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Dear Parents or Carers

We have almost reached the end of another amazing school year here at Central Lancaster High School. So much activity has been packed into this year for your children to be involved in and so many opportunities for them to explore, ranging from cultural visits and activities, to careers and enterprise events, to sports and fundraising. All of this has been organised and supported by the magnificent and dedicated team of staff here at Central. Highlights have been our annual Race for Life event, the introduction of our Queensberry Alternative Provision programme which resulted in a group of pupils climbing Snowdon and raising £1600 in their "Pads at the Peak" initiative, the fabulous Time to Shine performance, Science Festivals and Science Week activities and some incredible university partnerships through FutureU, Uclan and Lancaster University....there really are too many to list!

Our Focus magazine is the best place to get a real idea of the range of work happening here at school, alongside us ensuring your children are accessing the best education possible. We believe that education needs to be rounded and provide children with lots of opportunities for personal development. It is quite unbelievable to think that this time last year we hadn't even launched our new House system, yet just a few months later it really is central to our school and supports our 3Cs values of Commitment, Creativity and Community brilliantly.

From the perspective of joining The Bay Learning Trust and establishing a working relationship with Ripley St Thomas, Carnforth and Morecambe, the processes of conversion are underway. Both the boards of BLT and our Governors have been working closely together to ensure that all parties are confident we are developing a relationship which will be of great benefit to our pupils and staff. We have been aiming for a conversion date of 1st September 2019, however, as yet the legal processes which are being undertaken are not complete and I am unable to confirm that will be the date. Already though, staff have been working together across all four schools, developing best practice and striving to improve teaching and learning for all pupils in the trust. When the conversion is complete, our Chair of Governors will write to you all to confirm.

A number of our staff are moving on and pursuing exciting new career opportunities or retiring and of course, a number of brilliant new team members will replace them. We say a huge thank you and goodbye to:

Mrs West (Music), Miss Benson (Science), Mr Read (English), Mr Mort (Learning Support), Mrs Armitage (English), Mr Lebalidi (Maths), Mrs Nevinson (Health & Social Care), Miss Shepherd (History), Mrs Rawes (Catering Officer). Mrs Roberts (Catering Officer), Mrs Tyson (Catering Officer) and Mrs Bullock (Business Manager) are retiring.

And we extend a very warm welcome to:

Miss Morris (Female PE), Mr Roberts (Technology), Mrs Meetha (Learning Support), Mrs Spence (Music), Mrs Smith (English), Mr Stewart (Science), Mr French (DT Technician), Ms Fisher (Catering Officer), Ms Brooks (Catering Officer), Ms Gray (Catering Officer) and Mrs Henshall (Catering Officer).

From October half term, I will be leaving Central Lancaster High School to pursue a career opportunity developing Careers Education for young people nationally. I am passionate about careers education for young people and making sure they get the best possible advice and guidance to support future choices. To ensure stability, continuity and a smooth transition for the school, the Governors have appointed Victoria O'Farrell (currently Deputy Headteacher) as Acting Headteacher. She has been a member of staff at Central Lancaster for several years, knows the school and all the pupils exceptionally well and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this appointment. She is determined to keep moving our school forward. I have hugely enjoyed my time here at Central and working with your children has been an absolute pleasure.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of our school. We all hope that you have a safe and happy summer holiday and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our new year 7 pupils in September.

Best wishes

Nicola Hall