



School Headlines

We hope that all pupils and their families enjoyed a wonderful half term break. It was been wonderful to see pupils back in school this week and working well within their lessons. We would like to remind families of the items that pupils need with them every day to be successful in school; arrive promptly for 08:50 start, dressed in the correct school uniform carrying with them a school bag containing their planner (which has their school day timetable within it), blue or black pens, ruler, pencil and a rubber. On days where pupils have PE they must carry their PE kit. We value family support in ensuring pupils are correctly prepared for their day, that they check ClassCharts regularly for their homework tasks and attend detentions where these are set.

Across this half term we have a number of exciting events within the school calendar, some of which are copied below. We will also be running some pupil voice activities and parents will have the opportunity to take part in some parent stakeholder engagement very soon.

The Ashton Building

We were delighted to formally open our £8 million Ashton Building on Wednesday 16th October. The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) project was opened by Helen Bingley OBE and Deputy Lieutenant to the King for Lancashire and Councillor Sam Riches Assistant Deputy Mayor of Lancaster and City Councillor for the Bulk Ward.

In the presence of pupils, staff, members of the Local Governing Body and Directors of the Bay Learning Trust, Helen and Sam cut the ribbon to the Ashton Building with Professor John Crewdson, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Bay Learning Trust, also in attendance.

Professor Crewdson said 'this is a very special occasion in the life and development of the school, it was a really lovely occasion and I feel privileged to be a part of the proceedings'.

During the opening, Helen led an assembly with pupils from Years 7 and 8 who listened intently to the High Sheriff and Councillor Riches who explained their roles and responsibilities towards the citizens of Lancaster and how their work supports the local and wider community. Our House and Values Captains are looking forward to working closely with Helen on a project supporting the Abaseen Foundation, a charity that supports some of the poorest people in the world who live in rural North West Pakistan.

The two storey Ashton Building has taken over two years to construct and involved the demolition of the old multi-storey building that had housed classrooms for over 30 years. The prominent Ashton Building boasts spacious English and maths classrooms and a beautiful dual aspect library that overlooks the city as well as five state of the art science labs, a computer suite, food technology and design technology workshops.



