

# Newsletter 20th October 2023

### School Headlines

### Half Term 1 Reflections

We have enjoyed a superb first half term of the 2023-24 academic year. We are delighted with how well Year 7 have settled and how quickly they have become part of our community, supporting Open Evening and talking with confidence to the inspectors during our Ofsted inspection. Our sporting teams have made a positive start to the football & rugby season and Year 11 have attended revision sessions showing commitment to their GCSE examination year.

Thank you to all parents for their continued support of our school and your attendance at launch events this half term. If you have not done so already, please read our Ofsted report which highlights many strengths of our school.

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday 31st October Term begins

Week com. 6th November Year 7 SEND Reviews

Friday 17th November INSET Day, school closed to pupils.

Monday 20th November Year 11 Mock examinations begin

**Thursday 7th December** Year 11 leavers Achievement Evening, in school 6-8pm

Week commencing 11th Dec Year group Christmas dinners

**Monday 11th December** Flu vaccinations

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.

### Year 11 Mock Examinations

Thank you for all of your support so far this year with the preparation of our pupils for mock examinations. Year 11 will be sitting their first set of Mock examinations between and Monday 20th November and Friday 1st December. A full mock examination timetable and detailed revision guidance can be found on our dedicated Year 11 revision page here. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Brown or Mr Auger.

#### Year 7 SEND Review Meetings

Term 1 SEND reviews for Year 7 will be held during tje week commencing Monday 6th November. A letter has been sent home with further details.

Please email Mrs Ainsworth at sainsworth@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to make an appointment.

### **House Success**

Term 1 - Week 6



Most Achievement

Points



Best Attendance



Attendance at Extra-Curricular

### Autumn Term Dates 2023-24

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

Tuesday 9th January 2024 School reopens to pupils

# Key Stage 4 Notices

Careers: Sixth Form Open Evenings

2nd November 5.30-7.30pm	Lancaster Girls' Grammar School. Please register your intention to attend by following the link: https://www.lggs.org.uk/513/announcements/announcement/127/announcement/?home=1
8th November 5.00-7.00pm	Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form
9th November 6.00-8.30pm	Ripley St. Thomas Sixth Form
16th November 5.30pm	Our Lady's Catholic College, Sixth Form
28th November 4.30-7.00PM	Lancaster and Morecambe College

### Pupils can apply to all sixth-form providers and only have to decide where they would like to go on results day.

Please encourage your child to look at all the available options – including A'Levels, Vocational Qualifications, T-Levels and Apprenticeships.



### Join us for Open Evening

Thursday 9 November 2023 5pm - 8pm Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RS

Mr M Sim, Head of Sixth Form, will present Keynote Talks at 6pm and 7pm.

Visit **thesixthform.com** for more information about the evening.



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We regret that there will be no parking available on site during the evening.



### **Key Stage 3 Notices**



Bedrock Learning prizes will be awarded next half term to those pupils who have made the most progress and earned the most points in Years 7, 8 and 9. Bedrock continues throughout the half term holiday. Keep working hard everyone! Thanks for your efforts this half term. There has been some phenomenal progress made and some unbelievable point scores! Real commitment!

#### Y7 and Y8 Book Buzz

Pupils in both Y7 and Y8 chose a book of their choice as part of the 'BookBuzz' initiative. These books were paid for by school and more information about the initiative can be found here: booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/.

Your child has received their book this week; please discuss their book with them over half term and encourage them to read. All pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been set a reading homework to read the first three chapters of their book!

#### Rugby Fixture - Match Report

This week, the Year 7 and Year 10/11 combined rugby teams travelled the short distance across the field for the local derby against the noisy neighbours, LRGS.

For the Year 7s, it was the second game of their promising school career, following their fantastic win against OLCC two weeks ago. They were clearly up for the challenge and got off to a blistering start, which saw them take a 20-5 lead into half time. After the break, the hosts rallied, and an already exciting and entertaining game eventually finished 30-30, with neither side deserving to lose. A fair result for both teams and a fantastic result for CLHS.

