

# THE BIG PARKLANDS PAPER

RELANCH

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DRAMA

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TRAITORS

VOX POPS

Overheard around school

*“Reading allows you to travel to other lands and other worlds, from your sofa.”*

—Mrs Holly

*“Where wise actions are the fruit of life, wise discourse is the pollination.”*

—Miss Keller

*“I think learning a language can change your life...it changed mine.”*

—Mr Stalker

Puzzle Corner

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Editor | Alfie Woods

## The Big Parklands Paper relaunches

Hello, and welcome to Parklands High school 2026! As part of the new year, we at the newspaper club have decided to have a relaunch of the Big Parklands Paper! I am Alfie Woods and I have been the editor of the newspaper for 3 years now and I know that the paper can be an outlet for people to speak about what they want and express their feelings on subjects. To stick to tradition, we will be holding ‘Newspaper Club’ every Thursday

at break time where we will discuss what we want from the paper, who’s writing what article, what’s important to us, how we could improve the environment around us, write surveys, do interviews, and much much more! If you are a person who wants to show courage, strength, confidence, and punctuality, please come to our club and get involved as much as you can. I hope to see all you hard-working and invested people I know this school has there!

Scarlett Ashworth

BOOK CORNER: The Outsiders

You should read ‘The Outsiders’ By S.E Hinton as it’s a coming-of-age book that has been around for many decades. The Outsiders book is a timeless read that can show light to realities of growing up and the impact of friendships and family. It can also allow readers to understand complications within youth, loyalty and societal prejudice.

# Traitorous Teachers

Staff have been taking part in their own version of the hit BBC show, *The Traitors*. We caught up with the gamemaker, Miss Claudia Greaves.

## Why do you love *The Traitors*?

I'll admit it: I was late to the party. I only buckled last year during Season 3, but now? I'm obsessed. I've binged international versions, I'm constantly looking for a hidden immunity shield in my desk drawer, and I've even submitted my application to the castle. I'm ready for the cloak.

## How are you organising it at school?

This is my second year running "The Parklands," and honestly, it's become a beautiful, chaotic whirlwind. I spend my days plotting random missions and watching the panic unfold. We use Google Forms for the high-stakes banishments, but the murders are my personal highlight. I roam the corridors delivering death certificates like a grim reaper in a blazer, filming the teachers' dramatic reveals. When the staff fully commit to the bit, the atmosphere is electric—it literally takes over the school.

## Has there been a good take up from the staff?

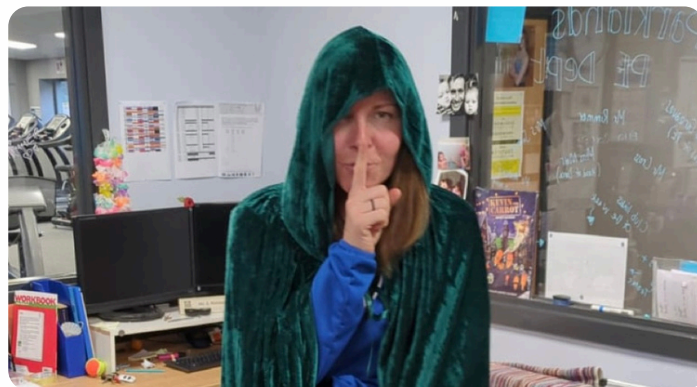
The engagement has been brilliant! My only heartbreak? The Traitors are too good at their jobs. They've been picking off the most "pot-stirring" Faithfuls way too early. I love it when the drama spills into the staff room and the pupils start whispering about who's next. We need the chaos to keep the school pulse racing!

## Who do you think the most faithful member of staff is?

Clasps hands mysteriously. That would be telling. A truly elite Faithful is someone who makes themselves "un-murderable"—someone who moves through the corridors, gathers the gossip, and stays just under the Traitors' radar. I have my eyes on a few suspects, but for now, my lips are sealed. I can't risk a premature departure!

## Would you prefer to be a Traitor or a Faithful?

Oh, a Traitor, without question. There is a delicious power in sitting in the shadows and deciding who gets "knocked off" next. It's the ultimate game of control. That said, my current crop of Traitors are proving to be absolutely unstoppable. They are cold, calculated, and terrifyingly good.



Club & Activity Corner | **Alfie Woods**

## Get Evolved with Chorley Little Theatre

I would like to recommend the Evolve drama group at Chorley Theatre. For students who enjoy drama and the creatives, Evolve is the perfect place for you. I have gone for 1 and ½ years now and not once have I doubted how happy it has made me. When I first joined, I was immediately welcomed and felt the warmth of the community and now I feel so proud and so happy to be part of Evolve that I would fully recommend it.

From the Chorley Theatre Website: 'Evolve is run by Mark and Zoe Jones, who have decades of involvement with Chorley Theatre. Mark is CADOS Artistic Director and Zoe has acted and appeared in shows such as *Stepping Out* and *The Snow Queen Pantomime*.

Each workshop will focus on all aspects of drama: improvisation, games, working on selected texts, understanding acting technique, and also on the personal development of our students in areas such as confidence building and how to positively express yourself. And, of course, lots of fun.'

If you are interested in this, more information can be found on the Chorley Theatre website!

## Fitness Suite

The Parklands Fitness Suite is for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. There is even a girls only night! Annalise, Year 9, said "I like being able to choose which machines I will go on." Max, Year 9, said there was a "sense of freedom" being able to visit the Fitness Suite.

