



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 25 July - 27 July 2022



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

This has been an incredible week in school. Firstly, we had to deal with unprecedented heat. Thankfully, we have a large number of air conditioned rooms and shaded spaces, so our students and staff coped admirably.

Secondly, we started our first Learning Challenge Week in three years. With the Year 10s out on work experience, all remaining students in school experienced our week of *challenging* activities for the first time!. The culmination of all their efforts took place on Thursday when we had our Festival Day, and we had almost 300 visitors in school who marvelled at how fantastic the students were. I had the pleasure of co-judging the Year 7 island competition, which was a brilliant experience. To see some of our usually shy Year 7s get up on stage and perform was truly wonderful! This week is all about putting children outside of their comfort zones, getting them to build up their resilience, face their fears, and tackle a challenge head-on. Not only will this week stay with them for a very long time, but our students will have learnt some valuable lessons which can only benefit them in the future. Well done to everyone - both students and staff - for all your efforts this week. Learning Challenge Week sets us apart from other schools in the area and is further evidence of why Parklands continues to be - in my opinion - *the best school in Chorley*!

Alternative Sports Day took place today. We have an incredible day, with students taking part in a number of different activities. Huge thanks to the PE department for their organisation of today and also well done to our students for their participation. Events like these are really important and valuable, as they add to our culture, our ethos, and what makes our school so special.

Full uniform is expected next week, please, apart from Tuesday for those students going on the reward trip to Blackpool. We finish at 1pm on Wednesday and reopen on Tuesday, 6th September to Years 7 & 11, with Years 8 - 10 returning on Wednesday, 7th September.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell



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### Year 7 Messages

Year 7 will receive their final BfL reports of the year on the last day of term. Congratulations to the majority of the year group who have worked hard all year and demonstrated a determined approach to their learning.

### Year 8 Messages

Year 8 will receive their final BfL reports of the year on the last day of term. Congratulations to the majority of the year group who have worked hard all year and demonstrated a determined approach to their learning.

### Year 9 Messages

Year 9 will receive their final BfL reports of the year on Monday 25th July. Most students should be commended on their effort and progress this year. This will be their last report in Key Stage 3 and, with the mainly positive overview this shows, we hope it will provide a good foundation as they move into Key Stage 4 and begin their GCSE courses.

### Year 10 Messages

Year 10 will receive their final BfL reports of the year on Tuesday 26th July. We hope this will provide the foundation for focus as they move into their final year of high school in September. We are delighted at the determination and commitment towards learning that the majority of the year group have taken this year. In the first week back on our return in September they will have their first review day. This will ensure a focused start to the year.

Year 10: Log into your Indigo account for a great Thank You letter template that you can use to send your appreciation to your employer following your Work Experience week.

# 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: 28 pupils since September  
Year 8: 16 pupils since September  
Year 9: 34 pupils since September  
Year 10: 20 students since September

### How many had the Perfect 3 in the previous week?

**Years 7: 150 pupils**  
**Year 8: 127 pupils**  
**Year 9: 149 pupils**  
**Year 10: 131 students**

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

## Term dates 2022/2023

Our website has now been updated to show next year's term dates, parents/progress evenings etc.. Click [here](#) to view.

**Tuesday 6th September: only Years 7 and 11 in school.**

Wednesday 7th September: all pupils in school. Tempest will be in school to take Year 7 and Year 11 photos.

## Learning Challenge Week

This week pupils have participated in our annual Learning Challenge Week. Due to the impact of Covid this is the first time since 2019 that we have been able to run the week meaning that for all Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils this was a new experience.

Year 7 pupils have been designing an Island identity all week which culminated in the Island Festival on Thursday. Congratulations to the team from Asia who won the Island. All pupils in the year group deserve congratulating for their hard work and determination to succeed.

Year 8 and 9 pupils have been involved in individual challenges including Big Art, The Band, The Cafe, Dungeon and Dragons and Roving Reporters. The reporting team produced a website which shows further information about the different challenges that have taken place. If you'd like to find out more about the week please look at our Facebook page for photos of the work produced by the children and follow this [link](#).

Well done to all our pupils for challenging themselves this week, there have been so many wonderful examples of leadership, perseverance, resilience and new friendships made. Memories have also been created which will stay with many of our pupils from a long time.

Miss Partington

Full uniform from Monday please. No PE kit. Thank you.

Monday 25th July we will all be celebrating together with the **Big Picnic** and House **cake competition**. Please remember to bring in all items agreed in form for the form picnic and importantly- don't forget the cake! If we have sunny weather it's important that students bring in sunscreen.



Chorley Council

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### Our School Uniform Swap is BACK

Come along to one of six events across the borough to donate your out-grown uniform or take away what your family needs.

Its completely free, all we ask is that the uniform which is donated is clean, in good condition and ready to display.

Come along (just look for the red Chorley gazebo):

26 July, 11-2pm @ Chorley Asda

27 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm @ Coppull Methodist Hall

28 July, 10.30am-12.30pm @ Buttermere Community Centre

3 August, 11-3pm @ Summer Playday at Coronation Park

4 August, 11-1pm @ St Peter's Church Hall

7 August, 12-3pm @ Clayton Brook Village Green

Uniform availability varies so the events have been planned as soon as schools break up to give time to find any items that may not be available at the swaps.

