

Friday 5th July 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week, we have had another busy week, with year 10 students out on work experience and our new year 7 intake on their transition day from primary school. I would like to thank our community for the warm welcome they offered our new starters.

We also had a group of year 9 students completing their Duke of Edinburgh expedition this week. Despite the wet weather, when I went to visit them in the evening, they were in high spirits and even though they had walked with incredibly large rucksacks, had the energy to play football! A fantastic achievement from all the students and staff involved.

This edition of the bulletin also celebrates our Leavers Prom. It was an incredible evening which made us incredibly proud of the work we do as our students conducted themselves impeccably and a wonderful time was had by all.

And finally, from me, please could I ask that parents hand in any outgrown uniform to reception. This will allow us to start a swap shop so our families can exchange items moving forward.

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

10/07/2024 - New date for Parent panel

10/07/2024 - Presentation Evening -
POSTPONED

11/07/2024 - Summer Sounds concert

12/07/2024 - Sports Day

18/07/2024 - Reward Trips Day

19/07/2024 - End of summer term



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Prom night



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House with Highest Attendance			Voyager		
Form with Highest Attendance	Challenger C4	Apollo A4	Endeavour E1	Voyager V1	Discovery D4
100% Attendance Golden Ticket	Challenger Esmae M C2	Apollo Charles B A6	Endeavour Caitlin T E6	Voyager Leon C V2	Discovery Daisy B D5

House with Most Positives			Endeavour		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C4	Apollo A3	Endeavour E5	Voyager V4	Discovery D4
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Aidan L C3	Apollo Ja'zere S A3	Endeavour Phoebe WB E5	Voyager Sahlah V V5	Discovery Issac B D1
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Danjel K C3	Apollo Brayden S A3	Endeavour Vinny R E5	Voyager Ada V V1	Discovery Bethany Y D8
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Orla H C3	Apollo Mikey F A6	Endeavour Dominik P E5	Voyager Emily S V4	Discovery Tegan E D1
Most Improved Student	Challenger Ashley B C6	Apollo Layla S A4	Endeavour Will D E1	Voyager Poppy G V4	Discover Mia F D2

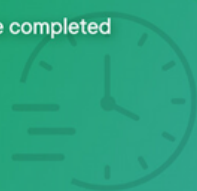


Sparx usage

Students in your school have completed

5,873 hours

of personalised learning on Sparx Maths this year!



✓ Praise from last week

Highest completion: **9WA/Ma (46.7%)**

Reached a new XP Level: **9 students**

Biggest completion improvement vs previous week: **9DR/Ma 10.3% (+10.3%)**

Highest average XP per student: **10WDR/Ma (1060 XP)**



Congratulations to these students who have reached a new XP level this week

Congratulations! Chloe R who was the fastest person to answer the Maths challenge on last week's bulletin. Here is this week's

Student Name	XP Level
Alex R	5
Niamh R	3
Riley S	2
Henry D	2
Daniella N	2
Connor H	1
Angela S	1
Lily T	1
Charlie S	1

Work out the calculation.

$$-3 + -4$$

Two negatives make a positive, so the answer is 7



Nijah

What mistake has Nijah made?



Hot Chocolate Thursday

Hot Chocolate



FANTASTIC

The following students were invited to have Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher this week for a variety of reasons. Fantastic work all of you – keep it up!

Amelia A, Lexie D – for helping a new student settle into school
Eshaal Z – for fantastic scriptwriting skills in Drama and making huge progress

Jessica R – for setting an example and working incredibly hard in every English lesson

Ada V – for always being hard working, well-behaved and helpful.

Nyro Mc – for always being well-behaved, respectful and kind in English

Fariya J – for working really hard in English

Dylan G, Rylee H, Mark K, – for excellent contributions to reading lessons

Abbie C, Cydan T – for excellent contributions during English vocabulary work

Jessica H, Josie C – for showing drive and focus in English

Aaron D – for showing enthusiasm when studying Romeo and Juliet

Lucas M – for achieving full marks in a 90word writing assessment in French

Bakhtawar G – for settling in and always putting 100% effort in lessons



Homework Champions

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

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

Year 7: Emmelia H (D6), Poppy E (E1)

Year 8: Tegan E (D1), Emily S (V4)

Year 9: Thomas P (V4), Jacob C (D2)

Year 10: Aaron M (V3), Lucy S (C2)





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.

Water Bottles are now available to purchase from Stationery Shop every morning at a cost of £1. Thank you.



Parent Pay

Please can all parents check and top up their child's account where necessary. We have a lot of children with a negative balance and we need this topping up by the end of the school week. Thank you.

Lunch Menu

Over the next few weeks the lunch menu will not be as stated on the school website, due to year 11 leaving and school trips. We will always have a vegetarian option everyday and a hot main, but we will be going from 3 choices in the dining hall down to 2. Along with the normal Jacket potatoes, sandwiches and the usual hot food in the canopy. We will be back to normal in September with a lovely new exciting menu.

Uniform

All orders placed online for uniform/stationery packs will need to be collected by students from the Uniform Shop at break time.



