



Friday 21st June 2024

Headteacher's Message

The GCSE exams have now all finished. Congratulations to our outgoing Year 11 who have conducted themselves incredibly well, we look forward to seeing you at Prom. We would like to request any donations of uniform to facilitate a swap shop moving forward. These can be dropped off at reception.

This week we have had a number of students from year 9 and year 10 visit Cardinal Newman and Runshaw Colleges. The feedback from this was really pleasing from both students, staff and the colleges involved, with Runshaw congratulating our year 10s on their exceptional attitude and conduct.

We were hoping to end our term with a Presentation Evening on Wednesday 10th July, however we are aware that this is the same date as the European Cup Semi-Final and we recognise that we are unlikely to have great attendance due to this. We are therefore making the decision to postpone this until September, with a firm date to follow. The Parent Forum will go ahead as scheduled from 5:30-6:30pm.

Last week we conducted interviews for our Senior Student Team, and I was blown away by the talent and commitment of our students. Everyone we interviewed could articulate how they felt they could contribute to our community and had ideas to share on how to improve further. Congratulations to Eleanor H and Alfie G in particular, who were appointed as our Head Students.

We have extended our prefect team this year and all those with a position of responsibility in school are making a great impact, with many staff commenting on the support they are offering both staff and students. I am very proud, as is Mrs Rowson, of the contribution and the impact they are making. Thank you!

Mrs V Ardern
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

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

27/06/2024 - Y11 Prom

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

10/07/2024 - New date for Parent panel

10/07/2024 - Presentation Evening - **POSTPONED**

18/07/2024 - Trips Day

19/07/2024 - End of summer term



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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 Willow C C1	Apollo Harry S A3	Endeavour Charlie C E4	Voyager Ollie S V2	Discovery Chloe R D5



House with Most Positives			Challenger		
Form with the most Positives	Challenger C4	Apollo A4	Endeavour E4	Voyager V3	Discovery D1
Kindness Golden Ticket	Challenger Josh C C4	Apollo Harry S A3	Endeavour Saphron A E3	Voyager Evie W V6	Discovery Diwan Y D6
Most Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Alfie M C1	Apollo Samantha P A4	Endeavour Grace L E5	Voyager Mia C V1	Discovery Alicia M D8
Most Homework Positives Golden Ticket	Challenger Jasmine C C6	Apollo Estelle S A3	Endeavour Kevin L E2	Voyager Lily F V1	Discovery Alicia M D8
Most Improved Student	Challenger Lacey J C5	Apollo Owen W A4	Endeavour Sienna-Mae L E1	Voyager Scarlet G V6	Discover Megan E D5

WONDERFUL!



Hot Chocolate Friday

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!

- Olivia H - For completing an extra piece of homework and attending English tutoring
- Thomas P, Mark K, Dylan G - For making a fantastic Anti-Bullying display
- Mark K, Rylee H, Dylan G - For excellent contributions to reading lessons
- Millie W For making a fantastic effort in RE
- Amelia M - For making fantastic effort in Drama
- Rylee A - For really improving on report
- Poppy J, Kevin L, Thomas P, Finn RM, Jessica A, Jayde D - Having a great attitude in maths
- Callum H, Jacob C, Dylan G - Excellent work in English
- Dylan G, Hemin M - excellent work in Computing
- Amy R - Attending extra English tutoring
- Diwan Y - for being a polite and friendly member of D6



Homework Champions

The year group with the most homework submissions for this week is Year 10, closely followed by Year 9.

