



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 12 - 16 September 2022



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer. It has been a fantastic first week back in school, seeing our students again, many of whom have shot up over the course of the school holidays! Our new intake have made an exceptionally positive impression and it has been wonderful to see so many of our older students taking the time to get to know our new Year 7s and help them when they don't know where they're going in our very large school.

#### The Queen

We are saddened to hear of the passing of her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth. Our thoughts are with King Charles and his family. Queen Elizabeth was a truly inspirational figure and she will be sorely missed by the Parklands community.

Today we devoted Form Time today to discussing the Queen, her impact on our country and in the world, and how she was an inspirational female leader worldwide. We are living through a significant historic event, and it is only right that we mark this sad occasion in school. Should there be a Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral, I will let you know as soon as possible. If children and young people are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss. You can also visit the Palace's website for more information about the mourning period: [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk).

#### GCSE examination success

I am absolutely delighted with the outstanding GCSE results of last year's Year 11s. They achieved far above our expectations and their results look to be the best in our school's history. This makes me incredibly proud of our school but, above all, I am proud of all our staff here who challenged and supported the students to achieve such excellence. I want you all to be confident in the skills, ability and talent of Parklands teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to push our students to achieve their best academically. You do not have to attend a selective school, a grammar or private school to achieve excellence: as long as you work with us and have a positive mindset, students at Parklands can excel and achieve beyond their wildest expectations!

#### School transport

We have been liaising extensively this week with the Local Authority transport department due to the changes to school transport. Mr Galbraith has provided a brief update on page 3 for you. The number 2 service has been arriving late, so we have raised this and asked if they could use our bus bays from next week (rather than go down Southport Road to Tesco and turn around on the roundabout). Hopefully this will ensure pupils arrive on time for form. No pupil on this service has been marked late this week as this is clearly not their fault. We will continue to monitor the situation and update if necessary.



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### Year 7 Messages

Our new Year 7s will be having their very first Respect day next Tuesday. Last year, we spent a considerable amount of time in the Secure programme looking at equalities. So that we are to build on this in the coming year, we would like to introduce our new intake to some of the key concepts their form members worked on last year. Sessions will include, what is Secure and why do we do it?, Anti-racism, Anti-sexism and disability awareness. The whole day is designed to help our new pupils understand the level of respect they are expected to have for each other in their time here with us and should be an enjoyable start to their Secure programme.

### Year 8 Messages

If your child is in year 8, 9 or 10, confidently speaks, reads and writes another language and you would like them to be entered for a GCSE in it this summer, please send an email to [jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:jdonohue@parklandsacademy.co.uk) stating your child's name, year group and language. Alternatively, you can ask them to go to N25 at break or lunchtime.

### Year 9 Messages

See above message in Year 8 re. languages

### Year 10 Messages

See above message in Year 8 re. languages

### Year 11 Messages

We were delighted to see so many students, parents and carers attending our Welcome to Year 11 evening last Wednesday. For those who were unable to attend or if you wish to have a reminder of the information we covered click [here](#) for the information we presented.

**Design & Technology** Year 11 intervention every Thursday 3-4pm S03 & S02.

# Whole School Messages

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: 233 pupils since we returned

Year 8: 190 pupils since we returned

Year 9: 178 pupils since we returned

Year 10: 196 students since we returned

Year 11: 184 students since we returned

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

Lockers - Regrettably, there has been a delay with the delivery of the new lockers. We have been advised that they should be delivered between the 15th and 30th September.

We are able to allocate lockers to Years 9, 10 & 11 and the locker keys should be distributed by the 16th September.

Year 7 and 8s will receive their keys as soon as the new lockers have been delivered. Once we have confirmation of the delivery date, we will be back in touch to confirm this with you.

As of Sept 2022 Lancashire County Council has adapted public bus routes to allow students to access Parklands High School. This allows students to access transport over a wider range of times, enabling access to after-school curricular and extra-curricular activities. The main services within our catchment are listed below:

- **119 – Stagecoach**
- **002 – Transdev Blackburn Bus Co**
- **337– Holmeswood Coaches**
- **347 - Holmeswood Coaches**
- **109 - Stagecoach**

Click [here](#) for the bus timetables website.

## Education and Children's Services digital consultation: parent and carer virtual drop-in sessions

The Local Authority is seeking your views. Please see the links below.

