

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 21 January 2022

Covid-19 update – face coverings

As you may have seen on the news earlier this week, the government has removed the requirement for pupils to wear masks in the classroom as of yesterday. This has been communicated with pupils. We have been really pleased by how responsive and responsible pupils have been since the reintroduction of masks in school. If your child still wishes to wear their face covering in the classroom then they may.

Pupils are still required to wear face coverings when in inside communal areas. This will be reviewed by the government next Thursday. Face coverings need to be plain blue or black. We thank you for your continued support through this difficult time.

All our additional preventative measures to reduce the transmission of the virus remain in place.

Lancashire Music Service – launch event

The Lancashire Music Service held their first evening at school on Thursday. It was well attended and it was wonderful to see members of our wider community taking the opportunity to try new experiences whilst in our school setting.

Year 9 Arts Award

A group of year 9 pupils have completed a two day animation workshop in Lancaster and Morecambe college as part of their Arts Award qualification. They had the opportunity to work with new software and equipment to complete their project. Mr Nesbitt accompanied the group and is going to set up our own animation club in school after the pupils were so inspired by the work they did at the college.



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Uniform

We really value the importance of pupils wearing our school uniform as it provides a sense of identity and belonging. The significant majority of our pupils wear the correct uniform each day, with pride, and we thank them and you for your support in ensuring they arrive dressed appropriately.

Just to clarify:

- Trousers must not be 'skinny fit' or leggings
- Socks should be plain black without bows/frills
- False eyelashes, false nails/acrylics and nail varnish are not allowed

Pupils who attend school in incorrect uniform will be provided with an appropriate replacement for the day and issued a 20 minute lunchtime detention. If you need any assistance in sourcing the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will support you.

Equipment

All pupils should come to school equipped with at least a pen (blue or black), pencil, ruler and their student planner. These essential pieces of equipment support pupils with their learning. If a pupil does not have this basic equipment, we have some available in school for 20p per item. Replacement planners are £2.50.

Year 10 Work Experience reminder

We have rescheduled the dates of the work experience due to the current climate surrounding the Omicron Covid variant.

The new dates for work experience during this academic year are: Monday 13th June to Friday 17th June 2022.

For more information: <https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters-to-parents>

Year 11 Revision and PPEs (Mock exams) reminder

It has been excellent to see so many of our Year 11 pupils engaging in the after school revision sessions this week.

Our web page has been updated with our offer of lunchtime and afterschool revision classes alongside independent revision spaces which allows access to IT.

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

On this page, there are other useful resources to support you and your child as they prepare for their examinations in the summer.

PPEs (Mock Exams) will take place week commencing Monday 7th February and 21st February. Details regarding the mock examination timetable can be found on our website:

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

Please can we ask that you support your child to revise at home and attend the scheduled revision sessions in school.

Should you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Brown, Head of Year 11: Davina.brown@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

SEND

Year 9 SEND review and Annual Review invitations were posted at the start of this week. Please reply either by returning the slip to school or by emailing levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to book an appointment.

There is no SEND Clinic next Thursday 27th January due to staff training.

Homework Club runs in S5 every Wednesday 3.05-4pm. Please encourage your child to attend if they require support with their homework.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Feeling well is not just about feeling physically fit and healthy - it's equally important to your overall health that you feel good mentally. This guide gives you information about what to look out for and where to get help and advice.

[iq56.pdf \(ageuk.org.uk\)](#)

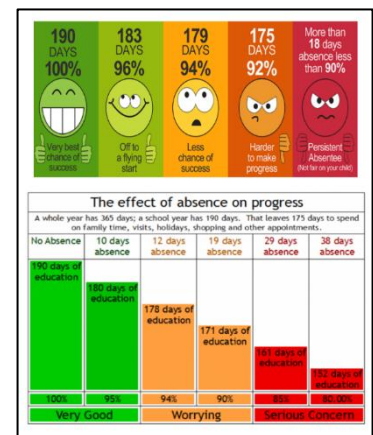
Remembering Ebony

Next week we will be selling pink and purple ribbons in memory of our friend Ebony. Ebony's family would like the money raised to be put towards the upkeep of Ebony's tree and the planting of some bulbs in the area. Ribbons will be available during form time and will cost 50p.

Attendance

In school, we have a target of 97% for all pupils. As previously mentioned, we fully appreciate and acknowledge the challenges we currently face but please ensure you child attends school and is punctual when well enough to do so.

If you or your child is struggling with any issues that are affecting attendance, please contact your child's House Tutor or Head of Year.



Key Dates for Parents for the remainder of this Half Term

- Tues 1 - Fri 4 Feb: National Apprenticeship Week activities in school
- Monday 7 February: Year 11 PPEs exams begin
- **Friday 11 February: 3.05pm break for February half term**

Praise

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

1. Clougha 1181
2. Storey 858
3. Lune 820
4. Halton 803

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
Edan M	James R	Leon F	Vincent H	Oliver W
Lexie H	Caitlin S	Alfie F	Connor L	Ellie E
Freya P	Jodie M	Gabriel R	Bekzod I	Eva R
Lois-Taya R	Daniel A	Zack C	Lewis P-P	Sam S
Ethan C	Leon B	Mia M	Nancy W	Ranea A

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

Jessica U has completed her dance portfolio ready for assessment in advance of the deadline. Well done Jessica, your work shows excellent attention to detail.

Lilah H, Year 9, made excellent contributions in RE, helping other students understand key vocabulary.

Asya A, Year 9, is showing excellent observational drawing skills in her portrait work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

Well done to **Jodie M** for practicing her piano work. She is showing good sense of rhythm and pulse and shows excellent concentration in her peripatetic lessons.

Brilliant rap writing skills demonstrated by **Tyler Y**, Year 9, in music.

Well done to **Felix Y**, Year 7, for excellent keyboard skills in music.

Miss Smith would like to share a poem written by **Caitlin S** in Year 8 in her English lesson:

A virus going around the world
In news people are dying
People are trying
To stay safe in a hard time

Lack of respect to workers
When they put in all the effort
Continuously without comfort
Work in and out all day

Tackling learning when at home
Sofa becomes school
Living without school rules
Teams is the classroom

Life became challenging
Shopping for drink and food
Ruins my mood
You miss the old you before the virus

In English, **Bailee-Mae M** in Year 9 has been fantastic. Her verbal contributions were wonderful. She showed empathy towards the characters we were reading about in English and she made some beautiful notes as a record of her learning.

In Year 11, **Freddie D** was superb during the after-school Year 11 revision session for English Literature. He was really focused and attentive - his contributions showed a real maturity in his approach to the forth-coming mock exams.

Attendance

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

Year 7: Lune
Year 8: Clougha
Year 9: Lune 2
Year 10: Clougha and Halton
Year 11: Lune

Food corner

A huge well done to all of the Year 10 Catering cohort, who as part of their GCSE practical preparation, gutted and filleted a rainbow trout before cooking it on a bed of fennel, onion and tomato.

A particular well done to **Skye L** whose effort you can see. She worked independently and with exceptional knife skill to produce the dish all inside one hour! Well done Skye!



Please find below a link to the recipe:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/how_to_make_trout_en_49680

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Principal