We're so pleased to bring this back again after the great success last year. We're dedicated to supporting our communities and not only does the swap help families if they are struggling to get their child a school uniform, the donations also help to reduce waste. [See less](#)

## Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 91.2%

Overall school attendance for the week 91.4%

Attendance by House since September:

Asia 90.9%  
Australasia 91.6%  
Africa 91.2%  
Europe 91.3%  
**South America 92.1%**

Attendance by House for the week:

**Asia 93.7%**  
**Australasia 93.7%**  
Africa 90.3%  
Europe 92.5%  
South America 90.2%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

**Asia - Malaysia 99%**  
Australasia - Australia 95.5%  
Africa - Ivory Coast 96.5%  
Europe - Hungary 96.2%  
South America - Chili 97.1%

**absolute**  
travel & tours

# 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**



Limited places remaining. Don't miss out! Deadline extended to Monday 25th July.

### Happy, Safe Summer Reminder from Chorley Police

As the summer holidays are fast approaching it is important that we remind you to stay safe and not to be tempted into anti-social or criminal behaviour during this period.

Unfortunately, there have been some incidents involving knife crime over the last couple of months in the Preston area. We are robustly investigating these incidents and it is a reminder to you all that anyone involved with knives will be dealt with appropriately. We have been into many schools over this last year to talk about knife crime and we sincerely hope you remember our message – **DON'T CARRY KNIVES.**

If, over the summer period, you find yourself in a situation where your safety is at risk, e.g. someone has a knife or weapon, don't put yourself in danger. Tell your friends you are leaving and don't be persuaded to stay. Get away. If you need a place of safety make sure it is a well-lit area with members of the public around and tell a responsible adult e.g. parent, police or neighbour.

We have also had an increase in reports of children entering derelict buildings. We have had many reports of anti-social behaviour, fires being started and general nuisance in and around these buildings. They are extremely dangerous and unstable structures. Anybody entering them is putting themselves at great risk of serious injury or worse still, death. The fire service will tell you how dangerous fire is and how it can spread, but we all know the dangers and it goes without saying, anybody deliberately starting fires will be dealt with accordingly. We want you to enjoy your holiday but don't want you to put yourself at risk so please don't enter these buildings or engage in these activities

Hopefully it is a long hot summer and you can enjoy yourselves outside. But please refrain from cooling down by entering bodies of water e.g. lakes, rivers, reservoirs and quarries. They may look inviting on a hot summer day, but dangers lurk beneath the surface of the water and every year there are tragic accidents in and around our area.

Enjoy your summer and come back to school in September safe and well.

Please be responsible and make good choices.

Thank you.







## SUMMER CAMPS

**2022**

Beginner, improver,  
intermediate

**AGES 4-14**

**25TH - 29TH JULY**

9 AM - 12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO BOOK CLICK ON THE  
LINK OR SCAN QR CODE  
BELOW:

[HTTPS://CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK  
/CHORLEYTENNISCLUB/COACHIN  
G/SUMMARY/8EB6FDBA-DB32-  
4A41-8DDC-A80F20B9CD4A](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/chorleytennisclub/coachin<br/>g/summary/8EB6FDBA-DB32-<br/>4A41-8DDC-A80F20B9CD4A)

**8TH - 12TH AUGUST**

9AM - 12:30PM

All equipment provided



[www.chorleytennis.co.uk](http://www.chorleytennis.co.uk)



**COME FOR  
COFFEE  
AND  
CAKE**

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**



Open to visitors for cake and refreshments in the hall.  
Bring in cakes, biscuits or confectionery (homemade or shop bought)  
on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

*Don't forget to bring in money to buy a sweet treat and  
help fund these worthy causes.*



### **PARKLANDS STAR BAKER**

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
The cakes that make the top three  
will be raffled off. Label your cake  
and send it into school for 9am  
on 30<sup>th</sup> September



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**

## **PARKLANDS Colour Run Party**

**£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.**

Email: [irobinson@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:irobinson@parklandsacademy.co.uk) with any queries.



July 2022



## Encompass Parents Awareness Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of **Domestic Abuse** or any incident to which the child/ young person has been exposed in which they are considered to be vulnerable to harm, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse/ vulnerability can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, **including holidays and weekends**. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At **Parklands High School** our Key Adult is **Mrs Fairhurst/Mrs Haslam**. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Fairhurst

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Prizes to be won! Bring a few pennies to buy raffle tickets!







# Barcelona Football Tour



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



@peparklands



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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 by 1st JULY 2022**

**NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY**





## [For this week's edition of 'Careers news' please follow this link](#)

Please take a moment to read through this summer edition of Career News. Lots of great ideas to keep everyone entertained during the summer holidays, plus advice, support, apprenticeship vacancies, free courses and events - and much more!

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported us with Year 10 Work Experience Week. We could not do this without so many fantastic employers - some of whom stepped in at the very last minute when we had cancellations due to illness and many who help us out with just about every event we hold at Parklands! The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive - so thank you again. And a big well done to Year 10 themselves - it's not easy to find a placement and step into the world of work, but you have done it and gained so many new skills. You should be very proud of yourselves.

## <https://investin.org/blogs/news/summer-careers-challenge>

This is a fantastic interactive booklet with loads of career ideas to explore and challenges to complete. No need to be bored during that long summer break ...