



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

16 Jan - 20 Jan 2023: Week 2



Year 7 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Y9 Progress Evening has been moved to **Wednesday 8th February**. The process of selecting subject specialisms has been brought forward. Details of key dates are on the school website. The link to the page is [here](#). This will be updated with all necessary materials in due course.

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

Parents Evening

Please click [here](#) to give us very brief feedback on last week's Parents Evening. This will help us with planning for next year: do you prefer Parents Evening online or face-to-face? Thank you.

Hello everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. Our first full week back at school focused on body image and wellbeing in our assembly on Monday. During this, we spoke as Head Pupils for the first time in front of a whole school audience and shared our thoughts and opinions on body image. We hope you enjoyed it and took some important messages away. On Thursday, we had a Year 8 wacky races House competition. The turnout was great with the competition being enjoyed by all!

As we enter this new term I think it's incredibly important to get involved with as many opportunities as possible. These opportunities don't just create friendships but they also open up so many more doors later in life. With such a wide range of these extra-curricular clubs at Parklands there's something for everyone.

Lucas

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: 47 pupils since September
Year 8: 44 pupils since September
Year 9: 26 pupils since September
Year 10: 59 students since September
Year 11: 40 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?
Year 7: 198 pupils
Year 8: 173 pupils
Year 9: 148 pupils
Year 10: 176 students
Year 11: 187 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: 138 pupils
Year 8: 90 pupils
Year 9: 61 pupils
Year 10: 119 students
Year 11: 91 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school [Parklands bulletin](#).

Traffic safety issues outside of the school - please can all parents/carers collecting students from school drive safely and park safely/legally when doing so. There are double yellow lines along the pavement and these are clearly marked 'keep clear', both are to ensure the safety of students as they exit our site.

The Drama ambassadors need your help! Do you have any celebrity magazines you could donate to school? If so, please send them into school and bring them to E21. Thank you!

2022 Blackpool Pleasure Beach Refunds - please check your email accounts and Edulink as emails have been sent to the parents of the pupils who attended this trip as we need to issue a refund. We require information from you by Monday 23rd January 2023, as after this date we will issue all refunds via your child's dinner money account.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.1%

Overall school attendance for the week 93.4%
National Average as at 2nd January 91.4%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 93%
South America 92.6%
Africa 92.1%
Australasia 91.9%
Asia 91.8%

Attendance by House since last week:

South America 95.7%
Australasia 93.7%
Asia 93.1%
Europe 93%
Africa 92.5%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Africa - Cote D'Ivoire 99.3%
South America - Paraguay 98.9%
Europe - Sweden 97.7%
Asia - Thailand 97.7%
Australasia - Australia 97%

Whole School Messages

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) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - Ultimate Questions:

1. Why don't some Christians believe the Genesis creation account to be literally true?
2. What was the Big Bang?
3. Can a religious person accept the Big Bang Theory?
4. What is Charles Darwin best known for?
5. How have different species of animals adapted for survival?

(Year 8) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - Prejudice and Discrimination:

1. Why can't women take senior positions in some Christian Churches?
2. What is the 'Golden Rule'?
3. Which well-known codebreaker was prosecuted for being homosexual?
4. In what year was homosexuality made illegal in the UK? When was it decriminalised?
5. Why is representation important?

(Year 9) Weekly discussion questions from the RS Department.

Current Unit - An Introduction to Islam:

1. What is the purpose of the pillar of Sawm?
2. How does the Islamic calendar differ from the Gregorian calendar? What does this mean for celebrations such as Eid and the month of Ramadan?
3. What is a pilgrimage? Why do people make them?
4. Where do Muslims go on pilgrimage and why?
5. Which pillar of Islam is the most important and why?



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



YEARBOOK



Final chance to purchase a yearbook:

£25 - Deadline is end of February

Please pay via scopay.

Any issues please contact Miss Greaves -

ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk



You can still send photos to yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

We are having a Chinese New Year Day in the canteen on the 20th January with plenty of delicious themed offerings! Please come and try some of the following dishes:

- Chicken Chow Mein £1.90
- Chicken Hoisin with egg fried rice £1.90
- Vegetarian black bean and egg fried rice £1.90
- Vegan curry with rice £1.90
- Salt and pepper chips £1.50
- Salt and pepper chicken £1.90
- Spring rolls £1.00
- Prawn toast £1.00



ACORN ADVENTURE WATERSPORTS



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£ 950

- 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 16th - 24th August

**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 TRIP**

Lost Property - We would like to return lost property items which have been in the site office for a number of months, hopefully to their rightful owners.

