Lancaster High School

NEWSLETTER

23 November 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The winter months are upon us...it is colder, darker and wetter than I am sure we would all like! However, at Lancaster High School, it is one of the most significant times in our calendar. We are a kind community where we want pupils to happily thrive at school, and our 'Hot Choc Tuesdays', where all pupils are entitled to a free Hot Chocolate (with marshmallows!) is just one way we are combating the winter blues!

Pupil Attendance is such a vital part of their success; time and time again we are reminded on the importance of being present in school. Evening routines and preparation are vital in helping pupils build the resilience needed for regular attendance, and I am grateful to parents and guardians for their ongoing support. Our regular communication with families is designed to reinforce these conversations at home, and we truly appreciate the positive feedback we have received this year.

Year 11 pupils completed their mock exams this month, and we were extremely pleased with their conduct and determination during such demanding assessments. We are proud of the maturity and commitment they have shown. I would also like to thank all parents and guardians who attended our information evening earlier in the term, and those who have supported pupils both academically and emotionally in their preparation. As we move forward, we remain focused on driving their success, with further opportunities for pupils to strengthen their qualifications through targeted intervention sessions.

As December approaches, we look forward to the festive season and the many celebratory events it brings...and Lancaster High School is in a celebratory mood after our very successful summer. Cat Smith MP was in school recently to discuss our school's journey and was incredibly impressed with what she saw. So impressed in fact, she then congratulated the school in parliament! You can see the video on our Facebook Page...please give us a follow!

Mr C. Malone

EVENTS

Thursday 26 November
Year 11 DT NEA Day

Monday 30 November
Foodbank Reverse Calendar Begins
Year 11 Mock Employment Interviews

Date Change: Tuesday 1 December
Art GCSE Mock Exam

Date Change: Tuesday 1 December
Class of 2026 Achievement Evening
18:00 - 19:30

Thursday 3 December
Year 7 Christmas Tree Decorating

Thursday 10 December
Christmas Concert 18:00 - 20:00

Tuesday 15 December
Elf Run & Community Event

Wednesday 16 December
Community Run with
Christ Church & Castle View Primaries

Thursday 17 December
Inter-House Sport Competition
Yaer 7 Christmas Chirch Visit
Year 10 & 11 Achievement Assemblies

Friday 18 December
Christmas Jumper Day
Year 7, 8 & 9 Achievement Assemblies
School Closes at 13:15

Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January
School Closed - Christmas Holidays

Monday 4 January
School Closed - INSET Day

Tuesday 5 January
School Re-Opens

Please visit the school calendar on our website

Ambition Kindness Service

KS4 Notices



Year 11 November mock examinations

We have been really encouraged with the way that Year 11 pupils have applied themselves to the November mock examinations. Pupils will receive their results in a mock examination breakfast on Wednesday 2 December. Electronic copies will be sent to parents carers later that day. It is important that we now reflect on specific strengths and weaknesses as we work towards the next set of mock examinations in February. Additional support remains in place, and we want to particularly draw your attention to the importance of Form time intervention on a Tuesday and Friday morning, it is vital pupils are on time and attend these sessions

Year 11 Revision Guides Provided by School

We have delighted to be able to provide each pupil in Year 11 with a full set of revision guides for all of their subjects just before half-term. These will be vital in supporting your child to prepare effectively for both their February mock examinations and their final exams. Please encourage your child to use them and contact us if you have any questions.

KS3 Notices

Lancaster University

Year 8 pupils will be visiting Lancaster University on the 26 and 27 November to take part in a campus tour, participate in some lectures and find out what it is like to be a University pupils.

Discovery
PROGRAMME

Notices



Harry M Takes on the Lancaster Half Marathon

Year 11 pupil Harry M recently demonstrated outstanding resilience and ambition by challenging himself to complete the Lancaster Half Marathon.

Taking on a half marathon requires months of dedication, determination and hard work. Alongside the demands of Year 11 and preparing for his GCSE examinations, Harry committed himself to training and successfully completed the 13.1-mile course.

Harry's achievement highlights the importance of setting personal goals and persevering through challenges. His willingness to push himself outside of his comfort zone is a fantastic example to other pupils, showing that success comes through commitment, effort and a positive mindset.

Everyone at school is incredibly proud of Harry's accomplishment. He has shown remarkable resilience throughout his training and great ambition in taking on such a significant challenge. Congratulations, Harry, on this fantastic achievement!

Well Done!

To ALL the EAL pupils working on our new program Flash Academy. Everyone has made a good start and is progressing well!

A huge well done to Linh N, Nourah A, Yi W, and Ziping C for being top of the leaderboard, and for competing to have that top place!

A massive well done to Anna D, and Aleen A, for pushing through and facing something you both found hard. This week you had a go and you should be really pleased with yourselves! Well done!

Abdulla A, and Sawen M, also both deserve a shoutout for the effort you are putting into our EAL Interventions too.

Well done to Fatma O for making an excellent start to the program too.

Jumana N, and Nicola T, thank you for your contributions to the sessions too!

You are all amazing!!! Even those I've not named here... but you know who you are!

Thank you, Miss Vollor, for your support of our EAL pupils!



Notices

Monthly Online Safety Message

November: Cyberbullying and Group Chats

November's online safety theme focuses on cyberbullying, respectful communication and behaviour in group chats. Pupils will consider how messages, jokes, rumours, images, exclusion and reactions such as likes or emojis can affect other people.

Online bullying can take place through private messages, social media, games and group chats. It may include threatening or hurtful messages, sharing embarrassing content, spreading rumours, deliberately excluding someone or creating a chat about them.

Pupils will be reminded to follow the school's cyberbullying response:

Stop, move away, save appropriate evidence, block or report, tell a trusted adult and report the concern to school.

