

School Headlines

Building update

The demolition of our multi storey block completed this week. Phase two of our building project started on Friday and we will continue to keep parents updated on the exciting progress being made.

In line with government guidance, our school has been surveyed for RAAC and none has been found.

Upcoming Events

Week com. 18th September

NGRT testing Year 7-10

Thursday 21st September

Open Evening 6-8pm. School closes to pupils at 2.05pm. School bus will collect pupils at 2.05pm.

Thursday 28th September

6-8pm Year 7 Meet the House Tutor Event in school
6-7pm Year 10 Information Evening in school

Friday 6th October

INSET day, school closed to pupil

Thursday 12th October

6-7pm Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Launch in school

Wednesday 18th October

Year 7 Streetwise performance, 10am

Friday 20th October

Open Mic event lunchtime. School closes at 3.05pm for half term

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our clubs began this week, it was superb to see so many pupils taking part in the range of activities taking place. This year we are expecting all pupils to attend at least one club a week. There are huge well-being benefits in attending extra-curricular activities as highlighted by the Social Mobility Commission in a recent report:

"Extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun and relax away from the pressures of school work."

Extra-Curricular activities can also support pupils in becoming more employable through the development of transferable skills: *"By taking part you'll build long-lasting friendships and connections, meet pupils from different backgrounds, and gain transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, organisation, problem solving and time management. It will also improve your confidence."*

Please take the time to look at the timetable of clubs below with your child and encourage them to pick something to have a go at!

Day	Lunchtime—12.30—1.00pm	After-school—3.10—4.00pm
Monday	Art Club — Art room (week A only) Safe space — nurture (invite only) Community club - S1 Year 10 and 11 music coursework- B4 Dance and gymnastics club—sports hall	Staff Training
Tuesday	Diversity club — S3 Camp craft—Year 8 - S4 Safe space — nurture (invite only) Guitar Group — B4	Science Club — Years 7, 8 and 9 - S3 Dungeons and Dragons - A1 Rugby — Field Netball club— netball court
Wednesday	Safe space — nurture (invite only) The Trebles and keyboard - B4	Film Club — B6 — all years welcome D of E Bronze — Year 9 Rugby - Field Badminton - Sports Hall
Thursday	Board Games Club — S3 Safe space — nurture (invite only) DT club - T3 Music mix—B4	Dungeons and Dragons - A1 Girls football—field
Friday	Year 11 history revision — A10 Safe space—nurture (invite only) The Trebles and keyboard — B4	

House Success

Term 1 – Week 2



Most Achievement
Points



Best Attendance



Attendance at
Extra-Curricular

Autumn Term Dates 2023–24

Friday 20th October
School finishes for half term 3.05pm

Tuesday 31st October
School reopens to pupils

Friday 17th November
INSET day, school closed to pupils

Friday 22nd December
School closes to pupils 1.15pm

Key Stage 4 Notices

Careers: Sixth Form Open Evenings

Year 10 and 11 pupils and families should consider visiting all open evening events for our local post-16 providers to find out about the opportunities available to them. As we find out about these events we will advertise them here and communicate them with our pupils through our weekly form time presentations.

26th September 5.30–7.00pm	Lancaster Royal Grammar School Sixth form (open to boys and girls)
18th October 4.30–7.00pm	Lancaster and Morecambe College
9th November TBC	Ripley St. Thomas Sixth Form
28th November 4.30–7.00PM	Lancaster and Morecambe College

Key Stage 3 Notices



Bedrock is the platform the English Department use for reading homework. Key stage 3 pupils have now received their usernames and passwords. This work can be done using a computer, Ipad or smartphone. Homework will be set regularly each Monday and pupils have a week to reach their target – praise points are issued for completion of work. Thank you to all families for your support in helping your children to make progress with their reading skills. Pupils who accumulate 140 points or more this half term could be in with a chance of winning a Chrome Book!

'Risk It' Programme

Changes in teenagers' brains make it hard for them to think about consequences or what might happen in the future. During adolescence the brain enters a period of 'chaos' whilst it grows and reorganises. Young people aged 10 years and upwards are also most likely to be influenced by peers rather than adults around them.

