

22 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be the last newsletter of the term.

### Free School Meal Vouchers

As has become usual practice, the County Council are funding free school meal vouchers for the Easter holiday period. These will be distributed in the usual way.

### Easter holidays

School will finish at the normal time of 3.15 p.m. on Thursday 28 March and re-open on Monday 15 April. During the holidays we have our Easter school available in the first week for students in Years 7-9. Details have been sent out by Mr Haydock and there are just a few places left – please contact Mr Haydock if you need any further information.

In the second week of the holidays school will be open for Year 11 revision classes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Again, details have been sent to Year 11 and their parents/carers. Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend and take advantage of this opportunity as we build up to exams which start very soon on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Careers Fayre

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00pm to 6.00 pm we are holding a careers fayre in school for Years 9-11. Please do support your sons and daughters by accompanying them to this event and getting information from a range of employers and post 16 providers.

### School Meals

We have been informed by Lancashire County Catering who provide our catering that the price of a full secondary school meal will rise from £2.50 to £2.70 from September 2024. This has resulted from increased wage costs and inflation.

### Wake up Wednesday

Please follow this link to the national college with information and tips on encouraging open and honest conversations with your children at home: [Top Tips for Parents: Encouraging Open Conversations at Home \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com)

### Congratulations

Firstly, congratulations to the winners of the reward points league table for the past two weeks.

	Week ending 15 March	Week ending 22 March
Most 5's	Violet Year 9	Anna Year 10
Highest points	Violet Year 9	Anna Year 10
Commitment	Gaius Year 8	Zane Year 8
Aspiration	Lucas Year 7	Millie Year 8
Resilience	Mason Year 8	Alfie Year 10
		Damians Year 7



Congratulations also to Alice in Year 11 who has made it through to a national finals in Hip Hop.

Attendance

	14.3.24	21.3.24
Year 7	93.67%	93.55 ↓
Year 8	90.55%	90.62 ↑
Year 9	91.55%	91.83 ↑
Year 10	89.22%	89.30 ↑
Year 11	86.44%	86.55 ↑

Please keep up the efforts of getting your children into school. We are improving slightly but slowly!

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter break.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher