

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 21 April 2023**

### **Welcome back!**

It has been a pleasure welcoming pupils back into school this week after the Easter break. Pupils have returned with a really positive attitude towards their learning and are very well presented so thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform and with pride.

For your reference, if you need any clarification surrounding our expectations relating to uniform and appearance, please access our school Uniform and Appearance policy:

<https://lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/policies-and-reports>

### **Charity update**

In total, we have raised the amazing amount of £688 for the Turkish/Syria Disaster Fund through Open-Mic events and the non-uniform day at the end of last half term. Thank you to all pupils and parents/carers for your contributions to this very worthy cause.

### **Industrial action**

As you will have seen from a letter sent home earlier this week, there are two proposed days for industrial action in the next fortnight – **Thursday 27 April** and **Tuesday 2 May**. School will only be open for pupils in Year 11 and identified vulnerable pupils. I have attached the letter sent this week for your reference.

### **May bank holidays**

**Monday 1 May** is the traditional Early May Bank Holiday and in addition to this day, **Monday 8 May** is a bank holiday for the Coronation of the King. School will be closed on both days for **all** pupils and staff.

### **Year 7 Progress Evening**

Year 7 Progress Evening was due to take place on Thursday 27 April (industrial action day) but will now take place on **Thursday 18 May**. Appointments will open to parents/carers from Thursday 4 May and are to be booked through School Cloud. Pupils will receive a letter next week with all

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details on how to access and book appointments through School Cloud. We look forward to meeting as many of our Year 7 parents/carers as possible.

## **Year 11 Parents information evening – GCSE examinations**

We will be holding our final parent/carer information evening on **Thursday 27 April** at 18:00 in school for parents/carers of pupils in Year 11. The focus will be on supporting parents/carers to gain a full understanding of the exam season, what their child will need to revise, where they can find the resources to revise and how they can best support as parents/carers. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend if possible.

## **Year 11 Exams start on Tuesday 16 May**

It was really encouraging to see so many pupils attending our Easter revision classes. Both pupils and teaching staff have commented on how this has further built confidence ready for the final examinations which start in May.

Our final programme of in school revision sessions has now started, you will be able to see what is taking place and when on our dedicated Year 11 revision page which can be accessed [here](#). We would like to draw particular attention to the Maths and English 40-day revision plans that have been prepared for each class. They detail 15 minutes of key revision that should be carried out on each day up to the exams. Pupils may choose to organise their time differently than completing a task every night, however all tasks should be completed before the exams begin.

In addition, some pupils will continue to be supported in small group sessions held during tutor time and Core PE lessons, with their English and Maths teachers. If you feel that there is anything further that we can do to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

### May half-term holiday revision classes

We will again be putting on a programme of revision classes over the May half-term holiday. Details of the sessions will be published in the coming weeks. We again, strongly encourage attendance at these sessions.

## **Year 11 revision stationery**

Pupils in Year 11 have all received a stationery pack to support them with their revision and preparation for the summer exams. In this pack were highlighters, post-it notes, revision cards and a notepad. If your child needs any further revision supplies, please ask them to speak to Miss Brown who will provide them with some additional stationery.

## **Year 10 Work Experience 15 May – 19 May 2023**

We have continued to support Year 10 with finding a work placement this week and in using Unifrog to log the details. It would be helpful if pupils ensured they can remember their school email password as all communication and password resets are administered through their school accounts.

If pupils are still having difficulty with logging into Unifrog they should see Miss Lilley or Ms Louth on Monday 24 or Wednesday 26 April. Any pupil who has not secured a placement by the **28 April** will be expected to attend school during work experience week to access a virtual work experience package.

## **SEND**

Our weekly SEND clinic is open each Thursday between 2.30 - 4.30 pm.

Please email [lisa.maudsley@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.maudsley@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk) to book a 15-minute appointment if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or if you have any queries or concerns.

Our school library is open every day from 8.15am, during break and lunchtime, and after school and is staffed with Higher Level teaching Assistants (HLTAs) so please encourage your child to attend if they require additional support with their classwork or homework.

## **Mental health and wellbeing**

### **Every act of kindness counts**

From small acts like a friendly smile, a few kind words, helping with bags, offering up our seat, to regular volunteering - there are lots of different ways we can be kind. It's not all about money - we can give our attention, time, knowledge, ideas, energy or support. We can give the benefit of the doubt too.

**Reflection:** What's an act of kindness you could do today?

## **Reading corner**

### **Bedrock Vocabulary**

The following pupils deserve an extra special mention for their Bedrock Vocabulary commitment over the Easter holidays. All pupils in Key Stage 3 were set homework to get 20 points each week over the Easter holidays. The following pupils have surpassed it by achieving 50 or more points over the fortnight holiday period. Well done to all for their commitment and hard work!

**Year 7:** Coen A, Diwaniha Y, Aimee O, Ben G, Ivan S, Emmanuel J, Kameron T, Mairead S, Penny R, Abbie E, Christina A, Ollie D, Bariya A, Ciara S, Layton J-H, Samuel P

**Year 8:** Yasaman G, Nawaf A, Quaneisha Y, Maysa A, Rufaro H, Lexie H

**Year 9:** Shristi S S, Tahsin S, Eden O, Onali R Y, Hannah A, Scarlett Y, Leah B, Matilda L, Arek W and Zahrah M.

## Key reminders

### Theatre Trip - Tuesday 11 July 2023

We are running a trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate factory at the Palace Theatre in Manchester on **Tuesday 11 July**. There are 40 spaces available for this trip and letters are available from Mrs Spence.