[The link to the Parent/Carer Survey](#)

[The link to information about Parent/Carer Focus Groups](#)

[The link to Parent/Carer Information about the research](#)

**Welcome to the new year 7s, parents and carers and welcome back everyone!**

**We have officially started off another school year which I know will be a phenomenal year for everyone. This week we welcomed our brand new year 7s to our wonderful school and I hope they have enjoyed it so far and continue to settle in well. I struggled when I first started at Parklands but as our school is so supportive in the transition to high school, I am sure that your child will find themselves enjoying their independence as they progress forwards in their education and personal development.**

**Also, we welcomed year 11, their parents and carers on Wednesday night to discuss the huge year that we have - our GCSE year. It was beneficial to show how school will be supportive and helpful as we take on a massive step into our future next year.**

**Last night, we all received some deeply sad news that Her Majesty The Queen had passed away at Balmoral Castle. She was a dignified monarch and our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this sad and sombre time.**

**I hope this year will be one of the best and let's continue to be our better selves as we grow and learn.**

**One of your head students at Parklands,  
Alannah.**



I'm launching *The Big Summer Survey*, which aims to engage all children in a national conversation about family life. *The Big Summer Survey* will provide new insights into children's views on family, and will be an opportunity to hear from children about how they have spent their summer holidays. On the [Children's Commissioner's website](#), you can also find a template presentation, suggested newsletter text to share the survey with parents and suggested tweets and FAQs, to guide schools in how they can discuss family life with pupils as part of the curriculum.

I would love to hear from your pupils as part of *The Big Summer Survey*, and I would be very grateful if you can share this among your network and encourage others to take part. *The Big Summer Survey* will be open until 30 September.

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

### **MUSIC TUITION STARTS NEXT WEEK - MONDAY 12th**

Monday starts with **Piano Tuition**. If you have signed up for Musical Tuition, please keep an eye on your emails for updates and information about your lesson times. Timetables will be sent out via email for all students the day before. Timetables will also be available to view on the bulletin each morning.

**All Extra Curricular Music Ensembles** will start rehearsals again next week, beginning with the KS3 Vocal Ensemble on Monday for Years 7-9. Speak to either Mr Willsher or Mr Penketh for more information.

It's never too late to learn a musical instrument, or develop that singing voice. You can start at any point. It's great for the mind, body and soul! If you'd like more information about tuition please email [pwillsher@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pwillsher@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

## Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 97.2%

Overall school attendance for the week 97.2%

Attendance by House since September:

**Asia 97.6%**

**Australasia 97.6%**

Africa 97.2%

Europe 97.1%

South America 97.1%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

**Asia - Japan 100%**

**Australasia - Australia 100%**

**Africa - Ivory Coast 100%**

**Europe - Hungary 100%**

**South America - Paraguay 100%**

## STEM club - All year groups welcome

We are starting a STEM club on Tuesday 13th September in S03 from 3-4pm. As part of the STEM club pupils will engage in external competitions, learn how to use lego robotics and 3D printers, compete in STEM challenges and receive workshops from STEM ambassadors.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Pupils should register their interest with Mr McAvoy.



## Whole School Messages

### Construction club - All year groups welcome

We are starting a construction club from Friday 16th September to 14th October from 3-4pm. As part of the club pupils will primarily focus on bricklaying, but may also develop their joinery skills. Pupils should wear clothes they don't mind getting ruined.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Pupils should register their interest with Mr McAvoy.



**Open Day**

**HERE AT YOUR LOCAL STATION**

**Chorley Fire Station**  
**10am - 4pm**  
**Saturday 10th September**

**Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service**

**making Lancashire safer**



# Whole School Messages

## PARKLANDS SCHOOL LOTTERY


This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our pupils and the fantastic opportunities we can offer them!

It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh award, music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!


