



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 4 Jan - 6 Jan 2023: Week 2



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Today we have said goodbye to three members of staff who are moving on to promotions elsewhere: Mr Willsher, Miss Halsall and Mr Burgess. We wish them all the very best for their futures and are thankful for all their commitment and dedication to our school. In the new year Mrs Ferguson will be returning to Science following her maternity leave, and our new Curriculum Leader for Music, Mr Brierley, will be starting with us after Easter, so we have found a well qualified teacher, Mr Edmondson, to cover the spring term until Mr Brierley arrives.

I would like to remind students and parents of the dangers of open water during this particularly cold spell. I emailed parents earlier this week after a concerned parent contacted school, stating some Parklands students had been seen on the frozen lake in Astley Park. Clearly, following the tragic events in Solihull this week where 4 boys died having fallen into a lake, this is risk-taking behaviour which could lead to tragedy.

**Please be advised that school reopens for students on Wednesday, 4th January 2023.** We are hoping by then to have a new serving area in the Refectory, which means we will no longer need any year group to queue up for lunch (currently Year 8) as the Refectory will serve exactly the same food as the main canteen. This should ensure waiting times are reduced for all students.

On behalf of the governing body and staff here at Parklands, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell  
Headteacher

**Hello! This is the last time you will hear from the current head pupils.**

**This week the new prefects, SSLT and head pupils were announced. Well done to everyone who achieved this, you are amazing. A special well done to Seb, Ebony, Grace and Lucas who will be taking over as the new head pupils of Parklands High School. Not only will they exceed in this role but will leave a legacy after their leadership is over. But for now, here are some last words from us.**

**My time as head pupil this year has been full of excitement, stress, commitment and fun. I have enjoyed bossing everyone around and making sure my ideas were inputted into our ever changing school. I have helped raise awareness for Domestic Abuse, helped with maintaining diversity in our school and showed up to every house competition there ever was. I strived to put myself and my ideas into everything. This journey was not something I expected this time last year when I was completing my application but here I am, RETIRING AT 16! I have enjoyed getting to know everybody around school and letting them get to know my humorous, adolescent self instead of the strict and firm self that I know I can be. I felt like I was able to be free and be myself in this role while alongside be focused and determined to leave a legacy behind. I may not have realised what I have done but I know I have tried everything I could. But for now, thank you everyone in and outside of school, you have shaped my future and now time to focus on getting my GCSEs and handing over the beautiful royal purple tie.**

**Alannah.**

A year ago I was so surprised to have gotten the role of head pupil and today I am even more surprised to see how quickly time has flown by. As head pupil I have achieved so much and I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunities this role has allowed me. It has given me the chance to have my say through many aspects of the school and I have gained an abundance of confidence, teamwork skills, perseverance, adaptability and many more skills which will benefit me for my near and far future. This has been an experience I never want to forget and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to go for a higher up role in the schools SSLT.

Additionally, I want to say a big well done to the new head pupils and red ties as I know how difficult the process, for them, has been up until now. It can be disheartening if you didn't get your desired role but, I can't stress how important it is to still get your incredibly creative ideas put into fruition.

As me and the other head pupils begin to prepare for our up and coming exams, I want to finally say a big thank you and an even bigger farewell.

Enjoy your Christmas break,  
Evie :)

**As Alannah and Evie have already stated, this will be the last time you will hear from us, as the next Head Pupils have been announced this week. Of course, this is extremely bitter sweet for us, but I am confident that Parklands is not only safe, but will thrive in the hands of Grace, Seb, Ebony and Lucas! Congratulations to all the elected SSLT and prefects, you deserve it - you should be very proud of yourselves!**

**I am so grateful for my time here at Parklands, and whilst it feels strange to say it, my retirement will bring about a new set of ideas and goals for Parklands that we will no doubt achieve. My year being head pupil has been one full of excitement and enthusiasm, and I have enjoyed every step of the way; from meetings and planning, to our trip to McDonald's with Mrs Fox! I have achieved and learned so much over this time, and have completely allowed myself to step out of my comfort zone and grow not only in my role, but as a person. It truly cannot be put into words how much this role has helped me and for that I will always be grateful!**

**I wish the best for the next generation of SSLT, and I thank everyone both in and out of school who have helped make this time incredible.**

**Thank you and goodbye!**

**Alex**

**Almost a full year I've been head pupil. In fact I actually got it on my birthday so imagine what a birthday present that was! It's quite surreal that my jobs coming to an end now, but I'll still be around, and I'm still able to help if anyone needs anything. Whilst we're handing over, I'd like to say good luck to our successors; Ebony, Grace, Seb and Lucas - do us proud guys.**

**I've been extremely fortunate to have had this opportunity to be able to work with so many people and for that I'm so thankful.**

**Oscar**

# Whole School Messages

School reopens on Wednesday, 4th January 2023.

