

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 05 Dec - 09 Dec 2022: Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Last night I had the pleasure of watching our school's latest drama production of The Wyrd Sisters, and tonight is the second and final performance. I would like congratulate Mrs Gray and all the colleagues and amazing students involved in putting this together. We clearly have a large number of talented actors in our school, but what was so wonderful was seeing the sheer joy on their faces at the end when they all received a rapturous round of applause from the audience. Getting involved in extracurricular events like this goes a very long way in building confidence, self-esteem, friendships and so much more. Watch out for more opportunities this year!

Parent Forum

This week we held our first Parent Forum of the year. Led by Mrs Haslam with Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Batson and myself in attendance, we discussed with those parents present a number of school-wide issues, such as uniform, our daily reading programme, homework, behaviour for learning, and home-school communication via this bulletin. The feedback from parents was valuable and insightful, and we look forward to our next Forum later on this academic year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mrs Haslam via shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Uniform donations and swap shop

We are intending to run a regular uniform swap shop, where items which children have outgrown can be brought into school and swapped for a larger size. Mr Rimmer and the PE department recently announced that they are doing the same with PE kit items. Clearly, at this moment in time such an initiative will, I hope, be welcomed, in addition to us promoting an ethos of recycling and reusing items of clothing which are simply too small but in good condition. If you would like to donate any items of uniform before Christmas, this would be very much appreciated. Items can be brought it at any time and passed to Form Tutors. Further details of the swap shop will provided soon.

Christmas jumper day

This is on Thursday, 8th December. Students may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper if they wish. Blazers will not be required if a Christmas jumper is worn, as otherwise students could get too hot.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Mitchell Headteacher



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Year 7 Messages

(Year 7) From the RS Department:

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Please note: this is not homework for students, and nor do we expect these discussions to take place.

Current Unit - Ultimate Questions:

- Which truth is the most important (religious, scientific, historical, personal) and why?
- What have been the biggest influences on your 'worldview'?

Year 8 Messages

(Year 8) From the RS Department:

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Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination:

- What positive contributions did the Windrush Generation make to Britain?
- What were the key differences between the Suffragettes and the Suffragists?
- What have been the biggest contributing factors to gender equality in Britain? (e.g. Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Equal Pay Act 1970, the contributions made by women during WW2, women leaders in recent years etc.)



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Year 9 Messages

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Current Unit - An Introduction to Islam:

- How is respect shown towards the Qur'an? Why is the text so important to Muslims?
- What are the 5 Pillars of Islam? Why are the 5 Pillars of Islam significant to Muslims?

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

A reminder that Year 11 students should bring their completed CV to their Mock Interview on Tuesday 6th December. They will have a chance to speak to a number of colleges as well, so if anyone has any questions about courses/applications, then that's the ideal time to ask!

If anyone would prefer an early careers interview - particularly if your surname is towards the end of the alphabet, just let me know: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Weekly Learning Support Board - click here

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: 56 pupils since September Year 8: 46 pupils since September Year 9: 28 pupils since September Year 10: 68 students since September Year 11: 44 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 157 pupils Year 8: 128 pupils Year 9: 86 pupils Year 10: 164 students Year 11: 133 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

Please note that we are having a huge drive on punctuality to lessons at the moment, which ties in with the new guidelines issued by the Department for Education regarding attendance. The figures below show the number of pupils who have received very few 2s since September.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3? Year 7: 137 pupils Year 8: 84 pupils Year 9: 57 pupils Year 10: 110 students Year 11: 84 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

Information regarding school transport - LCC have notified us that Transdev will cease operation of the 002 Blackburn service that currently picks up students along the Brinscall and Wheelton route on the 3rd February 2023. They are currently working to replace the service using another provider, and will update us early in the new year. We do not have any more information about this change and will update you as soon as we hear from LCC. <u>This link will take you to the LCC schools transport page</u>.

School Ties - please note the cost of these is £8

Saving for Reward Trips - is an event on SCOPAY (replaces School Reward Trip) which is intended to help parents spread the cost of the 3 reward trips that run throughout the academic year. Please feel free to pay as little and as often as you would like.

The Governing Body is currently consulting on our Admissions Policy for September 24. For further details please see the school's website.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 93.3%

Overall school attendance for the week 85% National Average as at 25th Nov since September - 89.5%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 94.1%

Africa 93.5% Australasia 93.3% South America 93.2% Asia 93.1%

Attendance by House since last week:

Asia 86%

Europe 85.8% Australasia 85.6% South America 84.6% Africa 83.7%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Norway 92.4%

Asia - Tibet 91.2% Australasia - New Zealand 90.3% Africa - Botswana 89.6% South America - Columbia 88.1%

Consent for trips on SCOPAY - Please note when paying for trips, as a parent you first have to consent to your child attending the trip and confirm that their medical information on Edulink is correct and up to date. Once consent is given, you then need to log back into the trip and pay for it. Until payment is received, your child will not have a place on the trip.