Upcoming Events

Monday 11 November

Remembrance event with House Captains and 2 minute silence in school

Friday 15 November

Pastoral coffee morning

Friday 22 November

School closed to pupils for staff training day

Thursday 28 November

Year 11 mock results breakfast

Thursday 5 December

Class of 2024 Achievement Evening

Thursday 12 December

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 December

Inter-House sports competition

Thursday 19 December

Rewards afternoon

Friday 20 December

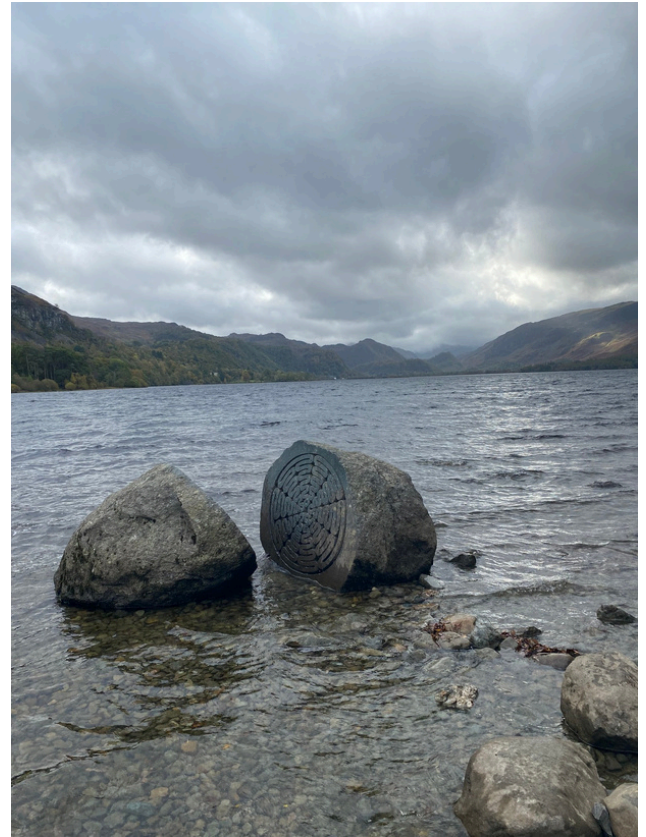
School closes at 13:30

Year 9 Fieldtrip to Keswick

In our first half term, Year 9 studied ecosystems in a unit of study named 'Biosphere'. Part of this unit was to study the temperate deciduous forest we have in the UK and the tropical rainforest, amongst other biomes.

On 17th October, Year 9 pupils visited Great Wood in Keswick. This is part of a very rare temperate rainforest that has been recently designated as one of the King's Series of National Nature Reserves due to its biodiversity value.

From the viewpoint pupils saw peaks such as Skiddaw and Catbells, and the autumnal weather greeted us with drizzle, sunshine and rainbows. During the visit pupils also walked along the edge of Derwentwater - 'Derwa' meaning 'oak trees' in Celtic and this whole area is surrounded by Atlantic Oakwood, which are the last remains of our ancient woodlands. It was lovely to see a whole year group out of school exploring the Lake District and learning outdoors. Thank you to Year 9 for the enthusiasm and questions shared throughout the day!



Open Events for Post-16 Providers

It is vital that Year 11 pupils start planning for their next steps. We will be inviting all of our local providers to speak to pupils over the coming weeks, but most have open events coming up. Below are the dates we know about, and we will update them regularly.

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School: Wednesday 6th November 17:30-19:30

Ripley St. Thomas: Thursday 7th November 18:00-20:00

Morecambe Bay Academy: Thursday 14th November 17:30-19:30

Kendal College: Thursday 28th November 16:30-19:00

Year 11 Mock examinations

We have been delighted with the way that our Year 11 pupils have applied themselves in the first week of their mock examinations. Our invigilation team have been very complimentary about their conduct and focus in the exams. A reminder that the examination schedule and specific guidance on revision can be found on our dedicated Year 11 website page by following the link below.

<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/year-11-revision-and-exams>

Year 11 Mock examination results breakfast

We will be holding a mock examination results breakfast for Year 11 pupils on Thursday 28th November during form time. All pupils will be offered a free breakfast and will be given an envelope with their full set of mock grades in. The purpose of this event is to support pupils to reflect on how effective their preparation has been for the mock examinations and experience what opening a results envelope is like. Parents / carers will also be sent an electronic copy of the mock examination results certificate.

General Notices

CLHS Coffee Morning

We invite all of our parents and carers to join us for our first pastoral coffee morning on Friday 15th November 2024.

Please pop in any time between 9.30am and 11am for a chat, a drink and cake, and advice or support from a range of local agencies.



From CLHS you can also meet our assistant SENCo, Safeguarding Lead, Behaviour Mentors and Careers Advisor.

Poppy Sales

Poppies are available daily from reception and within form time.

We will mark our respects with a two minute silence on Monday 11th November.



A reminder that all pupils can access a free breakfast in school from 08:15 every morning.



A Call for Help!

We are looking to expand our contacts in the world of work to come into school to speak to pupils about careers and further/higher education and to be involved in our practice interviews and employability days. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to support us with this, please complete the linked form; <https://forms.office.com/e/jlFZ0ZliTn>

Payment for ingredients in Food lessons

We have contacted all parents of pupils in Key Stage 3, through ClassCharts announcements and an emailed letter, with details of how parents/carers can pay a £10 contribution towards the ingredients required to cook in all Food Technology lessons this academic year. This will be the only contribution required for the year and will ensure that all pupils can cook the variety of dishes planned into the curriculum. All food prepared is taken home for you to sample and enjoy. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ski Trip

We are very pleased to be running our first ski trip to Austria in March 2026. Pupils and their families who would like more information should request a letter from Mrs Spence.

