



# PARKLANDS



## Work Experience Week - 9-13 July

For the first time in many years, work experience was back on the calendar for Year 10s. Launched in December, pupils were encouraged to find placements - and they exceeded expectations! We had pupils in locations all around the North West: Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Bolton, Blackburn - even as far as Barrow!

We managed to visit a number of pupils and rang employers for those too far away to visit and the feedback was brilliant ....

Since their return, pupils have also submitted their WEX diaries and feedback sheets - and again, there are some amazing comments. A massive thank you to all the employers who helped us with this - it is such a great experience for a young person.

## Spring and Summer Term 2018 - Issue 2

### Message from the Head

Dear students, parents and carers,

What a phenomenal year we have had! I am so proud to be leading our fantastic school and to share with you in this final newsletter of the academic year some of the amazing opportunities our students have had. It's been an eventful year when #ProudToBeParklands has become part of our vocabulary, students have engaged with our respect agenda, our Year 10s had a wonderful week of work experience, and we topped it all off with an incredible Learning Challenge Week, an Ofsted Inspection, the Big Picnic and the House Shield Assembly. Well done to Africa House for their magnificent achievement as House Shield Winners 2017 - 2018.

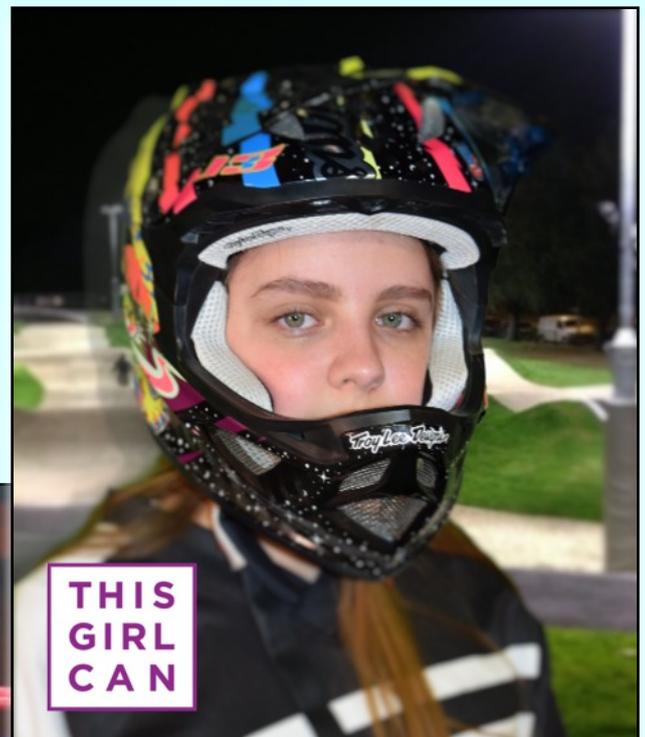
I hope you enjoy looking through this newsletter, which I believe reflects the heart and soul of our amazing school. I look forward to welcoming the students back in September and getting to know our new cohort of Year 7s. Have a relaxing summer!

**Steve Mitchell**  
Headteacher



## Girls Active

I am always impressed with the leadership skills of our pupils. This year I took 6 of our girls sports leaders to the Lancashire Girls Active Conference. It was a fantastic day with pupils trying out new sports such as wheelchair sports, Yoga, Boxing and Rollerskating. They came away enthused to implement new ideas at Parklands so more girls will take part in sports. This is in addition to the THISGIRLCAN campaign we have run in school with our own pupils being involved in posters and adverts for sports and physical activity.





In March and April 79 Year 10 Geographers visited Salford Quays and the River Wyre to conduct various fieldwork techniques which are required for them to undertake their Paper 3 exam.

At Salford pupils learnt how to map land use; analysed how Salford Quays has changed over the past few years (by looking at old photos and maps in class too); carried out pedestrian and environment surveys and looked at transport provision in the area.

*Mrs F Eastham*



You can now keep up-to-date with all of the incredible things Parklands Pupils are doing on our Facebook page.

Parent consultation told us you would like us to use more social media to communicate with you. We listened to what you said and only a couple of weeks since it was launched, almost 300 people are following our account.

To ensure you get all the latest updates on your timeline, simply search for @ParklandsHighSchoolChorley on Facebook and click 'like'.



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On another occasion pupils visited several sites along the River Wyre, carrying out river depth/width and velocity measurements and analysed the impact of erosion on the load of the river.

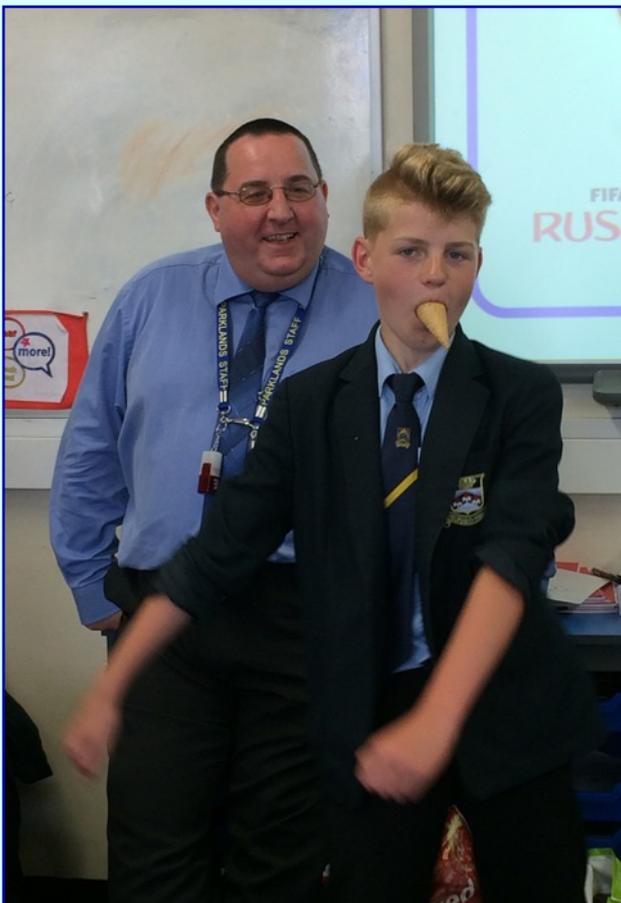


# Learning Support News



A quick note from the Learning Support team to let you know some of the things we get up to. Pupils are welcome to attend after school intervention for support and help with homework. We also have Inspire Club, which is an informal gathering for pupils who are lucky enough to be on both the Special Educational Needs and Pupil Premium registers. We meet every Tuesday in W01 at 4 o'clock for an hour of quizzes and homework support fueled by free drinks and snacks. This month's ice creams have been particularly popular. Club stalwarts include Jacob, Jayden, Todd and Ryan who have all contributed great ideas towards the club quizzes. We are already looking forward to welcoming new year seven pupils in September.

In addition to fun and games at Inspire Club we also took a couple of willing pupils fishing to Firtree Fisheries in Appley Bridge for some skill based learning. This was both an informative and an incredibly tranquil morning.



## Mayor's Charity Concert, Monday 10th May 2018

Over 60 Parklands musicians and vocalists held their Summer Concert at Chorley Town Hall on the 10th May to a packed audience in aid of the Mayor, Mark Perks, Charities: Mind Lancashire and Young Addaction Lancashire.

The evening was led by Mr Willsher, Musical Director and Mr Penketh, Vocal Director and was a huge success. Gillibrand Primary School choir led by Kay Holt joined us for the event and sung 3 songs, including an amazing rendition of 'Rolling In The Deep' with our Year 10 GCSE Music Class. Groups



from the school who performed on the evening included: The Orchestra/Year 7 Vocal Ensemble/Year 7&8 Vocal Ensemble/Saxophone Ensemble/Senior Vocal Ensemble JR/Year 8 Vocal Ensemble/Jazz Band/Year 10 Vocal Ensemble/Year 9 GCSE Music Class/Year 11 Vocal Ensemble/Funk 'n' Soul. Solo performances included an amazing Cello Solo (grade 8 standard) and Vocal Solos.

