



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

26 - 30 September 2022



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Last night we had our Open Evening and I would like to pass on my huge thanks to the students who helped us as tour guides or assisted teachers in various departments. The Head Students delivered excellent speeches to the prospective parents and pupils, giving them a fantastic insight into life here at Parklands. The feedback we received from the visitors was overwhelmingly positive, and they were surprised at how knowledgeable, helpful, friendly and proud our students were of our school. This sense of pride in our school was evident in abundance last night - and that's down to not only our staff but our wonderful students. Thank you so much!

Next Friday we are able to run our successful McMillan event again. Please see page 6 of this bulletin for further details. This event is another example of how our community comes together to support a worthy cause. I hope to see many parents and carers in school on Friday, bidding for cakes in the auction! Please could you support this event by encouraging your child to bake a cake or bring some money in to spend.

Lockers: we have been informed today that the lockers for years 7 & 8 will be arriving next week, so we will aim to get keys out to pupils as soon as we can. It is our expectation now that non-uniform items, such as coats & hoodies, must be stored in lockers during the day. This applies to all year groups.

TikTok: a number of students have been asking staff if they would appear in a TikTok video with the students themselves. However innocent the requests may be, I do not think this is appropriate, so I have instructed staff to politely decline.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

CAT Tests have now been completed. This means that from Thursday 22nd September Year 7 were grouped into classes of similar abilities for Maths, English and the Linear block (Humanities, MFL and the practical subjects). All classes follow the same curriculum and sequence of learning in all subjects, with the exception of the CONNECT class who focus on building literacy and numeracy skills. All sets are regularly reviewed and may change based on progress and approach to learning. We have worked to ensure that we do not refer to sets as numbers but that the group codes are designed to anonymise this; this is evident in pupils' timetables. It is important that we all work together; parents, carers and school staff, to ensure that we promote hard work and positive attitudes resulting in progress rather than ability being the influencing factor.

Year 7 parents please be advised that your children will bring their photograph proof home next week. Please follow the instructions on the guidance to place an order.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

One to one interviews for Year 11s will begin next week. Keep an eye on the daily bulletin and your emails for your interview time. These are not scary, there are no right or wrong answers, it is just a chat to find out what sort of career plans you have and give you some support with that.

Year 11 parents please be advised that your children will bring their photograph proof home next week. Please follow the instructions on the guidance to place an order.

Hello all,

Welcome back again and what a week it's been!

We had Monday off nationally so we, as a country, could mourn the loss of our Queen. Additionally we've had a half day on Thursday due to our Open Evening which I am sure many students have been pleased about. Overall, it feels like we've hardly been in and it's flown by.

Speaking of Open Evening, we have yet again outdone ourselves and really proved what we get reminded regularly - we really are the best school in Chorley! I'm sure there was no doubt in any of the staff's mind that the students would represent the school incredibly well. Congratulations to all those that gave tours to parents for the first time (as it can be very daunting!) and to all the other prefects and SSLT that assisted and helped the event to run so smoothly.

The fresh cohort of Year 7 pupils seem to have settled in really nicely and are starting to be able to navigate their way around the school and much faster than I probably did. We've started the year off strongly and on the whole, behaviour and attendance has been positive! Let's keep it up - well done everyone.

Hope to see you here again next week!

Oscar

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: 199 pupils since September
Year 8: 116 pupils since September
Year 9: 90 pupils since September
Year 10: 118 students since September
Year 11: 98 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 214 pupils
Year 8: 143 pupils
Year 9: 105 pupils
Year 10: 144 pupils
Year 11: 122 pupils

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

Road safety reminder - Please do not park in the areas marked 'no parking' outside the main school gates when dropping and collecting students.

Colour Run - Unfortunately this event has been postponed. Please keep an eye out for a revised date.

Let's name our blue jeans green.

Mrs Sawyer is collecting old and unloved denim products, these will be upcycled by the Year 10 DT Fashion & Textiles group. Any donations would be gratefully received. Many Thanks

Students, please click this link to see what clubs, trip and activities are happening in school - [Parklands Bulletin](#)

The Safety Group will be up and running again soon. If you are interested in being involved in creating videos, taking part in competitions - and of course, have an interest in health and safety, then please email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more details. Our industry mentor will have a series of challenges for us!

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September %

Overall school attendance for the week %

Attendance by House since September:

Africa 96.4%

Australasia 96.3%

Europe 95.9%

South America 95.9%

Asia 95.7%

Attendance by House since last week:

Africa 95.6%

Europe 95%

Australasia 94.7%

Asia 94.3%

South America 94.1%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Australasia - Cook Island 99.6%

Asia - India 98.4%

Africa - Madagascar 98%

Europe - Netherlands 97.8%

South America - Ecuador 97.8 %

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Macmillan coffee morning is back!!

