All: 754 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: 166 pupils
Year 8: 121 pupils
Year 9: 117 pupils
Year 10: 99 students
Year 11: 115 students
All: 618 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 93.9%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.8%

National Average since September - 91.6% as at 20/11

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 94.6%
South America 94%
Africa 94%
Asia 94.8%
Australasia 94.5%

Attendance by House since last week:

**Europe 94.5%** 

South America 93.6% Australasia 92.5% Asia 93.1% Africa 93.1%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Italy 97..7% Australasia - Fiji 97.9% **South America - Paraguay 99.2%** Asia - Hong Kong 97.9%

Africa - Cabo Verde 97.9%

## **Head Students' Page**

Hi everyone,

Hope you have all had a fantastic week.

On Monday we had our SSLT announcement. Huge congratulations to all of our new red ties and four extremely eager new Head Students. Thank you for all of your hard work and brilliant applications. Well done! We can't wait to see what this year's student senior leadership team has to offer.

This week some of our students have performed in Parklands' youth version of "Shrek - The Musical". On Thursday evening I had the privilege of watching this performance. For the duration I was thoroughly entertained by the talented and incredibly humorous members of the cast, including Fiona who was played by one of our Newly appointed Head Students (Matylda Fairhurst). Their effort and dedication has most definitely paid off and I wish them the best for tonight's performance.

Have a great week! Ebony





## PROM - Incentive (half termly)

- BfL average 2.90 and over 1 point
- Attendance 93% and over 1 point
- No social strikes 1 point
- No lates 1 point
- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

4th December until exams finish!

You will need 12 points to be eligible for prom.

There will be opportunities for you to 'buy' extra points by attending revision sessions and using Class Chart points.

Extra points available for 100% attendance and perfect '3' BfL.

We wanted Prom to be something that is earned this year and so Year 11 are aware of what they need to do for **Prom 24!** All pupils will need 12 points and these will be accumulated half termly. This incentive starts on Monday 4th December. We believe this is achievable for all pupils who deserve to go to Prom.

#### 'Lest We Forget' poetry house competition

Congratulations to the following students for contributing winning entries to the 'Lest We Forget' poetry house competition:

Raghad Elhabal, Hind Fares, Róisín Cunningham, Safiya Zentani, Izzy Frohock, Lincoln Stothers, Elizabeth Musa, Jenny Queally. AUSTRALASIA was the winning house - well done to all Australasian's who submitted an entry. All winning entries have been submitted to the Young Writers' competition and I will let you know as soon as I hear back! In the meantime, please see the email from Miss Law about the recording of your poem. Thank you!

#### Food parcel scheme

Parklands staff have been donating food stuffs and money to a food parcel scheme which we have set up for our most needy families. If you would like to donate money to this, it is available on SCOPAY under 'Staff Food Parcel Scheme'

We are running this in addition to the Christmas Hampers. Further details on the Christmas Hampers can be found in the bulletin.

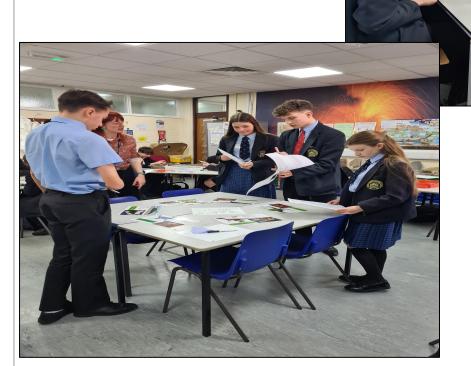
Many thanks, Parklands Staff

## Y10 - Surprising Science masterclass

On Tuesday this week 4 of our Y10 students went to Runshaw College for a Surprising Science

masterclass.

The team are shown here slicing celery to examine the vascular bundles under the microscope. This took a lot of skill and patience, getting the slices as thin as possible. You can see the concentration on their faces!



In the geology masterclass, the team had to solve a prehistoric CSI style challenge. A dinosaur had been killed and the team had to deduce which predator had been the culprit, using clues in fossils, rocks, footprints and so on!

