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As Headteacher, I am immensely proud of, not just the number and range of projects and events offered by the staff, but the high quality of the fantastic students' achievements. This edition of Focus highlights many of these including the trip to Belgium to visit the Battlefields, the amazing Careers Week, Maths Intensive Week, sporting successes and our very proud moment of naming our sports hall after our ex-pupil Neil Marshall.

I believe Focus offers us a very special souvenir of the wider aspects of school beyond the classroom and is a mark of the diverse achievement of our very talented students. I know you will enjoy reading about them.

I wish you a very happy Easter and Spring Holiday and look forward to seeing all the students for our Summer Term start on Tuesday 18th April.

NICOLA HALL Headteacher



dates FOR DIARIES

Summer Term starts:	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 1st May
Half Term:	Friday 26th May - Monday 5th June
End of Summer term:	Friday 21st July
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition:	Thursday 20th - Friday 21st April
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition:	Friday 28th April
Year 7 Parents' Evening:	Tuesday 2nd May
Year 8 Parents' Evening:	Tuesday 23rd May
Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition:	Friday 9th June
Year 10 Parents' Evening:	Tuesday 13th June
Sports Week:	Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July
Year 12 Work Experience Week:	As above
Open Evening:	Tuesday 4th July
Arts Week:	Monday 10th - Friday 14th July
Year 10 Work Experience Week:	As above
New Intake Day:	Monday 10th July
Year 11 Prom:	Thursday 13th July

NEIL MARSHALL SPORTS HALL

Sadly in November 2017 the Lancaster community lost a sporting legend. Ex-Central Lancaster High School student, Neil Marshall, played and captained football for Lancaster City Football Club. Neil played 485 games for his club and not once did he show disrespect for his opponents or to the rest of his team. He inspired not only the local footballing community but many outside of Lancaster as well. This is why it was deemed appropriate for the sports hall at our school to be named after such a sporting and local legend. Neil Marshall deserved a place in the hearts of students and a foundation for his legacy to live on.

On the **10th March 2017** a ceremony took place where friends, family, students and colleagues watched the unveiling of the plaque in the sports hall entrance. England international footballer Trevor Sinclair made a special appearance to unveil the plaque and say a few words about Neil. From a student's perspective it is an honour to name our sports hall after someone that is so highly regarded. I was very touched to see his family, his friends and his former teachers gather to commemorate his life and to name our sports hall after him. Neil Marshall was true to football and an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be sadly missed but may his spirit live on through the 'Neil Marshall Sports Hall'.

"I am really proud to say that Neil Marshall was my uncle and I am really happy that Central Lancaster High School named the new sports after him. I smile every time Mr Clark says 'the Neil Marshall Sports Hall'."



Year 11 Mock Interviews

BATTLE FIELDS TRIP

From the 10th - 14th February Miss Brown, Colin and I were in Belgium for the WWI Centenary Battlefields Tour. We learnt a lot about the war and visited ceremonies, statues, buildings and battlefields, such as the Battle of the Somme. However, my favourite part was seeing the Meningate Ceremony - the walls were inscribed with the names of 55,000 soldiers who were never found. I was also chosen to perform the wreath laying, along with the British Ambassador for Belgium and a major from the military force. It was a very emotional assembly, with the combination of the bugles and a choir; and for me the wreath laying was a huge honour. Afterwards we went to a shop called 'Leonidos' and I enjoyed some of Belgium's finest chocolate in front of the cotton market, which was burnt down in the Battle of Ypres.

Ewan Travers Year 9

Ewan Travers said:
'I was honoured to be involved in the ceremony. I was a wreath-layer, I was really nervous about being in front of all the people but I just kept thinking about all the people we were remembering.'



maths

We hosted yet another fantastic week of maths challenge and fun! Year 11 attended revisions workshops to gear them up for the GCSE exams and Years 7-10 took part in the Maths Roadshow in the hall. Our wonderful pupils relished the problem solving activities and felt great delight when they cracked the solutions!

Maths Joke

A talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen for his farmer. He comes back and says 'All 40 accounted for.' Farmer says, 'I've only got 36!' Sheepdog replies, 'I know, but I rounded them up.'



The UKMT maths team challenge 2017 took place on Friday 3rd March at AKS Lytham.

The team consisted of Evie D'Souza, Colin Duckles, Chloe Bennett and Adam Musa.

Our students were a credit to Central and worked tirelessly on challenging, problem-solving questions throughout the day. They were not placed, but showed great skill and perseverance in facing opponents such as Stonyhurst College and Clitheroe Grammar school.

Here is what they had to say about the experience:-

"It was fun and interesting and a great experience for developing my maths skills."