There was a real sense of occasion with the acoustics in the Lancastrian Suite really showing off the quality of the performances. Mr Perks spoke at the end of the performance and thanked Parklands for their huge contribution to his charities.

After the concert Mr Willsher invited Gillibrand Primary Choir into our music studio to record the songs they had performed at the concert. The pupils were very excited to be doing a professional recording which they intend to sell to parents/carers to raise funds for the school. Mr Perks attended the recording and was presented with a cheque for over £770 that was raised at the concert.

Thank you to all parents/carers and friends who attended the concert and made it such a great success.

**P Willsher**

*Curriculum Leader of Music*



## Macbeth Screening

As part of their GCSE English Literature course, Year 10 have been studying Shakespeare's famous tragedy, Macbeth. On 26th April, Parklands was lucky enough to be one of several schools across the country to be able to screen a live broadcast version of the play performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Well over 200 Year 10 pupils enjoyed the performance, starring former Doctor Who actor Christopher Eccleston in the lead role with Niamh Cusack as Lady Macbeth.

It is incredibly important for students to see Macbeth performed live as this is how it was originally intended to be enjoyed. We would highly recommend seeing a live version of Macbeth if you can. There is a live copy available from our school LRC.



## WATERSPORTS 2019

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TWO CENTRE ADVENTURE  
3 DAYS BEACH WATERSPORTS  
3 DAYS DESCENT DOWN THE ARDECHE

1st -9th August 2019

ALL FOOD, TRANSPORTS, EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS,  
WATERPARK INCLUDED.

Letters available from Miss Greaves in PE, open to all pupils Year  
7-9. Including our new Year 6!



Current Year 6 email [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

See Miss Greaves for more information ...

# WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MEDIA MUSEUM



## Year 9 iMedia

June 2018 saw the Year 9 iMedia students make their annual visit to the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford. This year's group was treated to the experiences of listening to sound waves through their teeth and making water dance to the vibrations of sound waves. Other exhibitions invited students to explore time lapse photography and look at how light travels through space.

What has all this got to do with iMedia I hear you say? Well....if students don't know the science behind sound and light how could they ever produce a sound track, create a sound effect, film a nature programme or get the shadow positions correct in stop motion animation!

As always, the icing on the cake was our visit to the iMax 3D cinema. This year we were transported to the International Space Station in full 3D, we literally stood on top of the world. For anybody interested in photography, TV or film it is well worth a visit (we won't mention the retro gaming floor which takes you on a journey back in time with its traditional arcade games - nobody is interested in that, are they?)

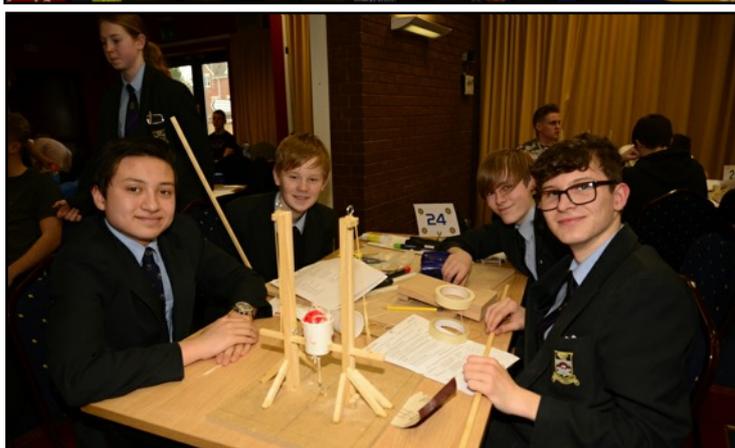
*Mrs S Weldon*



## Rotary BAE Systems Technology Tournament

In March, some Design & Technology pupils took part in the annual Rotary BAE Systems Competition at Leyland Civic Centre. Parklands entered two Year 10 teams; one from Mrs Sawyer's class and one from Mr Goodwin's class. There were many schools that attended this engineering event from primary schools to colleges. On our first ever entry to the competition, out of the 14 high schools in the Key Stage 4 category Mrs Sawyer's team came an amazing 2nd just behind Hutton Grammar, who have won it the last 2 years. Mr Goodwin also led a team of staff from other schools to victory as project manager. Parklands is already looking forward to the 2019 competition, and I hope the team that replaces us will beat the competition and bring home the trophy!

*Will Bianchi*



Team CG: Jude Coonan, Tommi Hodson, Morgan Farrow, Joe Moon

Team CY: Will Bianchi, Jamie Glen, Tom Evans, Louis Greenbank

# ASPIRE

## PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL PREFECT TEAM



The **SSLT** are our most senior Prefects. They went through a rigorous selection process to achieve their positions, including a written application, group interviews and an interview with SLT and their HALs.

They work hard to support you and ensure that you are safe, happy and successful at Parklands.

This year's Senior Student Leadership Team has undergone some changes to the structure and interview process. We want to ensure that our pupils in year 11 can still contribute as student leaders but also have sufficient time for revision, studies and the activities they enjoy.

It is with this in mind that we have brought the process of SSLT forward a year so that year 9's apply and have all of year 10 to really concentrate on their role before moving into the Alumni status of year 11. In this position they are still role models and activists of the school values but can focus more of their energy towards their studies.

This year's team have already been involved in attending courses, leading house competitions, organising charity and community events. I cannot wait to see what they will bring next year.

I look forward to seeing current year 8 be motivated into applying for a position on the team.

### **Pretty Mudder**

A few years ago I took a small group of our Girls Active girls to the Pretty Mudder 5k event in Preston, Moor Park. This year we smashed that number with more and more girls getting involved. We have already organised a colour run for September, open to everyone and hope we can once again take on the challenge while raising money for charity.

### **Rounders success**

This year Parklands joined the Chorley schools in the flat bat competition, this is typically known as Bolton Rounders as it is played in the area. Despite being new to the game we had some amazing results. Year 8 won their tournament undefeated. Unfortunately Year 7 came second down to 1 point! Well done to all the girls involved, I cannot wait to start again next year hopefully with even more girls involved.

*Miss Greaves*

## 100 years of womens suffrage

In June a group of girls were invited to the Town Hall to celebrate 100 years of womens suffrage. To be honest we didn't know what to expect but it was a very enlightening event.

We were in the council chamber and the Mayor spoke to us about her journey to her position and several councillors also gave us their stories. We also heard from a journalist about her life and she told us about the



treatment of women in Nepal, a very harrowing story. It was a good reminder of how lucky we are to be living in the West, at this time and in a democracy. It is easy to think, these days, that women are treated equally to men, but we see, almost every day, examples of inequality in our country, in terms of wages for example.

We were then invited into the Mayor's parlour and were able to ask questions about the chains and about what it means to be the Mayor. Our girls were invited to sign the visitors book and thus to immortalise themselves in the history of Chorley. We all enjoyed the opportunity and it was definitely food for thought.

## Parklands Plus visit to Cambridge University

We were fortunate enough to be invited to attend an open day at Newnham College Cambridge with three of our year 11 Students. The day was very informative and opened the students' eyes to the possibilities ahead of them. We enjoyed a tour of the college, inspirational stories from some past Newnham graduates and an archaeology lecture as well as informative presentations about choosing courses and finance.

All three enjoyed the visit and Lucy Simmonite had this to say:



"The Cambridge Pupil Premium day was a great experience and really helped me realise that going to university would be a lot easier than I originally thought. It also helped me dispel the rumour/idea that Cambridge (and Oxford) is just for 'private school' kids."

Hopefully we will be able to repeat the experience for more year 11's in the future.

*Ms S Mulligan*



## Afternoon Tea - Parklands Plus style

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5 year 7 students served afternoon tea to 30 guests. They had made all the baked goods themselves and, following weeks of practising and perfecting their skills, produced a spread to be proud of.

Guests were invited from teachers and family members to SLT and the students hosted their own table. This was daunting for them but they really stepped up to the challenge and did an amazing job.



# Australasia House News

As current reigning 'House Champions' I must thank all those students who have given 110% to the house. Congratulations must go to Olivia Salisbury in Y7 and Remy Corbett in Y8 who received this year's Outstanding Contribution to Australasia House awards - well done ladies, thoroughly deserved!

Goodbye Y11's we will miss you, good luck for results day and your future endeavours. Can I just say how fantastic you all looked on Prom night and your behaviour was impeccable; I was so proud of you.

Hello Y6's, you made a very positive impression at the taster day at the beginning of this month. Those of you who are attending Summer School - have a great time and I look forward to getting to know you all much better in September.

Well done to all who have gained Prefect status and a massive well done to those Y10's who succeeded in gaining SSLT positions. In particular Australasia's new Heads of House; Daniel Barber, Robert Brown and Elsa Miller.

We are, as usual in the midst of a fun packed and hectic last half term. Thanks to all those who competed for Australasia in Sports Day. It was a fantastic day; some of you could not have tried any harder.

A big welcome to Miss Halsall who joined us this term as form tutor for Papua New Guinea (PNG). Thank you to all form tutors in Australasia for supporting our students this year.

Australasia, keep up the good work and have a fantastic summer. I will see you all refreshed and ready for action in September.

*Mrs Dewhurst*

*(Proud Australasia HAL)*



*Reigning House Champions - posing in front of our brand new 'living wall'*

## Cricket

Over the summer term the PE fixtures are dominated by Cricket for the boys. It has been a successful year overall with some outstanding results. The Y10 team progressed well in the Lancashire cup and beat Merchant Taylors on the way to eventually getting knocked out by Ormskirk Grammar school in the penultimate over on the 4th round.

The Y9 team went all the way to the quarter finals of the Lancashire cup with some great batting from Harry and Josh along the way. Eventually they were knocked out by a superb Manchester Grammar team lead by former England and Lancashire Cricketer Mike Watkinson.

The Y7 & 8 combined team also progressed into the third round of the Lancashire plate trophy in their debut season and were unlucky to be eliminated by Carnforth High School after Adam hit nearly 50 runs for the team that day.

Overall a superb summer season of Cricket where we continue to challenge the best cricket schools in the county and it is sad to see the Y10 team come to an end after 4 brilliant years playing for the school.

## Sports Day

On a gloriously sunny day once again we had our annual sports day that witnessed all the houses battle it out in the traditional athletic events. Hundreds of pupils are involved over the day in many events and the pupils continually push themselves to be their best which is great to see.

This year there were no school records broken but Joe in Y9 only missed out on breaking the discus record that has stood for 20 years by 30cm and Ethan in Y10 ran a superb 200m.

But after all was said and done it was yet again the mighty African house that came out on top as the best athletic team in the school to Mr Swift's delight. Congratulations again to Africa but surely another house will take their crown next year...



## Learning Ambassadors

This term, the Learning Ambassadors have been working hard on inspiring our year 7 and 8s to join our team and dedicating their time to training them so they are ready to hit the ground running in September!

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to our year 11 ambassadors: Chloe, Jacy, Dottie, Jess P, Jess S, Joe, Natalie and Rebekah and so we've been on the look-out for some new recruits but we could never have anticipated the amount of applicants we received.

This year the assembly was done by five of our super successful Learning Ambassadors (James, Poppy, Ben, Zoe and Lucy). All of which have a really important role on our team and Lucy has even got the red tie for Teaching and Learning. It was their passion and perfect public speaking that inspired

54 pupils from years 7 and 8 to apply! FIFTY FOUR! We couldn't believe it!

The presenters of the assembly did a far better job than me alone - last year I only got 17 people to apply! It just goes to show, hearing from the pupils first hand is invaluable and they were all able to give specific stories about the skills they have learnt from being a Learning Ambassador and James even credited the team for his success in becoming Head Pupil. Lots of our younger pupils have really understood the value in this prestigious team and they are now attending training meetings in the hope of winning one of our coveted badges. We wish them the best of luck - we wish we could take them all!

On the subject of training, we also have a very dedicated team of 10 who are giving up their time to deliver quality training sessions in four key areas: organisation, collaboration, creativity and confidence. At the end of the week, the potential ambassadors will give a presentation on a topic of their choice, demonstrating the skills we would want in a Learning Ambassador. Then we will have the tough choice of whittling them down - much like the X Factor! Hopefully we will be saying "It's not good news .....it's GREAT news" to lots of new faces!

The sessions have been completely planned by the Learning Ambassadors and it has been fantastic for me to be able to take a back seat and really see some of the more experienced ambassadors flourish in their leadership roles. The trainers are in all years from 8-10 so some are really stepping up to the plate by training those in the same year as them which can be daunting!

In September we will have our new recruits and we will also be doing our ever famous SUPER LEARNING DAY for our new year 7s and it will be the first event our new Learning Ambassadors will be involved with so it will be a perfect time for them to show us what they have learnt from their training.

Keep your eyes peeled on our school Facebook page for the picture of our successful recruits and also action shots from our Super Learning Day! We are so proud of everything we have achieved this year and the Ambassadors have even more ideas for next year and I, for one, really can't wait!!

*Miss Cosgrove  
and the Learning Ambassadors*



# SAVE THE DATE ...

Hi Everybody,  
I would just like to remind the Parklands Community to 'Save the Date'. The 28<sup>th</sup> September will be our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please watch out for news and information nearer the time.



Also to coincide with the coffee morning there will be a 5k run/walk the day before (27<sup>th</sup> Sept) where we will invite students and their families to 'Have Their Cake and Eat it'. This event will take place within the grounds of school and Astley Park with an emphasis on competitive fun! Thank you for your support

*Mrs Dewhurst*

## Another Date for the Diary!

Careers Fair - **Friday 1st February 2019**, from 9am - 2pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along and speak to the exhibitors. Any businesses out there who would like to talk to our young people - drop me a line anytime! [pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pberry@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



In 2018 ... Colleges, universities, apprenticeship and training providers and employers galore, along with over 400 Year 10 and 11 pupils.

Animal care, pet first aid, hair and beauty, construction ... so much to explore. There was even the chance to try your hand at bricklaying, courtesy of Preston Vocational Centre.



The MFL Family Learning Scheme (MFLFLS) is back this year and it has been successful yet again! This year, the sessions have been run by Miss Cosgrove, Miss Cree, Mr Stalker and Miss Preston and we've loved every minute!

For those who haven't heard of the MFLFLS, it is a weekly session (Thursdays 6-7pm) of fun filled games and activities to help you learn some language for your holidays! All pupils who attend the scheme must come with a family member and they learn together!

**So far this year we have covered the following topics:**

- **Basic introductions**
- **Café and food**
- **Family members**
- **Directions**
- **Places in the town**
- **Lost property**
- **Illnesses and seeing the doctor**
- **Hotel booking**
- **Likes and dislikes**



As you can see, we have learnt a lot in a very short space of time and we have been really impressed with the level of skill being demonstrated and how much vocabulary everyone has been able to recall! The scheme has been so successful that this term, we invited staff to come along with their children/grandchildren and Mrs Williams and Miss Partington have been attending and their younger classmates have loved seeing them there.

*Here are some positive comments from people who have attended Family Learning this year:*

**"It has been a great opportunity to learn alongside my daughter in her school environment and it has been fantastic to see her learning so well and see her confidence grow"**

**"We practise the words at home and we are able to do this in a fun way now I am more familiar with the types of activities my daughter does at school"**

**"I have really enjoyed learning Spanish with my mum because I am able to show her how to do some of the activities and I like that I have made new friends at Family Learning."**

Next year, the MFLFLS will continue and will be open to the new year 7s and information will be sent out in the new school year. The relaxed sessions enable the pupils to show their parents how we learn here at Parklands and everyone has fun! We'd love to see you there!

*Miss Cosgrove, Miss Cree,  
Mr Stalker and Miss Preston*





## Duke of Edinburgh 2018

This year there has again been another increase in the uptake of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am overjoyed to say this year we had 60 pupils who passed their assessment. It was a very hot day and tough conditions and despite some wrongs turns all groups made it back to camp rather exhausted! Next year we already have 76 pupils signed up in year 8/9. If you wish to get involved email Miss Greaves as soon as possible.