### Half term 5 Extra-Curricular activities

Please find attached the new timetable for extra-curricular activities next half-term. Now the nights are lighter and the weather is starting to improve, please encourage your child to get involved in at least one club this half term.

### Year 10 examinations

We will be holding our Year 10 examinations between **Wednesday 3 May** and **Thursday 11 May**.

These examinations will take place in the Sports Hall and be supported by external invigilators. A timetable for these examinations can be viewed on our new Year 10 examinations page on our website which can be viewed: <https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/year-10-exam-timetable>. Teachers will be working hard with Year 10 pupils to prepare them effectively for these examinations. Please encourage a regular routine of revision at home.

Like pupils in Year 11, pupils in Year 10 have been taught how to create a revision timetable and how to revise effectively. These sessions have been run over the past two weeks so pupils can revise over the Easter holidays in preparation for their mock examinations in May.

Clear directions on revision from all subject teachers has been posted on ClassCharts.

### Pupil absence

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school in the first instance on 01524 32636 and Select Option 1 to report a pupil absent. You can also text to our **Absence Alert Text Number 07943107504** - This is a virtual mobile number from which absence is monitored during the school day.

### Key dates for the Summer term:

27 April 2023	Industrial action – school open for Year 11 and vulnerable pupils only
28 April 2023	Year 11 Information Evening – GCSE examinations
1 May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
2 May 2023	Industrial action – school open for Year 11 and vulnerable pupils only
3 May 2023	Year 10 Mock Examinations begin
8 May 2023	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation – School Closed
15 May 2023	Year 10 Work Experience
15 May 2023	GCSE Examinations start
26 May 2023	<b>School closes 3.05pm for half term</b>

5 June 2023	<b>School Opens for all pupils</b>
22 June 2023	Transition Evening for year 6 parents/carers
23 June 2023	Year 11 Prom
27 June 2023	Year 6 Transition Day
29 June 2023	Year 6 Transition Day
5 July 2023	District Sports Day
11 July 2023	School Sports Day
18 July 2023	School Sports Day (reserve)
19 July 2023	Reports issued to year 7-10
20 July 2023	Reward trips
21 July 2023	Achievement Assembly
21 July 2023	<b>School closes for summer at 1.15 pm</b>

## Pupil praise

Congratulations to **Clougha House** for receiving the most praise points last week.

House points:

1. Clougha **1571 (10.0 per pupil)**
2. Halton **1529 (9.8 per pupil)**
3. Storey **1404 (9.4 per pupil)**
4. Lune **976 (7.4 per pupil)**

A special mention to the following pupils who had the most praise points last week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
George B	Lexi-Leigh S	Maggie A	Mia M	Megan M
Charlotte H	Daniel K	Leah B	Molly K	Connor L
Emmanuel J	Isaac P	Charlie C	Toby H-I	Thinzar K
Ezekiel M	Khalisah G	Kayla D L M	Hollie H	Daniel S
Penny R	Callum P	Arley D	Brad L	Oliver N

## Attendance

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

**Year 7:** Storey

**Year 8:** Storey1

**Year 9:** Clougha

**Year 10:** Clougha

**Year 11:** Lune

**Attend today, achieve tomorrow!**

Special praise goes to the following pupils:

### **Year 7**

Well done to everyone in 7XY3 and 7XY5 for your fantastic effort with the classroom singing in music this week – it has been a great start to the term.

Well done to **Kameron T** for excellent answers in music this week - well done.

Well done to **Isabelle M** for winning a trophy at the local football camp in the Easter holidays. Isabelle won her trophy for scoring her penalty and for saving the other penalties when in goal.

**Alfie J G** for an improved focus and effort in form time and art lessons.

**Layton J H, Valeria O and Ezeziel M** for producing an excellent research page on African art.

**Brooke G and Jessica W** for creating an excellent piece of homework based on African masks.

### **Year 8**

8S1 made a brilliant start to their citizenship session this week during form time. Great discussions were had about careers and their beliefs. Well done!

**Jack L and Caitlin H** for consistent effort and hard work in their maths lessons.

**Maisie H** for your excellent commitment and contribution in your maths lessons.

### **Year 9**

Well done to **Joshua S** who has made an excellent start to the new scheme of learning in art this week, looking at the built environment.

**Rhyley B** for mature contributions to class discussions during the online harassment assembly this week in form.

### **Year 10**

Well done to **Stan B, Lee W, Tyler P, Liam F and Connor B** who have shown outstanding focus in their history lessons this week.

Congratulations to **Gabriel R S** who passed his grade 4 music exam with a merit - a fantastic achievement, well done.

**Davis T** for excellent work in maths this week.

### **Year 11**

Congratulations to **Riley W** for securing a mechanics apprenticeship at Caton Garage where he worked during the Easter holidays.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Cowper', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Cowper  
Principal