"It was a challenging experience which has given me a different perspective on how to overcome difficult situations."

Well done to our first UKMT Maths team!
Mrs Moore



CARING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

ANIMAL CARE VISIT

In January Year 7 were joined by Michael from Animal Care in Lancaster and very special guest, Summer the dog. Michael spoke about the work that Animal Care carries out for sick and abandoned animals in our community. We learned that Summer, despite being only 9 months old, had been very badly mistreated by a previous owner, resulting in her losing one of her legs. Miss Timperley says, "Thanks to the support and attention of Animal Care we're happy to say that Summer now has a fabulous new owner as is being properly looked after. She was a very content, calm dog when we met her. It was so lovely to see this success story."

The Year 7 pupils were totally engaged listening to the fantastic work that Michael and his team at Animal Care perform on a day-to-day basis. This spurred the students into action and in their English lessons they have been busy creating informative leaflets full of advice; eye-catching posters and persuasive presentations to encourage people to support Animal Care and focus on the welfare of animals in general. Each class is competing to produce the most persuasive marketing package and Michael will return next term to judge the winning team.

Mrs Redhead, Mr Cheesbrough and Miss Timperley were delighted with the responsible, caring attitudes shown by all pupils when Summer visited and the staff are thrilled with the work being produced by the students as a result of this visit.

Animal Care is situated on Blea Tarn Road in Lancaster and as well as caring for animals it also houses a fabulous café – well worth a visit if you haven't been for a cuppa already!



MADE

MADE training came into school to run revision techniques sessions with Year 11, 12 & 13. The sessions were well received by the students and they felt well equipped to for the revision period leading up to their mock exams. Parents and staff also attended sessions after school so that would feel able to support our students and have a greater understanding of the new techniques they had adopted.



Boys' football season underway

Year 7-10 have made good starts in the district football competition. Fixtures have already been played against Our Lady's, Carnforth, Dallam and Morecambe. Year 11 boast a 100% win record and hopefully this will be enough to see them into another district cup final. Mr Wiggins has lead the last 4 years' worth of Year 11s to District Cup finals and this current team can make it five in a row. He said, "They certainly have the talent to do it and are playing some excellent stuff at the minute. It would be great for the whole school again to have a final on The Globe Arena on the 12th May, 2017". The Year 9 team need to secure a good result against Ripley and they will be in the district cup final too – well done to Mr Kay who leads that team. "A new formation has worked wonders for the team and they are now looking like a force to be reckoned with." Other eye-catching results so far include the Year 8s beating Dallam School 11v2 and our Year 10s beat Our Lady's High School 9v0.

Good luck to all teams in their remaining fixtures.



SPORTS NEWS



Table Tennis Club

Mr Wiggins has been running a table tennis club on Mondays afterschool for most of this year. The club has proven popular and has continued to grow. It has also now been successful in securing funding from Lancashire Sport which has invested in new equipment for the club. Mr Wiggins said, "The sport is fast and exciting and it has been fantastic delivering sessions to keen players from all year groups and both boys and girls. With this new investment the club will be able to grow further, with us eventually becoming a hub site and centre of excellence for Table Tennis". Please come along and join the fun. The club runs every Monday night 3:45pm-4:30pm.

Theatre of Dreams

Mr Clark organised a second fantastic trip to see Man Utd beat West Ham in the quarter final of the Cup. 45 pupils went to the game alongside 6 staff and behaviour was impeccable. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to see some of the world's best players in action and hopefully inspire a few to push themselves to achieve great things in sport.



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YEAR 7 GIRLS' RUGBY TOURNAMENT

In March a group of Year 7 girls ventured to Preston Grasshoppers to take part in their first girls' rugby tournament. Mrs Powell and Mr Lebaldi were thrilled with their performances; the girls showed real enthusiasm and team spirit. There were two CLHS teams; one came second and the other sixth overall. Miss T was delighted to hear of their adventures, "They are fantastic ambassadors for the school. I'm always happy to see pupils trying something new, getting stuck in and enjoying themselves. It's clear from the photos that all involved had plenty of fun." If you're interested in getting involved in girls' rugby please see Mr Lebaldi or Mrs Powell.



Central at the National Cycling Centre

Just before Christmas the PE department organised a very successful rewards trip to the Velodrome and BMX centre in Manchester. Pupils had the opportunity to ride the same track as Sir Chris Hoy, Sir Bradley Wiggins and Victoria Pendleton. It was an exhausting day but every pupil had a smile on their face and took away an experience they will never forget. Keep your eyes peeled for more opportunities to visit world class sporting venues in the future.

