



School Headlines

Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival

The Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival (1st – 3rd December) took place this weekend. Pupils from Key Stage 3 attended the church on Thursday with Miss Timperley and decorated the tree. Thank you to those who made decorations with Mrs Stephenson and to those who visited the church on Thursday to decorate it – Bariya, Tala, Tulin, Theo A, Boris, Charlotte H and Ella L. You were a credit to the school. Thank you to staff and pupils for their involvement in this festive community project.



Upcoming Events

Monday 4th December

Year 11 practise interviews

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th Dec

Year 11 French speaking exams

Thursday 7th December

Year 11 leavers Achievement Evening, 6–8pm

Week commencing 11th Dec

Year group Christmas dinners &
Year 11 SEND reviews begin
Flu vaccinations (Mon)

Tuesday 12th December 6pm

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas rewards afternoon

Wednesday 20th December 1–3pm

Year 7 Carol service at Christ Church

Friday 22nd December

Christmas jumper day & last day of term. School closes at 1:15pm, bus will collect at 1:15pm.

Achievement Evening

On Thursday 7th December, we are holding a Year 11 Achievement Evening for our Year 11 cohort who left us in the summer.

If you have older family members or children who left us in the summer, we would love to see them on 7th December to celebrate their GCSE achievements.

The evening will start at 6pm. This is for Year 11 leavers and their families only.



Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert will be taking place on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm. Doors will open at 5.30pm and refreshments will be available before the concert. Tickets are now available to purchase and are available from the reception, the Music Department or on Parentpay and are £3 each. We hope to see you there!

The Week Ahead

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Monday 4th December

Timetable: week A

Assembly theme: The Foodbank & Safenet

Food Bank Collection

During December we will be collecting donations for Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Families are asked to donate everyday food items as well as Christmas treats that the Foodbank can distribute over the holiday period. Our Community Club have also been in discussion with the Foodbank about other ways we can support their users. Joanna Young, Chair of Trustees at the Foodbank will be visiting school on Monday 4th December to talk to pupils about the types of food needed. If you would like to know which items are needed at the Foodbank you can find out by clicking the link.

<https://morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Year 11 Practise Interviews

All Year 11 pupils will have a practise interview on Monday 4th December with a local employer or education provider. Pupils will have a preparation session prior to their interview which will look at: different types of interviews, how to behave in an interview, what sort of questions you might be asked and how you can prepare beforehand. Each pupil will receive written feedback from the interviewer alongside their grade card in December.

Visit to Christ Church Lancaster

All Year 7 pupils will be attending a visit to Christ Church Lancaster at 2pm on the 20th December to take part in a carol service and observe a place of Christian Worship which will support their KS3 Religious Education studies next half-term. Families of Year 7 are invited to join us to hear some of the performances from the concert, alongside traditional carols and readings.

Year 7 and 8 trip to the Dukes Theatre

All Year 7 and 8 pupils have been invited to a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' on Tuesday 19th December. Tickets are £11 however please contact school if you would like your child to attend as there are support options available.

House Success

Term 1 - Week 12



Most Achievement
Points



Best Attendance



Attendance at
Extra-Curricular

Autumn Term Dates 2023-24

Friday 22nd December
School closes to pupils 1.15pm

Tuesday 9th January 2024
School reopens to pupils



Christmas @ Central

Key Dates

1st –3rd December	Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Lancaster
4th December	Food Bank Collection starts
11th-15th December	Christmas Lunches
12th December 6pm	Christmas Concert
19th December	Rewards afternoon—Ice skating and Dukes Theatre
20th December	Carol Service at Christ Church Lancaster
22nd December 1.15pm Early finish	Achievement Assemblies Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day



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Christmas Tree Festival

We kick start our festivities this year by taking part in a Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Lancaster. Pupils in school have been busy making decorations for our tree and representatives will visit Christ Church to help decorate it. Families and pupils are invited to visit the festival from the 1st-3rd December. Half of the donations raised at the Festival will support the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS). They serve the daily needs of homeless people in the area, providing facilities they can't access when out on the street, they also provide help and advice to get onto the housing ladder, food, clothing and comfort too!





Christmas @ Central

Christmas Lunch

Each year group will have the chance to eat a traditional Christmas Lunch together during the week beginning the 11th December, complete with Christmas Crackers and music! Pupils will be asked to pre-order their lunch and will be joined by their house tutors. Vegetarian options will be available and there will be a limited menu for those not wishing to take part. The cost of lunch is £2.50 (the price of our normal 'meal-deal') and will be available to those pupils in receipt of free school meals.



Music at Christmas

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place in the school hall on 12th December at 6pm. Pupils from across the school will be performing Christmas songs and music that they have been rehearsing in peripatetic lessons and extra-curricular clubs this term. Tickets will be available for families and friends at the cost of £3, to come and get in the festive spirit.

In addition to this we are bringing back an old Central tradition and holding a carol service at Christ Church Lancaster at 2pm on the 20th December. All year 7 pupils will be attending and families of year 7 are invited to join us to hear some of the performances from the concert, alongside traditional carols and readings.



Rewards Afternoon

On the 19th December 10 pupils from each year group who have shown their commitment to our school community through excellent attendance and behaviour will be treated to one of two reward trips—a visit to Lancaster on Ice, with a hot chocolate to warm up or a visit to the theatre to see 'A Christmas Carol'.

