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CENTRAL LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

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School re-opens on:

Monday 5th September 2016 Monday 7th November 2016

Monday 9th January 2017

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

Monday 20th February 2017

Closure after school on: Autumn Term 2016 Term begins

Half term **Christmas Holiday** Spring Term 2017

Term begins Half term **Easter Holiday** Bank Holiday Bank Holiday

Summer Term 2017 _

Term begins May Day Holiday Half term Summer Holiday

Monday 1st May 2017 Friday 26th May 2017 Friday 21st July 2017

Friday 28th October 2016

Friday 10th February 2017 Friday 31st March 2017

Good Friday 14th April 2017 Easter Monday 17th April 2017

Wednesday 21st December 2016

The teacher days when pupils do not attend school have been set as:-

Thursday 1st September 2016 Friday 2nd September 2016 Friday 25th November 2016 Thursday 22nd December 2016 Friday 6th January 2017

HOLIDAY LIST 2016/2017

Message from

It's been a highly eventful term with so many wonderful opportunities and achievements for our students. Science Week, Year 10 and 11 District Football Cup winners, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, 0 Geography field trip, For One Night Only followed by the Royal Albert Hall performance and hosting our South African friends, have been some of the many South African friends, have been some or what our highlights. I never cease to be amazed by what our students achieve and the determination of our staff to ensure they have these rich experiences.

We say farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils as they enter the next stages of their life. We also say goodbye to a number of staff retiring and to those moving on to pastures new. Ahead of us we welcome new starters and changes, but always at the root of Central will be the students; their chance to reach their potential and embrace opportunities to broaden their horizons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and students for a successful term, and the poportunity I have been given to lead the school as Headteacher for two terms. I wish you all a relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you next year when our new Headteacher, Mrs Hall takes up her post.

> Mrs Bonney Acting Headteacher

On 9th June, 15 Year 9 students visited Universit 9th June, 15 Year 9 students visiteu university for an introduction to Nigher Education. Thinking about their future career destinations, the students engaged in ambassador-led subject workshops including a crime analysis session where Aiden Price showed potential as a detective by tracking down the guilty suspect from just footprint and a hair sample. In the afternoon, teamwork skills were tested as they were challenged to build a geodesic dome (think Eden Project on a much smaller scale!) and following this were asked to come up with their own ideas for a university course. As you can intagine, there were some interesting ideas including 'How to be a Wizard', 'How to Present a Presentation' and 'How How for

> overall, an enjoyable day was had by all with several students now considering HE in the future.

> > Yet again our annual science week proved a great success. With Bob's Owls returning and the first visit of the Creepy Crawly Roadshow, the majority of pupils in KS3 experienced the wild side of science! Our pupils studying GCSE Physics and Additional Science were given the opportunity to visit Heysham Power Station where they discovered where our electricity comes from. Many were keen to ask the people-in-the-know why we had those power cuts in early December! They got their answer. Lunchtimes were spent in the es trying out a range of fun experiments that delighted and surpr

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As part of Action Group, we researched arguments for leaving the EU and remaining in. We chose the best reasons for both sides and the teams debated the issues.

We wanted the whole school to get involved because it's an issue that affects everyone. It will be interesting to see how the vote turns out. We think the age of voting should be lowered.

We are looking forward to seeing what our next topic will be in Action Group.

Aimee Callan, Year 8.

The votes are in! After a lunch time counting the poll cards, Central has voted:

Leave: 130 Remain: 278



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Waths Joke q: why did I divide sin by tan? A: Just cos. Maths Feast 2016 at Lancaster University. The team included Jaden Gadsdon, Daria Wiezik, Ben Elderton and Tom Skerratt. This was a national competition which combined mathematical, communication and teamwork skills

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- **Junior Mathematical Olympiad** Year 8 Angela Yang Junior laths Challe Year 8 Angela Yang Gold Award Anastasia Rudina Silver Award Cameron Hicks Silver Award Abigail Watson Bronze Award Joshua Lee Bronze Award **Intermediate Maths Challeng** Year 10 Jack Holt Gold Award Ben Elderton Silver Award Jaden Gadsdon Bronze Award Tom Skerratt Bronze Award Mansi Banga Bronze Award Hannah McBride Bronze Award Josh Challenger Bronze Award Mo Duncan Bronze Award
- Matthew Sebba Year 9 Isabella Kippen Brandon Park Levi Bell Christian Garrett