Open Mic Concert 18th October

We hosted a very successful Open Mic performance in the hall at lunchtime. Six pupils performed confidently, performing a variety of songs from ABBA to Chappell Roan. We were exceptionally proud of two Year 7 pupils who were only told on the morning of the performance that they had a slot to perform! Aria sang beautifully and Tommy finished the event with an MC performance which raised the roof of the hall! Thank you to all the performers, we look forward to the Christmas open mic event.



Pupil Success

Year 7 Success	<p>Congratulations to Laura B, Chloe B and Jumana N for achieving the highest compulsory points on Sparx Maths for Half Term 1.</p> <p>Malachi A has made an excellent start in his piano lessons this week, well done!</p> <p>Great start from Alp O in his first Music lesson this week and for having the courage to perform a solo in front of his peers.</p> <p>Great work from Bithiah M in the band this week.</p> <p>Bithiah M for the most achievement points in our first half term.</p> <p>Bithiah M and Larna F for the highest number of commitment points, Georgia W for the highest community points and Chloe B for the highest creativity points in our first half term.</p> <p>Lloyd E for the highest number of achievement points for your attendance at extra-curricular clubs last half term.</p>
Year 8 Success	<p>Congratulations to Katie B, Juliet B and Banaz Y for achieving the highest compulsory points on Sparx Maths for Half Term 1.</p> <p>Congratulations to Katie B for achieving the highest commitment points in Year 8 for half term 1.</p> <p>Congratulations to Tristan B for achieving the highest creativity points in Year 8 for half term 1.</p> <p>Congratulations to Haitham A-M for achieving the highest creativity points in Year 8 for half term 1.</p> <p>Congratulations to Tristan B for achieving the highest creativity points in Year 8 for half term 1.</p> <p>Congratulations to Ewan P for achieving the overall highest positive points in Year 8 for half term 1.</p> <p>Well done to Chloe M for her excellent Spanish work.</p>
Year 9 Success	<p>Congratulations to Mairead S, Carys P and Beverly S for achieving the highest compulsory points on Sparx Maths for half term 1.</p> <p>Thank you to Ezekiel M who has been doing a lot of work in the recording studio; this is all within your own time and we are very proud of your commitment.</p> <p>Callum R for improved focus in all of your lessons this week - well done!</p> <p>Carys P, Michael N, Alicia M & Jayden D for fantastic work in your straight line graphs assessment - some tricky questions that you tackled well.</p>

	Alexa B for a fantastic piece of writing using dystopian narratives. Mrs Prestwood enjoyed reading the work that Miss Timperley shared with her - well done.
Year 10 Success	<p>Congratulations to Niya P, Ayushmann S and Joshua C for achieving the highest compulsory points on Sparx Maths for half term 1.</p> <p>Fantastic work from the Year 10 GCSE Music class this week on their horror film compositions, we are looking forward to hearing the finished pieces.</p> <p>Well done to Rufaro H, Callum P and Tristan W for earning the highest praise points in Year 10 in half term 1.</p> <p>Max B for demonstrating the most commitment and creativity points, and Lexie H for earning the most community points.</p> <p>We commend Oliver G, Blessing R, Lexie H, Max B, and Rufaro H for achieving the highest number of weekly praise points in Year 10 during half term 1.</p> <p>A special acknowledgment goes to Taylor R, Adam H, and Liam A for their outstanding focus in Sports Studies last half term.</p>
Year 11 Success	<p>We wish Year 11 every success in their second week of mock examinations this week.</p> <p>Congratulations to Lucy K for the highest commitment points, Cameron B and Harley R for the highest creativity points and to Caitlin S for the highest community points in our first half term.</p> <p>Well done to Charlie C for the highest attendance at extra-curricular activities in our first half term.</p>

House Success



Most Achievement Points



Best Attendance



Extra-Curricular Attendance



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