

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 21 July 2023

Thank you

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive academic year together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our pupils for their wonderful daily contributions to school life and to you for your continued support.

There have been a number of highlights to celebrate this year with many individual and collective successes inside and out of the classroom, alongside the completion of phase 1 of our new build. The demolition of the 3-storey building is scheduled for Monday 14 August from which phase 2 construction starts in September with a scheduled completion of Easter 2024.

Phase 2 will house 5 English and 5 maths classrooms, a toilet block and a new library overlooking Lancaster, the bay and beyond – a truly inspirational learning environment for all our pupils and staff.

School reopening in September 2023

School reopens for **Year 7 pupils only** on Monday 4 September and for **all** pupils on Tuesday 5 September.

The term dates for 2023 – 2024 can be found here: <https://lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/termdates>

To support excellent attendance, can you please ensure that holidays etc. are booked within the identified school holidays as we cannot authorise any absences for holidays during term time. Where possible, please can any appointments, such as dentist and doctors, be made outside of the school day.

Uniform and appearance

I appreciate that the holiday period allows for various hair and beauty opportunities and new piercings etc. We very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child's appearance, when we return in September, meets the expectations outlined in our uniform and appearance policy which can be accessed here: <https://lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/policies-and-reports>

If you face any difficulties supporting your child to be ready for the new academic year, including any necessary 'essential' equipment – pen, pencil, ruler and planner (provided free of charge in September), please contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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Heads of Year for 2023-2024

A reminder that from Monday 4 September, your child will be supported by the respective Head of Year highlighted below.

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| Head of Year 7: | Ms Meetha |
| Head of Year 8: | Mrs Prestwood |
| Head of Year 9: | Miss Morris |
| Head of Year 10: | Mr Clark |
| Head of Year 11: | Miss Brown |

Local governing body

We are looking for expressions of interest from parents/carers who would like to join the Local Governing Body (LGB) as a parent governor.

We have one vacancy available. We would be interested in hearing from any parent and especially those who have children in years 7, 8 or 9 or any parent/ carer who has a child starting in September. Currently there are 2 LGB meetings per term which usually happen late afternoon and can take about 2hours.

If you would be interested in discussing the opportunity please contact the Chair of Governors, Alexis Holden via chairofgovernors@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk who will be happy to discuss with you what the role entails.

Across the Bay Newsletter

Please find enclosed the link to this month's Bay Learning Trust newsletter which contains information about the many events taking place across the schools within the Trust.

<https://sway.office.com/AARc9XCEoDgPo1lg?ref=Link>



In April, we set up a new 'Community Club' supported by the Soroptimist International Organisation.

Since then, they have been working hard to support local families in preparation for the summer holiday. Thanks to the generosity of the Central community, we ran a successful food drive and uniform donation scheme which will help support families in making nutritious meals and act as a fantastic help to those in need.

As a special surprise this year, the community club members have also put together goodie bags for parents/carers and children which were made possible by the funds from a recent bake sale and open-mic event in school.

Each goodie bag contains a selection of small toys as well as two very special booklets. The first booklet, aimed at parents/carers, features a list of apps to help reduce food waste and supermarket shops as well as listing free activities in the local area. The second booklet is aimed at younger children and contains a huge selection of fun scavenger hunt activities as well as word searches and other games. We have also provided some of our local primary schools with copies of these booklets to distribute to their families.

We hope these goodie bags are enjoyed by everybody and we look forward to making an even bigger impact next year!

Summer Activities and support groups

There are a number of local groups running various activities and support during the summer period.

PYRO (LGBTQ+) (13-17yrs)

Fun, informative sessions, exploring key topics and issues affecting young people who identify as LGBTQ+. Providing an opportunity to meet other young people, make friends, socialise, and support each other.

For more information regarding date/time/venue:

[Contact: Nicole Cobb 07887631335](mailto:Nicole.Cobb@lancashireyouthchallenge.co.uk)

The group meets at the White Cross in Lancaster, **Tuesdays 6.15pm – 8.30pm.**

There is also a new group called **'Waves'** who meet on a **Thursday, 6-8pm**, at the White Cross in Lancaster – for emotional wellbeing or feelings of anxiety.