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: 49 pupils since September  
Year 8: 44 pupils since September  
Year 9: 26 pupils since September  
Year 10: 64 students since September  
Year 11: 40 students since September

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

Year 7: 148 pupils  
Year 8: 124 pupils  
Year 9: 101 pupils  
Year 10: 155 students  
Year 11: 139 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: 60 pupils  
Year 10: 117 students  
Year 11: 91 students

## Guidance from the Fire and Rescue Service

Following the tragic news of the incident in Solihull, the Fire and Rescue service have been asked how best adults can discuss water safety with children. There is an educational Winter Safety Activity Booklet and colouring-in sheet to help start those conversations. Please find resources on the link: [www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety](http://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety).

All musical tuition timetables will now be shared with students on Google Classroom. If your child has musical tuition on an instrument, or vocal tuition, they have been invited to the classroom via email.

Please note that the deadline for Musical Tuition Fees is **strictly Friday 6th January**. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

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



## Christmas Markets



A total of £298.56 was raised at our Christmas Market last week. This money has been split between Derian House Children's Hospice and Parklands Fusion Cheer Team. Thankyou to everyone who donated or purchased items.

### Wellbeing Podcast - Mental Health and the holidays.

Please enjoy the latest podcast from the Wellbeing Prefects here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3y4kxK6RmE>

A special thank you to Mr Cunningham, Grace Scott, and Oscar Hesketh for their involvement in this month's podcast. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year from everyone on the wellbeing team!

### Achievement News!!

Please click [here](#) to see our academic achievement news.

Some amazing performances across all houses this Autumn. Well done to each and everyone of you!



Date for the Diary:

**Careers Fair for Years 9, 10 and 11 - 10th March 2023.**

**Year 11 Review day Wednesday 4th January 2023** - progress trackers will be sent home with pupils to parents, following a discussion with their achievement leader.

**Year 11 progress evening Thursday 5th January 2023** - an email has been sent to all parents with further information regarding appointments. Please contact [adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk) if you have not received this or have difficulties making appointments online.

This is useful knowledge for families - libraries are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home. Click [here](#) for further information.

What's on list for LCC libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information

[Find a library](#) to view facilities, what's on and opening times. All our libraries have disabled access.

[Search for events](#) at our libraries where you can get together with others for a chat, play board games or learn something new.

## Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 91.9%

Overall school attendance for the week 86.3%

National Average as at 9th December 90.1%

Attendance by House since September:

**Europe 92.8%**

Africa 92.1%

South America 91.9%

Asia 91.8%

Australasia 91.7%

Attendance by House since last week:

**Europe 85.8%**

Africa 86.4%

Australasia 85.3%

South America 86.7%

Asia 88.2%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

**South America - Columbia 98.1%**

Europe - Belgium 92.7%

Australasia - Papua New Guinea 92.6%

Asia - South Korea 91.1%

Africa - Cabo Verde 90.5%





## JOIN OUR PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

### ALL WE NEED FROM YOU:

Email [phsalumni@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto: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



## Head Students 2022-23



Congratulations to our new Head Students for 2022/23.

Ebony, Seb, Lucas and Grace

They take over from, Alannah, Alex, Oscar and Evie.

## Whole School Messages

Whilst you are thinking of purchasing those Christmas presents or looking to book next year's holiday, why not support Parklands High School by collecting free donations every time you buy anything online with the UK's leading online fundraising service, easyfundraising. With over 3,200 shops and sites on board including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Virgin Trains and Aviva, you can get donations on everything from your weekly shop to your annual holiday and it doesn't cost a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parklands-high-school/?searchSessionId=27849264-39af-4d78-a898-4fce29584e55> and join for free
2. Every time you want to shop go to easyfundraising, find the site you want and start shopping
3. When you check out Parklands High School gets a donation for no extra cost whatsoever!

