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Dear Parent/Carer

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## Thank you

I would like to thank you for all of your support this half term. We have made a very positive start to the academic year and it is wonderful to see our pupils grow and make progress. Punctuality has improved and pupils continue to look incredibly smart and collectively, we have created a purposeful environment where pupils are actively engaged with their learning.

Behaviour has significantly improved and there is a strong community feel across the school which was very much illustrated on our last day where we held a cake sale and open mic event to raise money for our charities.

#### Cake sale

Thursday breaktime saw our very first cake sale since before lockdown. The year 11 girls did a great job in supporting this both baking and serving. **Katie W, Grace P, Layla M** and **Leonie W** all spent time baking cakes with Miss Brown on Wednesday night! Also, a special mention to **Honey L S** and **Ruby V** who saw us struggling to keep up with the number of pupils to serve and stepped in to help  $\textcircled{\coloredge}$  a true sign of Community spirit. Miss Brown

All cakes sold out and the sale made £130

# **Open Mic Event**

Thursday lunchtime saw the return of the open mic event to the hall where we had six brilliant performers on stage entertaining us with their musical talents.

Freya P and Quaneisha Y from year 7, Jack H and Gabriel R-S from Nancy W year 9, from year 10 and Mollie M from year 11 all performed to a 'packed house'.

They all showed fantastic creativity and commitment in their performances and the audience listened and showed the utmost respect to their peers. Well done to everyone who was involved in this event. Miss Spence

In total, £120 was raised from the event meaning a total of £250 was raised for our house charities.

Commitment I Creativity I Community





### **Year 11 Mock Examinations**

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for two weeks. Year 11 pupils have been given the timetable and it can also be found on our website: https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/exam-information

This also includes important information regarding what pupils need to bring to exams. All stationary must be in a clear pencil case. If you wish to buy your child their own calculator, can you please purchase a Casio FX83GTX as this is the model class teachers use in lessons.

### **SEND**

Miss Evans, our SENCo, is running a SEND drop-in clinic for parents/carers, weekly, between 4-6pm on the following days:

Week A - Tuesday Week B - Thursday

Sessions are limited to 15 mins and can be followed up with a phone call if needed once the allocated time has finished. If you wish to schedule a 15 min slot, please email Miss Evans to book a time: <a href="mailto:levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk">levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk</a> or contact school reception on 01524 32636.

Please find below, information relating to a number of **free** webinars that will be running next half term that you can access.

Webinars for parents and carers and free to watch seminars are available through: <a href="www.autismgm.org.uk/events">www.autismgm.org.uk/events</a> on a range of topics.

Specific webinars can be accessed through the links below on the identified date and time. If you need further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Evans using the email address above.

Sensory Needs Webinar Tickets, Tue 9 Nov 2021 at 19:30 | Eventbrite GMAC Dad's Drop-in Session Tickets, Tue 16 Nov 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite Managing Anger Webinar Tickets, Thu 2 Dec 2021 at 19:30 | Eventbrite GMAC Dad's Drop-in Session Tickets, Mon 6 Dec 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite Sensory Needs Webinar Tickets, Wed 8 Dec 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

## Maths 'England Rocks' competition

Week commencing 8th November, KS3 students will take part in an England Rocks maths competition online where they will complete against pupils from all over the country to gain as many points as possible for their class and our school. We wish them good luck.

## **Praise**

Congratulation to Lune house for receiving the most praise points in week 6.

- 1. Lune
- 2. Clougha
- 3. Storey
- 4. Halton

Special congratulations to the following pupils who have received the most praise points in their respective year groups in the 6<sup>th</sup> week of the academic year.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Imogen H	Maggie A	Leon F	Oli R	Ranea A
Meryem B	Caitlin S	Rena A	Christopher H	Joe B
Faizah T	Leah B	Tyler P	Gui S	Amber L
Sophie A	Kaan G	Manot A	Abigail R	Jack M
Quaneisha Y	Aakifah T	Tyler M-M	Riley W	Oliver W
		Gabriel R S		

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

**Tyler Y, Isabel B, Matthew H** and **Hayden R** from Year 9, for entertaining, engaging and skillfully written narratives in their recent English assessment. These were a pleasure to mark.

**Ruben A** and **Liam W** from Year 9 are so engaged in RE at the moment. They listen really attentively and give really thoughtful responses to moral issues.

**Mia P** in Year 9 contributed really articulate answers to our class discussion about capital punishment.

**Lucy K** in Year 8 did an amazing job on her RE homework and got a round of applause from the class for her efforts!

**Andrew H** in Year 10 for his confident responses in his PSHE this week; well done Andrew you demonstrated a clear understanding of the topic.

**Jade W** in Year 10 for demonstrating excellent technical skill in dance this week; well done Jade.

**Jack H** in Year 9 for singing with confidence to a full school hall yesterday in our Open Mic event. Jack, you fully deserved the rapturous applause you received.

# **Sport Updates**

Year 7-9 boys' rugby tournament at LRGS went ahead, despite the rain, on Tuesday evening. All pupils played well and remained fully committed against strong opposition.

Year 7 25-25 Year 8 lost 35-10 Year 9 lost 30-25

Year 11 footballers lost to the 2-year champions St Christopher's CE High School 12-0 in the Lancashire Cup game on Thursday. The boys were still very enthused at the end of the game and gave 100% right through until the final whistle. They are very much looking forward to playing opposition in our local area.

#### **Attendance**

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please can you make contact in the morning of each absence through one of the following channels:

Tel: 01524 325636 (OPTION 1)

Email: attendance@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Text message: 07943107504

Top form attendance during week 6:

Year 7: Storey 2
Year 8: Lune 1 & 2
Year 9: Halton 2
Year 10: Lune
Year 11: Storey

Finally, I'd like to share with you a Year 11 piece of work that was written in response to the following question in English:

Write a speech in which you clarify how CLHS provides a supportive environment for its pupils.

Central Lancaster High School prides itself on offering excellent support to all pupils so that they receive the very best education possible. Staff members make it their duty to meet the needs of all pupils, be they academic, emotional, pastoral, extracurricular, etc. They provide an excellent education so as to ensure that pupils thrive on opportunities and eventually leave school to pursue their goals as happy, healthy and resourceful individuals. Central Lancaster High School comprises of 3 values: "community", "commitment" and "creativity"; encapsulating the ETHOS. Staff work to demonstrate a sense of 'belonging'; ensuring that all pupils and staff acknowledge and appreciate their worth as a member of the school. Students are encouraged to contribute sufficiently and wholeheartedly to the school and the role that they play within the school community. To support the aforementioned, the school encourages students to demonstrate resilience; constant improvement in what the students produce is ideal.

All pupils and staff are asked to pursue challenges with creativity; perceiving obstacles as opportunities to create innovative solutions; pushing the boundaries of their knowledge. Central Lancaster High School is a friendly, impenetrable community with strong connections to the neighbourhoods it serves. It takes pride in providing exceptional support to students so that they get the best of everything during their time at school. It is their responsibility to ensure that all students' needs are met, and that they are well prepared for life beyond their walls. It's a responsibility they take extremely seriously. As such, they deliver a good education in the broadest sense; ensuring that the students take advantage of possibilities while they are in school and leave school prepared to make their own place in the world.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Cowper Acting Principal