Senior Maths Challeng

Year 12 Ethan Dent Grea Roberts Year 13 David Kovacs

> Gold Angela Yang in Year 8 scored 129 5 out of a possible 136 in the recent UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. is a phenomenal admeter mally over 250,000 pupils This is a phenor take part in the Challenge and the top 1,200 of the highest scorers are then entered for the Junior rematical Olympiad. On June 14th Angela tackled the Olympiad

On 24th of March, a group of Mrs Hanley's Year 7 pupils went to Blackpool Tower to learn about an amazing new piece of technology called the Micro Bit. The BBC micro:bit is a small, pocket-sized, code-able computer, with Bluetooth, built-in compass and motion technology. It was designed to encourage children to get actively involved in writing software for computers and building new things, rather than being consumers of media. It has been designed to work alongside the Raspberry Pi, building on BBC's legacy with the BBC Micro for computing in education.

Here is a selection of what the pupils thought about the trip:

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The Micro Bit has many different uses and can be used for fun as well as educational purposes. It includes LED lights to create games and to light up. You can use it to make music and listen to your favourite songs as well. You could even make impressive laser shows using your Micro Bit.

The show was hosted by Strictly Come Dancing star Anton Du Beke and ā Countdown's Rachel Riley. It was all "Strictly" themed and we had fun watching the

dancers. There was even some audience participation. I would definitely go again.

Rhiannon Kempers

There was lots to see and learn from, including watching dancers from "Strictly Come Dancing". The female partner was wearing a dress powered by the micro bit which changed the colour of the LED lights on the dress depending on which way she moved (it used the micro:bit's motion sensor). It wasn't just the dress being shown; there was also a demonstration on how computer programming works; music being made with the micro bit; and a small sculpture of the Blackpool Tower lit up by the micro bit and its sound detector.

Rachel Crompton

Although you wouldn't think it, there was dancing performed by some of last year's "Strictly" stars, we were told that programming and dancing both have a sequence to follow. In the live lesson there was lots to listen to and at the end there was even a dress lit up by the BBC Micro Bit and a woman from "Strictly" danced in it!

Chloe Bennett

There was music and bright colours as well as lots of cheering. We had lots of fun learning outside of school. We all behaved very well so that we represented our school well

Afifah Adam

Everyone had an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! My favourite part was when they showed us the dress made out of LED lights. This trip was amazing!

Sonny Ronald

The micro:bit can do many things: power lights, make animations and create music. We weren't just watching a presentation: some people were selected to try it out. It was a great experience and enjoyable. I would ecommend that you try out the micro:bit yourself.

Harry Bulman

It was a fun day out and it was broadcast for the whole of the UK to see!

m students in 7A and Year 6 pupils from Ridge Primary School were lucky enough to h ortunity to take part in an EU workshop about asylum seekers. Students were put into d groups and given an EU country to represent on the day. During the morning session they I the CLIC to research key facts about their country including main languages, religions, GDP, nomic status and previous conflicts. They then presented their research to the group. sed the CLIC to re

ved by a PowerPoint about the crisis in Syria and students were giving the amazing opportunity to meet a real Syrian refugee called Bashar. Staff and students were both shocked to hear that Bashar's brother had been imprisoned and tortured and his father had died in the war. Bashar had fled to Dubai but was made to leave his wife and two young children there in an effort to find permanent safety in the U.K.