Prop Up Project

The Prop Up Project is for young people aged 13-19 & 20-25. They run group & individual creative activities such as drama & art, encouraging the group to get involved, get to know each other and learn new skills at their own pace. Alongside this, each month, they run activities to equip the group with key coping strategies and skills to maintain positive mental health and build resilience outside of our sessions.

A referral is needed for these groups, and can be in the form of a conversation, either with the young person, a professional or parent etc. Following this, a time to meet with the young person before they attend is arranged.

Thursday 6-8pm at the Rainbow Centre, Morecambe, Clarence Street (13-19)

propupproject@gmail.com

Lancashire Youth Challenge

www.lancashireyouthchallenge.co.uk/about-us/

Lancashire Youth Challenge nurtures, supports, and challenges young people living in North Lancashire to overcome barriers and obstacles to achieve personal success. At the heart of their ethos is the belief that everybody can achieve personal success and gain new skills when given an equitable opportunity, meaningful encouragement, and access to high-quality provision.

Young Minds Lancashire

You can call the Parents Helpline for detailed advice, emotional support and signposting about a child or young person up to the age of 25 should you need any support.

Parents Helpline - **0808 802 5544**, Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm.

Attached to this newsletter are details of more activities and the groups in the local area for families during the summer break.

Eating out this Summer

The information below provides locations where families can feed their children for free or for a discounted rate during the summer holidays.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023
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| ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required. | MORRISONS Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day. |
| TESCO Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023 | GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants |
| SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day. | PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms |
| BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! | BILLS 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023 |
| THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult | BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs. |
| TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult! | WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased |
| TRAVELodge Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free | SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays |
| HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast | FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays |
| PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free | PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm |
| SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal. | YO! SUSHI From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend |
| IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am | TO BE CONFIRMED... M&S and Farmhouse Inns |

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You can also find more information about various support networks here on our website: <https://lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/safeguarding>

Reading corner

The summer holidays are the perfect time to read a good book or two! Our local libraries at both Lancaster and Morecambe have lots of books to offer our pupils and we would recommend that pupils visit and look at the books that are on offer.

If pupils prefer to read books on electronic devices, then they can also do that. If you have a look at the Lancashire Library website, it gives more details on how to borrow books and audio books online: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/>

Well done to the following pupils who are demonstrating high levels of commitment to Bedrock Vocabulary.

Year 7:

Most Progress made: Julian S and Abbie E

Most Points awarded: Mairead S with 3651 points

Year 8:

Most Progress made: Lilly B and Maysa A

Points awarded: Yasaman G with 4564 points – incredible!

Year 9:

Progress made: Louie A and Lewis G

Points awarded: Tahsin S with 4548 points

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

House points:

1. Clougha 1383 (8.7 per pupil)
2. Storey 1029 (6.8 per pupil)
3. Halton 1078 (6.8 per pupil)
4. Lune 649 (4.9 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 |
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| Ezekiel M | Chelsea-Leigh R | Maggie A | Riley A |
| Jessica W | Kai H | Matthew S | Hayden R |
| Jai Y | Ollie P-P | Ajay B | Dobromir R |
| Samuel P | Ronan H | Eden O | Venus W |
| Roxy B | Isaac P | Caitlin S | Edward Y |

Attendance

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

Year 7: Clougha 1

Year 8: Lune

Year 9: Halton

Year 10: Clougha

Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

Special praise goes to the following pupils:

Year 7

Thank you to **Isabelle G** and **Ella L** for supporting Miss Towner with delivering our collection of items to the food bank.

Thank you to **Gideon L** and **Ethan C** for showing candidates around the school site, you did a great job and represented the school with real confidence.

Year 8

Grace B, Casie B, Issac P, Edan M, Alex S and **Louie M** all took part in the pupil panel today and did a fantastic job.

Thank you to **Freya P, Alicia G** and **Ruben T** for stepping in and supporting their forms on sports day.

Year 9

Dylan H and **Abigail W** for excellent work on circles in maths.

Jas W, Lexi-Lee W, Lewis G, Eden O and **Leon B** for superb work in their session writing letters to their younger self.

Year 10

Ollie R for fantastic effort and enthusiasm in maths this week.

Emine G for always caring and being helpful in form.

Well done to Mr Auger's **Year 10 History class**. It has been a pleasure to teach you all this year and I wish you a restful break.

From September, Mrs Crossman, Head of School, will be writing and sharing the parent newsletter with you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.



Mr J Cowper
Executive Headteacher