Lancaster High School

NEWSLETTER

26 September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach the end of September, I am reminded again how fast paced school life can be. Four school weeks have passed since the summer, and we are only four weeks away from October Half Term.

Of course, Year 11 have already begun their preparation for the first Mock Exam series, but the emphasis on this significant time in their school year will step up again on Monday. It is important that all pupils come to school every day, but absolutely vital that Year 11 pupils are in their lessons every day across the next four weeks. As we shared on Year 11 information evening, every lesson counts and I appreciate your support in ensuring pupils are in school, on time, every day.

Life at Lancaster High School is about more than exam success, and I am delighted to see so many pupils participating in Extra Curricular Activities in school. We want as many pupils as possible to enjoy activities beyond the 25 golden hours of lesson time a week, and I hope you are encouraging your child at home to engage in something outside the classroom. We truly have a lot to offer here, and more information is available within this weeks newsletter.

Finally, Uniform continues to be worn with pride by many pupils in school. A reminder that school shoes are expected to be worn by all pupils, every day. Autumnal weather will appear soon enough, and I remind you all that pupils are encouraged to wear appropriate coats to school alongside an appropriate school bag for their equipment.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



£100 raised today - thank you!

EVENTS

Tuesday 30 September
Y7 Streetwise Performance

Thursday 2 October
Y7 Meet the House Tutor 17:00-19:00
Y10 Information Evening 18:00

Friday 3 October
School closed to pupils

Thursday 16 October
Y9 Geography field trip

Friday 24 October
Open mic event at lunchtime
School closes for half term

Tuesday 4 November
School re-opens
Y11 Mock 1 commences

Ambition Kindness Service

Key Stage 4 Information



Mock Examinations

Pupils in Year 11 sit their first set of mock examinations the week after October half-term. It is vitally important that all pupils are following the revision guidance for each subject that has been placed on ClassCharts and is also available on the Year 11 page of the school website for which there is a link below.

https://lancasterhigh.co.uk/students/year-11-revision-and-exams

In addition to this guidance, we are providing form time revision sessions for maths and English which is targeting specific weaknesses for individual pupils. It is vital that pupils arrive on time in school for these sessions. We also have a range of in school sessions that are run to support pupils with their revision which you can see below, please strongly encourage your child to attend these sessions.

It is not very important that revision routines are established at home and pupils are confident with which revision strategies support them the most. If this is an area you feel we can support you with, please contact us at the school.

Y10 Information Evening
Thursday 2nd October 6pm

We would like to invite all parents and carers into school on Thursday 2nd October at 6pm. During this evening, we will share some key information about:

What your child's Year 10 and Year 11 will look like
How their GCSE and BTEC qualifications 'work'
Expectations of your child at Year10 and Year 11
How you can support at home.

We really hope to see you there! There will also be a member of the SEND department available should you have any questions.

Spill the Tea on T Levels at Teatime

NHS, Social Care and Further Education colleagues from across the North West are delivering an information session on T Levels, with a focus on the Health T Level. We aim to bust some myths and provide expert advice on this pathway and the Industry Based Placements associated with the course.

Spill the Tea on T Levels at Teatime
Thursday 16 October 2025, 19:00 to 20:00
Live Webinar on Teams
Register here https://forms.office.com/e/bh55q4fzXB

Notices



School Calendar
We are changing the calendared dates for our school in January.

Our term dates for this year and next academic year can be found here on our website:
https://lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/termdates
Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Current Calendar	Amended Future Calendar
Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff INSET Day	Monday 5th January 2026 - Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Staff INSET Day	Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Pupils Return
Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Pupils Return	Friday 16th January 2026 - Staff INSET Day

This calendar change is to allow staff to attend a professional development event with one of the most successful contributors to improving education in Britain across the last 20 years. This exciting opportunity provides a full day of input for our teaching team, to truly learn from the best and continue to deliver excellent lessons at Lancaster High School.

Year 7 Meet the House Tutor Evening Thursday 2nd October 5pm – 7pm
This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's House Tutor and discuss their transition to secondary school, their progress in lessons and their involvement in all aspects of school life. You may also have a number of questions to ask us now that your child has been with us for a few weeks, and this would be an excellent time to do so.

A link to our school cloud system has been sent to you via ClassCharts and can also be found below. Please use this link to make a five-minute appointment.

https://clhs.schoolcloud.co.uk/

We will also have a member of the SEND department available during the evening. If you would like the opportunity to speak to them, please let us know on your arrival in school.

Notices

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

At Lancaster High School our ambition is that all pupils attend at least one extra-curricular club a week. Going to these clubs helps children develop additional life skills such as teamwork, social skills, allows them to find new talents, increases their self-esteem and can support academic success through improved time-management and confidence.

