



Friday 3rd May 2024

# Headteacher's Message

Following the stabbing of staff and students in a school in Wales last week, it has become pressing that we practice a lockdown as a proactive measure to help mitigate risks during an emergency such as intruders, violence or natural disasters. We recognise that this could be very distressing for our students, and therefore we will follow a staged approach to this. Our first practice will take place at the end of next week. This will not involve sounding bells, other than to signify the start of the practice and will not impact upon year 11 during this most important time for them. The date, time and further details will be shared with parents and students so they are prepared, and the adults supervising the class will "teach" the requirements to the students during this first practice.

Mrs V Ardern  
Headteacher



## IMPORTANT DATES

06/05/2024 - Bank Holiday Monday -  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

25/06/2024 - Year 9 Preston College  
taster day

27/06/2024 - Y11 Prom

05/07/2024 - Inset Day  
**- SCHOOL CLOSED**

10/07/2024 - Presentation Evening



DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS,

## Bank Holiday Monday

Just a reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 6th May** for Early May Bank Holiday and will open as normal **Tuesday 7th May**.



## Shortcut links

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House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	<b>Challenger</b> <b>C4</b>	<b>Apollo</b> <b>A4</b>	<b>Endeavour</b> <b>E3</b>	<b>Voyager</b> <b>V4</b>	<b>Discovery</b> <b>D1</b>
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	<b>Challenger</b> Caleb T-W C5	<b>Apollo</b> Jamie W A5	<b>Endeavour</b> Daniel D E3	<b>Voyager</b> Riley M V2	<b>Discovery</b> Ellie Y D1



## Homework Champions

The year group with the most homework submissions for this week is Year 10, closely followed by Year 8.

The individual winners of the golden tickets for this week are:



<b>Year 7</b>	Alicia M (D8) Igor K (C5)
<b>Year 8</b>	Harry S (D5) Annabelle T (E6)
<b>Year 9</b>	Frank J (D6) Niamh R (D5)
<b>Year 10</b>	Kevin L (E2) Ruby-May P-W (C3)
<b>Year 11</b>	Amber B (A5) Jamie M (A6)





# Science



SCIENCE AWARDS			
Year 7			
7DE/Sc	Bethany	Y	D8
7DI/Sc	Elliot	S	C2
7DR/Sc	Dylan	J	D6
7WP/Sc	Connor	H	E6
7WP/Sc	Esmae	M	C2
7WS/Sc	Alicia	M	D8
7WS/Sc	Jessica	A	C4
Year 8			
8DE/Sc	Layla	R	A4
8DE/Sc	Lilybelle	S	V4
8DI/Sc	Pawel	S	V5
8DR/Sc	Charley	H	A3
8DR/Sc	Dominik	P	E5
8WA/Sc	Ada	V	V1
8WP/Sc	Casey	R	C3
8WP/Sc	Lexie	D	A1
8WS/Sc	Ava-Grace	D	A5
Year 9			
9DE/Sc	Autumn	T	V2
9DI/Sc	Niamh	R	D5
9DR/Sc	Jack	R	D4
9DR/Sc	Kacey	H	D4
9WA/Sc	Abigail	G	A1
9WA/Sc	Emily	B	C5
9WP/Sc	Caitlin	T	E6
9WS/Sc	Samantha	P	A4
Year 10			
10WDA/Sc	Cameron	B	E6
10WDE/Sc	Nathan	R	V1
10WDE/Sc	Rachel	N	A2
10WDP/Sc	Issy	P	A3
10WDR/Sc	Ellie	T	D5
10WDS/Sc	Hailie	W	E5
Year 11			
11WDA/Sc	Maizie	N	A6
11WDA/Sc	Rosa	W	C6
11WDI/Sc	Jake	S	C6
11WDP/Sc	Logan	R	D5
11WDR/Sc	Amber	B	A5
11WDS/Sc	Todor	D	C1





## Student absence reporting

Please see the link to our website [here](#) where you will find information on reporting student absences. We only use Classcharts and Schoolcomms as the only two methods of notification – please do not ring or email school. If your child has a medical appointment, please upload a copy of this evidence onto Classcharts. If you have received notification of your child not registering in school, please respond via either Schoolcomms or Classcharts – please do not ring.

Although we ask parents/carers to refrain from booking medical appointments during school time, we understand there may be times that this cannot be helped. Therefore, please can we ask you to specify on Classcharts: what time your child needs to leave site and whether they are getting picked up or making their own way to their appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment so we can authorise their absence.