The shops and sites give easyfundraising a percentage of what you spend and they turn that into a donation, it's that easy. There's no catch or hidden charges and Parklands High School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



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# YEARBOOK



Parents and carers

Please send your

- A 'baby' photo
- 1st day of year 7 photo
- photos to the email address below!

*Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.*



[yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



# GCHQ

## STEM

Dear parents and pupils

The GCHQ has launched a Christmas challenge 2022 which you may have seen advertised on the TV. The link to the challenge is [here](#). GCHQ uses problem solving techniques everyday as a part of their important service - The website contains more information about how they do this.

The challenge consists of 7 puzzles and they are very challenging. It is important that you use the hints worksheet to assist you which is also provided on the above link.

Pupils who successfully complete the challenge should submit their answers to [mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk) and in return will receive a reward early next term.

Good luck

Mr McAvoy



## Whole School Messages



**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](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

ST PAUL'S PLAYERS  
PRESENTS



*Dick  
Whittington*

By Alan P. Frayn  
By arrangement with Stage Right Creative

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2:15pm & 7:30pm  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:30pm  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at 1:00pm  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at 2:15pm & 7:30pm

**At Adlington Community Centre**

Tickets Available from:  
Ticket Secretary:  
01204 407784 & 07403 287120  
Adlington Post Office  
Malcolm's Musicland Chorley  
[www.stpaulsplayers.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsplayers.co.uk)



A number of our pupils are dancing in Adlington St Paul's players Christmas Pantomime over the festive season. One of our newly appointed head pupils "Ebony" is starring as the all singing and dancing Tommy the cat. For ticket information please visit [www.stpaulsplayers.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsplayers.co.uk)



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To start supporting, visit:  
**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**  
and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.





# 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**



Have a look at this week's Career News for details of lots of great events coming up over the weekend and in the New Year. Whether you want to join the Army or MI6; take up an apprenticeship or follow a career in health and social care; be a vet or a Norland nanny - there's something for everyone!

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

**allabout schoolleavers.co.uk**

**Apprenticeship Open Evenings**  
January-February 2023  
Free to attend!

AllAboutSchoolLeavers is hosting a variety of virtual apprenticeship events with a range of employers in early 2023. Learn more about the opportunities available to you and register for these events now!

**ashurst**  
Life as a Solicitor Apprentice at Ashurst  
Wednesday 11th January 2023, 5pm-6.30pm  
**RESERVE PLACE AT ASHURST**  
We'll send you access information closer to the time.

**Standard Chartered**  
Life as an Apprentice at Chartered Standard  
Wednesday 25th January 2023, 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Tuesday 21st February 2023, 4.30pm-5.30pm  
**RESERVE PLACE AT STANDARD CHARTERED (JAN)**  
**RESERVE PLACE AT STANDARD CHARTERED (FEB)**  
We'll send you access information closer to the time.

**Deloitte**  
All About Deloitte Apprenticeships

**Norland News**  
This is our final newsletter of 2022 and Norland is busy getting ready for the Christmas break.  
Students have been getting into the festive spirit with a variety of activities such as making Christmas jumpers for the Children's Hospice, South West and the Norland choir singing at the opening of the Bath Christmas Market.

**Virtual open morning**  
In November, we hosted our virtual open morning and welcomed students from around the world to find out about our award-winning degree and diploma from staff and students. It was a fantastic event for prospective students to hear from staff about the course, finance and admissions, as well as the experiences of three of our current students. The event was recorded so please do watch the link below.  
[Watch our virtual open morning](#)

**Enter to Win a Weekend in Bath competition for our**  
Our next in-person open day is taking place on Saturday 20 May and timetables are already full. Any students who you know are interested in a career working with children, please do [complete the booking form](#) with them.  
We have also launched our Win a Weekend in Bath competition which is open to students in Years 10-13 or studying Level 3 courses, or their international equivalents.  
This competition offers prospective Norland students the opportunity to win a weekend in Bath for two and attend our our BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care degree and Norland diploma programme.

**Merry Christmas Year 11**  
Don't forget to complete those college applications before Christmas, as the interviews will start in January - and you don't want to miss out! Time is ticking...  
Put the grades you are expecting to get in your GCSEs and the working at grade as you would not even have finished the course yet. You can change your predicted interview (grades/choice of subject) so don't panic that you will be stuck doing something you don't want to do or be put on the wrong level of course.  
Apply to at least TWO colleges, even if you are intending to take up an apprenticeship position or join the Armed Forces. Everyone needs a Plan B!