Christmas Reward trips - further to the information above, please can you check that you have paid for the trip as we have received consent from some parents but not received payment. Please **do not** contact the school and ask us to check. Please log on to SCOPAY and it will state next to the trip whether an amount is owed or not.

The **Stagecoach 109** service is often very busy and in some cases is displaying a 'bus full' sign and driving past the stop on Southport road. Stagecoach have advised parents to complain directly to them if this is the case. If enough complaints are raised they will then put a double decker bus on this service. **Stagecoach can be contacted on 01772 255 777 or visit** <u>their website</u>

Y10 Boys Football

We had a great win this week, 4-2 over All Hallows from Penwortham. A superb team performance and great individual performances from Leo and Sam. We are now in round 3!

Reminder to check your emails from Mrs. Dewhurst regarding the Yr7-9 nasal flu immunisations.



JOIN OUR PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

ALL WE NEED FROM YOU: Email phsalumni@parklandsacademy.co.uk

- WHAT YEAR YOU ATTENDED PARKLANDS
- WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
- WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
- A PHOTO FROM YOUR DAYS AT
- PARKLANDS OR A PHOTO OF YOU NOW

You will then join our list of Alumni pupils. We will share your stories with current pupils and offer you opportunities to engage with our school community.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Miss N. Greaves Past pupil 2000-2005 - current PE Teacher

Whilst you are thinking of purchasing those Christmas presents or looking to book next year's holiday, why not support Parklands High School by collecting free donations every time you buy anything online with the UK's leading online fundraising service, easyfundraising. With over 3,200 shops and sites on board including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Virgin Trains and Aviva, you can get donations on everything from your weekly shop to your annual holiday and it doesn't cost a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Go to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parklands-high-school/?searchSessionId=27849264-3 9af-4d78-a898-4fce29584e55 and join for free

2. Every time you want to shop go to easyfundraising, find the site you want and start shopping

3. When you check out Parklands High School gets a donation for no extra cost whatsoever!

The shops and sites give easyfundraising a percentage of what you spend and they turn that into a donation, it's that easy. There's no catch or hidden charges and Parklands High School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



Support us through easyfundraising





PGL Football @ Boreatton Park Open to girls and boys in years 7-9.



Departing 5th May returning on Sunday 7th May

Pupils will take part in training sessions over the weekend and mini matches as well PGL activities.



Price: £150 Deposit £50 on SCOPAY -Deadline: Friday 25th November 22

Letters are here (please note it is the 2nd letter - 2 trip runs at the same time Netball and Football)



PP discount available.

Require further information email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

It is better to have 2 or 3 smaller ones than one big one.

Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Many people struggle at Christmas and often can't afford to heat their homes and eat well. Some people spend Christmas all alone.

Imagine if these were your loved ones.

You can make a real difference and help give somebody else an amazing Christmas!

- ★ Tinned desserts like rice pudding
- ★ Tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate
 - * Pickles & crackers
 - * Cakes or biscuits
- Toiletries like soap, bubble bath, toothpaste
- ★ Crisps, snacks or Sweets
 - Cordial
- ★ Jars of honey, marmalade or salad cream



Roast Turkey with all the trimmings £1.90

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Nut Roast with all the trimmings £1.90

Christmas Pudding with Custard 80p

> Mince Pies 50p

> > Pupils: 14th December



If anyone is interested in auditioning a song or dance for this year's dance show, sign up sheets are now in the pavilion. It must be from a musical stage show and no more than two minutes long. You can work individually or with a group of friends on your piece. Please check your song with Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown first to ensure that it is not already being used.



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w/c 14/11/22	8/9 5 aside football Girls	ASA	6	ANZ	5	SAM	4	EUR	3	AFR	3
21/11/22	Pumpkin Carving Comp	ANZ	6	SAM	5	EUR	4	ASA	3	AFR	2
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From the 1st December the charity prefects will be visiting forms selling the Derian House Christmas Furry Friends, festive cuddle cups with keyrings. They are £4 each. All proceeds go to Derian House Children's Hospice to help them continue the incredible work they do helping children and young people, whose lives are too short, to make happy memories in an environment of fun, respect and above all, outstanding care.