After lunch we held a simulated EU meeting that attempted to come up with a solution to the refugee crisis in Syria. Each group represented ideas that served its country's best interest and attempted to help the thousands of people leaving Syria in search of safety. In the end the majority of students agreed with Bulgaria's proposal that big but poor countries such as Poland should take as many refugees as they could afford but smaller and richer countries like France should take as many refugees as they can fit. Delta Carruthers said, 'I thought the day was brilliant. I learnt lots of new things and enjoyed making friends with the young pupils.'

lots of fun the rain





When did you first go to Rock Solid? I went to Rock How many come to the group? We can have as Solid In the first term when I was in Year 7.1 n't sure what it was and thought I'd give it a try. There were only 2 pupils in it then and now we have between 10 and 12 each week.

everyone can join Do you have to believe in God? To come to Rock Solid you don't have to believe in God. You can still join in with the fun and eat the cakes! Is it a music group or a climbing group or something

else? At Rock Solid we learn different things about each other and about God in a fun way. When is it? Rock Solid is on every Friday lunchtime from 1pm to 1.30pm in A9.

What do we do? We play games, act out dramas, watch film clips and eat cakes amongst other things.

> lay 20th June, we visited the Town Hall to see d Forces' flag raised for Armed Forces' Day. s we were permitted entry to the Town Hall ar of the old Council Chamber and the Mayor's ard. We all had loads of fu

many members as we want which means that

Niyah Hunter (Year 8) Sometimes known as the "Recruitment Officer"

ta Carruthers (Year 7)

we went to the Armed Forces Day. This we saw being raised. Then we went in and had a cup The Mayor came to talk to us and told us a bit mation. We had a tour of the Mayor's parlour Beadle also talked to us. There was a table that rmed from a big into a small table, and there was npic torch that we were allowed to hold. I enjoyed

on Lee (Year 8)





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YEAR 7 AND 8 RUGBY DAY IN MANCHESTER

This year Manchester was the host venue for the U20 men's Rugby World Cup. As part of this, many special events were held in the area and Central received an invite to play against other schools from the north of England. Both teams held their own against some strong rugby schools and both picked up a number of wins. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and hopefully this success can be built on during the rugby season starting in September.

YEAR 11 DISTRICT CUP WINNERS

The Year 11 football team lifted the District Cup on a glorious occasion for the school in which the weather can only be described as a monsoon. This did not affect the fluid, free-flowing football that Mr Wiggins has instilled in the team over the last 5 years and they overpowered their Heysham counterparts. The overall score was 3-1 and Joe Macari finished off a whole-team passing move to score the goal of the game. The celebrations started as soon as the game finished before the captain, Paul Dawson lifted the shield in front of the travelling support.

YEAR 10 DISTRICT CUP WINNERS

The Year 10 football team secured their position as the best football team in the district and one of the best in Lancashire with a solid win v Our Lady's. Led by captain Izhaq Theobald the boys produced a memorable performance and simply had too much power and creativity for Our Lady's to cope with. Hopefully they can produce another victory next season when they will have the chance to play at the Globe Arena.

OLYMPIC INSPIRATION FOR YEAR 9 GIRLS

Sports Week is fast approaching and it looks to be an amazing week. Each form will be represented in over 12 sports with each form accumulating points, finishing with a full track and field meet in which the winning teams will be crowned champions. We will let you know more about the week in the next edition of Focus.



Follow us on twitter **@CLHSPE**

EX- pupil Luke Smith fells us what he's been up to:

to give us an up-date on his life:

I hope everyone at Central is doing great!

have included some pictures of my graduate men's knitwear collection which was shown at graduate fashion week in London recently; hopefully you and some of the teachers will be able to share these with the Art & Design and Textiles students to show them what can be achieved from studying at CLHS and will encourage them to use the resources and study further something creative.

Since leaving CLHS many moons ago I went on to study a level 3 BTEC in Fashion and Textiles at Preston College where I gained 3 Distinction* grades which allowed me to start applying for University. After gaining a place at Northumbria School of Design in Newcastle (Geordie Land!) I started my degree in Fashion Design, specialising in Menswear and Knitwear.

After 18 months at the university I took 12 months out to go on placement in the industry and moved to London for 9 months where I became a Menswear Design Assistant intern at French Connection which was absolutely fantastic getting to see first-hand how the industry

After having a year out, I came back to finish my degree and in July I will be graduating with a degree in Fashion Design!

Whilst at the university I have gained many contacts through entering graduates' competitions such as Burberry, Topshop, Old Navy, Abercrombie and Fitch, and Barbour International!