The aim of the masterclasses is to introduce students to A level study, encouraging them to consider the career possibilities that a science qualification opens the door to.

Parklands were the winners of the Science Challenge - well done to the team on this achievement.



## PE Update week beginning 20th November

A great week of extra curricular clubs this week in PE despite the cold weather! A fantastic turn out at the basketball clubs this week. Another busy week for fixtures!

**Indoor Cricket Year 9 & 10** at Parklands performed very well in the knockout rounds but unfortunately lost in the final against a very strong team from St Michaels.. DM taking most wickets, well done.



Year 11 Football Lancashire cup second round at home against Holy Cross. Another great performance for one of the last ever games the Y11 boys will play representing Parklands, their football journey here is coming to an end. It has been a pleasure watching the team grow up together over the years displaying great skill and determination. The team fought hard but unfortunately did not progress onto the next round.

u12s Girls Football Lancashire Cup away against ArchBishop Temple school. A relatively new team with a few also new to the sport too! The girls had a surprise visit from our Principal Mrs Batson. The team fought hard against a very strong team but unfortunately lost. Well done.





Under 14s Girls football Lancashire cup against St Peter's High School in Orrell. A fantastic performance by all the team, we dominated from the start, LH achieved an impressive hat-trick which helped 6-1. The team has successfully made it through to the next round of the competition and will be Carlisle! playing team from а Congratulations!

**Under 14s Basketball Lancashire Cup** against St Augustine School. It was a hard fought victory with a score of 18-11. The team displayed great grit and determination. They have one more group match to play. Well done.



Year 10 Netball Tournament - We're so proud of the girls for coming out in force this year to attend the netball tournament. The team is relatively new to the sport but they are growing in both confidence and skill. They fought well against teams from Holy Cross, St Michaels, Albany and Bishop Rawsthorne. We're looking forward to next year! Well done!

Year 11 Netball Tournament - And that's a wrap! This was the last netball tournament the current year 11 team will compete in for Parklands! It has been a pleasure to watch this team grow up together. They have displayed excellent skill over the years, this year being no different. They fought hard against teams from Holy Cross, St Michaels, Albany and Bishop Rawsthorne. Well done!



**Year 8 & 9 Netball Tournament** - This has been postponed due to icy conditions. We will let you know when this has been rescheduled.

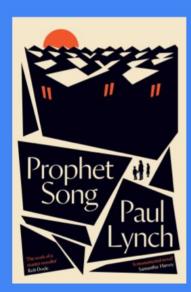
We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!

Like sport and PE but looking for a club to join? Click <u>Here</u>





## Library book of the week



This newly crowned 2023 Booker Prize winning novel is a fictional story set in a Dystopian Dublin. The book is grimly realistic about how people live in this scary world and given the events in the irish capital last week, it now feels even even more like the truth. People who oppose the authorities disappear and are never heard from again. There are many moments of sheer terror for the family matriarch and main character Eilish. Throughout the book she can only look on as her comfortable suburban life dissolves into chaos as Ireland descends into civil war. The eagle eyed will spot echoes of The Troubles, The Syrian War and the Balkans war as it focuses on the normal person's experience.

I really enjoyed it but it took a while to get going and as with other Booker winners, like 2018's Milkman, it has a somewhat cavalier attitude to the normal rules of grammar and punctuation. The endless paragraphs with no speech marks makes it difficult to discern who is speaking and if you are reading dialogue at all. This detail lets the book down slightly but you do get accustomed to it fairly swiftly. Overall, Prophet song is a realistic, powerful and scary story about how quickly life can change. A great book but not for the easily frightened. Available to KS4 on the Kindles now.