At Parklands we are very focused on Attendance, and the work we have done to improve our whole school attendance is paying off, to the extent that we were recently asked to present to other Lancashire schools about what we do and how we do it.

This year we have continued to do the Red, Amber and Green letters to all students at the end of each term to highlight any concerns we may have, and congratulate our students on fabulous attendance.

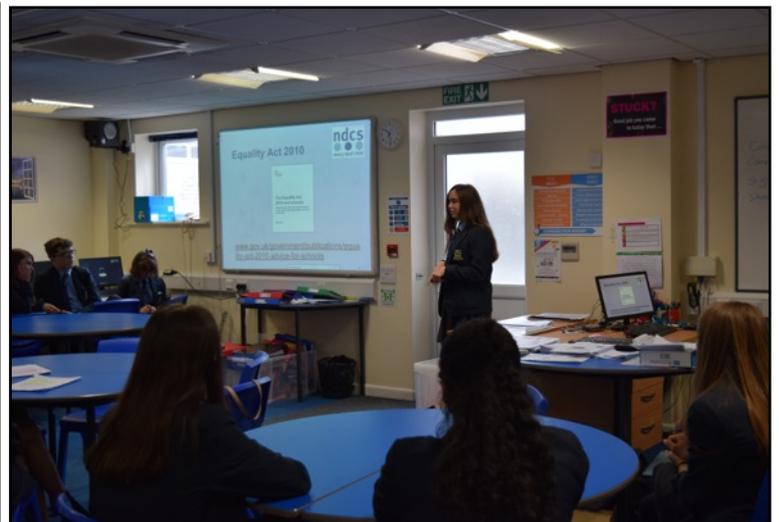
We have 73 students, year 7-10 that have achieved 100% attendance this academic year and they have all been placed in a reward draw to made on the last day of term. We have also rewarded these students with a 100% attendance pin badge that can be worn next year in their blazers.

The last week of term will also serve as a bonus week on attendance for the house cup so everybody's attendance in the last week counts.

During the last week of term we also have 400 plus students going out on the end of year reward trip. All these students have achieved over 96% attendance and had no behavioural issues – we hope they have a fantastic day at the Pleasure Beach in the beautiful sunshine

In summary I think that this academic year has seen Parklands students grow and further understand how their attendance is vital in their learning and development. I hope everyone has a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another fulfilling year.

**Mrs F Fish**  
**Attendance Officer**



## Raising Awareness of being Deaf or Blind

As part of BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care students are required to understand the barriers that some service users experience. To raise awareness of being deaf and/or blind students took part in a number of practical activities which included navigating their way around school blindfolded whilst their partners practiced supporting them in being independent and trying to engage in the lesson whilst wearing headphones which were playing really loud music. To finish off this series of lessons the Year 10 group received a session delivered by one of our Year 9 pupils, Peggy Anderson, who is deaf and requires an FM system to enable her to engage with lessons. Peggy did an amazing job and played sound clips of what the classroom and teacher sounds like to her and how a classroom without any carpet is really difficult due to echoes. The question and answer session at the end went on a very long time as the Year 10 students were eager to find out as much information as possible from this wonderful student. This practical experience with Peggy was invaluable and the lessons learned will stay with the students for many years to come.



# PREFECT BUS

I am contacting all parents/carers and local businesses with regards to a new, upcoming, and exciting venture that hasn't been seen before at Parklands or any school in our district!

We pride ourselves at Parklands on developing our pupils' confidence and leadership skills. We reward this by honouring pupils with Prefect status or, if they do extremely well, status as a member of our Senior Student Leadership Team. This comprises of pupils in year 9 and 10 who have demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm for school life, upheld high standards of behaviour and uniform and who we believe are role models and represent who Parklands pupils are.

We want to reward the students who achieve this status of Prefect or SSLT. We currently have a system of rewards when pupils do good work, and like that in any business, it is important our leaders believe they are valued and the good work they do is seen. We have been searching for a space that could be used as a 'common room', somewhere for these students to reside in at lunch and social times and that could be exclusive to them.

We have found the venue we want and it is a double decker bus. Yes, a double decker bus that we want to purchase and rebuild. We want to make our bus a relaxing place to chill, eat and somewhere that pupils of lower years will strive to be a part of as they go through their Parklands life. However we need some help... Firstly we need to buy the bus; following that we need to get our bus ready - decorating, fixing and improving it so it becomes a safe and welcoming place to be for pupils for years to come. We have high expectations for our bus.

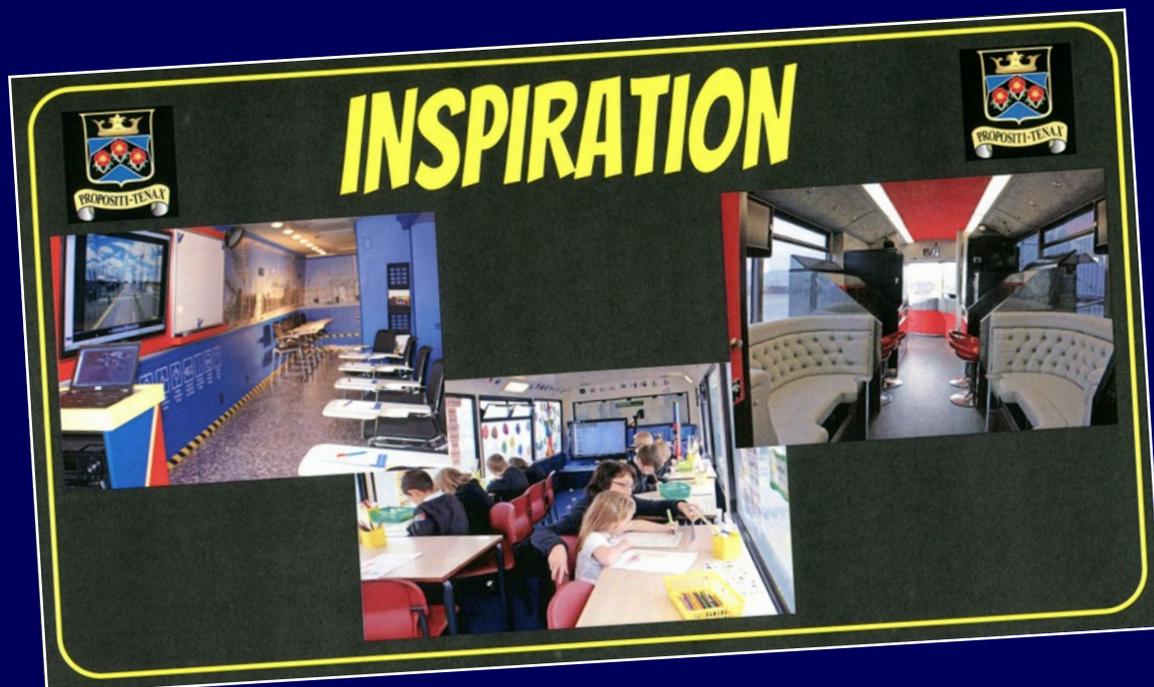
Some things on our wish list are:

- ◆ Wifi and speakers
- ◆ Comfortable seating/sofas.
- ◆ Tables and spaces to eat.
- ◆ Cool and modern decor including lighting.

This year we have a 40 members strong SSLT team and over 100 prefects who regularly do duties and help out at school events, being role models for younger pupils and the community. Your sponsorship of our bus would greatly help us and allow your company/business to be seen by pupils for years to come.

We need engineers, builders, trades people to help us. This could be with a money donation towards the bus or offering your services to help make the bus the space our students deserve. We would like to thank your company by putting your logo on the outside and inside of the bus for our 1000 pupils within our school and the several hundred visitors from primary schools and the local community to see. We feel this would be a great way to promote your company or just to help out the pupils at Parklands High School.

