



## School Headlines

It was a wonderful week at Central Lancaster High School this week as we welcomed back previous Year 11 pupils to receive their GCSE certificates and subject and school awards in our Achievement Evening. It was wonderful to see many of the year group and hear how they are enjoying their next steps into further education.

We are very grateful to the Lancaster Soroptimist Club and Rebecca Gudgeon for their special contributions to our Achievement Evening.



All year groups will be taking part in our Elf Run for St John's Hospice on Tuesday 19th December.

Pupils will come out of one lesson during the day and run or walk the 1.5 mile route.

We are asking all pupils to donate a minimum of £2 for the Hospice. Families & friends can donate via the QR code which links to our Just Giving Page for the Hospice.

Pupils must bring their PE kits on 19th December & can wear optional Christmas Fancy Dress!

## Upcoming Events

### **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 and Elf Run for St John's Hospice

### **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.



## 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 11th December

**Timetable:** week B

**Assembly theme:** Elf Run & Disability Awareness

### 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/>

### 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

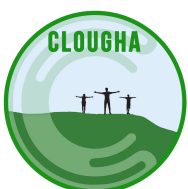
All Year 7 and 8 pupils have been invited to a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' on Tuesday 19th December. Tickets are £11 however please contact school if you would like your child to attend as there are support options available.

### Year 9 Health Questionnaire

All Year 9 pupils will take part in the local authority Health Survey. If you wish your child to opt of the survey, please follow the guidance in the attached document.

## House Success

Term 1 - Week 13



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 13

<b>Year 7 Success</b>	<p>7xy/RE2 made Mrs Pearson smile this week with their excellent home learning submissions where they showed their creative skills by designing their own festivals- Oakley F's design of a Capybara festival sounded particularly exciting!</p> <p>Layla S and Esmee Y showed great improvements in RE this week and produced good work as well as sharing lots of ideas in class discussions. Thank you.</p> <p>Lexi L has shown great commitment to her studies and always does as is expected around school displaying our three core values. Thank you, Lexi, and keep it up.</p> <p>Lucas R, Logan K, Sophie T and Jacob C consistently contribute to class discussion in History lessons with fantastic answers and additional insight on our study of the Romans. Thank you!</p> <p>Well done to the following pupils who have shown commitment and determination when working on Sparx: Dinsara K, Fareedah A and Hussein B.</p>
<b>Year 8 Success</b>	<p>Charlotte H, Jake T, Gideon L, Asher J and Logan C consistently contribute answers in History lessons helping other students to understand key parts of our topic on Slavery. Thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm.</p> <p>Well done to the following pupils who have shown commitment and determination when working on Sparx: Haresh P, Deva B and Diwaniha Y.</p>
<b>Year 9 Success</b>	<p>Well done to Dillan W for showing commitment and community spirit in the Year 9 assembly this week by volunteering to share your answers with our guest speaker.</p> <p>Thank you to Rufaro H and Chelsea R for welcoming a new student into the school community.</p> <p>Pupils in Year 9 English have been working on essay skills and have written about 'Animal Farm'. The following pupils worked incredibly hard and showed great mastery of essay technique: Sophie A, Freya P, Edan M, Michael A, Lauren S, Ben K, Ronan H, Tristan W, Symone W, Lucian L, Louie M, Rhys J, Callum P, Nicky WB, Isaac P, Leo Y.</p> <p>Gracie-Mai S consistently contributes to class discussion in RE and produces high quality work whilst taking great pride in her presentation. She impressed this week with her contributions in our lesson discussing religious attitudes to divorce. Thank you.</p> <p>Well done to the following pupils who have shown commitment and determination when working on Sparx: Yasaman G, Milaf A and Zach J.</p>
<b>Year 10 Success</b>	<p>GCSE RE pupils have recently completed a 12 mark exam question assessing whether Baptism is more important than Holy communion. Pupils produced wonderful answers and made great progress since their last 12 mark response. A special mention to Flora Y, Jas W, Daisy B, Connor D, Edith M, Ava W, Katie D and Issy B for fantastic essays.</p> <p>Well done to the following pupils who have shown commitment and determination when working on Sparx: Onali Y, Hanna A and Tolulope O.</p>
<b>Year 11 Success</b>	<p>Well done to the following pupils who have shown commitment and determination when working on Sparx: Crystal C, Mia M and Mia P.</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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Your child's House Tutor is your first point of contact