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT TIME



The English Department was delighted to take a group of GCSE students to the Lowry Arts Theatre to see a performance of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time". The show was a stunning adaptation of Mark Haddon's fascinating novel and the GCSE pupils thoroughly enjoyed seeing the play being brought to life on the stage.

"It was a fantastic performance and the pupils have all gained some much more insight into the characters which is great preparation for their GCSE studies," said Miss Timperley. Huge thanks to Mrs Armitage for organising the visit and to all the staff who supervised.

LEIGHTON MOSS

Dear Carol,
Susan and
Emily,

We are writing to thank you for letting us visit your nature reserve at Leighton Moss.

We had a really exciting time at Leighton Moss. We really enjoyed the pond dipping! We liked using nets and learning about the creatures. We saw some creatures we had never seen before. In the afternoon we liked going on the nature trail and using maps to find our way around. On the high tower we could see all the reeds everywhere. The nature reserve is massive! Overall we had the best time ever.

Thank you for a great day!

Yours sincerely,
7E Central Lancaster High School

Lennon, Precious, Miss Ashton, Mohammed,
Oliver, Aiden, Amber



Just the Job!

Friday 10th March saw the end to a fantastic Careers Week 2017 organised by the school's Work-Related Learning Leader, Mrs Cottam. Packed with exciting opportunities for students in all year groups, this really was just the job!

Pupils were able to take part in many fantastic sessions during their form times, breaks and lunchtimes in order to explore their own career paths; the school was inundated with experts from all over the country who had kindly given up their time to support this amazing initiative.

The grand finale was "Speed Networking" on Friday during which pupils in Years 7 and 8 were able to interview representatives from numerous fields of work including:

Lloyds Bank, Aldi, Bay Radio, NHS, Lancaster and Morecambe College, University of Cumbria and the Army to name but a few.

The event was led by none other than Claire Young who was a former runner-up on the TV show "The Apprentice" who has since gone on to set up her own business working with schools, employing over 300 staff. Quite the entrepreneur!

Claire was delighted with the students' enthusiasm and genuinely overwhelmed by their thirst for knowledge about the working world. More photographs and information about the week's events can be seen on the school's Facebook page and you can check out Claire Young's comments on her Twitter feed.

Huge thanks to Mrs Cottam for organising such a superb week of events. The students gained a lot from it and are already looking forward to a similar agenda of excitement next year. If you need information or guidance about careers then see Mrs Cottam.



ANTI-BULLYING CLUB POSTER

Competition

Last term students throughout the whole school were invited to enter an Anti-Bullying Poster Competition and the winner was announced at the start of this term, with the Winning Prize of £70 being presented by Mrs Bonney to Hannah McBride 11B, and runner-up prizes of chocolate and colouring sets being presented to Shannon Berry 8A and Jade Mansfield 7B. A big thank you from us to all of you who entered the competition.

The Anti-Bullying Club, which started during Anti-Bullying Week 2016, meets every Monday lunchtime in the Library Conference Room. All are welcome to come along to report bullying or to suggest ways we could deal with bullying in this school. We're currently working on a club logo - any suggestions or design ideas welcome!

Miss M. Hargreaves



LIBRARY NEWS...

BOOK WEEK

We had a busy week in the library celebrating World Book Day; lots of competitions going on. We had a great new form challenge of creating a book in a jar. The entries were fantastic and they look great displayed in the library. The winners were 7A with Wizard of Oz, 9A with Charlotte's Web and 10E with Beauty and the Beast.

The bookmark entries were also amazing; we have some really artistic students at CLHS. Mrs Laycock chose three winners in the end because it was too difficult to decide on one. The winners were: Ella Brown in Year 7, Kyle Lheureux in Year 9 and Lily Warhol from the Sixth Form.

The student book quiz was won by Abigail Watson in Year 9 and the staff book quiz was won by Miss Brown.

We also had a "Guess the Book Character" competition, a different book character every day, and that competition was won by Jack Brisco in Year 8.

Mrs Laycock was able to get some of the WBD books this year and 229 free books were given to Years 7, 8 and 9. The most popular title was "Blob" by David Walliams.

A great week celebrating reading. Thank you to all who took part in the activities.

CLHS BOOK AWARD

At Central Lancaster High School we have launched our own CLHS Book Award. This is very exciting for the school and the pupils are busy reading the books on the shortlist. We have 10 shortlisted titles covering various genres. The book award is being judged by the students with the winner being announced at the end of June. We have a dedicated book award reading time every Friday lunchtime and the judges can get together to discuss the books.

We've been tweeting about the books on @CLHSlib and have been getting replies from the authors we tag on our tweets. We've also contacted publishers and have received posters and free books from some of them.

For more information about the Book Award please visit the school website. <http://www.lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk/> Go to OUR SCHOOL, LIBRARY, BOOK AWARD.