Buoyed by last year's closely contested battle, the combined Year 10//11 team were again ready for the physical challenge that lay ahead. Against a well-orgainsed and well-drilled LRGS team, the boys were courageous in their tackling, competitive at the breakdown and full of running with the ball when the opportunity arose.

LRGS were deserved winners, however, the 31-5 scoreline was harsh on a battling CLHS team who stayed in the game for long periods of time, building many phases of play in possession.

Well done to both CLHS teams, who were a credit to themselves and to the school.







# Pupil Success Term 1 Week 7

Year 7 Success	Jaxon K for showing his caring community spIrit by looking after Mr Jackson, part of the school's site team.
	Thank you to 7C for their creative ideas in DEAR this week. The class is thoroughly enjoying the DEAR book - 'A Series of Unfortunate Events'.
	Mason A, Isabelle M, Logan K and Sophie T really impressed Miss Timperley with their speeches. These pupils got up to the front of the class and read their speech aloud with confidence and clarity. Well done for such fantastic speeches and bravery!
	Well done to Beatie B who has shown fantastic leadership skills during DEAR and presented her knowledge about her favourite series, 'A Series of Unfortunate Events', to the rest of the class. Beatie has also made a PowerPoint about the series for after we have read the book. Massive well done for your help and contribution!
	Brilliant work on Bedrock Learning from Ice B and Marius M this week, both of whom are new to the system – well done!
Year 8 Success	Year 8 have been working on travel writing this half term in English. Dan J, Aimee O, Isabelle M, Frank H, Jenny B, Tomas A, Lily B, Jayden D, Tom E, Ocean Y George L and Honey C have crafted very effective travel pieces which include excellent detail and well-explained opinions.
Year 9 Success	Jakob L, Amy A Y, Rosy H, Ethan C, Oscar C, Archie B and Rowan G have really impressed Miss Timperley with their story writing in English this term. All pupils have produced two fantastic stories. You have shown excellent progress and hard work.
	Lovely classwork produced in English by Michael A, Edan M, Jack S and Daniel K. Thank you all.
Year 10 Success	Ollie W, Kayden W, Mia S, Latifah P, Leon B, Jas W and Darniah G have completed some excellent analysis of Scrooge in English Literature this week. Well done for focusing closely on Dickens's language choices.
	Miss Timperley would like to thank 10y/En2 for their engagement and enthusiasm this half term in English Literature. The students have all worked hard on the text 'A Christmas Carol' and they are developing good understanding of the characters and key themes. Particular thanks to Dylan H, Cash D, Brooke R, Matilda L and Ibrahim S whose consistent contributions have been invaluable.
	Eden O, Flora Y, Katie D, Riley S, Kaan G have completed a reading paper independently and have shown fantastic progress. Massive well done from Miss Vedick.
Year 11 Success	Isabel B and Jethro K have done phenomenal work in English Language. Both have sat exam papers independently and have produced fantastic, top band responses. I will be using these examples with the whole class to deconstruct excellence.
	Excellent class work in English Literature this week from Harley M, Alfie C-D, Jack S, Hannah L, Alfie F and superb book work from Chanie M, Jack C, Mariela, Anais T, Manot A and Roland G.

### Whole School Reminders

#### Spare ties

We are running low on spare ties in school as some of these have been taken home at the end of the school day. If your child has a stripey red tie at home please return this to school after half term.

#### 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.

#### **Financial Support for Families**

Lancashire County Council offer a household fund to families meeting certain criteria. This support can be used to purchase key household items or help towards utility bills. https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/community-hub

If you would like to check whether your household is entitled to any other financial support please visit:

https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/cost-of-living/financial-support-for-households

In the local area there are a number of foodbank and food club services. If you feel that you may benefit from these please visit: https://keepconnected.lancaster.gov.uk/accessing-food

#### **The Week Ahead**

Tuesday 31st October

Timetable: week B

Assembly theme: Commitment assembly

Lunch time detentions move to 12.40-13.00 after half term. Parents can monitor their child's homework, praise points and detentions via ClassCharts.









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!

# **Contact Us**

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