I just thought I would give you a little bit of my story; to see how I have come along since leaving CLHS and how the school and its reputation have massively helped me along my way to pursue something I am passionate about, and will hopefully inspire some students as well.

We would like to encourage our ex-pupils to keep in contact, so please let Ms O'Farrell know about any pupils who want to share their success in Focus.



It feels like it was only yesterday since I left!





FUNDRAISING NEWS

Cheque this out!

Throughout the year the pupils have given generously to many local and national charities. Here you see a selectio of photos with cheques being presented to various good causes which the pupils were keen to support.

Vorld Autism Awareness Week

During World Autism Awareness Week, students at Central Lancaster High School raised an amazing £594.00, which we donated to the National Autistic Society. The funds raised wer towards helping autistic people and their families in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. To support the fundraising campaign, CLHS held an assembly on autism; I took part in a sponsored silence; we sold 160 cupcakes and all the students took part in a non-uniform day.

Derian House Children's Hospice

A huge congratulations must go to Year 7 who have managed to collect £1,000 for Derian House Children's Hospice simply by donating their loose change on a weekly basis. Each week Miss rattles the collection boxes and the pupils empty their pockets. A huge thank you to all Year 7 pupils who have contributed.

ainbow Fundraising

On Friday 17th June students and staff and students took part a rainbow themed non-school uniform day in memory of the 49 victims from Orlando who were shot in gay nightclub because of their sexuality. This year Central Lancaster High School was name a Stonewall Champion School which means we are working with the charity to help erase homophobia in our school community. Students raised £385.57 which will get donated to the charity so massive thank you to everyone involved on the day!

Another special thank you to our amazing sixth formers who have decided to choose Stonewall as the charity they will support throughout the coming year. James Baker, Fundraising Officer at Stonewall got in touch with school to pass on this message: 'we are so overwhelmed by the efforts of your school in what you have accomplished for us and are delighted to have been made charity of choice by your fantastic sixth formers. We are so pleased to have you by our side and we will continue to stand by yours, until all LGBT people everywhere are accepted without exception

ransition it's of primary concern!

Miss Timperley cannot believe t's the end of another academic ear! She's been busy meeting all the Year 6 pupils with their families over the past few weeks but not before saying goodbye to her Year 7 cohort at the end of May.

'It's been an incredible year.

The pupils are amazing. The ear has involved lots of fund-raising and awareness for various charitable concerns; a residential trip to Ingleton: visits to numerous theatres: a trip to Preston North End for Vorld Book Day; a Freshers' Fayre; Maths competitions; Diversity Week: Anti-bullving Week: Fairtrade activities and dressing up as Shakespearean characters to name but a few. The image of Tyler dressed as 'Twelfth Night's" Malvolio in yellow stockings will live with me forever!"

In the final assembly, in May, Miss Timperley told Mr Williams that he was inheriting a fabulous group of students. Miss T wanted to say a huge thank you and "good luck" to the Year 7 students. She has loved looking after you for the past year.

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ear 10 BTEC Dance group played losts; taking them out for meals, ng in the Lake District and to the patre in Manchester. Friendships re in Manchester. Friend born and contact betwee is and those at Stirling Hi lent; they are hoping tha day they will meet a

7S are taking part in a joint Music and History project about local history and folk songs. As part of this they will be researching local events and people before writing and creating two songs of their own.

They worked with Jennifer Reid, a folk singer, who taught them about the history of the songs and got them performing some as well. Next they will visit Lancaster Castle to continue to find out more about Lancaster and its past.

WHEN LANCASHIRE SINGS

As part of the GCSE Geography

hit, worth 25% of their GCSE.

Twenty three year 10 pupils went to Malham in Yorkshire on

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Sam Angus who was promoting her new book, "The House on Hummingbird Island". Sam talked to us about some of her other books, in particular, "Soldier Dog" telling us the sad story of Airedale Jack, a dog used as a message runner during the First World War. She then went on to tell us how she came up with the idea for her new book and how she researched the West Indies and all the animals that are in her book. Some of us purchased books and got them signed.