On the 30th September (one week today!), we will be holding our own coffee morning here at school. It will be the first coffee morning in 3 years and we are looking to make it a **GREAT SUCCESS!** In order for this to happen, we especially need your help and support. We would like the students to bring in cakes (shop bought or homemade) on the Friday morning, we will then be selling them at an extended break-time.

We will be inviting parents/carers into school so they too can join students and staff to join together and soak up the atmosphere (see separate Edulink invite).

Also, for all you budding 'Bake Off Buffs' we have a 'Star Baker' competition, one for students and one for staff. These cakes are judged and then put in the auction which is held on stage (Mr Snell will be our fine compere) where anyone can then bid for them (there have been some marvellous creations in the past, the bidding can get quite heated!) Pupils love to pool their resources to beat the parents and staff into winning the cakes with their bids!

Students can wear green and or purple that day with their uniform (the macmillan colours), there will also be a raffle where you could win a luxury hamper.

Macmillan is such a deserving cause, however we will also be supporting two other charities on the day. Firstly, the @sallycancerfoundation is a charity set up by the Cornes family in memory of Sally who many of you will know was a pupil here at our school but sadly lost her fight with Ewings Sarcoma in February 2021. Sally would have been in Y11 this year, we hold her very dear to our hearts. Milly's Smiles is another local charity who not only supported Sally but also another Parkland's family, affected by childhood cancer.

If you want any further information regarding the various charities or the event itself, please do not hesitate to contact me kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your generosity,
Katrina Dewhurst



Language nut Leaderboard

23/09/2022

School World Ranking

16	Liberty Middle School - North Dakota	15348800
17	Wright Robinson College	15031600
18	Parklands High School	14658700
19	The Westgate School, Winchester	14379600
20	Sedgehill Academy	14369400

Class League

1	3675500	Year 7 22-23
2	1022600	KE - 8YK - Spanish
3	830500	JD - 8YY - Spanish
4	821800	KE - 11BKE - Spanish
5	765700	BC - 7YK - French
6	656600	WR - 11AWR - Spanish
7	640400	BC - 8XC - Spanish
8	620000	JD - 8XO - Spanish
9	615100	JD - 7YY
10	599600	WR - 7XB - French

Students School Ranking

1	198700	H	Maide
2	76900	N	Max
3	76900	Mc	Holly
4	76500	W	Yasmin
5	65700	C	Evie
6	58300	J	Hermione
7	58000	P	Anastasia
8	57100	B	Charlie
9	56500	O	Connor
10	54500	C	Daisy



We have remained in the Top 20 schools in the world on Languagenut! If you are on the leaderboard, come and see Mrs Wilkinson for your reward!

To celebrate Youth Mental Health Day we paid tribute to the loved ones we have lost. At lunch today, staff and students came together to release balloons in memory of those who are no longer with us.





HOUSE COMPETITION 22/23



Year 7										
Basketball	SAM	6	ANZ	5	EUR	4	ASA	3	AFR	2
Year 8										
Basketball	SAM	6	ANZ	6	ASA	5	AFR	4	EUR	3
Year 9										
Basketball	SAM	6	AFR	5	ANZ	4	EUR	3	ASA	2



SOUTH AMERICA	18
AUSTRALASIA	15
AFRICA	11
ASIA	10
EUROPE	10



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

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SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

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WIN-WIN
Situation!**

★ **BOOST School Funds**
★ **WIN up to £25,000**

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£1 EACH**



To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



WRAP UP LANCASHIRE



WARM A HEART, GIVE A COAT

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.

ACORN ADVENTURE WATERSPORTS



Email 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



absolute
travel & tours

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



No Career News this week, but look out for a bumper edition next week! However, you can still check out Career of the Week: <https://www.parklandsacademy.co.uk/students/career-of-the-week> for inspiration and ideas.

What do you want to do when you grow up?



PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL

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Career of the Week

Home – Career of the Week

Don't forget to log into the Learn Live channel (on the school website) <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/parklands-high-school-chorley/> and check out the vast range of employer videos and job opportunities in the local area.

On **Tuesday 27th September**, the Chief Chairwoman of one of the most successful businesses in the country, FTSE insurance company Direct Line Group, will be speaking at a virtual event hosted by Young Professionals. Sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Direct-Line-Group> to hear from Danuta Gray - ask questions and find out much more about the multi-billion pound insurance industry.



**DirectLine
Group**

27th September, 5pm - 6pm

An evening with Danuta Gray,
Chair of the Board of Directors

Careers

Don't forget to book your places at the Open Events held by local colleges. You need to visit and ask questions of staff and current students:

How much homework will I get?

What might my timetable look like?

Will I be in college every day?

How are the assessments marked?

Can I resit units if I don't do as well as expected?

Is there a chance for work experience?

What sort of trips/visits are there?

What kind of career path could I follow with the subject choice I am considering? and so on.

Open Events are for both Year 11s and Year 10s - it's never too soon to start thinking about your next steps.

I will reshare the Careers Calendar so you have all the dates of open events in the next few months.