This will take place next Monday & Tuesday (16th & 17th Jan).

These items will be located on tables situated on the concourse for pupils to look through.

Items which are still remaining after these dates will be sorted, bagged and sent to charity.

SSLT 2023

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
PREFECT TEAM



The SSLT are our most senior Prefects. They went through a rigorous selection process to achieve their positions, including a written application, group interviews and an interview with SLT and their HALs.

They work hard to support you and ensure that you are **safe, happy and successful** at Parklands.

PREFECTS

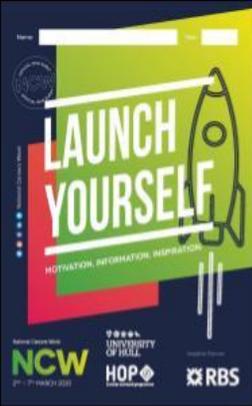
PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
PREFECT TEAM



We are really PROUD of our Prefects, They get involved in areas of interest to them and drive that subject through school. You may see them leading and helping at clubs, running charity and community events or even doing

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YEAR 9 ASPIRE



For the next four weeks Year 9 are going to concentrate on Careers using the 'Launch Yourself' Programme

Year 9 are at a point in their school life, where they are choosing their specialisms, applying for Prefect/SSLT.



This is Bernie
He has had a very interesting childhood and made some interesting choices growing up.

But now he educates young people. He is our speaker for the next 4 weeks.



We would appreciate it if parents/carers have a chat with their child about their future aspirations.



HOUSE COMPETITION 22/23



Spring 1

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| 09/01/2022 | Wacky Races Y8 | ANZ | 6 | SAM | 5 | ASA | 5 | AFR | 4 | EUR | 3 |
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| ASIA | 59 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 57 |
| AFRICA | 54 |
| EUROPE | 41 |



**PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL**

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Co-Ed Comprehensive with 1113 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

Catering Assistant – 20 Hours per week

(11:00am– 3:00pm Mon- Fri), Term Time Only

Required as soon as possible - Permanent.

Grade 3 SCP 4 Salary £21189 (£9640.69 pro rata)

Parklands High School is a popular, oversubscribed, forward thinking and high-achieving school. Our last OFSTED inspection in July 2018 judged us to be **“Good”** quoting *“Pupils’ welfare continues to be at the heart of the school’s work”*.

We are looking for a Catering Assistant to join our busy and friendly catering team. Previous experience in the catering industry is not necessary as full training will be given.

Parklands staff benefit from access to the UK’s leading provider of corporate healthcare cash plans provided by UK Healthcare, we are part of the cycle to work scheme, have out of hours access to our recently opened Fitness Suite and can benefit from a range of discounts available from a range of local businesses.

For further information about the role, please contact Lisa Winston, Catering Manager by telephone 01257 264595.

Candidates should complete an electronic application form, available from the school website (paper copies are available), along with a letter of no more than 2 sides of A4, in which you outline your experience and suitability for the position. Applications should be returned to the email address hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon 30th January 2023 - interviews to be held w/c 6th February 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. Social media checks will also be conducted on shortlisted candidates. Copies of our Recruitment and Selection policy are available from hr@parklandsacademy.co.uk

For more information, click [here](#).



WIN A YEAR OF HELLO FRESH

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Save money and eat fresh in 2023

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Go to

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Search for: Parklands



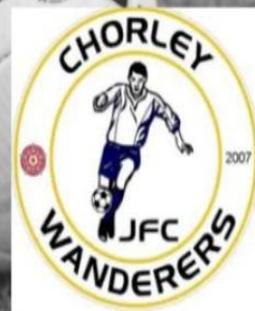
PLAYERS WANTED!

**CHORLEY WANDERERS ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FROM YEAR 9
OR 10 TO JOIN OUR UNDER 15'S TEAM!**

**THE TEAM SECURED THE RUNNERS-UP POSITION IN THE CENTRAL
LANCS JFL DIVISION 3 LAST SEASON.**

TRAINING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND MATCHES SUNDAYS

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP CARL A MESSAGE OVER
WHATSAPP ON 07510 701580, OR VIA EMAIL -
CARL@WIBBLY.CO.UK**





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

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Parents and Carers,
tell us about your
experience of using
childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code or visit:
lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare



Using Childcare in Lancashire – Parents and Carers Survey

We need to gather the views of parents and families that use formal childcare/early education as part of our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

The survey is for parents and families who are currently using a childminder, nursery, holiday, breakfast or after school provision. If using a mobile device, the QR code will take parents directly to the survey and should not take more than 5 minutes to complete. All submissions are anonymous.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.



