

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 27 Mar - 31 Mar 2023: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

SAFEGUARDING

We have noticed an increasing amount of students arriving too early to school. This is a safeguarding issue as a large number are on school premises before staff. In order to ensure adequate supervision please ensure your child does not arrive to school before 8.15am. Students should not arrive early and congregate on the pavement along Southport Road or on Glamis Drive as this is clearly dangerous. The following changes will be implemented from Monday:

- All gates will be remain locked until 8am. Once opened, pupils can enter through the gates and make their way onto the playcourts.
- The pupil entrance will remain locked until 8.15am.
- The doors leading onto lower South and lower North will remain locked until 8.15am.
- Toilets in the pupil social area will be opened from 8.15am
- Additional signage to help visitors find reception will be put up.
- Breakfast service in the canteen remains from 8.15am.

Whilst this will be a change for some, the safeguarding of our students is of paramount importance, so please discuss the above with your child.

Musical Madness

If you are coming to watch our production tonight then you are in for a real treat! I attended the show on Thursday evening and felt an immense amount of pride, watching over 200 very talented students entertain us with song and dance. The amount of effort and dedication that goes into such a production cannot be underestimated, in addition to the huge level of organisation required for the whole event, so aptly done by Miss Marr, Mrs Robinson-Brown and the tech crew. The sheer enjoyment on our students' faces was clear to see to last night, and I hope they also feel hugely proud themselves to be part of the show. #BestSchoolInChorley!

World Book Day - Decorate Your Form Door Competition

Click <u>here</u> to see the result of this House competition - another example of how amazing our students are and the efforts they go when challenged! #BestSchoolInChorley!

Government talks with Unions

I have been informed that the talks are ongoing but they have all agreed not to make any further comments at this time. Once I have an update, I will let you know.

Year 11 Food & Nutrition students

I have had the absolute pleasure in tasting the food prepared by many of our year 11s as part of their coursework this week. We have some very talented chefs in the making, well done to all of you, your efforts were phenomenal!

Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 8 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 9 Messages

Year 9 Respect day on Wednesday next week. Pupils will be learning about the law surrounding relationships and drugs. As part of the day, they will hear from a representative from Lancashire health team and they will watch a recording of the theatre performance they missed due to our last snow day.

Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

Year 11 Messages

The second Progress Evening for Year 11 is on Tuesday. This is an online event.

Year 11 How to Revise Science: find our week 3 suggestions here

Year 11 - Additional opportunities for GCSE Exam Preparation and Revision

After-School Revision Programme is in its fourth week and will continue up to the start of GCSEs in May. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Attendance is not compulsory but we would strongly advise that Year 11 take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their final exams. Please click on the link here for a reminder of the programme in full.

Easter school - The deadline for bookings has now passed. We will be meeting with Year 11s next week to go through the arrangements and will also send details to parents/ carers.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 92.4%

Overall school attendance for the week 92.9% National Average as at 13th March 90.1%

Attendance by House since September:

South America 93.4%

Europe 93.3% Australasia 92.8% Africa 92.7% Asia 92.5%

Attendance by House for last week:

Europe 94.4%

Asia 93.6%
Africa 93.4%
Australasia 91.7%
South America 91.2%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Africa - Cabo Verde 98.3%

South America - Colombia 97.8% Australasia - New Caledonia 96.9% Asia - Hong Kong 96.4% Europe - Sweden 96.3%

Head Students' Page

Hey everyone,

Hope you've all had a fabulous week! This week, the Parklands show 'Musical Madness' was performed by over 100 students! I took part in this and I must say, it was a phenomenal show and it really showed how much talent and opportunities Parklands has to offer. A special shout-out to Miss Marr and Miss Sullivan-Brown for all their hard work and dedication in putting these shows together. Also, a massive well done to the cast for showcasing all your talent, and to the crew for being so helpful and organised.

We also had Odd Sock Day this week to raise awareness for World Down Syndrome day. It was lovely seeing lots of people wearing different coloured socks in support.