If you do not have access to Classcharts, please contact your child's HAL. Please could we also remind parents/carers that they need to complete the Classcharts notification, and these are not to be made by students or siblings.

## Y11 Exams



### **Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED.**

Tuesday 7th May – BTEC Health & Social Care (9am START)

Thursday 9th May – Religious Studies Paper 1 (9am START)

Thursday 9th May – Urdu Listening & Reading (1pm START)

Friday 10th May – Science Biology paper 1 (9am START)

Friday 10th May – German Listening & Reading (1pm START)

### **FORWARD LOOK – W.C. 13/05/24**

Monday 13th May – English Literature paper 1 (9am)

Tuesday 14th May – French Listening & Reading (9am)

Tuesday 14th May – Business Studies paper 1 (1pm)

Wednesday 15th May – History paper 1 (9am)

Wednesday 15th May – Computer Science paper 1 (1pm)

Thursday 16th May – Maths paper 1 (non-calculator) (9am)

Thursday 16th May – Religious Studies paper 2 (1pm)

Friday 17th May – Science Chemistry paper 1 (9am)

Friday 17th May – Geography paper 1 (1pm)

**The full exam timetable can be found [here](#) on our school website under “Summer 2024 GCSE Exam Calendar v2”.**

Please also make yourselves familiar with the Candidate Exam Handbook, Warning to Candidates & Unauthorised Items posters which are located in the same place.

### Year 11 Revision

Year 11s continue to work through their revision guides (sent home before Easter). They are able to use Learning for Life lessons in school, as well as period 6s each day, to revise.



## Stationery Shop

Students can buy stationery every morning from our prefects who run the stationery shop. This a cash run shop but the cost of items is very low and part of our support for students to be READY to learn.



## Drinks Bottle

Please could we remind parents to send their child to school with a refillable drinks bottle to allow them to get water at the water fountains throughout the day, as we are unable to provide cups for them to use. Thank you.

The poster features a blue background with water bubbles and a lifebuoy in the center. The lifebuoy has a white top and bottom with red sides. The text 'Water Safety Virtual Sessions' is written in white and red on a white banner across the lifebuoy. The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service logo is in the top right corner. Below the lifebuoy, there is text about free sessions for high school students, a URL, a table of dates and times, and a Teams icon.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

## Water Safety Virtual Sessions

Our **FREE** water safety sessions are for high school students. Seeking to raise awareness on how to be safe in and around the water.

Visit [www.shorturl.at/mHJUW](http://www.shorturl.at/mHJUW) to choose from one of the dates below:

<b>Mon 13 May</b> 08:50	<b>Tues 14 May</b> 08:55	<b>Wed 15 May</b> 09:00/13:45	<b>Thurs 16 May</b> 08:50	<b>Fri 17 May</b> 08:55
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Sessions last 15 minutes and start at the time indicated - please dial in 10 minutes beforehand.

If your school does not have access to Teams or you have any questions, please email: [preventionsupport@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk](mailto:preventionsupport@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk)



## Safeguarding

If you have concerns for a child's welfare and you require advice, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720. For out of hours (evenings and weekends) please call 0300 123 6722.

For a child who resides in the Blackburn area, please ring the Children's advice and duty service on 01254 666400. For out of hours (evenings and weekends) please call 01254 587547.

If you have immediate concerns for a child, please dial 999 and ask for the Police. For mental health support services, please see the links below for information and contact details:

- Kooth – all anonymous and over text (there is an app to download)
- School Nursing Service – 11-19 years olds can text their school nurse on 07507330510 or scan the QR code to contact them via Chat Health, for anonymous advice 9-5pm =
- Shout – Text SHOUT to 85258 (more of a crisis line if struggling to cope)
- Papyrus – Prevention for young suicide contact: 0800 068 4141
- Samaritans – for support call 116 113 for free or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- <https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/our-services/service-finder-z/children-and-young-peoples-psychological-services>
- Young Minds – Crisis messenger is a free 24/7 UK service. Text 'YM' to 85258



## School Nurse Drop-in Clinic

The School Nurse, Carol, will run a service of drop-ins during break and lunchtimes on the following dates:

**22-05-24; 04-06-24; 10-06-24; 19-06-24**

These will be held in Meeting Room 1 and any student wishing to attend will need to access this via the Pupil Office.

On 04-06-24 the drop-in clinic will be in Meeting Room 2.



## Homework Support

Homework support runs every day after school in D4. Students can access support from members of staff until 4pm each day.



## Head Lice

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families.

They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. You cannot prevent head lice but here is a [link](#) to NHS guidance for how to spot them and get rid of them.