If you feel you can help in any way, please contact: [ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk) or [kburrill@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:kburrill@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



## Royal Institute of Physics Show

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 20 Year 8 Science students had the opportunity to attend St Michael's High School for the afternoon where they hosted a Physics show performed by the Royal Institute of Physics. The students played an active role in the show which was jam-packed with experiments, demonstrations and the odd explosion. They enhanced their knowledge on the different stores of energy; chemical, electrostatic, kinetic, gravitational, just to name a few. A thoroughly enjoyable and memorable afternoon for us all.

*Hayley Alston*



Science club has had a great turnout this summer term! Pupils of all ages have attended and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions delivered by Mr Burgess and the science leaders. Science club is in N29 and is on during Tuesday lunchtime, where each session offers a new scientific experiment for pupils to participate in. So far this term, pupils have made lava lamps, mentos volcanoes, oobleck, pH rainbows and carbon dioxide balloons. We are always looking for more pupils to attend and for more science leaders to help deliver the sessions. The more pupils that attend, the more exciting practicals we can do! Please pop down during lunchtime if you're interested in attending!

*Here is some pupil feedback regarding science club:*

"I love science club, the other day we made lava lamps using food dye, oil, water and Alka-Seltzer tablets. The lava lamps worked really well and I got to keep mine!"

"I help run science club. Every session is exciting and I enjoy participating as much as I enjoy helping out."

"My favourite science club session was making oobleck. This is a type of slime made of corn-flour, water and food dye. It's really weird because you can pour it like a liquid, but also grab it like dough."

"Science club is awesome!"



## South America News

South America House has continued to go from strength to strength as the year has progressed. We have appointed more South American prefects and red ties. A huge congratulations to Jessica Miller, Ela Kaplan and Sam Walton for their appointment to the Senior Student Leadership Team for South America. Furthermore, Cameron Ramsay, Lily Smith and Will Sherwin were appointed sports captains. Theo Brockbank received his red tie for teaching and learning and Aaliyah Springer as head of prefects. It has been a busy summer term, which has seen us showcase some amazing sports men and women on our annual sports day. It was admirable to see how many pupils went above and beyond that day, entering numerous events, some in events that they weren't particularly strong in, showing their commitment to the wider school life. South America had to settle for an overall respectable second place on sports day, with all still to play for in the house cup.

In keeping with the sporting theme we have our very own South American sporting achievement with Ellis. Ellis's under 12 British American football team have won the Northern Conference and are the 2018 undefeated champions. As such they have been invited to take part in the London NFL 2018 tournament. This will involve teams from all over the UK and receives much publicity including Sky Sports who will be filming the event.

The team have trained and worked hard to achieve this. Ellis won coaches player of the year for 2017 season and MVP for tournament 1 in 2018. Ellis has scored countless touchdowns and tackles and he plays with some amazing young people on his team.

It was also nice and refreshing to see so many enthusiastic year 6s that spent the day with us during their induction. I was particularly impressed with the skills that they showed during the house competition in tug of war, relay and even the sack race.

With excitement of the new intake we also had the sad task of saying the final goodbye to the year 11's. They have matured into exceptional young adults, and I wish them every success as they embark on the next stage of their journey, wherever it may take them. Another sad goodbye is to Miss Preston, who shared Uruguay form with Ms Gray, who is moving onto pastures new.

Finally, thank you South America House. Have a safe and fun summer, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.



*Miss K. Burrill*  
**SAM House Leader**



## Year 10 iMedia

In May 2018 Year 10 iMedia made their first ever trip to SAE in Liverpool. SAE is a dedicated creative media institute offering undergraduate degrees in everything creative media. The day was outstanding, students experienced a TV and film workshop in a green screen room that is worthy of any TV station. Animation and sound were the other workshops offered by SAE lecturers with students recording live music in the recording studio then using the mixing desk to mix and enhance the recording. The animation suite was industry class using Zbrush to sculpt 3D animated characters, it was difficult but Mrs Weldon managed to sculpt a potato like character (it was really supposed to be a magical flower!) The equipment and facilities at SAE are every media student's dream and many students left their names with the institute to receive further information on what is offered. We can't wait for next year.



# YARN BOMB

A group of Year 7 and 8 girls from the Parklands Plus cohort spent many weeks learning new skills and planning a surprise for the whole school.

On the 25th of May we stayed behind after school to undertake the installation of a yarn bomb in the student social area. You might not remember but it had been hot and sunny for about 10 days prior to our event and I was worried about being too hot while working. I needn't have worried because that day it was blowing a gale and raining heavily!



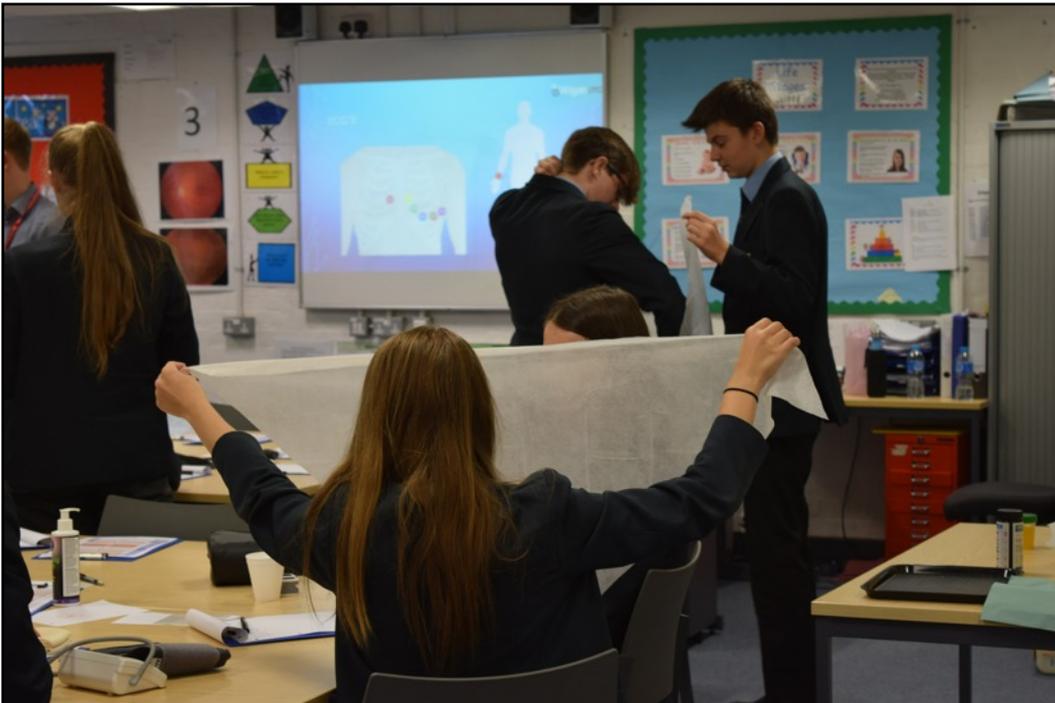
The student social area seemed to be in a wind tunnel and we were freezing. The team and I were at school until 8.30pm on what turned out to be a horrible evening of cold and wet. Without the help of our site team we would not have been able to complete the task so we are really grateful to them for helping us out.

The girls showed dedication and perseverance to all task they had to do and I think they should be really proud of themselves. As a yarn bomb is an anonymous art form we cannot reveal the identities of the yarn ninjas but keep an eye out for future projects.





## Visit to Wigan UTC Health Suite



Year 10 students from Health & Social Care recently visited Wigan UTC's Health Suite for a careers event. Sam and Emma, trainee doctors, ran the session and during the morning, students checked their handwashing techniques, took blood pressure readings, put on slings, practiced CPR and questioned the trainee doctors about careers and routes into the health care industry.

Thanks to Nicola Melling at Wigan UTC for putting this session on for us.

## More volunteering opportunities for the summer!

We currently have volunteering opportunities at the library for young people between the ages of 12 and 17. Please see attached some details, and below a link to apply.

The young people would be helping younger children complete their summer reading journey and assisting us with craft and digital activities. This is a great opportunity to get some basic library experience and support the local community and local children.

