

Dear Parent/Carer

Weekly newsletter: Friday 24 September 2021

This week we have had Mark Williams, our school improvement partner, in school. Mark is an experienced former headteacher, HMI inspector and CEO of a large Trust. The feedback we received was very positive and he was very complimentary of our pupil's behaviour and attitudes to learning. He observed pupils in lessons, at lunch and through pupil voice interviews with Year 7 and 11 pupils. It is very pleasing to receive such positive feedback and very much reflects the daily experiences of both pupils and staff. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Praise

Congratulation to Storey house for receiving the most praise points in week 2.

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

Special congratulations to the following pupils who have received the most praise points in their respective year groups in the second week of the academic year.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Evie D	Kayla D	Jethro K	Oli R	Honey-Lee S
Quinesha Y	Empress F	Tillie B	Jessica U	Oliver W
Yasaman G	Maggie A	Jack H	Kayleigh C	Matteo-Mario R
Mia D	Lola C	Manot A	Leon L	James H
	Aakifah T		Leaf R	Ruby V
			Daniel S	

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

Well done to **Bailey C 9H** for expressing his thoughts so confidently in his drama lesson.

Excellent commitment to her KS4 Performing Arts course, **Paige D 10L** who performed with confidence and success this week.

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Ruben A 9H2 demonstrated excellent ideas in his drama lesson this week whilst confidently sharing his contextual knowledge with other pupils and asking some brilliant questions.

Crystal C (9C) and **Katie T (9L2)** both for excellent application to their narratives in English.

Oli R (10L) for his consistent engagement in his English lessons.

Attendance

We are aware there is still a sickness bug circulating in the local area alongside an increase in the number of Covid cases. If your child is unwell and displays any symptoms associated with Covid, we would recommend they take a lateral flow test at home (test kits available from school) or precautionary PCR test. Please communicate directly with school should your child test positive. We have a number of control measures in place within school which can be seen in our dynamic risk assessment: <https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/covid-19>

Despite these continued challenges, well done to the following forms who have the highest combined attendance within each year.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Storey 2	Halton	Lune 2	Storey	Storey

Year 7 Streetwise performance

This week, our Year 7 pupils had a performance from Streetwise – this is a programme promoting road safety awareness. As we enter Autumn/Winter can I encourage your child to wear a helmet and high visibility clothing if they ride a bike to and from school and that they have front and rear lights.

Army Youth Engagement

This coming week, our Year 10 pupils will be watching a multi-media presentation from the Army Youth Engagement Team during period 5 on the 6th October. The presentation is designed to complement citizenship and careers requirements. It covers the role of the Army today, how we embrace Diversity and Inclusion and our range of opportunities, current domestic and international issues involving the military, with emphasis on the Army's numerous roles in peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.

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.

School is then informed and your child can then access a free school meal to the value of £2.50. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/catering/parent-and-pupil-information/free-school-meals/>

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.

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: vcrossman@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Open Evening

If you have a child who is currently in year 5 or 6, we would like to invite you to our open evening on Thursday 30 September, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome and the opportunity to explore our school site and meet with our pupils and staff.

If your child would like to help on the evening, please encourage them to 'sign up' early next week. Letters will be given to them so that we can gather your permission for them to help on the evening.

We will finish at our normal time, 3.05 pm, on the day of the open evening.

Vacancies in school

We are currently looking to recruit a finance assistant. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact Jason Mills for further information. JMills@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



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