Year 7 pupils have also been invited to buy a ticket for the theatre that afternoon.

Last day of school

On the 22nd December we will hold a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for 'Save the Children'. Pupils are invited to come in non-uniform and a Christmas jumper for a minimum donation of £1.

Each year group will have an achievement and rewards assembly so we can celebrate together all the amazing achievements of the last term, and have the chance to take part in some festive activities with their form group.



School will finish at 1.15pm and we ask that any appointments for piercings, lashes and nails in preparation for Christmas are made for after that time. School opens again for pupils on

Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Pupil Success Term 1 Week 12

Year 7 Success	<p>Lily K for excellent experiments with water colour in her sketchbook, really highlighting her creativity in art. Well done.</p> <p>Congratulations and well done to Dinsara K, Hussein B and Tulisa H for achieving the most Sparx Points in Year 7 this week.</p> <p>Aflie H and Nieve D for settling well into their new maths class this week – some excellent contribution to lessons from you both – well done!</p> <p>Thank you to Boris for representing Year 7 so brilliantly at the Tree Festival on Thursday morning.</p>
Year 8 Success	<p>Congratulations and well done to Haresh P and Deva B for achieving the most Sparx Points in Year 8 this week.</p> <p>Well done to Theo A for his management skills in D and D Club – Theo you coordinate everyone who attends, so brilliantly.</p>
Year 9 Success	<p>Congratulations and well done to Yasaman G, Milaf A and Kaleb J for achieving the most Sparx Points in Year 9 this week.</p> <p>Kaleb J and Edan M are working well in English – thank you for your contributions.</p>
Year 10 Success	<p>Thank you to Mia S and Daisy B for their kindness shown to a member of staff last week.</p> <p>Well done to Josh S, Kyle S and Stanley W for their excellent contributions to lesson in maths this week.</p> <p>Gabriel L for improving his punctuality to school and lessons.</p> <p>Congratulations and well done to Hadyn PE, Eden O and Tolulope O for achieving the most Sparx Points in Year 10 this week.</p> <p>10y/En2 are developing their poetry analysis skills well. It's lovely to hear them voicing their ideas before committing to paper. Great work, Year 10.</p>
Year 11 Success	<p>Sana J for excellent work in response to the theme of identity for her art coursework. She is showing great independence and creativity.</p> <p>Congratulations and well done to Muhib K, Asya A and Zahira E for achieving the most Sparx Points in Year 11 this week.</p> <p>Well done to Gabriel R S, Connor B, Morgan T and Jack H who are all working incredibly hard in music at the moment. Mrs Spence is incredibly proud of you all.</p> <p>Alfie C-D, Alfie F, James W-R, Josh J, Jack S, Manot A for excellent contributions in their Life lesson looking at the stigma attached to mental health this week.</p> <p>Thank you to all Year 11 pupils for showing real resilience over the past fortnight during their mock exams. The Unseen Poetry element of the English Literature exam can be very challenging at the end of a two-and-a-half hour exam, but it is really pleasing to see that students have persevered and attempted the questions. This shows real commitment and determination to succeed.</p>

Year 11 SEND Reviews & Clinic

Our weekly SEND Clinic is on each Thursday between 2.00–4.15pm. Please email Imaudsley@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Term 1 SEND Reviews for Year 11 will commence on Monday 11th December. You will receive an email with further details. Please email Mrs Ainsworth at sainsworth@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to make an appointment.

KS3 Competition Time!

A reminder to all Key Stage 3 pupils of the Bedrock competition this half term. There will be a draw in the Achievement Assembly on the last day of term for all those pupils who have accumulated 200+ points on Bedrock Learning, between October 30th and December 20th. Good luck. There are ten names in the hat already! Wow! What an incredible effort only four weeks in! There are 18 school days left until the close of the competition so get logging on to Bedrock.

Mock examination results

We have been delighted with the very positive feedback from our external invigilation team this year, regarding the conduct of our Year 11 pupils in the exams. The results for the mock examinations will be shared with parents and carers as part of Data Collection 1 that will be shared with parents and carers on 20th December. This set of mock examinations is a very important opportunity for pupils, parents and teachers to reflect on pupils' specific strengths and weaknesses in each subject. It is also an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on their preparation for these exams to reflect on the effectiveness of their preparation. Pupils took part in two sessions at the start of year, in which different revision techniques. In addition, pupils were taken to a computer room to check they knew how to access all our online resources. If you have any concerns about access to these online support packages, please contact Miss Brown.

Christmas Reward Trip

To celebrate success at the end of autumn term, 10 pupils from each year group will be selected by their Heads of Year to be treated to an hours ice skating followed by a warming hot chocolate in the Lancaster on Ice tepee with their Head of Year. Pupils who will be successful will be those with the best attendance to school, fewest negative behaviour points and high positive points.

Term Dates 2024–25

Our 2024–45 term dates are now available on our website.

Family holidays should not be taken during the term time. If leave is required during term time, a 'Leave of Absence Request Form' should be completed (available from our website or school office) and submitted to our Attendance Officer. Parents do not have a legal right to take children out of school on holiday. Our school has a policy of not authorising leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where authorisation is not obtained prior to taking time off, parents need to be aware that formal proceedings may be taken in the form of Fixed Penalty Notices and/or prosecution through the Local Authority.



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