If anyone at school is interested in this opportunity and would like a chat about it then they can pop into the library during opening hours or give the library a call on 0300 123 6703 and ask for me.

<https://lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities/reading-hack-12-17-years-12/>

**Amy Overum**

Branch Manager, Chorley Library

W: [lancashire.gov.uk/libraries](http://lancashire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Career of the Week

Every week, there is a new career featured on the Parklands website. Take a look at the past selection - it may give you some new ideas or a different direction. Following publication, every Friday, I send out an email to all parents drawing attention to COTW, along with any other important careers news that week. This week's news, for example, is that we will be offering courses at Preston's College on Tuesday afternoons, for pupils in Years 10 and 11 to study an extra BTEC qualification in either construction, automotive engineering or beauty therapy. That starts in September, each week for the whole school year (2 years for pupils going into Year 10) These courses are very practical - ideal for the more hands-on learner. Interviews were held on Wednesday 18th July - pupils will be notified in September when we return from summer holidays if they have been successful in gaining a place on the courses.



## Respect Days for Years 7, 8 and 9

Over the course of this year, we have held Careers Respect Days for Years 7, 8 and 9. These have included assemblies from the NHS and the Army, 'Jobs of the Future' with Blackburn College, good and bad interviews, and 'Careers Speed Dating' with lots of local employers. Grateful thanks to all the employers who gave up their time to be questioned endlessly by curious pupils! The feedback from these events is fantastic with pupils really appreciating the chance to find out about real careers from the people who work in them!

# Asia House News

As we approach the end of this current academic year I feel that it is a timely opportunity to thank all our wonderful students for their hard work, dedication and resilience. At times this year has been challenging both academically and structurally which can sometimes makes us lose sight of our collective goals. It is with great pride that I am able to say that you have all contributed to the smooth running of the 'Asia machine' and that if one component has needed a helping hand during the year then there has always been a glut of willing teammates to offer help.

This year has made me experience a few 'Goldfish' moments (I'm clearly referring to the surprised look they permanently display while swimming around their glass bowl) in regards to the Behaviour For Learning that you are measured on within your classes. The new system whereby you are given a score for each lesson clearly highlights the strong work ethic you are all developing and maintaining. Review day is always my opportunity to thank you for making my job easier but also to empower and recognise your goals, achievements and successes.

The achievements I've previously mentioned all appear in a number of different guises. In relation to sport I'd like to mention a few students that have achieved on both a National and International stage.

Philipa Marshall-Smith gained a Gold and 2 silver medals at the 'British Gymnastics Championships 2018'.

Edward Scott came 1st in the 'British Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Championships' this year and will be competing on the 21st July at the European Championships. We wish him the best of luck!



Caitlin Caldwell came 3rd overall at the IAIGC World Gymnastics Championships in Florida. Not many people can say that they're 3rd best in the WORLD! Well done Caitlin.

Kaitlan Woodhead (Everton FC) and Luke Chambers (Liverpool FC) continue to be both successful at their respective football clubs and strive to maintain their academic responsibilities at Parklands.

In relation to the arts and other outside hobbies and interests - I was made aware by her parents that Sky Caskey's photographs have been recognised and awarded at a national level (lookout David Bailey!)

Finn Harty has been asked to attend a tour of New Zealand next year with the 'National Youth Folk Ensemble' which is another superb example of our students showcasing their wonderful talents.

Finally, well done to Poppy Charnley and Callan Grimshaw-Brown for taking themselves out of their comfort zone and starring in shows outside school whereby they both sang solos to a packed audience.

I'm sure that there will be a number of other wonderful Asia students that have achieved amazing things during this academic year that I haven't mentioned, my sincere apologies for this. Please note that all that you do doesn't go unnoticed and that all your efforts and achievements are just as valid and appreciated as everyone else's.

As this is my very last newsletter article in my current role as Asia House Achievement Leader I would like to say a few words about the last 3 years. Much like the roller coasters we ride on during our summer reward trip to Blackpool I've experienced ups, downs, twists, turns, surprises and elation. Working with you all has been amazing in ways that cannot be confined to mere words on paper as there is always a gulf of feelings that are attached which you only experience when you're in that moment. I've seen a number of you grow (both physically and emotionally), I've witnessed resilience in adversity that normally most adults would struggle with and I've been moved to tears by how frustrating you can be! One element of my job which keeps me motivated is the family unity we all have, after all I spend more time with you all than I actually spend with my own children!

Thank you for all that you are and all you will be.



28 Year 11s have signed up to take part in the National Citizen Scheme Challenge over the summer.

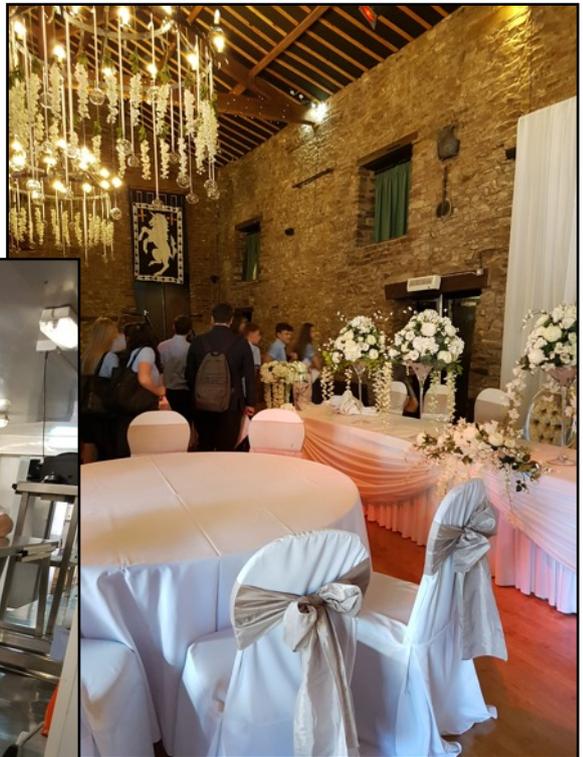


Our Year 10s visited Cardinal Newman College in July on possibly the hottest day ever! We also visited Runshaw College for a taster day.



Hospitality and Catering students visited Park Hall Hotel recently, and spoke to the Head Chef and Events Manager. They told us about their routes into the industry, before a tour of the hotel.

The mediaeval suite being made ready for a weekend wedding!



Grateful thanks to Gary Naylor, Hotel Manager, for organising the visit for us - and for helping us out with Work Experience as well!

## ‘My Lancashire’ School Art Competition Success

Lower school pupils at Parklands High School, Chorley, were offered the chance to dust off their paint brushes this month for the Miller Homes’ ‘My Lancashire’ art competition. Students were invited to depict a treasured memory of their favourite place to visit with loved ones - anywhere from their local café to the surrounding countryside. Miller Homes were eager to discover what the country means to the individual students, as they develop more vital new homes in Lancashire.

Judging the entries alongside Miller Homes was William Titley, Senior Lecturer in Fine Art from the University of Central Lancashire, who was able to offer his own expert opinion for the competition. Imogen and Toby from Year 7, along with Harley from Year 8 were crowned the winners. The prizes included a selection of art supplies such as easels, artist palettes, graphite sketching pencils and watercolour paint sets. Vouchers to use in an array of different clothes shops were also included in the winnings.

William Titley comments, “I thought there was a wide range of techniques depicting the fantastic places from across the whole of Lancashire. The artworks represent how beautiful our landscape is and of the positive impact it has on our young people. The three winners stood out for me for their thoughtful depiction of local landmarks, high quality creative design, and intelligent use of their chosen medium.”

Headteacher of Parklands High School, Steve Mitchell adds: “We were delighted to collaborate with Miller Homes for this art competition as our summer term draws to a close. It was the perfect opportunity for our students to combine their creative skills with a sense of pride for where they come from.”

Sam Johnson, North West Sales Director at Miller Homes, also comments: “Getting involved with the local communities of our developments is of upmost importance to us here at Miller Homes, and the competition was a wonderful opportunity to gauge why Lancashire is so important to the younger generation. We want to thank each and every one of the students for taking part!”