We went to Ripley to meet Sam Angus. We learnt a lot about her books and we had a great time. Chloe I found this experience really educational and informative. She told us lots of good tips and how she got inspiration for her books. At the end she also answered some questions and gave great answers. I really enjoyed the visit. Afifah

Meeting Sam Angus was interesting because learnt about life in the West Indies and animals in war. It was very inspiring. Jamie

SHORT STORY COMPETITIIO

On As one of many activities for World Book Day we had a short story competition. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 wrote a 500-word short story on the theme of space. Our pupils certainly have great imaginations with some extremely good entries. In total we had 207 entries: Mrs Laycock and Mrs Woods read all of them and had the difficult task of choosing a winner and 2 runners up for each year group. Prizes were awarded to the winners in an assembly and all winning entries are available to read on the school website, (Our School, Library, Newsletters). They are well worth reading. First prize was a Kindle Fire with runners up of £10 and £5 book vouchers

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The winners

Year 7	1st 2nd 3rd	Henry Myall Daniel Hanratty Hazel Lawless
Year 8	1st 2nd 3rd	Aimee Callan Mary Boulton Maddie Crompton
Year 9	1st 2nd 3rd	Alex Selwyn Molly Hattersley Matthew Sebba

This year we say farewell to a number of staff who are retiring or moving on for a variety of reasons:

Firstly, we say goodbye to Ms Dean who joined CLHS in 1989 as the Head of Modern Foreign Languages. Ms Dean achieved Advanced Skilled Teacher status in recognition for her excellent work in mentoring colleagues in other secondary schools. She helped CLHS to enhance their partnership with the University of Cumbria, working very closely with their teacher training programme in MFL. Ms Dean successfully submitted our bids to be an International School and has led us to be a Fairtrade School. We are sad to see her leave after her 27 years of service but we wish her all the best with her retirement.

Mrs Coulton, our Catering Manager leaves us after 16 years of service. We thank her for feeding our students and staff; keeping us nourished for the

Mrs Hanley, joined us in 2001 and is now retiring. In her 15 years' service she has been an ICT teacher and Head of Technology. She has seen many changes and developments with modern technology, and has kept our students up-to-

After 5 years of service, Mrs Wilson is retiring. She joined us in 2011 as a Teaching Assistant and then supported Food Technology as a Technician.

Mrs Buyers came to our school as an Excellent Teacher of maths in 2012. As well as teaching in lessons, she has supported the intervention work with KS4; supporting students on a one-to-one basis in securing their maths knowledge in preparation for GCSE exams. She has been actively involved with the Rock Solid Club, providing a Christian network for our young people in school. Mrs Buyers leaves us to join Our Lady's Catholic High School in Preston.

Miss Ashcroft is leaving us after joining us as a Food Technology teacher in 2012. She is taking up a Head of Department role at Our Lady's Catholic College

Miss Chacornac is returning to her home town in France after being with us for 2

Mrs Stanton came to us as teacher of Science in 2015 and is leaving us to take up a Science teacher role at Kirkbie Kendal School.

Mr Lumsden firstly joined our staff team as a Teaching Assistant and then qualified as a PE Teacher on our first year of leading the School Direct PGCE course. In the last year he has helped us in introducing a Fitness Plan for every student in school and has been a great asset to the PE department. He has also been a member of the Summer School team for the past two years. He now goes to Worden Academy to take up a permanent PE teacher post.

We say our good bye to Miss Roberts, our Art Technician. However, Miss Roberts is joining our School Direct PGCE course as an Art Trainee Teacher.

Mrs Armitage has been our maternity cover for Mrs Redhead in the English department, and now leaves as Mrs Redhead has returned.

And finally we say goodbye to Mr Cox who has been our Associate Headteacher for the last 2 terms. He has been a tremendous support to Mrs Bonney during her Acting Headteacher role, and to the rest of the Senior Leadership Team, teaching and support staff. He will stay in contact with the school as we enter the next phase under our new Headteacher Mrs Hall.

We say a big thank you to all the staff for their valued contribution to the school and their commitment to our young people. We wish them all the best as they enter the next stage of their careers and lives.

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Mr Williams and the Year 11 team

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