

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 10 - 14 October 2022



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

BBC 100 - Celebrating 100 years of the BBC!

I am delighted to be able to offer our students in years 7 - 10 the opportunity of being able to participate in this event. We were contacted by the BBC a few weeks ago to see if we would like to get involved, so I quickly said yes! I believe this will be a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting event for our students.

Special guest will be Kevin Brown, former English professional Rugby League player.



Click here to access the letter from

the BBC with a few more details about the day regarding recording/consent etc. Please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you have any concerns.

The Share Your Story Tour:

BBC Ambassadors will share their true story with the students which will cover something that they have been through and overcome. Students will then have an opportunity to ask questions and to find out more about our ambassadors including their story and career. Students will also have the chance to share their own story in the sessions as part of BBC Young Reporter! Each session has been developed to support the PSHE curriculum in goal setting and overcoming obstacles. It also benefits the English curriculum through the power of storytelling.

The Bitesize Careers Tour:

3 x panellists will be guided by a BBC host through a discussion focussed on careers in Storytelling. Storytelling is so crucial to a whole range of different careers, such as advertising, News or Sport reporting, game design, or script writing. Panellists will be made up of BBC staff as well as people/companies from your local area to show the breadth of jobs available on your doorstep. The sessions have been designed to support your school's careers provision and help students to connect with local employers.

Kind regards, Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

Year 7 Transition Evening - Thursday 13th Oct 4.15 pm until 6 pm. Please see the email from Mrs Haslam. Appointments are now available for you to make with your child's Form Tutor. If you have any questions regarding the evening, please contact your child's HAL or Mrs Haslam. Thank you

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

The Department for Education and Ofqual are currently in talks of possibly giving pupils maths and physics equations for GCSEs in the summer of 2023.

To do this they have drawn up a consultation and are asking if this is the best thing to do moving forward for your child's exams. If this is accepted it means pupils will be given ALL physics formulae on an insert during their physics exams (both paper 1 and paper 2). As parents and carers you are able to take part in that consultation and give your views as to whether you believe being given the formulas is best for pupils or not. If you wish to give your view, and I urge you to do so, please click the link below and answer a few short questions.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-mathematics-physics-and-combined-science-gcses-in-2023

The consultation is only open until 11.45am 20th October.

Year 11 careers interviews in the top office - please remind students to check their emails, in case they miss the messages on the daily bulletin.

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone!

This week has been a fun week for year 7. They had Super Learning Day on Monday where they attended sessions on friendships, technology, being the best learner and much more. These were all taught by our learning ambassador students in school. I hope they enjoyed the day and took some good advice and information from the sessions.

This week is national dyslexia awareness week, which is such an important superpower to know about. Our school provides support for students who have dyslexia and we think it is important to know about our peers and how to provide support in their learning and realise that everyone is unique. As we are such an inclusive school it enables learners of all abilities to feel comfortable with learning disabilities. It is always a good opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia and help to bring about positive change. The theme for this year will allow us to reflect on the barriers that those living with dyslexia often face, while also focusing on how individuals, organisations and the education system have continued to succeed and break through these obstacles.

Also the battle for the new head pupil positions has officially started with the successful students from the applications doing their first round of interviews with the head pupils this week! Good luck to everyone and well done.

Enjoy your weekend, Alannah.

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: 143 pupils since September Year 8: 69 pupils since September Year 9: 56 pupils since September

Year 10: 88 students since September

Year 11: 70 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 177 pupils
Year 8: 136 pupils
Year 9: 90 pupils
Year 10: 155 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 just one 2 for BfL since September. Our policies are currently being updated to reflect the changes; we will share this with you once finalised.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 188 pupils Year 8: 101 pupils Year 9: 77 pupils

Year 10: 131 students Year 11: 110 students

Please click <u>here</u> for an update on scarlet fever and iGAS cases in the North West.

A warm welcome to our new parent governors, Mrs Caroline Bradshaw and Mrs Jennifer Wright. We wish them every success in these important roles. We still have two parent governor vacancies if you wish to apply. An ideal opportunity to help get the best for your child and bring a parents perspective to the meetings. Please email admin@parklandsacademy.co.uk for further information.

Chorley Inspire Youth Zone is a community charity that promises to offer over 20 action-packed activities every evening, 7 days a week for all young people! Please click here to view the online booklet and see all the activities offered.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 95%

Overall school attendance for the week 94.5%

National Attendance for 26 - 30 September 91.5%

The national figure is always published a week late

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 95.6%

Australasia 95.1%
Africa 95.1%
South America 95.1%
Asia 95.1%

Attendance by House since last week:

Asia 95.6%

Europe 95.4% South America 95.2% Africa 94.2% Australasia 92.6%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

South America - Chile 99.3%

Asia - Malaysia 98.9%
Africa - Ivory Coast 98.1%
Europe - Sweden 97.7%
Australasia - New Caledonia 97%



We are on a bit of a slide from glory with Languagenut unfortunately! However, it is the October Languagenut Challenge where you can win Amazon vouchers. Get to it!