By encouraging your child to participate in extra-curricular activities you can help them thrive both in and out of the classroom. Please take a look at the many clubs we have on offer during the week – both at lunchtime and after school and ask you child to choose one they can commit to every week.

Virtual Work Experience

Virgin Media O2 are offering a limited number of spaces on a virtual work experience program early Autumn 2025. The program was so well received and completed by lots of students during Summer 2025.
This is for young people aged 14 – 16 and pupils can apply by scanning the QR code on the attached poster.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Day	Lunchtime 12.40 -1.15pm	After-school 3.20 - 4.00pm
Monday	Art Club - K1 (week B only) Safe Space - Nurture (invite only) KS4 Music Club - B4 Year 7 Dance Club - Dance Studio	**Staff Training**
Tuesday	Diversity Club - K1 The Band - B4 Safe Space - Nurture (invite only) Girls football - Sports Hall Soroptomist Club - S1	Dungeons and Dragons - E5 The Band - B4 (week A only) Netball Club - Sports Hall Science Club - S3 Tag rugby - Field Fitness Club - Gym
Wednesday	Safe Space - Nurture (invite only) The Trebles - B4	Warhammer Club - Intervention 1 Chess Club - E2 Darts Club - B6 Basketball—Sports Hall
Thursday	Safe Space - Nurture (invite only) DJ Club - B4 Pokemon Club - E1	Mindfulness Club - E5 GCSE Art Club - A0 World of Tanks Club - A4 Badminton Club - Sports Hall
Friday	Safe Space - Nurture (invite only) Board Games Club - S3	



> Are you aged 14-16?

> Are you curious to learn what Virgin Media O2 is all about?

> Are you passionate about STEM?

Virtual Work Experience Week

27th – 30th October 2025

Apply now!

Click or scan the QR code to apply with code **VMO2C3**

Our four-day programme will immerse you in the world of telecoms, help boost your potential and enhance your knowledge of Virgin Media O2 and our offerings.

You'll hear from business leaders what it's like to work in a dynamic industry, learn the latest from the world of broadband, TV, fixed line and mobile and gain insight into our purpose 'See What You Can Do!'

Explore our graduate, industrial placement and apprenticeship opportunities whilst working on a dynamic project that will help you earn your Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation.

Hear first-hand testimony and tips from graduates, interns, apprentices and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ambassadors! Delve into the importance of hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking skills, company and sector research.

Take control of your future and make a difference in the world around you.

Pupil Success

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

Year 7	Well done to Taylor-Jane N, Maddison W, Abigail V, Alex B, Maya KR, Katy F and Jack G for writing very effective descriptions in English. Stanley C and Joe D showed great reading skills in English this week. Well done to Sara A, Paddy D and Aisha Salid S on achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths this week. Well done to Chloe H & Harold B who have made a fantastic start to their peripatetic music lessons.
Year 8	Well done to Alp O, Maisie-Ella U and Yi W on achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths this week. Great work from Harmony B, Isabella S, Isla R, Maisie U and Dylann F in their peripatetic lessons with Ms Ramsey – keep up the excellent effort.
Year 9	Some excellent work in maths this week from Lilly-Rose D, Mason B and Troy M. Well done – keep it up! Beatie B and Evangel SA are making great progress in their piano lessons – keep up the excellent effort. Well done to Anisa K, Sophie L and Lilly-Rose D on achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths this week. Well done to the Year 9 boy's rugby team for competing in the District Tournament.
Year 10	Coen A, Aleena S, Deva B, Haresh P and Joshua B for excellent work on solving equations in maths this week – well done! Well done to Christina A, Beverly S and Aimee O on achieving the highest XP on Sparx maths this week. Aimee O has worked well in her violin lessons – we look forward to hear you perform in the next concert. Gideon L has been developing his technique in his violin lessons and is currently working towards grade 5 – well done! Charlotte H, Penny R and Bariya H are working really well in their singing lessons with Ms Ramsey and she is very impressed with the progress you are making.

Pupil Success

Year 11	Ollie P, Caitlin H, Kaleb J, Adam H and Niyah P for great work in maths this week – well done! Isaac P and Callum P have made a great start to analysing unseen poetry in detail in English. Well done Megan M for creating incredibly detailed revision notes for Macbeth at home – Miss Hayes was impressed! Well done to Aqsa G, Blessing R and Freya P on achieving the highest XP on Sparx this week. Well done to Lilly B, Maisy B, Ethan C, Oscar C, Radin F, Aqsa G, Yasaman G, Khalisah G, Amy L, Megan M, Niya P, Freya P, Luke R, Ashton R, Ayushman S, Athena W and Quaneisha Y for completing their independent maths study on Sparx in preparation for their mock exams.

House Success

Best Attendance

Highest Rewards

Highest Attendance to Extra-Curricular

Ambition Kindness Service

Care Code

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