

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 1 April 2022**

### **Easter holiday**

School closes on **Friday 1 April** at 3.05 for the Easter holidays and reopens at 8 am on **Tuesday 19 April**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this term. It is hard to believe that we are two thirds through the academic year. Everyone at school wishes you a safe and restful break and we look forward to pupils returning refreshed and ready to continue with their learning.

### **Grade cards**

#### **Year 10 & 11**

You have been sent your child's grade via a text. This includes the gold and silver target grades and has been updated this year to include a Working At Grade (WAG) alongside the Professional Predicted Grade (PPG). The PPG gives an indication of your child's most likely grade at the end of year 11 if they continue with their current effort and attendance, whereas the WAG gives an indication of where they are currently working.

The grade card also shows the effort your child is putting into work in the lesson and at home (1 - Outstanding, 2 - Good, 3 - Requires improvement, 4 - Inadequate). If your child is not receiving at least grade 1 or 2 in their effort, please make sure that you have conversations to explain the importance of trying hard in all aspects of school life.

Pupils who deserve special recognition have been awarded Commendations.

#### **Year 7, 8 & 9**

You too have been sent your child's grade via a text. The grade card indicates whether your child is working towards (WT), meeting (M) or exceeding (E) the minimum expected standard in a subject area.

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## Open Mic event

On Thursday, we held an open mic event for pupils. The event showcased the many talents of our young people who were supported by a fabulous audience. We raised a further £82 for Ukraine fund. Thank you and well done to all involved including Miss Spence for her organisation.

## Celebration assemblies

We held year group celebration assemblies throughout the day today to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of so many of our pupils ranging from academic achievements, excellent attendance and for making positive contributions to our wider school community.

As a small thank you, all pupils enjoyed a choice of a crème egg or a bag of haribos!

## Year 11 examinations

We met with all of our Year 11 pupils today to talk to them about how to make the most effective use of the time we have remaining before the summer exam season starts.

Pupils have been issued with their timetables and parents / carers have been sent a copy in the post. This Easter break is a vital opportunity for pupils to revise, and we would encourage you to talk with your child about where, when and how they will revise. Time has been spent in Form Time developing revision skills and we have bought revision guides for every pupil for Maths, English, Science, History, Geography and French to use. Pupils also have access to a variety of subject specific online resources.

We will be continuing to run our revision sessions both after school and at lunchtimes after Easter.

Should you have any questions, please contact Miss Brown.

<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/year-11-revision-and-exams>

## E-safety

### What do parents need to know about: Parental Control?

The internet is a wonderful place, filled with real opportunities for young people to learn, play and talk to their friends. We all know however that there is a lot of content online, and not all of it is appropriate for children and young people.

To protect your child from seeing anything inappropriate or upsetting online, why not consider setting up parental controls in your house?

### What do parents need to know about: Loot boxes?

Video games, just like films, TV and books are designed to both entertain and make money. However, while there is broad awareness about the costs of other media, because video games are still relatively new and evolving it's important to understand how they are sold.

Understanding this commercial aspect of games not only ensures there are no surprises but also enables parents and carers to find the games that offer the best value for their family. It's in this context that loot boxes are best understood.

Please find more information regarding these two areas of e-safety in the attachment to this newsletter. Should you wish to discuss any concerns around your child's online activities, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year or one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs):

Mrs Crossman – DSL  
Ms Meetha – Deputy DSL  
Mr Aldren – Deputy DSL

## **Uniform and equipment**

As you are aware, we place significant importance on school uniform and the presentation of our pupils and value your support in ensuring our pupils have a true sense of belonging to our community and represent our school positively in our wider community.

Over the school holidays, please can you check that your child has everything they need for their return to school on Tuesday 19 April. Can you also ensure hair styles/colours, false/acrylic nails, fake eyelashes, piercings etc. meet our appearance expectations before they return.

Uniform and appearance expectations can be found on the school website by following the link.  
<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/uniform>

All pupils should also have the following equipment in a suitable school bag – homework planner, reading book, pen, pencil and ruler as a minimum requirement.

Should you need support in sourcing uniform or equipment, please contact your child's House Tutor in the first instance.

## **Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

### **Eco Club**

We have an exciting opportunity with Eden Project North and Lancaster University. If any students are interested in being involved with this as part of an 'Eco Club' please see Miss Lilley.

## **SEND**

Our SEND Clinic reopens on Tuesday 19 April. Please email [levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk) to book a 15-minute appointment.

Key Stage 3 Homework Club is open on a Wednesday morning in the Library 8-8.40am. Key Stage 4 Homework Club is open on a Tuesday morning in the Library 8-8.40am.

Please encourage your child to attend if they require support with their home learning.

*A message from Lucy Ellis, Pathway Navigator (Lancaster & Morecambe):*

*Ambitious about Autism* has today launched the UK's first online platform for autistic young people – please find further details at:

<https://ambitious-youth-network.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/ambitious-youth-network>

This will offer autistic young people aged 16-25 a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identity and reduce isolation and loneliness that many feel. Peer support

sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 5:45-6:45 over Zoom. These sessions are a chance to meet new autistic young people across the country.

Sessions are a safe environment where you can stay within your comfort zone, there is no pressure to turn on your camera or microphone. You can choose to participate or just observe. The sessions are led by Ambitious staff trained in safeguarding, who you may contact at any point if you are uncomfortable or feel unsafe.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

### **Give**

Participation in social and community life has attracted a lot of attention in the field of wellbeing research. Individuals who report a greater interest in helping others are more likely to rate themselves as happy.