Mr Johnston - Library Manager



## 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

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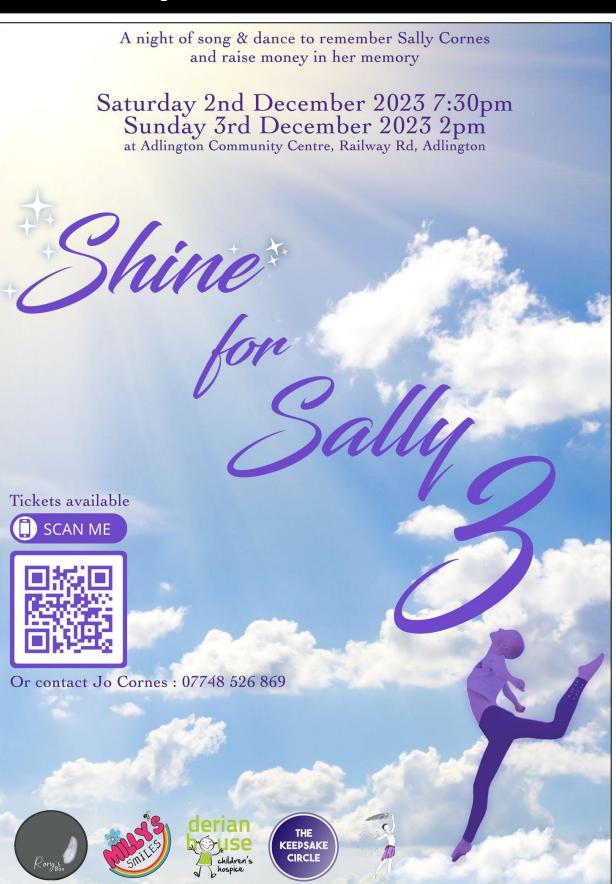
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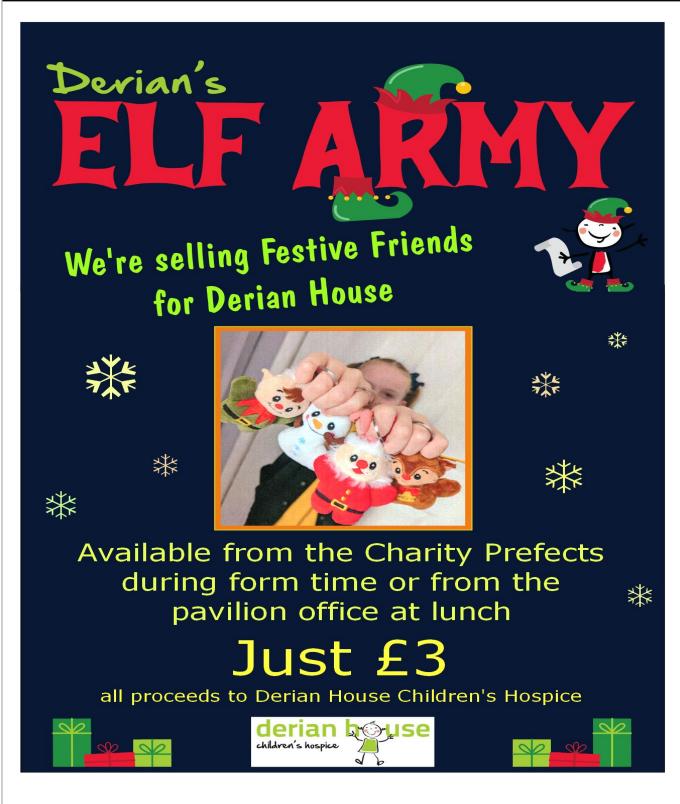


ROOMING NEEDS TO BE SORTED ASAP Please see the slides <u>here</u> from the parents evening.

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







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

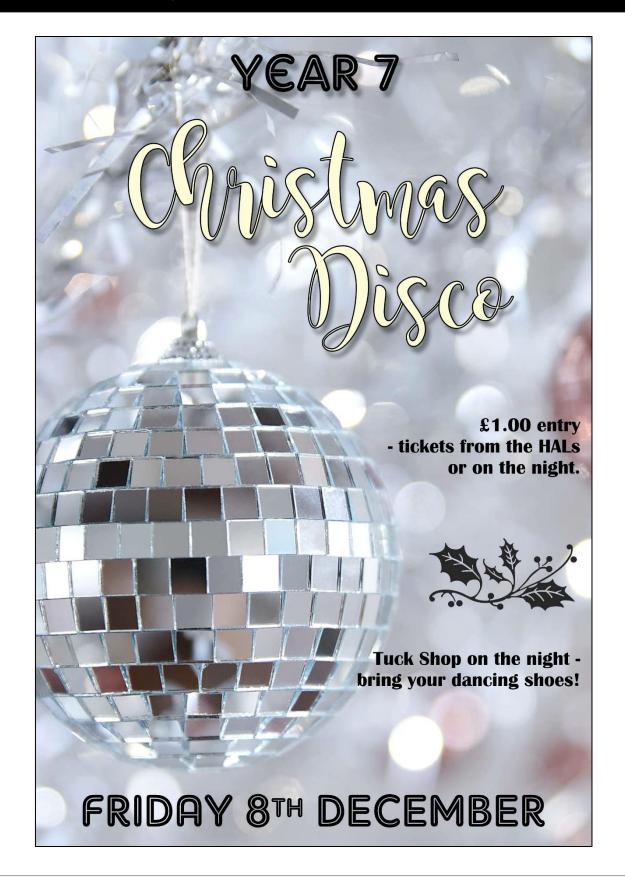
## Christmas trip to the Trafford Centre for shopping, bowling and eating

£9 coach fare - purchase through Scopay











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## 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 helition 13th December.

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 Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from hr@aspirationaltutures.co.uk

For more information on the vacancies please click <u>here</u>.













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## What to talk about

## Online reputation

- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a good digital citizen\_e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- · Thinking before posting

## Critical thinking

- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being critical about what they see online as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

## Resolving online issues

- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to report an issue encouraging them to speak to an adult



## Personal safety

- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use with <u>privacy settings</u>
- What a secure social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

## Best of the net

- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest <u>sites and apps</u> among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

## Free tools to promote conversations

## **Digital Matters**

Use the Once Upon Online storytelling activities to discuss how children can get help and from where, along with how to manage different aspects of their online lives.

## The Online Together Project

This interactive quiz provides guidance on how to talk about tough issues like gender stereotypes and online safety.

#### Find the Fake

Discuss what misinformation online looks like and what children can do to make sure they think critically about what they see online.



How to create an environment for kids to talk

internet matters.org

## 1 Talk early and often

- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesized conversations that are relevant to them



## 2 Choose the right time

- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

## 3 Open up and share too

- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- · Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported

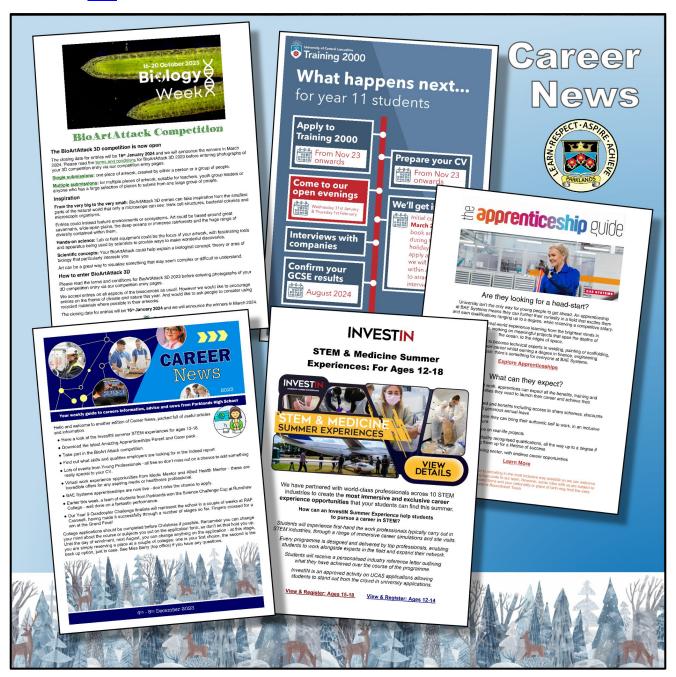
## 4 Create a safe space for your child

- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- · Be prepared, calm and patient with them



#### Careers

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



Lots of useful advice and information in this week's Career News. There are competitions to get involved in, webinars to watch, apprenticeships to apply for, virtual work experience opportunities galore and much more.