Next week, the Year 7 Easter egg hunt will take place, so make sure to get involved and have some fun! All the proceeds will go to charities giving aid to those affected by the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Have a lovely weekend,

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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: 31 pupils since September

Year 8: 36 pupils since September

Year 9: 20 pupils since September

Year 10: 50 students since September

Year 11: 32 students since September

How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 180 pupils

Year 8: 137 pupils

Year 9: 120 pupils

Year 10: 172 students

Year 11: 134 students

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

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

Year 7: 134 pupils

Year 8: 102 pupils Year 9: 59 pupils

Year 10: 119 students

Year 11: 87 students

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

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



Blackpool Trip - Please may we remind you that it is the payment which secures your child's place on the trip (pending approval for behaviour by the HALs). Once you have given consent you will need to go back into SCOPAY to pay for the trip.

This week we celebrated World Down Syndrome day. Staff and pupils all wore odd or crazy socks to celebrate and spark conversation about the achievements of people with Down Syndrome.



A message from the RS Department:

Wednesday 22nd March marked the beginning of Ramadan, which means many of our students will be fasting over the course of the next month.

During our Secure lesson on Monday, all students will have an opportunity to learn more about this time and why Muslims from across the world choose to make this very challenging commitment.

If you want to find out more about Ramadan, click the link below.

https://www.muslimaid.org/what-we-do/religious-dues/when-is-ramadan/

Ramadan Mubarak (have a blessed Ramadan).

Lockdown - We are having our annual lockdown drill on Monday 27th March between the hours of 2.00pm and 3.00pm. The drill will last for approximately 5 minutes. All parents/carers have been emailed a detailed letter, please find the time to discuss the drill with your child. There will be an opportunity for your child to discuss any concerns they may have during an open discussion on Monday during form time.





Duke of Edinburgh Bronze 2023



Year 9 pupils signed up to the award ONLY. You must bring a packed lunch for this day. You DO NOT need any other equipment for this day.

Go to lessons P1-3 as normal.

After P3 come to SPORTS HALL do not go to early lunch.

P4 (late lunch) Pavilion

P5 - Main Hall

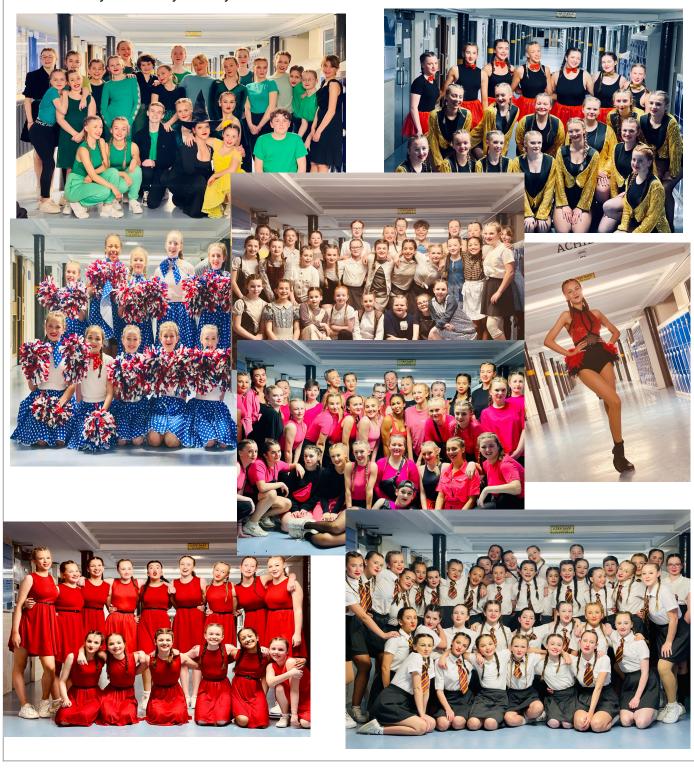
3-4pm - Main Hall

- Map Skills for training day
- Food for the day
- Tent Work
- Clothing for training day
- Route planning
- First aid



Musical Madness 2023

150 pupils have taken part in our annual dance production this week. Audiences have commented on the talent and professionalism of the cast and we are so proud of everyone involved. In total they will have performed to over 1000 people which is a huge achievement. Money has also been raised for Shine for Sally in memory of Sally Cornes. Total raised will be announced next week.



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The BIGGEST event of the year

£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 'Shine Sally' in memory of Sally Cornes raising money for local charities

THURSDAY 11th May 2023 at 3.20pm on the school field



Email: Isullivanbrown@parklandsacademy.co.uk for more details



To celebrate Ramadan, Mrs Donohue's reading group all brought in a small present for a secret person in the class. It was a lovely way to show our support for those who are fasting at this time.