Research into actions for promoting happiness has shown that committing an act of kindness once a week over a six-week period is associated with an increase in wellbeing.

## **Vacancies**

### **Catering Manager**

We are looking to appoint a full time catering manager to lead our school kitchen. More information can be found on our website.

### **Administrative assistant**

We are looking to appoint an administration/office assistant to work in our general office. More information can be found on our website.

### **Exam invigilators**

We are currently recruiting for exam invigilators for the summer examination series which runs between 10 May and 23 June 2022. Successful candidates would require to undergo online training and a DBS check. Pay for the role is £10.60 per hour. Full details and information about how to apply can be found on our website.

Please find more information on our website if you or any family/friends may be interested in joining our school community.

<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

## **Key dates for the Summer term**

Tuesday 19 April: School reopens for all pupils. Week A timetable to be followed

Monday 2 May: May bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 5 May: Year 10 Parents' Evening, School Cloud 4-7pm

Thursday 12 May: Year 7 Parents' Evening, School Cloud 4-7pm

Friday 27 May: School closes for May half term

Monday 6 June: School reopens for all pupils

Thursday 9 June: DTP and Men ACWY vaccinations in school

Wednesday 29 June: New Intake Evening for Y6 parents/carers

Monday 4 July: Year 7 Chill Factor Trip

Tuesday 5 July: Year 8 Chill Factor Trip

Wednesday 6 July: Y6 New Intake Day

Thursday 21 July: School closes for the summer holiday

## Praise

Congratulations once again to Clougha house for receiving the most praise points last week.

1. Clougha **1145 (9.2 per pupil)**
2. Lune **1067 (7.4 per pupil)**
3. Storey **1029 (6.8 per pupil)**
4. Halton **887 (6.1 per pupil)**

Congratulations to the following pupils who had the most praise points in the last week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lexi-Leigh S	Caitlin S	Jack H	Daniel S	Oliver W
Lois-Taya R	Arlye D	Daniel H	Oliver N	Megan L
Dillan W	Jodie M	Ayra M	Vincent H	Mae W
Chloe H	Jasmin T	Tyler M-M	Leon L	Eva R
Quaneisha Y	Darniah G	James W-R	Christopher H	Scarlett H

## Attendance

Well done to the following forms for having the highest attendance last week:

Year 7: Lune

Year 8: Clougha

Year 9: Halton 2

Year 10: Halton

Year 11: Storey

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

**Connor B** Year 9 History: Detailed recall of information that we have studied in recent weeks has been outstanding, particularly the ability to use specific statistics to support his argument. Connor's written work show a high level of effort and the questions he asks me show an inquisitive mind. Well done Connor!

**Isabel B** in Year 9 History: I have been really impressed with Isabel's tremendous work ethic in class. Her notes have been of the highest order and it has been a pleasure to see how the level of detail that she is recording has increased in quality over the weeks.

**Kai D** in Year 7 has created some lovely cardboard relief work in art based on African masks which we have been studying for the last few lessons. He really enjoyed using the technique and wanted to continue to practise it at home – well done. Miss Lilley.

**Connor K** in Year 8 has made a super effort with his extended landscape and has a brilliant outcome because of that. Well done. Miss Povey.

**Sally M** in Year 8 who contributes thoroughly to her art lessons, always eager to help and assist both the teacher and peers. She is positive, helpful co-operative and friendly. Miss Povey.

**Anais T** in Year 9 for an excellent portrait on the artist David Hockney. It's great to see Anais taking so much care and attention over the presentation in her sketchbook.

**Mollie M**, Year 11 for continued excellent effort dedicated to developing her art portfolio of work

Well done to **Gabriel R-S** and **Connor B**, Year 9 for their confident performance in drama this week performing a scene from We Will Rock You to the class.

Thank you to **Ethan C** in Year 7 for your support of a new pupil in your form group, you have helped him to settle into the school.

In Year 8 Reciprocal Reading, **Dee C** made some really perceptive observations about the text being studied - "Sky Dancer" by Gill Lewis. Thank you, Dee.

In Year 10 English Language, **Jade W** always shows her commitment both verbally and in her written work.

In Year 11 GCSE English Literature, **Runyararo** continues to excel in her analysis which is really encouraging given that she has only joined the school in Year 11.

In Year 9 English, pupils have been very creative producing their own scenes as additions to the play "A View from the Bridge" by Arthur Miller. Congratulations to all for showing their depth of understanding of the characters, themes and plot.

### **Sports report**

Our Year 8 boys football team travelled to Morecambe to face Morecambe Bay Academy in a friendly. They produced a battling performance in typical British seaside weather - snowy/windy/sunny conditions! We won the game 3-2. **Harvey T** was a rock at the back and **Leighton M** scored a hat trick, his third in a row!

Well done to all the boys involved and to the PE department for all of their hard work this term.

### **Food corner**

This week has seen the Year 10 Hospitality and Catering group take on their toughest practical yet. Choux Pastry.

This notoriously difficult pastry was certainly a challenge and though not all were successful, all pupils are now familiar with the challenges of a pastry chef.

Why not give it a go over the Easter holiday.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/chocolateprofiterole\\_86196](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/chocolateprofiterole_86196)

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