Yours sincerely

*Miss Nicola Greaves*



# Calling All Wizards


SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:



Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
and search for: Parklands



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website)





## PE HOUSE COMPS - SEPT - OCT



Thursday 8th September	Year 7 Basketball Shootout	Unlimited
Thursday 15th September	Year 8 Basketball Shootout	Unlimited
Thursday 22nd September	Year 9 Basketball Shootout	Unlimited
Thursday 29th October	Year 10 Basketball Shootout	Unlimited
Thursday 6th October	YEAR 11 AND STAFF SHOOTOUT	Unlimited



**POINTS FOR BASKETS**

**AND BONUS POINTS FOR ATTENDANCE**



## ACORN ADVENTURE WATERSPORTS



Email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**£ 865**

- Sit-on-kayaks
- Stand up paddleboard
- Snorkelling
- Trapeze sailing on Catamarans
  - Beach activities
  - Target sports
  - High ropes
  - Banana boats
- Day trip to Waterworld (Waterpark)
  - Chill time in the resort pool.
  - Day in Barcelona

**Friday 4th - 12th August 2023**

**ALL FOOD, TRANSPORT, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS,  
AND WATERPARK INCLUDED.**

Letters have been emailed from Miss Greaves to parents  
via edulink app.

**CHECK THE PE INSTAGRAM FOR FOOTAGE OF THIS  
SUMMERS**



# 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**



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# PARKLANDS QUIZ NIGHT



Parents, carers and friends of Parklands High School come and

Take part in the MacMillan

**Friday 14th October - 6-9.00pm**

It is £5 a person with a cash prize for the winning team and who will win overall on the night Parklands staff or friends of Parklands

Get a team of no more than 6 together and send in your reply slip.

It is a bring your own drink and food event.

Please contact [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

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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 [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

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 [letter](#) today! Please read carefully!



Letters available [here](#) for Year 9 Pupils interested in completing the full bronze award.





The SSLT are our most senior Prefects. They went through a rigorous selection process to achieve their positions.

They have been fully immersed in school life, from Prefect duties, subject roles, extra curricular activities and more.

The SSLT window is now open to year 10 Prefects to apply.  
Deadline is Friday 23rd September



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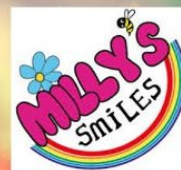
# Colour Run Party

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**£6.50pp - includes a  
pair of sunglasses  
(which must be worn).**

**Open to all year groups and  
staff but there are limited  
numbers, so book now  
via Scopay to avoid  
disappointment!**

**You can run, walk  
or even dance  
around the  
field.**



All proceeds will go to  
Macmillan Cancer Support,  
Milly's Smiles and the  
@sallycancerfoundation

**THURSDAY  
29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
at 3.20pm  
on the school field**



**Email: [lsullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:lsullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for more details**



# Barcelona Dance Trip

Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June 2023



Pupils in years 7-9 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**



# MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

4.00 - 4.45pm on Mondays

- starting 12<sup>th</sup> September -  
in the Pavilion

Open to everyone from all year groups!