Parents and carers can help by staying calm and listening carefully if their child reports a problem. Avoid blaming them or immediately removing access to their device, as this may make them less willing to discuss future concerns. Where appropriate, keep screenshots, usernames, dates and messages.

Do not respond angrily to the other pupil or family. Instead, use the platform's reporting tools and contact the school so that the concern can be addressed consistently.

Children should also understand that being a bystander matters. Liking, forwarding or remaining involved in a group created to upset somebody can contribute to the harm. Encourage your child not to join in and to support the person affected by reporting what has happened.

Childline advises young people not to reply to abusive messages, to keep appropriate evidence, block and report the user and speak to a trusted adult or teacher.

Further information:

UK Safer Internet Centre: Online bullying

NSPCC: Bullying and cyberbullying advice

Childline: Bullying and cyberbullying

Report Harmful Content

Ambition Kindness Service

Care Code

Scan this code to share any bullying or safety concerns that you have.

Notices

Five Star Friday

Well done to our pupils receiving a 5 Star Friday recognition on 6, 13 & 20 November!!!

Hollie K, Katie R, Ali Y, Faith A, Maddison W, Amy R, Ella S, Yi W,
Violet S, Maddison W, Bobby M, Lauren S, Ava-Rose T, Nourah A, Lily-Rose R, Noah M, Rhys L, Aimee O,
Mckenzie-Kai C, Ebony L, Teddy O, Shervan A, Leo M, Elsa T, Layla P.

House Success

Highest Reward Points

Best Attendance

Highest Extra-Curricular Attendance

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) is a new 3-year scheme funded by the UK government.
The CRF has been created to help **vulnerable households** who encounter financial difficulties as a result of a sudden unexpected expense, and also to support activity that builds individual and community financial resilience.
For residents of our district, the UK Government funding will be delivered by Lancaster City Council in partnership with North Lancashire Citizens Advice. Our aim is to help you stabilise your situation, strengthen your financial resilience and access the right support at the right time.

Crisis Payments
Resilience Services
Community Coordination
Help with Heating oil

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



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Ambition Kindness Service

Pupil Success

We are respectful & responsible, we are prepared & punctual, we are polite & we persevere.

Year 7	Well done to Oskar M, Ella-Rose C and Seval M for achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths in Year 7 this week. Well done to Summer Rose D for some excellent work in science this week Excellent work this week from Jayden H, Finlay B, Keira A, Toby S and Myles M in their piano lessons with Ms Ramsey.
Year 8	Alex R, Jack G, Maddison W, Hollie K, Esme W, Tobi L, Aamira E, Katy F, Abigail M, Abigal V and Zac B impressed in English by analysing atmosphere in 'Great Expectations' in fantastic detail. Well done to Linh N, Zaid J and Ali Y for achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths in Year 8 this week. Well done to Tobi L who worked hard on the ukulele in his Music lesson this week and showed great resilience.
Year 9	Well done to Maisie U, Grace S and Charlie W for achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths in Year 9 this week. Fantastic work from Maisie U in her piano lessons this week.
Year 10	Beatriz SB, Esme I, Ella B, Matthew B, Addison G and Euan L showed superb nonfiction writing skills in our first week on this new GCSE English Language topic. You're already aiming for the top bands! Great work from Safiey S, July Y, Angel N, Milo HS and Ryu LS in their piano and violin lessons over the past two weeks, making great progress. Congratulations to Beatriz B who passed her grade 1 piano exam with a Merit. The piano is Beatriz' third study instrument after the trumpet and voice which is a fantastic achievement.
Year 11	Well done to Phoebe N, Tyler B and Beverly S for achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths in Year 11 this week. Bariya A has made great progress in her piano lessons in the last two weeks, managing her time well with revision, well done!
Top 5 Reward Points Earners	1. Beatriz SB, year 10 2. Tioni S, year 8 3. Maisy K, year 9 4. Chloe T, year 9 5. Yi W, year 9

Looking for things to do this WINTER?

are you or is your child in receipt of Free School Meals?

Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2026

WINTER in Lancashire: Eat, Play, Repeat!



WINTER HAF 2026!

AGED 12–16?

Live in Morecambe, Lancaster or the surrounding areas?
Join us for FREE festive activities, fun and new experiences!

21 DECEMBER • GET MOVING

6PM- 9PM | Morecambe Library, Morecambe
Dance workshop, arts & crafts, music and new friends.

22 DECEMBER • CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME



11:30AM- 5:30PM | The Dukes, Lancaster
Cinderella, festive magic, big laughs and surprises. Oh yes it is!

23 DECEMBER • CHRISTMAS PARTY

6PM - 9PM | Morecambe Library, Morecambe
Face painting, festive crafts, party fun and Christmas cheer.

30 DECEMBER • ARTS, CRAFTS & ICE SKATING



1PM - 4PM | White Cross Neighbourhood Centre, Lancaster
Meet here for crafts, then head to Lancaster on Ice - beginners welcome!

FREE • LIMITED SPACES •

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MEET OTHER PARENT/CARERS

GAIN SUPPORT AND ADVICE, NO DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY

INFO AND ADVICE FROM SEND SERVICES



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

1-3PM

LUNE PARK FAMILY HUB

NHS

Lancashire FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Lancashire County Council

Coffee & Connect
One Stop Shop

FIRBANK FAMILY CENTRE
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- HOUSING
- FINANCE
- EMPLOYMENT
- PARENTING/ TRIPLE P ADVICE
- EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
- RELATIONSHIPS



STARTS 11TH FEBRUARY
EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30-11:30AM

TOYS AVAILABLE TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE ONES ENTERTAINED TOO.
EVERYONE WELCOME

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK LANCASTER

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FACEBOOK- LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE FAMILY HUBS

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