

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 06 Mar - 10 Mar 2023: Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Strike Days 15th & 16th March

Further to this week's strike day, I have not been made aware yet of any movement by the DfE in their negotiations with the Unions. Whilst I am hopeful things may change, we have to plan ahead for the next two days of strikes later this month. On both previous strike days the majority of teachers at Parklands have gone on strike, so it is likely the same will happen on the 15th & 16th March. I will let you know as soon as possible if I have to shut school so you can make alternative plans.

Behaviour Policy

On Monday this week I held an online assembly with the whole school during which I went through our school's Behaviour Policy and explained the school's strong stance on drugs, alcohol, banned items (such as knives, blades, weapons) and behaviour outside of school which has a direct impact in school. The school's policy was reviewed and ratified at the Local Governing Board on Tuesday this week and an updated version is now on our website under School Information/Policies.

Protests

Following my email last Sunday (thank you for all your supportive replies!) and my comments about the protests in the assembly on Monday, I am pleased that our students have continued to behave with respect and dignity this week. However, in light of the protests I have asked Miss Cosgrove to bring forward the next Student Council meeting to Monday, 13th March. I would like all School Council Reps to attend this meeting and present the views of their tutor groups regarding any aspect of school life. I shall attend that meeting, as it is my responsibility to listen and respond to student feedback. It appears that in some schools student voice is not working effectively; I do not want that to happen here at Parklands. Our students play a vital role in the success of our school and the Student Council is an excellent way for them to share their views and thoughts.

Term Dates 2024/2025

These have been agreed by the Local Governing Board and are available to view here.

Trial of one lunch sitting

On Wednesday we trialled one lunch sitting for the whole school. Whilst the trial highlighted some tweaks we need to make, it was a success and we were able to ensure all students in the school got their lunch within 30 minutes thanks to the new servery in the Refectory. We shall run just one lunch sitting again on Wednesday and Thursday this week, and then discuss whether we move back to one lunch permanently as the majority of staff and student feedback is requesting this.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

The first progress reports of the year were issued last week. We are delighted to see how well the majority are progressing and the hugely positive behaviour for learning being demonstrated. Well done Year 7. Keep up the good work!

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Year 9 Secure - Drama performance - All of Year 9 will be watching a professional theatre company perform the play, 'Love you mum, promise I won't die', next Friday. This play is the story of Daniel Spargo-Mabbs, a bright and popular sixteen year old boy from South London who died in January 2014, from ecstasy. The project is a collaboration between Wizard and the DSM foundation, a drug education charity working with young people, parents, teachers and professionals across the UK.

Subject Specialisms. We are adding Business Studies to block B. If you wish to change your subjects due to this addition, please email <u>vardern@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> with the 3 subjects you wish to choose.

Year 10 Messages

Year 10 respect day - Staying safe - Year 10 will be looking at various elements of risk taking behaviour, how to keep themselves safe and being sure of the law, surrounding areas such as, substance abuse and relationships. They will all attend an assembly with an outside speaker from the Amy Winehouse Foundation who will be sharing her experiences of substance abuse and recovery. Additionally, all pupils will be taking part in a study by the University of Birmingham about anti-discrimination and taking part in a follow up session on this topic.

Year 11 Messages

The after school revision programme begins next week, starting with 'How to revise for English' on Tuesday 7th March. The full programme is just being finalised and details will be shared with Year 11 next week, sent home and be in next week's bulletin.

Easter school will take place in the first week of the Easter break. A number of subjects will be offering sessions. Details will be released next week.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.4%

Overall school attendance for the week 93.1% National Average as at 20th Feb 91.6%

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.5%

Europe 93.1% Africa 92.6% Australasia 92.2% Asia 92.2%

Attendance by House since last week:

Africa 95.2%

Asia 93.3% South America 93.2% Australasia 93.1% Europe 92.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Africa - Cote d'Ivoire 99.1%

Asia - Tibet 98.1% Australasia - New Zealand 97.9% South America - Colombia 97.7% Europe - Sweden 96.7%

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: 35 pupils since September Year 8: 38 pupils since September Year 9: 21 pupils since September Year 10: 51 students since September Year 11: 33 students since September How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 168 pupils Year 8: 151 pupils Year 9:107 pupils Year 10: 147 students Year 11: 131 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: 102 pupils Year 9: 62 pupils Year 10: 118 students Year 11: 89 students

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

Learning Ambassadors - Reading and Leading Team

A group of 11 Learning Ambassadors visited Highfield Primary School on Thursday to deliver a reading lesson to a class of year 2 students. They read the book 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson and all of them were an absolute credit to the school! They were confident, kind and engaging and we may certainly have some budding teachers in them! Here are a couple of photos:







Asthma and Lung UK Parent Network

Are you concerned about your child's breathing? Do you know what to do when they become breathless and how to help them? Join A+LUK for a live webinar with Professor Ian Sinha from Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool. Ian is a consultant respiratory paediatrician with particular interest in childhood asthma and neonatal lung disease. He is the paediatric clinical lead for the National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP). Click here for more details. There are now two asthma nurse practitioners currently working for the ICB who will be rolling out the National Bundle of Care for CYP with Asthma. Part of this work entails implementing the Asthma Friendly Schools Programme which their school nursing colleagues are leading on, and the upskilling of all professionals who work with CYP with asthma. This also includes non-health professionals such as those working within the education, community and VCFSE sectors, as well as medical and nursing staff. The training is available via Health Education England (HEE) and we recommend Tier 1 for non-health professionals which should take no longer than an hour. This training is also relevant to 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs in School'. The link to the training can be found here





MENTAL HEALTH QUERIES?