Learn songs and dances  
from popular musicals

PE kit or Dance kit must be worn and hair tied back







## PUPIL INFO PGL

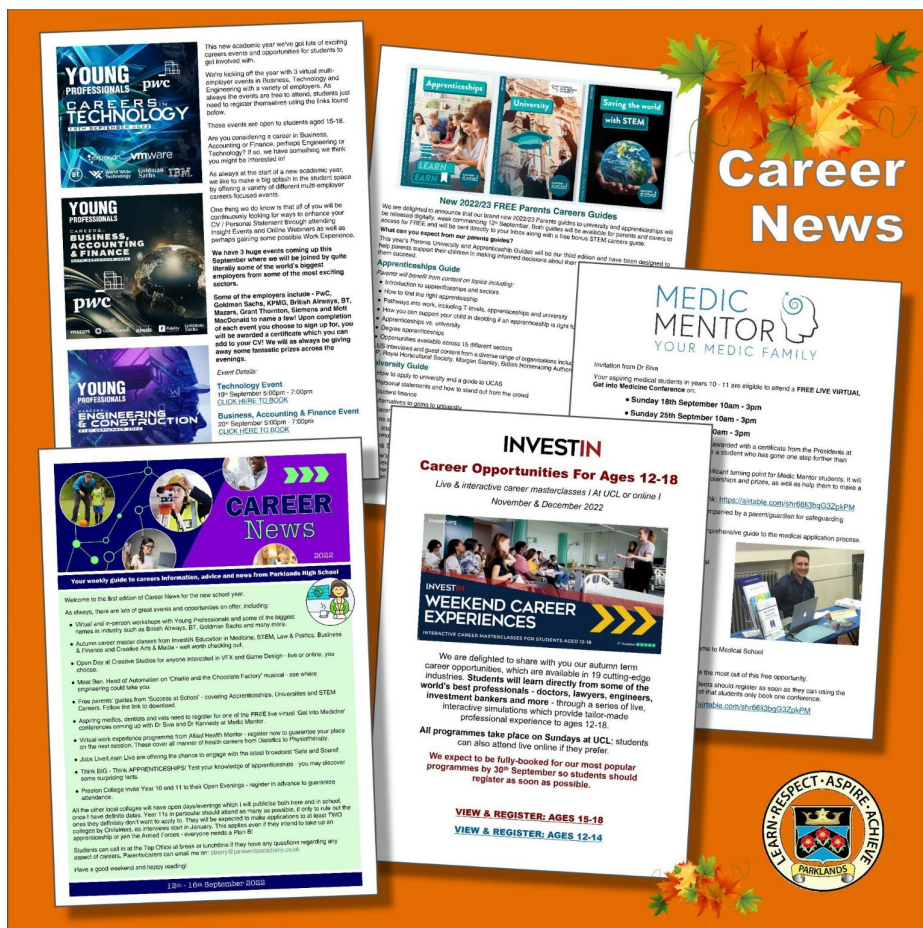


- Come into school in non-uniform suitable for PGL (no nike pro style shorts/crop tops).
- Please complete the Dietary/Medical Form attached. Without this completed your child cannot attend.
- BUS LISTS AND GROUPS WILL BE ON THE CONCOURSE FROM NEXT WEEK 12th September - Pupils must check this. It will also be shared with their form tutors. Due to GDPR this cannot be emailed out.
  - You will still need to bring school equipment for lessons that day. So you may wish to bring a rucksack to carry these items
- Your child will require a packed lunch, if your child is entitled to a free school lunch I will be requesting grab bags from the canteen. Pupils will ONLY have access to the school canteen at break time.
  - Your luggage must include your sleeping bag/pillow - you will be carrying everything that is yours.
    - Check your kit list [here](#).
  - Please bring your luggage on the Friday morning to the following rooms.
    - AFRICA, ASIA, ANZ - N26
    - EUR AND SAM - W01
  - You will not have access through the day just when we depart after P4.
- Pupils will come and collect luggage at the end of P4 and make their way to the bus bays.
  - You will be working in mixed groups - this is a chance for you to meet new people.
- NO MOBILE PHONES are permitted on the trip. I will have the school mobile which is for emergencies only 07525 910196.
  - We will be posting updates and footage on the school instagram and facebook page.
- I will email via edulink regarding departure times/arrival times. We are due to leave PGL on the Sunday at 3.30pm so should be back at school for 4.30pm. DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAYS. You will be asked to move. I will ask the school car park is open.
  - You MUST not go in any one else's room when we arrive.
  - The only time you will be in your room is directed by staff and bed/changing times.
    - Staff rooms will be marked with a sign please knock and wait.

### Year 7 PGL INFORMATION

Please find the information above regarding the Year 7 PGL. The kit list is available [here](#). All year 7 parents have been emailed but this only applies to the 110 pupils attending the trip. The medical form is in the email sent via edulink.





[Follow the link to read this week's Career News](#). There are lots of great events to take part in as well as information about open events, apprenticeships, careers in STEM and much more. All the college open days/evenings will be advertised in Career News and in school (via email, bulletin or Google Classroom) - it is really important that Year 11s in particular attend as many open events as they can even if they only have one college in mind. Grades can be missed or courses can be withdrawn, sometimes at the last minute, so everyone needs a Plan B (even those who intend taking up an apprenticeship position or joining the Armed Forces). College applications should be done by Christmas as interviews start in January and some colleges have early deadlines.

**STOP PRESS:** Blackburn College has a Sixth Form (A Level) open evening on Tuesday 27th September from 4.30pm - 8.00pm - although the event for the main college is in October. Have a look here: [www.blackburn.ac.uk/open-sixth-form](http://www.blackburn.ac.uk/open-sixth-form)

Myerscough College has a course advice morning this Saturday

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on>

10th September from 10.00am - 12.30pm

If you have never been to Myerscough College, I highly recommend a visit. They have some incredible courses and facilities - plus Plant World nursery and Tea Room!