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Dear Parent/Carer

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Careers at Central Lancaster High School

It's been a busy week for careers information, advice and guidance this week at CLHS. In addition to the Cyber-Girls event looking at careers in the digital industries we were able to hold our Careers Festival for the first time in two years. Local sixth forms, further education and apprenticeship providers were all represented, as well as Lancashire based universities.

Year 10 and 11 all had the opportunity to visit the festival and find out about possible next steps, including talking to some of our alumni, and the event was open to all pupils and parents afterschool.

To find out more about future careers please speak to Ms. Cottam or check out the CEIAG section of our website.

Cyber Girls event

Congratulations to the Year 8 and 9 pupils who took part in our Cyber Girls event on Wednesday the 24th of November. The girls had the opportunity to chat with women from within the industry such as Larrisa from 10 Downing Street and Ellia from GCHQ and complete interactive tasks which included "How to be a spy".

An exciting event for our young ladies to see the opportunities for women within the STEM industry. Well done to all the girls that took part.

Youth Parliament

Registrations are now being taken for young people wishing to stand as a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP). Our MYPs play a vital role in raising concerns for young people within their constituency and representing them at County meetings.

Young people can register their interest to become an MYP through this link: https://britishyouthcouncil.typeform.com/to/e0fbH6?typeform-source=com.google.android.gm

To find out more information about what it takes to be an MYP, please take time to access the information in the links below:

https://youtu.be/gfofXHkHuOE

https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament/elections

Pupils have until the **10**th of **December** to register. Good luck!

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Assessments in Year 7 and 8

Next week the year 7 and year 8 pupils will be doing progress tests in English and maths.

These will help us to gain a stronger understanding of where the learning needs of our pupils are and help us plan to fill any gaps in knowledge and skills. They will take place again at the end of each academic year to measure the progress being made by the pupils and diagnose further areas for improvement.

These tests are designed to be carried out in a morning or afternoon and last approximately an hour and a quarter. **Importantly**, your child can not revise for these tests and they will not have an effect on the maths or English class your child is in. Please reassure your child if they are at all nervous. The tests will be done in the hall and your child needs to have a pencil, a ruler and an eraser. They should make sure they have their calculator with them every day if they have one – we will provide them for those that do not.

SEND

Miss Evans, our SENCo, continues to run 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: levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk or contact school reception on 01524 32636.

Open Mic event

Congratulations to the following pupils who took part in the open mic event last Friday in memory of Mr Ashcroft: Gabriel R.S, Maggie A, Quaneisha Y, Yasaman G, Imogen H and Freya D.

We welcomed members of Mr Ashcroft's family to watch the performances as well as staff from More Music in Morecambe with the money raised from this event, which was £87, going to More Music.

Thank you to all the pupils and staff for supporting this event.

Christmas concert

Tickets for our Christmas concert will go on sale from Monday 29th November and will be sold in the music room at break times and lunchtimes and will be priced at £3 each. The concert will be held on Wednesday 8th December with doors opening at 6pm and the performance starting at 6.30pm. We hope you can join us on this wonderful evening.

Sports update

Our Year 8 girls team travelled to Heysham to participate in the EFL Girls U13 Utilita Cup.

The girls won 2-0 against Our Lady's, 1-1 with Carnforth and BLA and lost 4-0 to Ripley.

Our Year 10 boys team progress into the second round of the Lancashire Cup after playing a very close game yesterday that finished 2-2 and was decided by penalties.

Bobby D saved 3 penalties in the shootout to top off a superb performance.



Well done to all pupils involved and to our PE Department for their work in facilitating such great opportunities for our pupils.

Household support fund

Lancaster City Council Community Connectors have now commenced the administration and delivery of a one-off fund from the Department for Work and Pensions which has been distributed to county and unitary authorities.

Lancashire County Council have allocated £360,000 to Lancaster City Council to administer across the district to those facing financial hardship.

The Household Support Fund is available to help those in our district who are struggling financially this winter. Through an application, support can be provided to residents of the Lancaster district to help pay for:

- increasing energy charges and water rates
- household appliances
- housing costs (not mortgage or rent costs)
- and an offer for an 8 week food voucher membership scheme for food, toiletries, blankets & clothes and which can provide around £25-£30 a week

Online applications opened on Monday 22nd November 2021 and can be accessed via the following link on the Lancaster City Council website: https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/hsf

Should you have any concerns or require support in accessing the fund, alternatively you can attend one of the Fund's planned mobile events or call the fund administration on 01524 582000 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Should you require support in placing an application to the fund, contact the school with your requirements and we will be happy to help you.

Please find attached more information regarding the support available.

Morecambe Bay Foodbank- Reverse Advent Calendar

As a school we will once again be supporting the Morecambe Bay Foodbank with collections in school.

Further information will be given to pupils next week in form time.



Praise

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

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

Special congratulations to the following pupils who received the most praise points this week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Quaneisha Y	Maggie A	Leon F	Chris H	Oliver W
Freya P	Demi A	Leighton P	Megan M	Ranea A
Imogen H	Eva B	Jack H	Nancy W	Alfie E
Sophie A	Darniah G	Nico G	Zain E	Jayden K
Mia D	Sally M	Alfie M	Jade W	Matthew L
		Ellie W		Paige R

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

Maggie A for exceptional work in Citizenship. Her ideas are fabulous and her book is a pleasure to read.

Ben W and **Michal A** who always "have a go" in class discussions in Citizenship. Their commitment is pleasing.

In Year 9 English, **Gabriel R-S**, **Orrin R**, **Tyler Y**, **Tillie B** and **Ayra M** all continue to impress with their thoughts on "Frankenstein". Thank you for your contributions.

Caitlin S Y8 for excellent work on algebraic expressions and always being prepared to take on a challenge!

Oliver M Y10 for excellent understanding of similarity using ratio.

Brodie R and **Sam W** Y7 for confident drama work performing to the class.

Kitty M Y9 for submitting excellent drama homework, your research enabled your group to develop their narration with confidence and detail - well done!

Food corner

A special recognition goes to the entire **Year 10 Catering** cohort. Their task was a batch production activity.

Not only did they have to create tasty Christmas cookies, they also had to ensure they were uniform and consistent in size and texture.

The outcome is pictured. I think they give BBC's Good Food a run for their money!



Included is a link for the recipe should you wish to recreate them at home:

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/christmas-crinkle-cookies

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.

Top form attendance during this week:

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



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Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Cowper Acting Principal