**CAREER News**  
2022  
Your weekly guide to careers information, advice and news from Parklands High School

**It's almost Christmas!**  
Although we are at the end of the autumn term, there are still lots of opportunities for students to get involved with:

- Norland Nannies are sharing their festive news - win a weekend in Bath, meet the team or take part in one of their open days
- Make sure you make a note of the dates for the Apprenticeship Open Evenings from 11st January 2023 - book your place now to avoid missing out
- Last call for the British Airways apprenticeship opportunities in conjunction with Young Professionals
- AllAboutSchoolLeavers are hosting a series of apprenticeship events with some top industry names starting in January - register in advance
- LearnLive are talking to the Army Foundation College (AFC) Harrogate - perfect for any aspiring army officers - watch live or on demand
- Vet Mentor, Medic Mentor and Allied Health Mentor have their final conferences for this year at the weekend - plus register for the next session of work experience with AHM
- Year 11s are reminded to submit their application forms to colleges over the Christmas holidays, so they can concentrate on their mock exams, and be reassured that their interviews are booked. Deadlines have passed for some colleges and are rapidly approaching for others!
- College interviews in school are: Pearson 24th January, Wigan & Leigh 1st March and Banbury 1st and 12th March. All others will be at the colleges, or online.
- Finally the NHS have launched a new free programme called 'Creating Careers: A Step Ahead' to help anyone who has an interest in a career in health and social care. Find out more by following the links.
- Don't forget the Careers Fair is on Friday 10th March 2023.
- I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year. Happy Xmas!

Christmas Edition 2022

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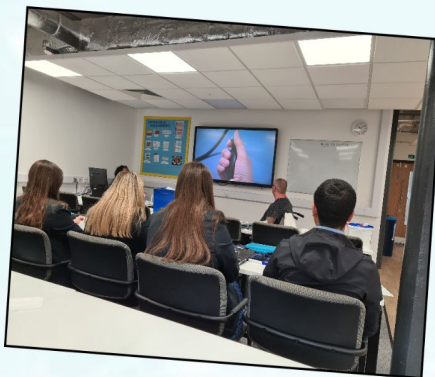
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- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
- CV Building
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

**NHS**  
Creating Careers  
A new FREE programme, Creating Careers, available for pupils 14+.  
The NORTH WEST is our Creating Careers: A Step Ahead Programme. It is a portfolio of evidence and gain vital knowledge, skills and insight through real health and care environments.  
You will have access to the following activities:  
- online and in-person experiences like mock interviews and roleplays  
- work to show your commitment and experience on C's, UCAS  
- personal advice and guidance specialists  
- on real health and care environments  
- on completion  
- is recognised by Health Education England and partners across the North  
- enhancing your knowledge, skills and attitudes towards a future career in health  
- 1 & 2 activities  
- 10 citizen activities to complete the first 2 modules of the programme  
Follow the links for more information.

Click [here](#) for the transitions booklet from Lancashire County Council for school leavers.  
Alternatively, email: [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk) for any queries about careers, colleges or applications.





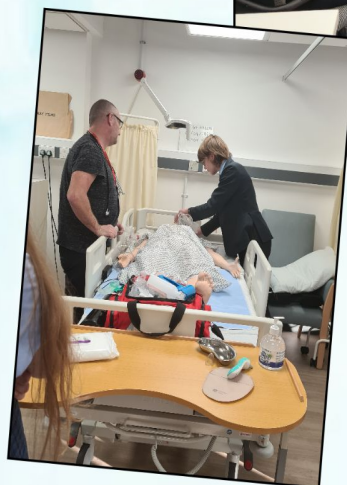
## Medical Masterclass at Wigan & Leigh College

A group of Year 10 scientists recently took part in a Medical Masterclass in the Centre for Advanced Technical Studies at Wigan & Leigh College.

They learned how to take blood pressure readings and perform life saving procedures on the interactive mannequins.



After break, we moved to the science lab, where we dissected hearts and lungs, under the watchful eye of the tutor Ben. The facilities are second to none - well worth a visit.



If you are interested in taking part in the next science masterclass, see Miss Hummerston for more details.

Next open day at W&L College is 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.