

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 23 September 2022**

### **Pick up and drop offs by car**

As highlighted in previous newsletters, we are introducing new measures to support health, safety and site security as a result of the amount of plant and machinery being used during our new build. In addition to our main gates being locked during the school day and additional fencing being erected, from Monday, can we please ask that parents/carers drop off and pick up from the main road rather than driving onto site. Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

### **Free School Meals / Special Guardianship / Adopted from Care / Child Arrangement order**

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's website as you need to apply directly to them.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=1>

School is then informed and your child can then access a free school meal to the value of £2.50.

In addition, our school also gets additional funding to support your child if they are entitled to Free School Meals. This is called **Pupil Premium**.

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There are also other types of Pupil Premium funding:

If your child is **adopted from care**, has **special guardianship** or a **child arrangement order**, our school can access additional Pupil Premium funding to further support your child.

The school has to claim this from the Department for Education. However, to claim this, we need you to provide school with a copy of the documentation to access this funding. If any of the above criteria applies to you or you would like further information, please contact Mrs Crossman on 01524 32636 or by email: [victoria.crossman@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:victoria.crossman@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk)

## GL Assessments for pupils in Year 7 - 10

Pupils have engaged with the assessments in a mature and purposeful manner this week and staff feedback has been very positive from those supervising the assessments. Next week we will undergo the second and final week of GL Assessments for pupils in Years 7-10.

Week commencing Monday 26 September			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7 Periods 1-3	Year 8 Periods 1-3	Year 9 Periods 1-3	Year 10 Periods 1-3

The purpose of these tests is to support us to understand some of any specific strengths or areas of development of each pupil. It may be that as a result of these tests we offer additional support in a small group or 1:1 basis.

A reminder that the nature of these tests means that it is not possible for pupils to prepare for them by revising. All pupils in all year groups applied themselves fantastically in week one of the testing. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Auger at: [mauger@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mauger@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk)

## Year 11 Mock examinations

Year 11 pupils will have their first mock examination series in the two weeks commencing **Monday 14 November** in English, maths, science, geography, history and French.

Teachers will be preparing pupils for these examinations and you should expect to see you child beginning to prepare for them at home.

This week, pupils have begun to look at different revision techniques during form time, something that will continue throughout Year 11. We will be sharing the mock examination timetable with pupils on Thursday 29 September and it will be available for parents/carers on our school website from Friday 30 September.

Please support your child to revise effectively at home by providing a quiet space, helping them to establish a clear routine and encouraging them. If you would like more information or support, please do not hesitate to contact school via Miss Carr, Head of Year 11 – [rachel.carr@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.carr@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk)

## Families of Year 6 pupils

Following on from our open evening, we would warmly welcome families to come to see us in action on a 'normal' school day. Should you wish to do so, please contact us via the school office or by using our dedicated transition email address – [transition@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:transition@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk)

## Year 7 'Meet your House Tutor Evening' – Thursday 6 October 2022 6.00pm – 8.00pm

This evening provides you with the chance for you to meet their child's House Tutor who is the main point of contact in school and the person who sees your child every morning. A representative from the SEND department will also be available to speak to on the evening, alongside Ms. Meetha, Head of Year 7 and Ms. Lilley, Assistant Principal – i/c Transition.

A letter will be sent home with your child next week with further details.

## European Day of Languages








Next week in our assemblies, pupils will be learning about and celebrating European Day of Languages. Pupils and parents/carers can find a range of activities promoting the use of languages, including the 'Secret Agent Challenge' by following the link below.

<https://edl.ecml.at/Home/tabid/1455/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

## Extra-curricular activities

Please find below an overview of the extracurricular activities that are running this half term at lunchtimes and afterschool. I would like to encourage all pupils to attend at least one of the many activities on offer as this wider curriculum experience helps develop softer skills such as team work and problem solving as well as supporting positive health and wellbeing.

 Extra-Curricular Opportunities 		
Day	Lunchtime—12.30—1.00pm	After-school—3.10—4.00pm
<b>Monday</b>	Ukulele / keyboard club—Music Room—All years welcome	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Diversity club—C6—All years welcome Guitar Group—Music Room—All years welcome 	Science Club—C6—Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball—Sports Hall—Year 7, 8 and 9 Arts Award—Music Room—Year 9 Year 7 Football—Field DT Catch-up/homework support—DT Workshop—Year 10 and 11 
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Trebles (singing group) and keyboard - Music Room—All years welcome	
<b>Thursday</b>	Key Stage Four music club—Music Room—Year 10 and 11	Year 8 Football—Field DT Catch-up/homework support—DT Workshop—Year 10 and 11 Debating Society—D4—All years welcome 
<b>Friday</b>	Debating Society—D4—All Years Welcome	

## SEND

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

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

Term 1 SEND reviews for Year 10 will be held w/c 10 October. A letter will be sent home with further details. Please email Mrs Ainsworth at [sainsworth@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sainsworth@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk) to make an appointment.

## Mental health and wellbeing

**Action for happiness** has a free online programme that you can sign up for to boost your wellbeing. Sign up using this link - <https://10daysofhappiness.org/>

We all want to look after our mental wellbeing, but this can be hard to do – especially in challenging times. This program helps you to learn simple daily actions which are proven to give you a boost and help you feel happier.

