

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 2 September 2022

Start to the new academic year

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back **all** our pupils, including our new year 7 cohort, when school reopens next week on **Monday 5 September**.

Pupils should arrive in good time for our school day which starts at 8.40 prompt. Pupils should go to their 'line up area' on the 8.40 bell.

Year 7:	Designated Year 7 area
Year 8:	Rear quad
Year 9:	Main quad by the lift access
Year 10:	Main quad underneath the canopy
Year 11:	Netball courts (designated lunchtime football area)

Class changes

We have been reviewing the grouping of pupils in different subject areas across the curriculum within Key Stage 3 and 4.

In Years 7 and 8, pupils have been split into two 'equal ability' bands for English, maths, science and PE. This has allowed Heads of Department to create teaching groups based upon ability within each of these subjects. All other subjects will be taught in mixed ability groups.

In Year 9, pupils have been split into two 'equal ability' bands for English, maths, science, history, geography and PE. This again has allowed Heads of Department to create teaching groups based upon ability within each of these subjects. All other subjects will be taught in mixed ability groups.

In Key Stage 4, pupils have been split into two 'equal ability' bands for English, maths and science and have been placed in sets based on ability. Pupils are taught core PE in mixed ability groups. Pupils in Year 10 will also study Life (RE/RSE/Citizenship). All Key Stage 4 option subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.

Pupils will be given their timetables on Monday morning. We encourage you to look over your child's timetable with them and contact Mr Auger if you have any questions:

mauger@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

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Year 11 examination results

Congratulations go to our Year 11 cohort who collected their GCSE results during the holiday. We were pleased to see improvements in our overall outcomes as well as the many individual pupil successes - well done!

Please find a link to an article in the Lancaster Guardian with more information:

<https://www.lancasterguardian.co.uk/education/gcse-results-day-2022-lancaster-and-morecambe-teenagers-celebrate-3818949>

Staffing update

We have a number of new staff joining us on Monday. We wish them all a warm welcome to our school community.

Jennifer Towner and Stephanie Parsons join us in Science and Angela Livesey joins us as our new School Business Manager.

Heads of Year

Heads of Year for this academic year are as follows:

Head of Year 7 – Salma Meetha

Head of Year 8 – Davina Brown

Head of Year 9 – Michael Aldren

Head of Year 10 – Gavin Clarke

Head of Year 11 – Rachel Carr

During the first half term, Laura Morris will be attached to and will support Year 8 and Year 9.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Whilst your child's House Tutor is your first point of contact or dependent on the circumstances, their Head of Year, should you have a safeguarding concern, of any nature, please inform our Designated Safeguarding Leads. If they are not available, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Victoria Crossman

victoria.crossman@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Deputy DSLs: Salma Meetha – salmameetha@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Michael Aldren – michael.aldren@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Uniform and equipment

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 community.

In advance of Monday, please can you check that your child has everything they need for their return to school. Can you also ensure hair styles/colours, false/acrylic nails, fake eye lashes, piercings etc. are addressed before they return.

Uniform and presentation 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 – reading book, black/blue pen, pencil and ruler as a minimum requirement. New school planners will be provided to all pupils on their first day back, free of charge. Replacements will cost £2.50. Planners are also classified as essential equipment that pupils need to have with them each day.

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

New Build update

Our £8 million new build has started in earnest during the summer break. The team have started excavating for the foundations of phase one and are installing various infrastructure. Whilst the building site is cordoned off and not readily accessible by pupils, staff or visitors, we ask that you are mindful of the increased heavy traffic that will be accessing our site during various times in the school day. I would also like to remind you that outside of the school day, our school site is not to be accessed.

We apologise for any inconvenience/disturbance any aspect of the new build may cause and if you have any specific concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us:
clhs@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Open Evening for Year 5&6 pupils

On **Thursday 15 September**, we will be hosting our open evening for all pupils currently in Year 5 and 6 and their families. If you have a child in either of those year groups, we warmly invite you to attend and please share the date with family and friends who may not yet have a child at our school as we would very much like to welcome them to our school too!

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.



Mr J Cowper
Principal