Tuesdays & Thursdays

<u>3:00pm - 4:00pm</u>

- Check in with the school counsellor if you have questions about your or someone else's mental health & well-being!
 - 15 min slots this is not a drop-in service! Only one person at a time.
- This is not a counselling session, it is psychoeducation around mental health and signposting for further support!
- As this is not counselling the confidentiality rule does not apply. If information has to be shared, information will be respected and only shared if absolutely necessary to protect you and others. If shared you will be involved in the process.
- Email Miss Shields <u>sshields@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u> with your full name and year group. Slot given by email reply if space.
- Only for students who are not currently having counselling or well-being checks.



The UK's most established fatherhood conference, is back for 2023! A free day of education, entertainment, and connection for dads.



MAIN STAGE Monty Halls

Ex-Marine & TV Adventurer (BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5)

Mark Williams

Advocate for Father's Mental Health (Founder of "Fathers Reaching Out")

Craig White

Men's Confidence and Performance Coach (International Rugby Coach & Founder of "Men Without Masks")

Matt Coyne Parent Comedian (Author "Man vs Baby")

Vanessa Townshend

Springfield Financial (Financial Planning for a Future with Family)

Parenting Social Enterprise (Online Safety)

SIDE ROOM

Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain Building Tips

Mini First Aid

Baby & Toddler First Aid

The Sea Within Mindfulness Techniques for Children

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Roberts-Steel

Hairdressing Girl's Hairdressing for Dads

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Why not come and watch some local, live theatre which has been choreographed by Mrs Sullivan-Brown and Miss Marr and featuring Miss Fox! Tickets are selling fast, so get yours booked today!





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We are currently seeking a dynamic and inspirational

Teacher of Mathematics

Required from September 2023

Full time, permanent. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document

We are seeking a well-qualified and enthusiastic teacher of Mathematics. This position would suit an experienced teacher or an ECT. Mathematics is one of our most successful departments in the school thanks to excellent leadership and a continuous focus on teaching and learning. We have been part of the Ark Maths Mastery Programme for 5 years, which has supported us in developing subject expertise of both new and established teaching staff and has had a positive impact on students' enjoyment and confidence in maths.

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 Mrs Vicky Ardern, Deputy Headteacher, by telephone or email (vardern@parklandsacademv.co.uk). Visits are welcome.

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from the TES or 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 <u>hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk</u>.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 20th March 2023 with interviews to be held on 24th March 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. Onlines checks will be completed for shortlisted candidates. 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@parklandsacademy.co.uk



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We are currently seeking a dynamic and inspirational Assistant Curriculum Leader of Religious Studies

(TLR 2.1, £3,043 p.a.). Required from September 2023

Full time, permanent. Hours of work are as detailed in the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document

We are seeking a well-qualified and enthusiastic ACL in Religious Studies. This position would suit an experienced teacher, ideally with some experience of mentoring Early Careers Teachers (ECTs). Religious Studies is one of our most successful departments in the school thanks to excellent leadership and a continuous focus on teaching and learning. All students study Religious Studies to GCSE even though Parklands is a non-faith school. We believe the curriculum prepares our students exceptionally well for life in modern Britain.

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Weekly discussion questions from the RS department. If your child is in Key Stage 3, here are some questions to ask your child.

Year 7

Current Unit - Judaism

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

- 1. Give 3 examples of rules for food in Jewish households.
- 2. Why is the Sabbath an important day of the week?
- 3. What typically happens in a Jewish household on the Sabbath?
- 4. How is the Sabbath celebrated in the Synagogue?

Year 8

Current Unit - The History of Christianity Enquiry Question - Who was the real Jesus?

- 1. How would you respond to the question 'did Jesus exist historically'?
- 2. Which 'person' of Jesus that we have investigated do you think is the most important and why?
- 3. Why might some Christians believe that Jesus was a Social Revolutionary?
- 4. Why might some Christians believe that Jesus was a Political Revolutionary?

Year 9

Current Unit - The History of Christianity

Enquiry Question - Was the European Reformation the most significant event in the history of Christianity?

- 1. How were Christians treated under Roman rule?
- 2. How did Christians communicate secretly whilst living under Roman rule? Why?
- 3. What role did St Paul play in the development of early Christianity?
- 4. What impact did Emperor Constantine have on early Christianity?

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Careers

Lots of useful items in this week's Career News: work experience opportunities, apprenticeship details, summer career courses, advice, conferences ... why not have a read <u>here.</u>



More college interviews are coming up in the next few weeks: Wigan & Leigh second day of interviews on March 22nd, plus Runshaw interviews on 23rd and 24th March.

The Careers Fair is next Friday, 10th March. Please make the most of this great event - many people will have given up a day at work to support Parklands pupils.