

Friday 18 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On my arrival to school in June, I began my letter explaining how privileged I felt to be given the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. Over the last half term, it has been a joy to meet all of my new colleagues and many of our pupils, who have worked exceptionally hard across this half term. It has been genuinely fantastic to see our pupils flourish within lessons, as well as the extracurricular opportunities provided. It is therefore a further privilege of mine to draw the school year to a close below and remind you of the exciting year to come.

Pupils returning to school in September will join us at **Lancaster High School**, acknowledging our position as the comprehensive secondary school of choice in our city, with our new core school values of **Ambition, Kindness and Service**. I am excited to welcome pupils through the door in September, who will be wearing our new uniform and new school logo with pride.

I would like to use this opportunity to remind you all of some of our key expectations for the new school year.

Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to attend school, on time, every day at 08:50am. As a school, we want all pupils, parents and carers to understand the clear link between attendance, outcomes and the resulting choices available in the future of our pupils. It is a priority that in September all pupils must attend school, dressed in full uniform, equipped to learn. It is all our responsibilities to ensure pupils avoid being absent from school for any reason other than illness or exceptional circumstance.

Year 11 and Year 7 Pupils should arrive to school for the start of the school day at 08:50 on **Tuesday 2 September 2025**.

Year 10, Year 9 and Year 8 Pupils should arrive to school for the start of the school day at 08:50 on **Wednesday 3 September 2025**.

Uniform and Appearance

As I have already referenced, all pupils need to be wearing our new uniform on their return. This includes:

- Our new navy blue blazer (purchased using the **voucher** issued to families last week)
- A new school tie (given to pupils for free on your first day back at school)
- Full length tailored **dark** charcoal trousers
- Optional tartan school skirt
 - navy blue knee socks, navy or black tights if worn with the skirt
- White Shirts
- Plain Black Leather/Synthetic Leather Shoes

Complete uniform information is available on our website. Please remember that certain attire is not permitted, including non-tailored trousers (skinny, flared or legging), Socks with frills/ bows, Trainers and Hoodies. Equally, with the summer holidays upon us, a reminder that extreme hairstyles and hair colour choices should not be present on our return to school, nor should false eye lashes or false nails.

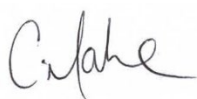
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I encourage you all to ensure pupils are prepared to learn on their return. Pupils should bring to school, every day, a school bag or rucksack which should be black, navy or grey in colour and large enough to carry exercise books. This should also include their equipment, including a stocked pencil case, with details of what to include again available on our website.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support this last school year. The trust in place between school and home is the true foundation of any successful pupil, and at our school, our community truly matters.

I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Malone', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Malone
Headteacher