Home Connect can be found on the Parent drop down menu.



AROUND THE WORLD

Central Lancaster High School welcomed a team from Google into school to take students on innovative virtual field trips around the world - and beyond.

The Lancaster school was the furthest north that the Google Expeditions team visited in their tour of the country with their new virtual reality headsets.

Geography students explored Antarctica, Borneo's rainforest, Rio de Janeiro and life under the sea in our vast oceans. Meanwhile, the PE department took a GCSE class inside the circulatory system and explored the human heart, lungs and blood vessels, while a science class chose to go to the moon and explore planetary systems.

The virtual school trip uses a simple cardboard viewer to send synchronised three dimensional 360 degree panoramas to each student's cardboard viewer directly from the teacher's tablet. Areas of interest are pointed out in real time and pupils are challenged to answer questions and discuss their environment to take them on a unique journey of discovery.

Year 9 pupil Leoni Wright said: "I enjoyed Google's mind-blowing experience. They made me feel as if I was in these exotic locations and I could see everything around me. Definitely something I will remember!"

Matilda Bulman from Year 7 said: "It was absolutely fantastic! I was overwhelmed by how fascinating it was and you felt immersed in the moment. I would do it all over again and I think this could turn into a big thing!"

And Aasiya Patel, also from Year 7, said: "I think this experience was phenomenal! It was so cool how you could experience all the different places. The best day ever!"



NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE YEAR 7 CHARITY CHAMPIONS FLYING HIGH!

Year 7 have continued in their quest to raise as much money as possible for the North West Air Ambulance. Each week the pupils empty their pockets and donate their loose change. **So far the students have managed to raise a staggering £750.** Head of Year 7, Miss Timperley said, "It's an incredible amount of money. The pupils are so generous with their 1p, 2p and 5p coins. I'm very proud of what they have achieved so far. It is important to us to raise money for causes which are close to our community as well as the nationally-recognised charities through our non-uniform day campaigns. The Air Ambulance is totally dependent on donations from the general public and it provides such an invaluable service which any one of us could need."

The students have learnt about the work of the Air Ambulance during their form time sessions and this has spurred them on to raise even more. Miss Timperley says, "We collect in form time every Friday morning. The students chip in their odd coins and they all add up. All contributions gratefully received."

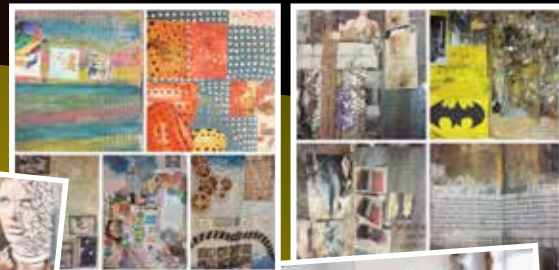
PRIMARY PAGES

In March we welcomed Head teachers and Year 6 teachers from several of our local primary schools. Mrs Hall and Mrs O'Farrell were delighted to host an afternoon during which staff from Dallas Road, Christ Church and Scotforth, St Paul's were able to catch up with their former pupils. Our visitors were thrilled to have an opportunity to be given a guided tour of the school and its latest facilities by students who they had taught previously. Similarly, the pupils jumped at the chance to meet with their primary staff and show them around CLHS. After the guided tours the staff from all the schools were able to pool ideas about transition. Miss Timperley said, "It is really important that we work closely with our primary colleagues so as to ensure continuity of care but also to offer challenge to our newest pupils." We are looking forward to welcoming our other primary colleagues in the near future.

ART

YEAR 11 *Studio Photography*

As part of a 'Portrait' brief year 11 explored studio techniques such as lighting, projection photography and close ups.



UNI WORKSHOPS

Second year Lancaster University students have been working with Year 11 Art students to support their research project. As part of the project University students have delivered workshops to support Year 11s coursework and talked to them about the importance of experimentation and presentation in their sketchbooks.

SIXTH FORM

TASTER DAY

We had loads of activities for our Year 11 students to participate in for the Sixth Form taster Day.

Thank you to everyone involved, especially the Sixth Form Ambassadors who shared their Sixth Form experience with their peers.



SHANELLE FERGUSON

Year thirteen student Shanelle Ferguson has reached the final of the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Award 2017.

She has volunteered at the Ridge Community Centre for a number of years and recently became the country's first youth Community Alcohol Partnership volunteer working to tackle underage and street drinking within our community. As part of this she organised a conference for Primary Schools 'Every Action has Consequences'.

Shanelle has used these experiences and her love of working on the community alongside her excellent Level three results to secure offers to study Youth and Community work at University.