The care they provide is free for families, but services cost **£5.7 million** to run every year with only **17%** of funding they need coming from the government.

Please find a link to our local clubs and teams here.





WIN A PS5 BUNDLE

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- Cash prize every week
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000!

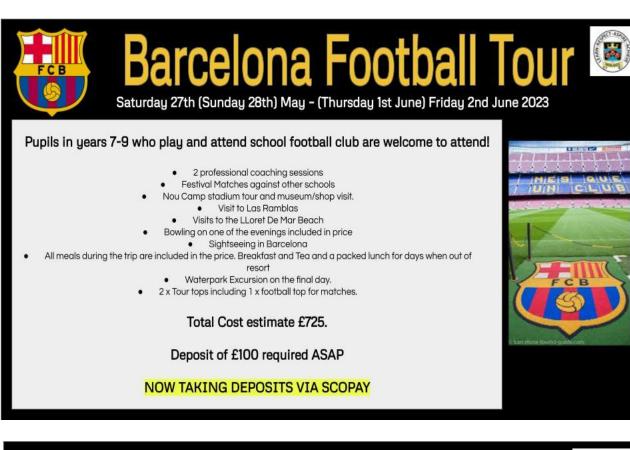
PLAY NOW: Scan the QR code or visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Parklands





Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.









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Office Manager

We are currently seeking an experienced and enthusiastic person to join our team.

Required as soon as possible - Full time, 37 hours per week, term time only. Grade 5 (SCP 6-11)

Salary £18,490.99 – £20,800.39 (£21,968 – £24,054 Fte) depending on experience <u>Plus</u> an additional annual honorarium of £1800 for the management of First Aid across school,

awarded following the completion of a successful training period.

Our friendly but busy office consists currently of 1 full time and 2 part time receptionists. You will be responsible for the efficient administration of the school office, including line management of admin/reception staff, management of governor records, supporting the head teacher in his role and other miscellaneous duties.

The First Aid role includes but is not limited to, training as a first aid colleague, managing the booking of training for other first aid colleagues in school, keeping student first aid details up to date, as well maintaining stock of first aid supplies, and keeping relevant first aid policies up to date.

You will receive comprehensive support from your colleagues within the administration team.

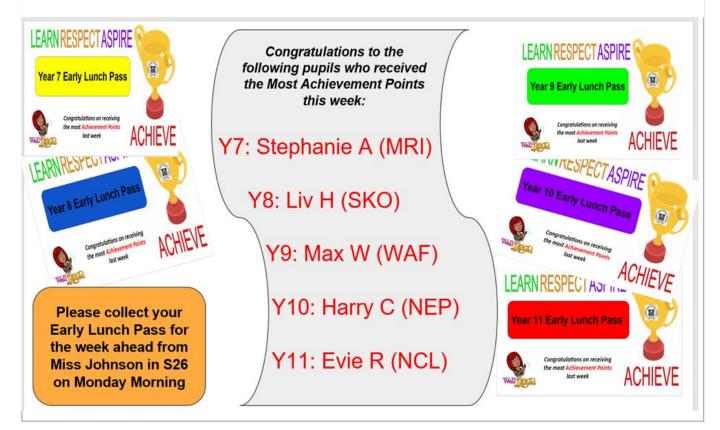
Parklands High School is a popular, over-subscribed and high-achieving school and our staff benefit from a friendly atmosphere, access to the UK's leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, out of hours

access to our brand new gym facilities as well as other local discounts! If you require more information regarding the role, please contact school business manager, Michelle Curtis, by telephone or email (mcurtis@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from the school website (paper copies are available on request), 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 available from the school website should be returned to the email address <u>hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>. Closing date for applications: 12 noon 3rd January 2023

Interviews to be held week commencing 16th January 2023

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 <u>HR@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>



Careers

As always, lots of great opportunities for students in Career News. There are workshops, webinars, conferences, broadcasts, competitions, downloadable guides and so much more!

Click here for this week's career bulletin



For students considering an apprenticeship, (and there is a great free guide in Career News this week) I would recommend registering on the Gov.UK

website:<u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u> - create an account, which takes about two minutes, then you can search local vacancies.

There is also Alliance Learning in Horwich: <u>https://www.alliancelearning.com/page/homepage</u>, a training provider who offer a comprehensive service to prospective apprentices, with advice on CVs, interviews, etc., and Training 2000 in

Blackburn:<u>https://www.training2000.co.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies</u>, another training provider who will support with finding and securing an apprenticeship.

See Miss Berry (top office) at any time if you need any help with registering or need any more information.