Contact Details

Please inform school via schoolcomms if you have changed email / home address / phone number recently so that our records can be kept up to date. Thank you.

National Tutoring Programme

If your child has received after school tutoring this academic year, please complete this short survey:

[CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY](#)

Please encourage your child to complete the student survey, shared on Teams, via email and ClassCharts.

I really appreciate your feedback - Mr Moorcroft

National Tutoring Programme:
Parent Survey



Duke of Edinburgh Award

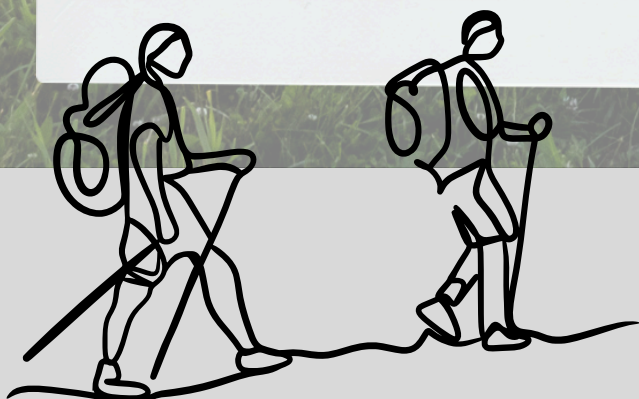


This week on Monday and Tuesday our Duke of Edinburgh expedition headed to Chipping in the Trough of Bowland. Sadly the weather was against the teams and Monday was a challenging day with rain for all of the walking. The students took this in their stride showing determination, resilience and team spirit. Back at camp on Monday night Staff said they felt privileged to be able to escort such an amazing group of Year 9 students. Their camping skills were excellent and their conduct on the busy Waddecarr campsites was exemplary. Tuesday brought sunshine and some challenging navigation. The students used problem solving and teamwork to meet staff at checkpoints and navigate their way to camp and the minibus trip home.

Well done to Emily B, Charles B, Joshua B, Emily B, Leon C, Madison D, Layla H, Callum H, Kaitlyn J, Frank J, Evan L, Elisha T, Lacie T, Hallie W, Madison W- B, William W, Andrew N, Mark K.

Thank you as always to the staff who supported the teams, Mr Cairns, Miss Sharples, Mr Straw and Mrs Lo.

Mrs McClelland



The Choice Programme

The Your Choice Programme is delivered in schools by Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Service to provide support and education around various topics. We work alongside the pastoral team to help explore which children would benefit from attending this programme.

What can the Your Choice Programme help with?

We work with children and young people to provide a safe space where they can discuss challenges they face within their communities and help encourage positive and sustainable change for the future.

The different sessions the Your Choice Programme includes:

Online Safety -17th July
Exploitation – 15th July
Knife Awareness – 8th July

If you feel your child would benefit from one of the above sessions, please speak to **Mrs Sheridan** in school.

Sports Day

Next Friday 12th July will be our sports day – please see link below for further information:

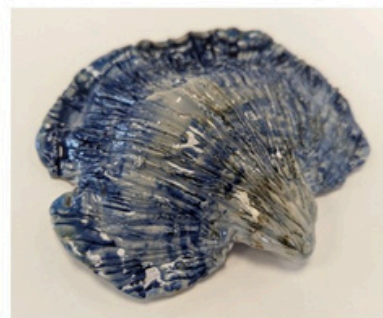
[Sports Day letter](#)



Design Technology **DT**

Well done to everyone who finished making their sea-shell sculptures! I have now fired them for you, and they look amazing! We will be making observational drawings from these beautiful sculptures next week!

Can you spot the one that you made?



What medium do you think we should work from next week when we work from observation?



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.



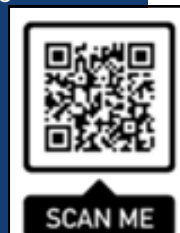
Safeguarding

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
- <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



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The next round of HAF will take place during the summer holidays and there will be more on offer this year than ever. The HAF programme is in place to ensure all children get the chance to have healthy happy holidays so they can:

- **be more active**
- **learn new skills**
- **meet up with friends and make new ones**
- **get a tasty nutritious meal**
- **work together and stay safe**



The activities on offer will help to increase self-esteem and improve wellbeing. There will also be advice and information on healthy eating and nutrition, but the focus is on fun and friends.

If your child or young person is eligible, they will be able to attend at least 4 days of HAF provision, the length of each daily session will be at least 4 hours in length and a meal will be provided.

Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities/>



FREE Summer Lunches

Monday 29th July –
Friday 23rd August 2024

11.30am-1pm

Family Hub Livesey

Family Hub Darwen

Family Hub Shadsworth

Family Hub Little Harwood

Hancock Street Childrens Centre

To Register please
call 01254 585000
or drop in to one of
our Family
Hubs/Childrens
Centres



**Family
Hub**



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LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER?

ARE YOU OR IS YOUR CHILD IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2024
SUMMER IN LANCASHIRE: EAT, PLAY, REPEAT!



There's so much to do across Lancashire



Scan me to find out more, or call in to your local Family Hub.

lancashire.gov.uk/events



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