To find out more about Miller Homes’ Parklands View development, please call 03300 296 542 or visit [www.millerhomes.co.uk](http://www.millerhomes.co.uk).



# Europe House News

Once again it has been a wonderfully busy and exciting year for Europe House. Europe has maintained a high attendance record, and I would like to thank everyone in Europe House for their efforts especially the following 25 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance. Congratulations and well done!

Hannah Appleby  
Ethan Ashcroft  
Ben Bradshaw  
Ewan Cameron Brandwood  
Lucy Douglass  
Bethan Flint  
Isabelle Gibbs  
Caitlin Haydock  
Georgina Haydock  
Isabelle Hopkins  
Poppy Howell  
Cameron Hubbersty  
Jack Newhouse  
Simon Reynolds  
Ella Rose Roberts  
Charlie Schofield  
Chester Shepley  
James Smallshaw  
Matthew Smallwood  
Jack Snape  
James Waring  
Louise Watson  
Dane Westwood  
Daniel White



I would like to say a massive congratulations to Isabelle Gibbs for achieving a perfect 3 for the entire year and not only that, but also having 100% attendance and not one late! Fantastic stuff Isabelle - CONGRATULATIONS!

I would also like to take this opportunity of congratulating James Waring, Eleanor O'Donoghue and Simon Reynolds on their appointments of Head Prefects and Lucy Nixon, Erin Timperley and Charlotte Watkins on obtaining their SSLT status as Head of House. I am also delighted to congratulate the following Europe house members: Maisie Leek, Charlie Kemp, Dane Westwood, Lucy Douglass on appointments on the SSLT. I am really looking forward to working with you all next year.

We always have to say goodbye to someone and I would like to thank Mr Wearden for all his support and hard work in Deutschland form, and Miss Preston for all her support with Portugal Form. We wish you well in your new posts and we hope you will be very happy there.

I would also like to welcome Mrs O'Dolan to Europe House who will be taking over Deutschland.

We have had a few good runs at the House competition but are still nearer to the bottom than top of the leaderboard, than I would like to be. However I cannot be prouder of the dedication and support the pupils give to Europe House, and for that I thank them all.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer, I hope you all come back refreshed and ready to give next year your all.

# BATTLEFIELDS 2018

From March 21st - March 27th, the History department and Mr Snell took 48 Yr 10 pupils on our annual Battlefields tour of France and Belgium. We were assisted by Dave Hitchen, who we are lucky enough to have as a guide during the tour. After travelling, on day two we visited Arras including the Wellington Tunnels, Arras Memorial and Vimy Ridge Memorial and visitors centre. On day three we visited the Somme including Fromelles, Serre (where the Chorley Pals fought), the Thiepval memorial, Dartmoor and Devonshire cemeteries, Lochnagar Crater and Pozieres Cemetery. On day four pupils took part in the Platoon Experience at the Passchendaele Museum (Zonnebeke). During this day pupils are given a tour of the museum and take on the identity of a real WW1 Australian soldier. Students dress in full replica kit and march to Tyne Cot Cemetery. On the way we track the Platoon's progress and visit Tyne Cot (where some of the Platoon are buried). Day five focuses on Ypres Salient, Essex Farm, Reservoir Cemetery, Tyne Cot, Langemark (A German cemetery), Messine Ridge and the pinnacle of the trip - the Menin Gate and the Last Post ceremony.

The tour was a huge success and all pupils displayed excellent behaviour. It was a pleasure to do the trip with such excellent and enthusiastic pupils. A massive thanks must be also given to staff, who gave up part of their holidays to run the trip: Mr Gallagher, Miss Crabtree and Mr Snell.



*Mrs Brown  
Curriculum Leader for History and Trip Leader*



# BATTLEFIELDS QUOTES ...

“The Menin Gate was my favourite part of the trip purely for the story and the Last Post being played, I would love to relive that night, and the graveyard and songs on the coach made that even better which I think should definitely happen for the pupils next year who will go on the trip. My favourite place for the place itself was Tyne Cot because I think it was the biggest one we visited and the place was beautiful and really gave everyone time to think. Also it was great that we went on one of the last days when we were all very tired and more emotional. It was the best trip I have ever been on because it was so eye opening to the real experiences that a WW1/2 soldier went through, and Dave’s story on the last day was absolutely heartbreaking and got everybody in tears. I would really love to go back so would recommend anybody new to go!” Mel, Y10 (FSM)

“All aspects of the trip were amazing and to a spectacular standard. The teachers knew everything there was to know, they fed us all their information and what they knew, this gave us a huge insight to the places which we were visiting. My favourite part of the trip was the Platoon experience, as it gave us a real insight to how war was really like, which was a very hard thing to do considering we have never been in war. I would recommend this trip to anyone. It is not only fun and enjoyable, but it gives us a real insight to how war is.” Aadam, Y10



“Unequivocally, I would recommend this trip to anyone in our school, I think that it has made me a better person by educating me of the past tragedies. In my opinion it is a necessity to go on this trip so people can truly understand what happened in the war. Absolutely Fantastic!” Oliver, Y10

“The Platoon experience and the Tyne Cot Cemetery were my favourite because the Platoon experience showed you what it was really like to be soldier and the cemetery was very big and also helped put in perspective how many people actually lost their lives.” Alice, Y10

“Thanks so much for running the trip... If it was possible, I think Anthony might have enjoyed it even more than Archie did! The VC project is such a good idea and gave the trip even more meaning.” Andy and Hazel Banks (There eldest son left Parklands in 2013 and is currently studying at the University of Nottingham)

“Ben had a great time, from start to finish. Being taught about war is one thing, going to visit the places where it took place and seeing first hand the memorials, the cemeteries, wearing the uniforms and learning about personal stories, gives it context and gravity. Having been run for so many years, the trip is clearly a very well run operation. The ferry trip, the accommodation, the sites visited, even the day in Brugge, all provided the children with a great experience.” Jackie Latham, parent

“Just wanted to drop you a email to say how much Daniel thoroughly enjoyed the trip, I feel he was genuinely touched by the visit and personally sensed the enormity and tremendous loss of those soldiers who gave their lives. He’s been so fortunate to have had such wonderful and dedicated staff help him experience all of this, give up their own holidays and also have a little fun along the way! (I loved the commentary on platoon day-I was literally in stitches). So thank you to you all on behalf on Dan and myself! I’m sure this trip will hold special memories.” Marie Cocker, parent

# Africa House News

It's been another fun, action packed year at Parklands for Africa House. Our levels of involvement in all areas of school has been really pleasing to see. The new Year 7 pupils have settled in really well and taken the transition to life at Parklands in their stride which has been great. Some current year 7s have already supported some future year 7s on the Meet the Tutor evening which shows the character of our lovely pupils and was clearly appreciated. This highlights the benefit of the vertical tutoring we have in Forms.



Africa House Sports Day Captains  
- Winners for a 4th time in a row

We have enjoyed lots of success in House Competitions as well as strong representation in school teams. It was great to see Africa House pupils playing for schools Year 7 Girls football team and reaching the Finals of the Lancashire Schools Cup finishing 3rd overall, big things to come for that team!

There's also been star performers in the school shows The Demon Headmistress and Songs from the Screen which were both really impressive, it clearly showed the commitment and work that had gone in to these shows behind the scenes for the final performances.



As it stands Africa again currently sit at the top of the House Competition table closely followed by South America and then last year's winners Australasia. We also sit nicely at the top of the P Point table with an impressive 23,628 points so far which highlights all the positive things we do in school and have collected praise for.



Let's hope for a better finish this time unlike last year where we dropped off in the last 2 weeks in the House Competitions so we can enjoy that final assembly. It's all still to play for right up until the last day of term.