On **Friday 29th September** we have an external organisation 'We Are With You' delivering an assembly to KS4 pupils. Pupils will need to bring their mobile phones on this day to complete an online survey following the assembly.

You can find out more about We Are With You here:
<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/help-and-advice>



Pupil Success Term 1 Week 2

Year 7 Success	<p>Thank you to all the Year 7s who have been involved in Bedrock Learning tests this week. You were all so supportive of each other in the computer rooms.</p> <p>Haitham A and Juliet B for settling in well into our school community.</p> <p>Well done to Isaac A and Amelia-Lily F for independently accessing Sparx Maths.</p>
Year 8 Success	<p>Fabulous contributions to learning from Alfie J-G, Asher J, Bariya A, Tala A, Tulin A, Charlie B, Callum R and Coner O.</p> <p>Ollie D and Asher J for a great start this academic year.</p>
Year 9 Success	<p>Ronan H, Chae J-S, Charlie L, Yasin P, Gracie-Mai S and Leo Y have all shown confidence this week in English sharing their ideas.</p> <p>Oliver G and Leah B both demonstrated their community values by helping a member of staff.</p> <p>Gracie-Mai S and Casie K for a great start this academic year.</p> <p>Elia S and Gracie-Mai S for their excellent running pass and turning in the air in netball during their PE lesson.</p>
Year 10 Success	<p>Great input received from: Lewis G, Dylan H, Matilda L, Cameron-Rose O-B, Brooke R, Onali Y, and Alan S in English Literature this week. Miss Timperley really appreciates hearing your ideas.</p> <p>Lewis G has shown commitment in his GCSE history lessons with Miss Brown. A super start to the year.</p> <p>Well done to Eden O, Demi A and Riley S for discussing with confidence Dickens' intentions when writing 'A Christmas Carol' - what creative responses!</p>
Year 11 Success	<p>Chanie M continues to impress in Literature with suggestions and pertinent questions with Alfie F, Josh J and Kevin M also sharing interesting ideas about the unseen poetry that is being explored in class.</p> <p>Well done to Leighton P for delivering his sports studies lesson, to the class, this week.</p> <p>Well done to Poppy O, Sana J and Primrose M for their creative and positive response to their extended project in Art.</p> <p>A huge well done to Ella R for excellent work in maths this week.</p>

Whole School Reminders

School photos

Individual school photographs took place in school on Monday, families have been emailed a link to see their child's school photograph. Families should order any photographs they would like to purchase through this link. Please contact the school office if you have not received a link.

Bags and books

All pupils need to bring a bag into school every day to carry their essential equipment, timetables and books. Key Stage 3 pupils must bring in their reading for pleasure reading book for their form time reading activity.

National Group Reading Tests for Year 7 through to Year 10 pupils

Next week, all pupils in Year 7 through to Year 10 will complete a 'National Group Reading Test'. The test will take an hour to complete. This test is not something that pupils can revise for nor they should be concerned about. The test is important to us as it allows us to see what pupils' strengths and areas for development are with their reading. If we feel that pupils need further support with their reading, we will place them on an appropriate programme of support to develop their reading. If your child does need further support with their reading, we will contact you.

Should you have any questions about the NGRT then please contact Mrs Worsley.

SEND Clinic

Our weekly SEND clinic is open **every Thursday between 2.30 – 4.30pm.**

Please email Imaudsley@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to book a 15-minute appointment if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or if you have any queries or concerns.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

To ensure the safety of our whole school community we regularly practise fire and lockdown drills. We will be running drills within the next two weeks so that, in the unlikely event of an emergency, pupils know how to keep themselves safe at school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Week Ahead

Monday 18th September

Timetable: week A

Assembly theme: International Day of Peace

Risk taking – Key Stage 4

Early closure Thursday 21st
September for Open Evening,
2.05pm



Don't Forget!

School is open daily from 08.10am for pupils to have a free breakfast. An important start for a day of learning!

Please encourage your child to attend school every day, pupils who are in school regularly achieve success. In the event of your child being unwell you can log your child's attendance here:

<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/absence-reporting>

Attend today, achieve tomorrow!



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Your child's House Tutor is your first point of contact