

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 27 May 2022**

### **Half term closure**

We close for half term at 3.05 pm on Friday 27 May and school reopens on Monday 6 June. We hope you have a safe and restful week and enjoy the Queens platinum jubilee.

### **Staff update**

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Smith who is pursuing a career in the Police. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her hard work and dedication to all our pupils.

### **Uniform and equipment**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we place significant importance on school uniform and the presentation of our pupils and value your support in ensuring our pupils have a true sense of belonging to our community and represent our school positively in our wider community.

Over the school holidays, please can you check that your child has everything they need for their return to school on Monday 6 June. Can you also ensure hair styles/colours, false/acrylic nails, fake eyelashes, piercings etc. meet our appearance expectations before they return.

Uniform and appearance expectations can be found on the school website by following the link.  
<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/uniform>

All pupils should also have the following equipment in a suitable school bag – homework planner, reading book, pen, pencil and ruler as a minimum requirement.

Should you need support in sourcing uniform or equipment, please contact your child's House Tutor in the first instance.

### **Free Breakfast**

A reminder that all pupils have access to a free breakfast each morning in our canteen. Breakfast is served between 8.15 and 8.40.

### **Year 10 exams**

Year 10 will sit end of Year exams in the week starting June 27<sup>th</sup> for Maths, English and Science in the main school hall. In the week that follows, assessments will take place in class in other subjects where it is required. Further details will follow after the half term break.

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## Year 11 Summer Examinations

It has again been fantastic to see how focused our Year 11 pupils have been in their exams this week. As we move into the half term break, it is important that we are supporting pupils with key revision activities. All subject teachers have provided pupils with resources to revise with. Please discuss with your child, when where and how they will revise each day. It is of course also important to plan in breaks for exercise and time with friends and family.

We will be running in school revision sessions for Maths, History, Geography and Design Technology. Details can be found on our website by following the link below. Pupils attending should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start time of the session where they will be greeted by a member of the SLT and taken to the relevant room. At the end of the session pupils will need to leave the school site.

<https://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/students/year-11-revision-and-exams>

### Year 11 revision sessions during half-term

We will be holding the following revision sessions in school over the half term holiday. Please strongly encourage your child to attend these sessions to further support them.

	09:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 15:00
<b>Monday 30 May</b>	Geography	History	
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b>	Maths Higher	Maths Foundation	
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b>	Yr10 Hospitality and Catering	Year 11 Design and Technology	

If you have any queries or concerns please email Miss Brown, Head of Year 11:

[davina.brown@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:davina.brown@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk)

### SEND

Term 3 SEND reviews start with Y10 on either Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> or Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. A letter has been 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.

Key Stage 3 Homework Club is open on a Wednesday morning in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) 8-8.40am. Key Stage 4 Homework Club is open on a Tuesday morning in the LRC 8-8.40am. Please encourage your child to attend if they require support with their home learning.

In addition to our Homework Clubs, our Learning Resource Centre is open every morning before school, at break time and after school every day; please encourage your child to attend if they require additional support with their homework.

**Sibs:** Sibs is the only UK charity dedicated to representing the needs of siblings of disabled children and adults [www.sibs.org.uk](http://www.sibs.org.uk)

**YoungSibs:** a UK wide online support service for siblings under 18 who have a brother or sister who is disabled or has additional needs. It provides information about different conditions and strategies for coping with sibling issues. YoungSibs also has a letters section for siblings to receive personalised responses to their questions.

**Sibling Centre** resources [Tools and Resources \(siblingcenter.org\)](http://www.siblingcenter.org)

**Contact** Siblings support booklet [siblings.pdf \(contact.org.uk\)](http://www.siblings.pdf)

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

### Joyful June

**Joyful June 2021**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	
7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side
14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity
21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy
28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)				

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### Key dates for the Summer term

Friday 27 May:	School closes for May half term
Monday 6 June:	School reopens for all pupils
Thursday 9 June:	DTP and Men ACWY vaccinations in school
Wednesday 29 June:	New Intake Evening for Y6 parents/carers
Monday 4 July:	Year 7 Chill Factor Trip
Tuesday 5 July:	Year 8 Chill Factor Trip
Wednesday 6 July:	Year 6 New Intake Day
Thursday 21 July:	School closes for the summer holiday.

## Reading corner

Well done to the following pupils who are the Bedrock 'winners' of the half termly prizes:

### Year 7

£10 voucher for most progress: **Leonardo C D**

£10 voucher for lesson completion: **Marwan A A**

£5 vouchers for progress: **Quaneisha Y, Kaycee B, Evie D**

### Year 8

£10 voucher for most progress: **Abigail W**

£10 voucher for lesson completion: **David A**

£5 vouchers for progress: **Flora Y, Jacob J, Sally M**

### Year 9

£10 voucher for most progress: **Mia P**

£10 voucher for lesson completion: **Manot A**

£5 vouchers for progress: **Lilah H, Zack C, Jethro K**

## Reading: free eBooks and audiobooks

Did you know that you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks for free using Lancashire library service's Borrow Box scheme? All you need is a library card number, which you can get from any local library for free. Go to <https://lancashire.borrowbox.com/ebooks/all> to see what's available and to download your books. There is a great range of fiction and nonfiction for all ages and interests and they're suitable for many devices. The website allows you to select books for different ages or to browse by genre.

