

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer newsletter: Friday 4 February 2022

February half term closure

As we draw near to the end of the half term, a reminder that school closes on Friday 11 February at 3.05 and reopens at 8 a.m. on Monday 21 February.

Homework expectations

After half term, we will be introducing a new schedule for homework in Key Stage 3 & 4. Please find attached to this bulletin, more information around our expectations of pupils with respect to homework.

In order to support pupils, who may have difficulty accessing IT equipment, the Internet and printing at home, we will be opening our new library after the break which will be accessible for all pupils before and after school and during lunchtime. More information about the specific timings will follow shortly.

National Apprenticeship Week: 7 – 11 February 2022

We will be talking to pupils about apprenticeships in a range of different sectors next week. You can follow the links below to find information about what apprenticeships are and which are available in the local area. We have also attached a letter from the Minister for Skills, Alex Burghart, regarding apprenticeships:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

<https://www.lmc.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Children's Mental Health Week: 7-11 February 2022

As part of Children's mental Health Week, pupils in KS3 will have an opportunity to watch a special assembly from Place2Be around the theme of Growing Together. By following the link below families can access a range of tips and resources to support children with their mental health.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

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Work Experience Self-Placement Deadline

It is a statutory requirement for all pupils to have an experience of a work place before the age of 16. Our Year 10 pupils will be completing their work-experience during between 13th June – 17th June 2022.

Our most successful placements usually come from self-placements and the deadline for this is **Monday 21st February**. Any pupils who need help with this should see Ms.Cottam during the drop-in sessions on a Wednesday lunchtime in D8.

Year 11 PPEs (Mock Exams)

Year 11's start their mock examinations next week. We are really pleased by the increasing number of pupils that are engaging with lunchtime and afterschool revision sessions. This hard work and commitment will pay dividends as we move throughout the year and prepare for the external examinations in the summer. The mock examination timetable is accessible on our website:

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

I would also like to thank every member of staff involved in supporting our pupils.

SEND

Thank you to the parents/carers for your attendance at the Year 9 SEND reviews this week. If you were unable to attend, a letter and supporting information will be posted home this week.

Year 10 SEND reviews are taking place in the first week back after half-term. Please either return the reply slip on the letter to reception next week or email levans@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Our SEND Clinic is open on Thursday 10th February 4-6pm. Please email Miss Evans to book a 15 minute appointment should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Homework Club runs in S5 every Wednesday 3.05-4 pm. Please encourage your child to attend if they require support with their homework.

Please find attached to this email, the North Lancashire Assessment Pathway February Newsletter.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Following on from the introduction to mindfulness in last week's newsletter, this website gives you more information about this and it also has a mood self-assessment quiz you can complete.

[Mindfulness - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Key Dates for Parents for the remainder of this Half Term

- Monday 7 February: Year 11 PPEs (mock) exams begin
- **Friday 11 February: 3.05pm break for February half term**

Praise

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

1. Clougha **1097** (9.3 per pupil)
2. Storey **1174** (7.9 per pupil)
3. Lune **1158** (7.0) per pupil)
4. Halton **977** (6.9 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
Lilly B	Leah B	Zack C	Bekzod I	Amber L
Lexie H	Rhyley B	Leon F	Umma A	Sam S
Imogen H	Kayla D	Jack C	Tia H	Ranea A
Yasaman G	Lewis G	Jethro K	Finlay B	Joe B
Evie D	Caitlin S	Riley A	Gracie H	James H

In addition, well done to the following pupils:

Well done to **Oliver W** who performed the role of Galileo from 'We Will Rock You' with confidence and excellent skill in his drama lesson; well-done Oliver.

Our **Year 10 dance group** have contributed some beautiful choreography to their next assessed dance piece - well done girls.

Well done to **Gracie-Mai S** Y7, **Dakota-Leighan H** and **Ella Rawes** in Y9 for brilliant performance work and confidence in drama this week. You demonstrated your characters with great success and made this enjoyable for the audience - well done.

Well done to **Chae J S** in Y7 for having a great attitude in his piano lessons. Chae is putting in a lot of practice and it shows in his lessons - brilliant progress Chae.

Well done to **Leon W** in Y8 for his great pitch work in music this week.

Liam F in Y9 has had fantastic attendance at the lunchtime music clubs this week.

Attendance

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

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

Food corner

This week's congratulations goes to two pupils in year 7, both of whom cooked some fantastic dishes. **Mohammed A** and **Sophie A** excelled in their food technology practical creating well cooked, balanced dishes with unfamiliar ingredients. The brief was to cook independently and with confidence, something they both did brilliantly. Well done!

The week, our year GCSE catering group experimented with rice dishes. **Freddie G** did an excellent job in creating a delicious prawn fried rice - healthy yet indulgent. Please take a look at the recipe below, if you don't like sea food you can always swap this out for chicken, beef or a vegetarian alternative.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/prawn-fried-rice>

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Cowper', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Cowper
Principal