I'm already looking forward to next year! Have a great summer,

*A very proud Mr Swift*

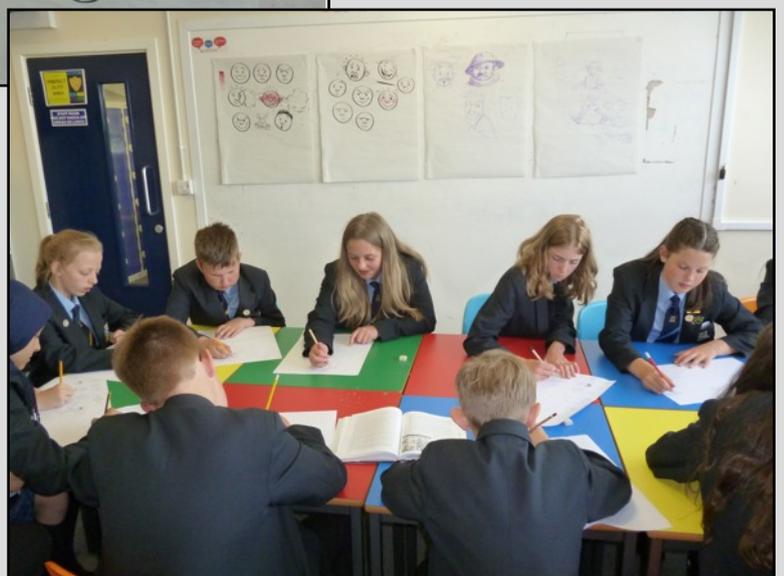
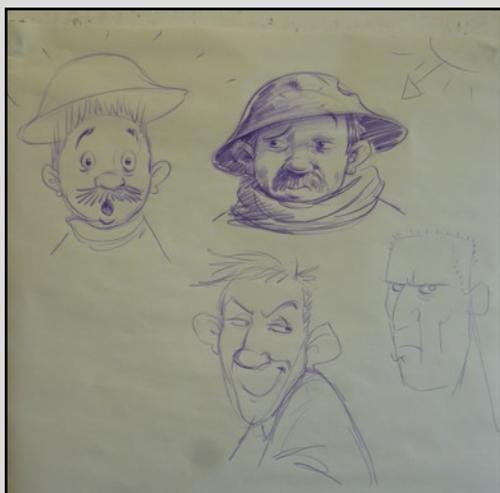
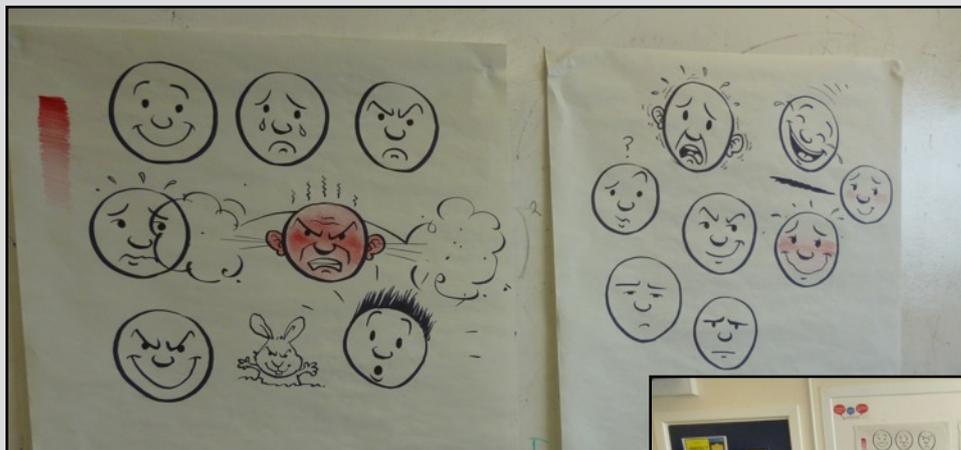
Africa Swimming Gala  
Winners 2017

# Author Visit

On Monday 18th June, Parklands welcomed an esteemed author and illustrator, Steve Smallman, to work with a group of higher ability pupils who could be stretched within the areas of English, art or history.

Steve Smallman worked with these pupils on a project (using Bruce Bainsfather's satirical cartoons from WW1 as a stimulus) to create writing and art for the pupils and school in order to mark the WW1 centenary.

The pupils had a great time trying to recreate some of the humour used by soldiers in the trenches. This also provided opportunities for our pupils to improve literacy, inspire ideas, encourage reading for pleasure and gave the pupils an invaluable opportunity to meet and converse with an author and illustrator. Steve Smallman actively demonstrated the theory of the drafting and redrafting process visually for these pupils providing an excellent illustration of how this process is an essential part of learning. Furthermore, this opportunity highlighted how many subjects use transferable skills and was invaluable to our pupils in order to encourage the very highest attainment here at Parklands.



# Cheerleading

This year has been another extremely successful year for Cheerleading here at Parklands. As one of this year's cheer captains I was lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to assist in the coaching of many of the younger teams, who all represented the school excellently at the UKCA school championship competition that has recently taken place. Fusion took over 90 students from all year groups to compete at the competition and each group smashed it, receiving four 1st places, one 2nd place, one 3rd place, one 5th place, one 6th place and one 7th place. Overall the competition was a fantastic day filled with fun, spirit and memories which I'm sure will be remembered for years to come.

Cheerleading has played a massive part in my time here and has not only given me endless leadership opportunities but has also provided a way for me to advance my team work and communication skills. I want to wish the Fusion team the best of luck for upcoming years and would also like to congratulate our new cheer captains: Hallie Roberts and May Saumtally. You both deserve this role after your dedication to the team for the past 4 years and I know you'll both do an amazing job at supporting and coaching Fusion.

*Jess Sullivan*





If you watch TV the girls were with Danny Sebastian from Bargain Hunt and CBBC and Jordan North from Radio 1.

We were nominated for the final category - the Well Being Challenge. We didn't win, but it was great - we got nominated and were given certificates for improving well-being in the community.

*Mrs Fairhurst*

LEYLAND PLAY SCHEME What are you doing with your summer???

SAMLESBURY PLAY SCHEME

# Why not become a volunteer?!

We are looking for young people to volunteer as Play Leaders on the UK's largest Playschemes of their kind this summer.

To get involved go to- [www.playscheme.org/volunteer](http://www.playscheme.org/volunteer)

Year 10s had an assembly with Natalie from Leyland Playscheme. This is a brilliant opportunity to help others, fill a few weeks of those long summer holidays, learn new skills and make new friends. It also looks brilliant on CVs and application forms - and will be something to talk about in the upcoming Mock Interviews in Year 11 - more on that after the holidays!

*Miss Berry*

# Championship Success for Edward

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a martial art developed in Brazil by the Gracie family. It is a submission wrestling art that combines techniques from both Judo and Japanese Jiu Jitsu. It is a martial art that requires physical strength, technique and a willingness to continuously learn. Students are split into groups; kids, juveniles and adults, where everyone works towards achieving different belts, the most coveted being of course the black belt.

The British Championships is organised by the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation (IBJJF), who run championships regularly throughout the world. Their competitions include the world championships, held in The United States and the European championships in Portugal.

Ed has been training for a little over two years and has competed at a number of competitions across the county winning a variety of medals, achieving successes and some losses. This represents his biggest achievement to date and is a reward for his hard work and training.



PE has been awarded the 'Your School Games Mark' award at Gold Standard which is an improvement on the Silver we got two years ago. It recognises the amount of PE we offer including extra curricular sporting events we take part in.

*Mr G Metcalf  
Curriculum Leader of PE*



Congratulations to our Yr 9 students who took part in Chorley Sports Partnership TALL Programme (Targeted Active Lifestyle Learning). We celebrated their success of the programme with a celebratory event held at Chorley Town Hall on 13th July. All received certificates for their achievements. Peggy was nominated for Leader of the Programme, Willow was nominated for the Most Improved Student and Katelyn and Jamie were nominated for Student of the Programme with Jamie winning the category and taking a fantastic trophy home!

I was so very proud of our students who took part as the programme was designed specifically to continue learning outside of the classroom, to build self-confidence and self-esteem whilst working with peers and younger children in a variety of settings. They all took part in a range of activities and sports and improved their leadership skills.

Well done to Jamie, Katelyn, Peggy, Willow, Rhys, Mia, Kizzi and Hannah for all your efforts.

*Mrs Fairhurst*