If you spot your name on the leaderboard above, come and see me in N26 for your reward.

Lockers - regrettably the lockers for Year 7 & 8 will not be available for use until after half term. Our site team has been working hard to get these ready since the lockers were delivered last week, but we do not anticipate them being ready before half term.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused with this delay.

In order to make the most of being in school on Halloween (Monday 31st October), the English department will be running a house competition that will double up as a charity fundraiser.

Teachers will be making a donation to Book Aid in order to come dressed up as a literary character. Students will then have to guess which teachers are dressed as which literary characters so students need to see as many teachers as they can on this day!

Book Aid's (https://bookaid.org/) primary focus is creating access to books where it's needed most. If you would like to donate to this charity, there is an option on Edulink (please alter the amount to any sum you would like to donate). Thank you.

The latest edition of the School newspaper - The Big Parklands Paper - is now available to read here.



Welcome to Parklands! We hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday and are all very excited to come back to school. For the majority of you, this will be a welcome back, however we are now joined by new year 7s!

For those who are coming back to school, despite what you may think, there are some minor changes. For example, the school building itself is changing! Now there is wall

Evie McDonnell and Will Woods Cookson

morning or just through teachers giving reminders during the day. To summarise, students can only eat in the hall/refectory or in the student social area as people are still continuing to litter, despite the number of bins.

Welcome to Parklands year 7. We hope you have enjoyed your first weeks here. If you need

The School Food Champions group have organised 'Make a Difference Monday', this coming Monday 10th October. As Monday is World Mental Health Day we are focusing on the links between a healthy diet and wellbeing. There will be a special menu in the canteen as well as a few surprises throughout the day. We will also be selling our new Parklands drinking bottles.





I just want to say a massive **THANKYOU!!** to everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. Whether you sent cakes in, attended the event, bought raffle tickets, allowed a little extra money to come to school that day, however you donated we raised an amazing £2106.98. Big thanks to all those who made an extra effort and entered the Star Baker competition, there were some amazing entries. The top three bakers were 1st, Grace Collins (AFR), 2nd, Evie Roby (ANZ) and 3rd, Martyna Piorkowska (AFR). Again, your support was greatly appreciated, thank you, Mrs Dewhurst.



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



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DOFFE BROWZE











Because there's no better way to... try new things, meet new people, discover new talents, learn new skills, see what you're made of, give to your community, feel more confident, make a difference, recognise your potential, boost your wellbeing – and know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready.

















So what are you waiting for?
Join DofE at

Complete your bronze by signing up for the expedition!

You will walk for 2 days and camp for 1 night.

Fancy the challenge?

You parents/carers have been sent a <u>letter</u>today! Please read carefully!





WRAP UP LANCASHIRE





As a school we are getting behind local initiatives and charities.

Next term you will hear about the Christmas Hampers and we will be asking for donations for Living Waters our local food bank.

If you have any unwanted coats/jackets at home please bring them in and dump them in the designated bin in the FITNESS SUITE PE office.

We will take any unwanted coats and give them to charities that support the homeless, refugees, children living in poverty and people fleeing domestic violence

*Coats must have working zips and be in good condition.



HOUSE COMPETITION

- Have <u>YOUR</u> say about <u>OUR</u> planet
- Write your own poem!
- Email your poem to Miss Law -

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

THEME = Hope for the Future



- There will be bonus house points if every form in a house enters!
- The best poem from each house will be entered into the Greenpeace poetry competition
- DEADLINE: FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER
- For more information and some poetry writing tips, head to Greenpeace's site









SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY







To start supporting, visit:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

£1 EACH







LAUNCH EVENTS

Compass Bloom is a brand new Mental Health Support Team (MHST) supporting children, young people and families with their emotional health and wellbeing in education settings. To find out more about what we do and to meet the team come along to one of our events:

- CHORLEY YOUTH ZONE Monday 10th October (5pm to 7pm)
 Chapel St, Chorley PR7 1BS
- HUB OPEN DAY Tuesday 11th October (10am to 6pm)
 Unit 8 Balfour Court, off Hough Lane, Leyland PR25 2TF
- WEST LANCS YOUTH ZONE Tuesday 11th October (4pm to 6pm)
 Yeadon, Skelmersdale WN8 6PZ



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Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 27th (Sunday 28th) May - (Thursday 1st June) Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- Nou Camp 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 resort
 - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
 - 2 x Tour tops including 1 x football top for matches.

Total Cost estimate £725.

Deposit of £100 required ASAP

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY





Barcelona Dance Trip



Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-10 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 £725.

Deposit of £100 required by 1st JULY 2022

NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP





Careers

Lots of great events on offer this week in Careers News, including all the local college open evenings, webinars/live chats with some of the top financial and legal companies, virtual WEX opportunities and a chance of a scholarship to a very exclusive international sixth form in Cumbria!

Click here for this week's Careers Bulletin.



Have a go at the Buzz Quiz and see what kind of animal you are - and more to the point, what kind of career might suit your personality. https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/