Many people find it easier to listen to books than to read them. It can be done on the go, whilst in the car, on a bus or walking to school. Borrowbox has a massive number of audiobooks which you can download. Listening to audiobooks still allows us to experience a huge amount of what books have to offer and might just be the way to get reluctant readers into books.

## Praise

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

1. Clougha **1136 (9.1 per pupil)**
2. Lune **1237 (8.6 per pupil)**
3. Storey **1187 (7.9 per pupil)**
4. Halton **933 (6.3 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
Freya P	Maggie A	Zack C	Charlie M	
Rufaro H	Kayla D	Leon F	Harry C	
Lilly B	Tyler-James S	Edward Y	Oliver N	
Jayden P	Ben W	Manot A	Daniel S	Not included due to start of exams
Lexi-Leigh S	Sally M	Liam F	Alfie A	

### In addition, well done to the following pupils:

Well done to the year 9 Arts Award group who completed another session this week ready for their external moderation on 1 July.

A huge well done to the pupils who have attended extra-curricular music clubs this half term. They are working hard towards the open mic on the 24 June and also towards the summer concert on the 14 July. Special mention goes to **Freya P, Rufaro H, Maggie A, Kayla D** and **Tyler S** who turn up to every session - a fantastic achievement.

Well done to **Lewis B** in Year 7 for his work with music technology in the music lesson this week and for your brilliant art work.

**Katie A** and **Matthew H** in Year 9 History have both written excellent assessment pieces where they are explained both sides of an argument, given specific examples to back them up and drawn their own conclusions – well done!.

**Jayden P** in Year 7 for excellent work in Geography and for the commitment shown in his home learning in RE on the Five Pillars of Islam.

**Riley H** in Year 7 for valuable contributions and effort made in RE.

**Finlay B** in Year 10 for continued hard work in Child Development in particular in his explanations of developmental milestones.

**Benjamin M** in Year 10 for showing true community spirit and helping welcome one of our new Ukrainian students into the school and ensuring that he has settled in well. Benjamin has been an excellent representative for Year 10 and for CLHS.

In Year 7 English, **7B3** have been working on their rhetoric and they used their developing skills to good effect, using their presenting voices to persuade. Great job 7B3. Miss Timperley says it was lovely to see the community spirit - pupils applauding and encouraging each other.

**Kian R** in Year 7 who has confidently demonstrated a new technique to the rest of the class using the visualiser in his art lesson this week. Well done!

### **Sports corner**

#### **Year 7 Rotary Club Invitational Football Tournament**

Our Year 7 Team came away with their heads held high, as they secured joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 24 school Lancashire Rotary Club Invitational Football Tournament, hosted at AFC Fylde.

With some of the best footballing schools across the county in attendance, it was always going to be a tough task, especially as we were drawn in the same group as the Lancashire Schools Champions, All Hallows, from Preston.

We began with a narrow 1-0 defeat against All Hallows in our opening match, but the boys soon made amends by beating Parklands (Chorley) 3-0. Two draws followed against Brownedge St Marys (Bamber Bridge) (1-1) and Cardinal Allen (Fleetwood) (0-0) respectively, meaning our final match was a winner take all affair versus St Augustines (Clitheroe).

The boys performed superbly and came away with a 2-0 victory which saw us qualify for the quarter finals, and face Archbishop Temple (Preston), who are traditionally one of the top footballing schools in the county.

An outstanding display saw us comfortably sweep them aside 2-0 and onto the semi-finals to face Southlands (Chorley). In a tense game, it was decided by a penalty decision that went the way of Southlands, and saw us finally exit with a 1-0 defeat.

All involved were an absolute credit to our school, and our district as the sole representatives from the North of the County and instills a great sense of confidence for them, going into the new season in September.

**Squad: Ethan C, Leo Y, Liam A, Harry O, Jayden P, Charlie L, Adnaan T, Mohammed H and Taylor R.**

### **Rounders Fixtures**

This week we hosted Ripley St Thomas for a fixture in rounders. The teams played in their first fixture of the season and for most girls, their first competitive rounders game. The year 7 team worked hard against a talented Ripley team and eventually lost 13.5-5. **Gracie S** was voted player of the match.

The year 8 played exceptionally well and came away 16-11.5 winners, managing to get the whole of the Ripley team out.

Well done to all the girls who represented our school!

### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

After half term, we will be running athletics club on Tuesday and Table Tennis on Wednesday. Rounder's club will be on Tuesday. All clubs run from 3.05-4pm.

### **Attendance**

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

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

### **Food corner**

This week, in preparation for Queen's Jubilee, our Year 10 cohort made chocolate cupcakes. A fantastic light sponge, perfect for a Jubilee picnic celebration. They then choose to decorate them in 'Jubilee colours' creating some beautiful cakes.

Please have a go at home. <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/amazing-chocolate-cupcakes>

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Mr J Cowper  
Principal