

July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Changes for the 2025-2026 academic year

I am writing to you to inform you of additional upcoming changes to our school, including further information about our appearance policy.



After our positive Ofsted report in 2023, which captured the many strengths of our school, and the completion of the new £8 million Ashton building in 2024, we wish to recognise this success and celebrate a new chapter in our history.

On our return to school in September, we will be renamed **Lancaster High School**. The 'Central' will be dropped to simplify our name and acknowledge our position as the comprehensive secondary school of choice in our city. Our new values of **ambition**, **kindness** and **service** capture our truly inclusive, community focused school, that supports all pupils to flourish and fulfil their potential, whilst making a positive contribution to society.

Alongside the change of our name, we have a new logo. Following consultation, throughout the school year, I am excited to share its design. The logo incorporates imagery of Lancaster Castle, as well as the Lancashire rose. Below the castle are three waves, a subtle nod to our history and growth, firstly as Castle School, then Central Lancaster High and now Lancaster High School.

I am also delighted to share images of our **new school uniform**, available for all from September. As has already been shared, the new uniform will comprise of a navy blue blazer and new school tie, both embroidered with our new school logo. We are moving to dark charcoal grey trousers with the option for pupils to wear a specified, tartan school skirt should they wish. For pupils wearing the school skirt, navy blue knee socks, navy or black tights will need to be worn. Pupils will continue to wear plain white shirts and black school shoes.



In addition, the PE kit for our new Year 7 cohort will change to navy blue. Only the PE T-Shirt, branded with the school logo, is a compulsory item although other branded items are available to purchase. For pupils in Years 8-11, there is no expectation to change their current PE kit but when it needs replacing, only the new kit will be available from the uniform supplier.



To support all our families, the new blazer and tie will be fully funded by the school for all pupils.

All other items, with the exception of the compulsory new PE T-Shirt, optional school skirt and wider PE kit, can be sourced from any high street/ online retailer.

Included with this letter is your personalised voucher which entitles you to one free school blazer. We continue to use our current uniform supplier, Uniform and Leisurewear Company, who are located in Lancaster City Centre.

To redeem your voucher, simply take it into store to exchange it for the blazer. Staff will be on hand to support you with fitting and advise you on other items of uniform available.

Your child's free school tie will be presented to them on their first day of school in September. The tie will be a 'clip on' tie and samples may be available in store for you to see during the summer.

Further information, including more images of our uniform, as well as items to buy and items to avoid, are available on our website. If you are unsure as to what items of uniform are suitable or not, please contact school. As with any aspect of your child's education, should you require any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to again acknowledge the continued support I have had since my arrival, as well as wishing all pupils, staff and parents a restful summer. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school on clhs@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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

Colin Malone
Headteacher