FLIMSY AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



ON AIR

BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes', left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app *before* they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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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

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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

Loads of great opportunities in this week's Career News, from conferences to webinars, festivals to work experience - and much more in between!

Whether you are interested in law, construction, engineering, finance, sport or medicine, there is an event for you.

Click [here](#) for this week's careers bulletin.

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**Saturday 4th February 2023
and Saturday 18th March 2023**

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You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant about the future of their profession!



January 2023

Careers Events Coming Up This Term...

Scan/Click the QR code to secure your place!

All our events are FREE for Year 9-13 students to attend!

- PWC INSIGHT EVENT (VIRTUAL)
- ASK ME ANYTHING ABOUT ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS (VIRTUAL)
- JAGUAR LAND ROVER INSIGHT EVENT - WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? (VIRTUAL)
- LLOYDS BANKING GROUP INSIGHT EVENT (VIRTUAL)
- GSK INSIGHT EVENT (VIRTUAL)
- DEUTSCHE BANK TASTER DAY (LONDON)

Logos: LLOYDS, AWE, pwc, GSK, Deutsche Bank, IBM

CAREER News 2023

Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

Welcome back to another packed edition of Career News, with lots of great opportunities for everyone, including:

- Open Events at Bolton Sixth Form on 2nd January and Wigan & Leigh College on 30th January. Register in advance for both these events.
- Wigan & Leigh College are also holding a Festival of Engineering and Construction at their Pagefield Centre of Excellence. This is ideal for anyone seeking an apprenticeship in the industry, with an opportunity to meet employers. Bring your CV!
- Find out more about the various pathways into the Law industry with a free online event with Charles Russell Speechlys, a Top 50 Law Firm with offices around the globe.
- Lots of great virtual events with Pathway CTM and some top employers - scan the QR codes to register for any of these.
- InvestIM are highlighting their Spring Term Weekend Career Experiences for ages 12-18.
- Insight into Careers in Investments, Finance and Technology with Legal & General, hosted by Young Professionals.
- Course advice mornings at Myerscough College (Preston and Blackburn sites) plus a Rugby Union advice morning for aspiring sports superstars.
- Have a look at the latest guides from Success at School: STEM, Apprenticeships and University.
- Lots of updates from the Medic Mentor family: virtual work experience opportunities and conferences for aspiring doctors and dentists, plus a free conference for would-be vets.
- And finally: Leyland Trucks have announced their apprenticeships for 2023 - click here to go to the Apprenticeship Page. There are around 20 great opportunities for programs lasting up to 4 years - and with starting salaries of over £15k!
- Do not miss out - download the application form and start planning your answers - see Miss Berry (top right) for any support with this.

Have a great weekend!

16th - 20th January 2023

FESTIVAL OF ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

Wigan & Leigh College

**Monday 6 February 2023
4.30pm - 7.30pm**

- Find out about apprenticeship opportunities and careers within these sectors
- Tours of the facilities
- Industry masterclasses led by employers
- Technical skills showcases

Centre of Excellence in Engineering and Construction, Pagefield Centre, Walkden Avenue, Wigan WN1 2JH

Book Your Place

Career News

Careers

Leyland Trucks have announced their apprenticeship intake for 2023 - over 20 opportunities for Assembly Operatives, Facilities and Maintenance, and Automotive Engineering - and with starting salaries of around £15k - these are not to be missed. Follow the link to their apprenticeship page and download the application form now - start planning your answers and make sure you are telling them all they need to know about you! See Miss Berry (top office) for more details or support with the application form.

<https://www.leylandtrucksLtd.co.uk/en-gb/working-at-leyland-trucks/apprenticeship>

Have a look at this video for more information about Leyland Trucks/Paccar Parts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwRwt8DmVQk>

Runshaw College are promoting their Adult Education Short Courses in Maths, English & Digital to name a few. These start in the next few weeks.

Contact the college directly for information.

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