YEAR 7 and 8 Parents - Maths tuition for adults

FREE maths tuition sessions are available at Parklands High School.

Sessions are designed to support complete beginners in working with their children on the maths classwork and homework they study at school.

Sessions will run from 1pm -3pm in school and cover the following areas.

Weds 19th April - Place value
Weds 26th April - Factors and multiples
Weds 3rd May - Negative numbers

Weds 10th May - Basic algebra (simplifying expressions, expanding brackets)
Weds 17th May - Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions
Weds 24th May - Basic ratio (simplifying, equivalence and sharing in a ratio)

If you would like to attend please email jaalbraith@parklandsacademy.co.uk by Friday 14th April

You must be 19 or over and not already have level 2 equivalent (GCSE) in maths

If you would like to attend please email jgalbraith@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?



Please click <u>here</u> the information regarding the FULL HAF provision for young people between the ages of 4 to 16 years old during the Easter period. This program is designed for all young people who benefit from **free school meals**. All of the detailed provisions are free of charge, and a complimentary meal will be provided.



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Please click here for details of the senior HAF programme for the Easter period.





Hello,

We are recruiting for the Lancashire Wildlife Trust Youth Council.

The Youth Council is a group of young people aged between 13 and 25 who live across Lancashire, Manchester, and North Merseyside. We are volunteers who are dedicated to improving the Trust and its offering for young people. This includes helping to tailor the campaign calendar, giving input on the marketing plan, and creating events and volunteering opportunities specifically for those under 25.

As well as Youth Council members, we are also looking for one Chair and one Vice Chair to lead the Youth Council. These roles will work closely with the Youth Voice Officer to help to plan the agenda and run the meetings. This is an extra level of responsibility and will be booked around your other commitments. It would suit someone with strong organisation and communication skills; however, all training will be provided, and you'd always have full support from the Youth Voice Officer.

We want to make nature accessible to all young people, regardless of race, gender, background or experience.

Apply here!

If you have any more questions, please get in touch.

Thank you,

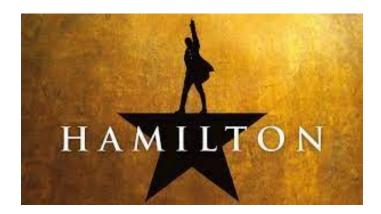
The 2022 Youth Council



Friday 31st March on stage at break

Win Easter eggs and goodies!

In aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal



If you are interested in going to watch Hamilton at Manchester Palace Theatre on Wednesday 6th December then please pick up a letter from Mrs Sullivan-Brown in the Pavilion office at break time, Mon, Tue, Thur or Fri.

Hamilton is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today. The score blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B and Broadway - the story of America then, as told by America now.

Winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 7 Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. Only £37.50pp including transport.

Careers

Career News for this week is packed as usual with lots of great opportunities for students: from virtual work experience days to conferences, careers resources to apprenticeship vacancies. Please click here for this week's career news.

MPCT, the military preparation academy in Chorley, will be in school on Monday lunchtime to talk to students about who they are and what they can offer.

There will also be an assembly from Wigan & Leigh College for Year 10 sampling day. Students will choose various subjects to try out on the day (in June) - it is important to choose what YOU want to do, not what your friends are choosing, as everyone gets an individual timetable and you may be in different groups all day, even if you have picked exactly the same subjects.



All college interviews in school are now complete and anyone who was absent, or missed their interview for whatever reason, will be invited to the college(s) for interviews after Easter.

For those who have applied to Newman - there are no interviews until enrolment day, so please make sure you have accepted your place when offered. You cannot just turn up in August and expect a place. There are quite a number of students who have yet to accept their place. Even if this is your second or even third choice, you should still accept the place!

Careers

Four Year 11 students have been successful in getting through to the second stage of the T Level NHS Nursing interviews. These interviews will take place after school, in person, at the Centre for Advanced Technical Studies by the Head of H&S Care and representatives from Wigan, Wrightington & Leigh NHS Trust. Well done on getting through the first stage and good luck for part two! If anyone has any questions, please see me (Top Office) or email: pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk