

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 9th - 12th Jan 2024 Week 1



Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have really got into the Christmas Spirit - we had a lunchtime House Christmas Sing-a-long on Wednesday, and then yesterday was the Christmas Just Dance at lunchtime. We have been delivering Christmas hampers all week and today we have Christmas Bingo before our early finish for the holidays.

We have also run our Christmas Trips. Most of Year 7 went to see Wonka at the local cinema and had a fabulous time. Years 8-11 went to the Trafford Centre last night, and they were a credit to us all.

The poem below was shared with students in my final Christmas message, to encourage them to think about spreading kindness and thinking of others over the holidays.

The Power of One

One song can spark a moment, One whisper can wake the dream. One tree can start a forest, One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship, One handclasp lifts the soul, One star can guide a ship at sea, One word can frame the goal

One vote can change a nation, One sunbeam lights a room One candle wipes out darkness, One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey. One word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits, One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom, One heart can know what's true, One life can make a difference, You see, it's up to you!



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All of us at Parklands would like to wish everybody a peaceful and Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing pupils back in January.

Kind 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 is a worldview?
- 2. What do Humanists believe about the creation of the world?
- 3. 'It is important to understand the viewpoints of others'. How far do you agree with this statement?
- 4. Give 3 things that influence your own worldview

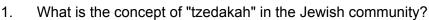
(Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department. Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination Enquiry Question - Why do people discriminate?

- 1. What does sexism mean?
- 2. Give one difference between the Suffragists and Suffragettes
- 3. What happened to Emily Wilding Davidson?
- 4. What led to the Equal Pay Act 1970?





(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?



- 2. What is the practice of "Langar" in the Sikh community
- 3. How does it create a sense of community and compassion?
- 4. How do Sikhs work towards preventing and ending human trafficking?





Year 10 - As Year 10 come to the end of their first term in Key Stage 4 and their GCSE courses we have a number of important events taking place when we return. You will find all the information needed on this attached <u>letter</u>.

Year 10 - Year 10 will be undertaking a week of Work Experience during the week 15th - 19th July 2024. Use the holiday time wisely to talk to friends and relatives about possible placements - all the information you need will be on the school website. https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/parents/work-experience

Aspiring Medics - please note the following from Medic Mentor:

- Engage in Essay and Art Competitions, with publishing and research opportunities. This month is centred around the theme "Lifeline," and closes on February 1st.
- Enrol in the Medical Leadership Programme to develop leadership skills and access valuable mentoring opportunities.
- Join the Virtual Medical & Dental Society Committee or Wider Reading Society's Committee for leadership, presentation, and extensive reading opportunities.
- Explore Virtual Work Experience to gain insights into the medical or dental profession.

Here is a list of extracurricular activities that students can access for free to help them stand out at interviews and in personal statements: https://medicmentor.org/medical-extracurricular-activities/

Year 11 - please make sure you apply to at least TWO colleges over the Christmas holidays if you haven't already done so. Interviews start in January.

https://blackburn.ac.uk/how-to-apply

https://www.preston.ac.uk/online-application/

https://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk/apply-now/admissions

https://www.runshaw.ac.uk/study-at-runshaw/apply/

https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/about-us/apply-online/

https://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk/apply/how-to-apply/

https://www.wigan-leigh.ac.uk/application-form

These links will take you directly to the application pages of the colleges. Don't forget that you can change anything on the form at interview or enrolment, so don't panic if your exam results after the mocks are better or worse than you expected, or you change your mind about the course you want to study.

BAE Apprenticeship Scheme

BAE Systems are still accepting applications for their apprenticeship scheme, but don't leave it too late. The window closes on February 28th, but you need to get your application in much sooner than that!

https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/apprenticeships

Take your time over the application form, one line answers will not suffice - you will be up against thousands of other hopeful applicants.

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

As our last Head Students' message, we wanted to wish the new Head Students good luck for their role in the new year. We hope everyone everyone enjoys the Christmas break and is ready to return in 2024.

Seb, Ebony, Grace and Lucas.



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: 81 pupils to date Year 8: 58 pupils to date Year 9: 55 pupils to date Year 10: 51 students to date Year 11: 74 students to date

All: 319 students

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 176 pupils Year 8: 142 pupils Year 9: 145 pupils Year 10: 127 students Year 11: 176 students

All: 766 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: 116 pupils
Year 10: 100 students
Year 11: 118 students
All: 608 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



We had a wonderfully festive Christmas party for our EAL students with mince pies and Christmas Crackers. Happy Christmas!



Launch of the 2024 OxBright Essay Competition

Are your students looking for a way to challenge themselves beyond the school curriculum over the winter break? Do they want to delve deeper into their subject, develop clarity about their future, and gain an edge for university applications - all whilst competing for £100k worth of academic prizes? If so, the OxBright Essay Competition is the perfect opportunity!

The 2024 OxBright Essay Competition question is:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."

How does collaboration in [your chosen subject] support social impact and innovation? Discuss how working together is essential when addressing global challenges and creating meaningful change.

The OxBright Essay Competition gives students the opportunity to showcase their interest in their chosen subject, and explore their curiosities in further detail.

Awards:

 Most Outstanding Essay (Prize: a place on our sister organisation, the Oxford Scholastica Academy's residential Oxford summer school, worth £6,495)

- Best Essay for each subject category (Prize: a place on an OxBright online course or internship, worth £995)
- Highly Commended (for the top 20% of entries, who will receive a certificate of achievement)

Students can find more information, and enter, here. Entries close on 31st March 2024.



Thank you to everyone in Europe House for all their hard work and enthusiasm this term. I hope you have a wonderful brak and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, love from Mrs Fox Europe House.

Useful resources and links to websites/apps:

Link to support Apps/websites

https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/apps-1

https://www.butterflyandphoenix.org/

https://www.kooth.com/

https://www.papyrus-uk.org/

Useful telephone numbers:

Samaritans - 116 123

Young Minds – Text service for urgent help – Text YM to 85258 Hope - 0800 068 4141 Text - 07860039967 Crisis numbers:

If you need urgent help or assistance, please call 999.

If you require urgent support you can contact the crisis team on 01772 647024. 01772 773433. (over 16)
Chorley, Preston and south Ribble (under 16) 0800 953 0110

It can be helpful to think ahead, so when you are feeling low you have a plan of what to do to keep yourself safe, this may be a person that you trust to speak to and ask for help. There may be a distraction tool that works for you, so it could be helpful to know what this is. Make sure you have the above resources handy, so you know where to find them if you are in need of help.



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

Do you want to be in the school dance show doing your PE dances? All rehearsal details below!



Y7 & 8 Cruisin For a Bruisin Friday 3-4pm Pavilion



Y9 & 10 Wednesday Monday 3-4pm Pavilion

Starting in the first week back. See Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown for more information. MUST be available for all show nights and rehearsals.



Y9 & 10 Men in Black Tuesday 3-4pm Pavilion



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.

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.

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE:

Acorn is a fully accredited, well established, ABTA bonded operator with over 40 years' experience.





BANANA BOATS
SNORKELLING
BIG SUPS
KAYAKING
WATER PARK
ROOL DIVE TASTER

LAND

BEACH GAMES
ARCHERY
CLIMBING WALL
BARCELONA
TOWN VISIT

FIND OUT MORE @ WWW.ACORNADVENTURE.CO.UK

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



Please click here for full details



Parklands High School: An Academy

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Co-Ed Comprehensive with 1122 students on roll. Tel: 01257 264596
www.parklandsacademy.co.uk
Email: admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk
Learn, Respect, Aspire, Achieve



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.

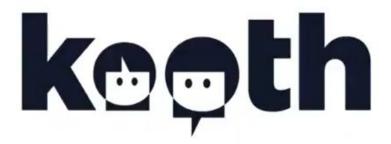
Parklands High School staff benefit from access to the UK's leading provider of healthcare insurance, entry into the LGPS pension scheme, UK healthcare, as well as out of hours access to our new gym facilities, free onsite parking, good motorway links and our cycle to work scheme

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 https://mww.news.co.uk. 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@aspirationaltutures.co.uk



Free, safe, anonymous and online mental health support

Alongside you **over the winter period**.

kooth.com

Please click here to watch the video.





December 2023

Encompass Parents Awareness Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of **Domestic Abuse** or any incident to which the child/ young person has been exposed in which they are considered to be vulnerable to harm, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse/ vulnerability can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, **including holidays and weekends**. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At *Parklands High School* our Key Adult is *Mrs Fairhurst/Mrs Haslam/Mrs Aspinall*. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

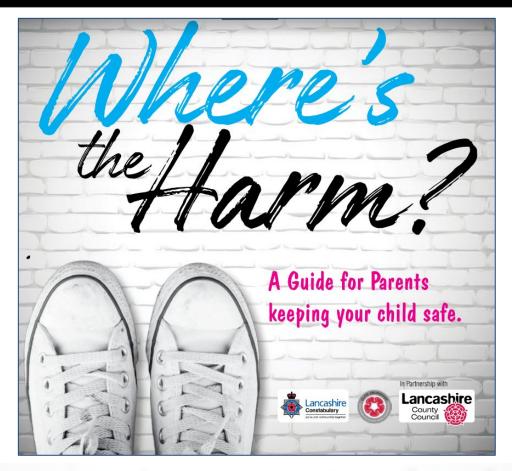
Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Fairhurst

Assistant Principal/Designated Safeguarding Lead



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



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: caitlin.blythe@inspireyouthzone.org 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



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!

ARTS

DANCE DIGITAL

FOOTBALL

MULTI-SPORTS

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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-amember/

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 228888.



Inspire Youth Zone, Chapel Street, PR7 1BS



01257 228888



Christmas Period Help and Support 2023

Chorley Council		
Chorley Council Support	Wide range of support can also be found on our website Chorley Together - 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 store house (food bank)	Food Parcel for individual or family Partner referrals only – no self-referrals 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.



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'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...

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To book your space please call:

Monday 12th February 10:00-14:30 Monday 19th February 10:00-12:30 Monday 26th February 10:00-12:30 Monday 4th March 10:00-12:30



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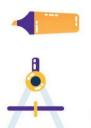


WELCOME BACK! SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY















- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Free entry into the bonus Super Draw

BUY TICKETS:

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









No Career News this week - but it will return in the New Year.

Year 11 - don't forget to get those college applications in!

Year 10 - start the process of finding work experience by asking friends and relatives over the holidays - all the documents are on the website: https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/parents/work-experience