## Reading corner

### Bookmark Competition

We would like your child's help in designing a CLHS bookmark that all pupils can use during their 'drop everything and read' lessons.

The bookmark has to have a 'reading logo' on it that shows the joy and wonder of reading. The winning entries will be used for our reading bookmark. Entries to the competition can be posted into the box at Reception – the deadline is **Friday 7 October**.

Please make sure your child clearly writes their full name and their form and we look forward to their entry!

### Y7 and Y8 Book Buzz

Central Lancaster High School is taking part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, which aims to get children reading. Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 will chose their own book to keep out of the seventeen Bookbuzz titles.

We hope that Bookbuzz will encourage your child to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity.

Here are three steps you can take to get involved:

1. **Get talking!** The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. Their Bookbuzz book is a great place to start. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help show the value of reading and encourage your child to form and share their opinions on what they like to read.

2. **Find out more.** You can find lots on the BookTrust website to share and enjoy with your child, helping them to discover more about their Bookbuzz book. There are videos and blogs from the Bookbuzz authors, quizzes, competitions and more at [www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz)

**3. What next?** The adventure continues when your child finishes their Bookbuzz book! No matter what their interests, there are thousands of fantastic books out there to discover. To find their next read you can ask a librarian, visit a local book shop, or go to BookTrust's Bookfinder at [www.booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder)

### **Bedrock success**

Well done to the following pupils for most engagement with Bedrock this last week:

#### **Year 7**

Sarah E  
Maisy O'N

#### **Year 8**

Sally M  
Liam A

#### **Year 9**

Aimee McD  
Rhyley B

### **Key dates for the Autumn term:**

W/C 26 September	GL assessments Year-7-10
6 October 2022	HPV Vaccinations (Year 8 and 9)
6 October 2022	Year 7 Meet the House Tutor evening 6pm - 8pm
7 October 2022	School Closed for pupils
21 October 2022	Open Mic event at lunchtime
<b>24 October 2022</b>	<b>School closed for half-term holiday</b>
2 November 2022	School re-opens
W/C 14 November 2022	Year 11 Mock examinations
W/C 21 November 2022	Year 11 Mock examinations
1 December 2022	Year 11 Achievement Evening (2021/22 cohort)
15 December 2022	Progress Cards issued for Year 7 –11
<b>16 December 2022</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas at 1.15 pm</b>

## Pupil praise

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

1. Halton **1647** (10.6 per pupil)
2. Lune **1297** (10.3 per pupil)
3. Clougha **1566** (10.0 per pupil)
4. Storey **1442** (9.6 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
Isabelle M	Leonardo C-D	Charlie C	Zack C	Leaf R
Alexa B	Quaneisha Y	Darnia D	Kevin M	Paige S
Brooke G	Alix S	Leah B	Toby H-I	Harry C
Harry M	Yasaman G	Ibrahim S	Shane H	Alfie A
Alexander S	Evie D	Kaan G	Vaughn P-E	Calla L

## Attendance

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

- Year 7:** Storey  
**Year 8:** Lune  
**Year 9:** Halton  
**Year 10:** Halton 2  
**Year 11:** Halton

Special praise goes to the following pupils:

### Year 7

Well done to **Caitlin W**, **Lily H** and **Sara E** who have all worked very hard in maths and made an excellent start in the subject.

A fantastic, enthusiastic, start for **Jack L** in Science – well done.

**Charlie B**, **You L**, **George B** and **Ivan S** have all worked exceptionally hard in English. Well done.

**Leon M-P** has made fantastic contributions to religious education lessons and has led the class in a number of activities. Miss Carr is really impressed with his start to school, well done Leon.

**Melody H** has impressed in religious education lessons with her thoughtful answers and well explained written work. Well done

### Year 8

Well done to **Jesse B** for his fantastic answers in maths. Jesse is working extremely hard, and you can see the benefits of his hard work.

Well done to **Archie A** for his fantastic start in Mathematics. Archie can articulate truncation and rounding to 1 significant figure.

**Amy L** who has produced high quality work and shown commitment to her studies in Geography. Well done.

**Leo Y** has made a brilliant effort with the class singing – well done.

### Year 9

A huge well done to **Tommy T** for making an excellent start to his work in art. He has been really focused on his learning and made a real effort to catch up work missed due to absence. Well done!

**Katie D** and **Edith M** who have both shown great confidence and leadership as umpires in netball.

**Harley R** has been very supportive welcoming new pupils into school, thank you Harley.

**Ava W** and **Scarlett Y** have shown excellent resilience this week, well done.

### Year 10

Well done to the KS4 music class for an excellent start to their new course; you have a fantastic attitude and I've been very impressed with the work you have completed so far - keep it going!

Well done to **Kieron D** for his fantastic contribution to the first life lesson.

Well done to **Brandon L** for his great effort in his bass guitar lessons.

Well done to **Tyler M** for demonstrating excellent skills during a doubles match in badminton and to **Jack S** for his communication during his doubles match.

### Year 11

**Millie J** has made an excellent start to Year 11 and has achieved the most Commitment, Creativity and Community points throughout her lessons. Well done Millie you are a great example to others.

**Paige S** has shown commitment in her lessons consistently by contributing to class discussion, producing high quality work and completing home learning tasks.

**Olivia S** has demonstrated resilience in her lessons this week – well done Olivia.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.



Mr J Cowper  
Principal