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

Year 7: Alicia M (D8), Estelle S (A3)

Year 8: Ollie C (C2), Mal D (E1)

Year 9: Layla H (D4), Jacob C (D2)

Year 10: Austina K (D6), Dua E Z M(V1)





Y0 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock exams next week W.C 24/06/24

Monday 24th June – Maths paper 2 (9am)

Monday 24th June – Engineering & Food Preparation & Nutrition

(1pm – lunch between 12:10–12:50, grab bags to be ordered the day before)

Tuesday 25th June – Maths paper 3 (9am)

Tuesday 25th June – RS & Drama (11:15am)

Tuesday 25th June – PE Paper 1 (1:45pm)

Wednesday 26th June – Art (all day)

Wednesday 26th June – PE paper 2 & French Listening & Reading (9am)

Wednesday 26th June – Geography paper 1 (1:45pm)

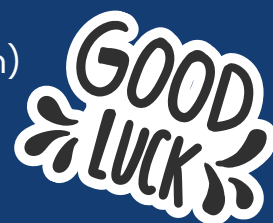
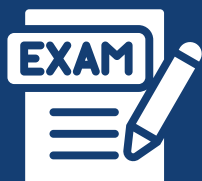
Thursday 27th June – Business (9am)

Thursday 27th June – Computer Science paper 2 (11:15am)

Thursday 27th June – History paper 2 (1:45pm)

Friday 28th June – Science Physics (9am)

Friday 28th June – Geography paper 2 (11:15am)



The full mock exam timetable can be found [here](#) on our school website under “**Year 10 Mock Exams**” at the bottom of the page.

Please also make yourselves familiar with the Candidate Exam Handbook, Warning to Candidates & Unauthorised Items posters which are located under “**GCSE Exam documents**”.



Mrs L Crozier
Exams Officer



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Stationery Shop

Students can buy stationery every morning from our prefects who run the stationery shop. This is 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.

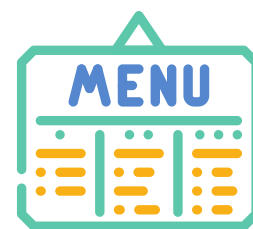
Parent Pay

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. This is especially important for our year 11 students who are leaving us soon. 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.



What is the Your 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
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Exploitation
- Substance Misuse
- Knife Awareness
- Modern Masculinity

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



Y9 Preston College Trip

Just a reminder that all of year 9s are out at Preston College next Tuesday for their taster day. This will take place during the school day and will be back in time for the school bus.

Please complete Parentpay by the end of today with all medical/dietary information.

Students must be in full school uniform and a lunch voucher will be provided.



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Y10 Runshaw College Trip

A group of year 10s had opportunity to experience life at Runshaw College on Tuesday 18th June. They sampled a range of lessons on a timetable of subjects they have chosen. They represented the very best principles in our school and were described by the Runshaw College tutors as hardworking, polite and enthusiastic pupils who were a 'marvellous credit to the school'.

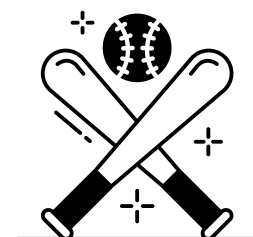
Y9 Cardinal Newman

A group of year 9s looking forward to studying for careers in medicine or the digital information world were treated to a sample day of courses and lectures at Cardinal Newman. They experienced what it would be like to be a college student and had a fantastic day. The college said our pupils were great and hope to see them again in future.

Sport Fixtures

Upcoming fixtures:

Year 8 girls rounders tournament – Tuesday 25th June
Year 7 girls rounders tournament – Wednesday 3rd July





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.



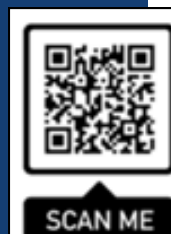
Safeguarding

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



A lunch club run on a Wednesday and Friday 1:05pm – 1:40pm

The Grub Club

Do you feel that you suffer with social anxiety?

Are you in need for support to overcome these anxieties?

The Grub Club is aimed to support students who need a quiet and safe space where they wish to participate in games, low-key activities or some time to talk and meet new people, also experiencing similar feelings.

This club is currently run on a Wednesday & Friday lunchtime in D1

Please contact Mrs Sheridan if you wish to attend.

(Please note, D1 may not be accessible during exam times, and may be cancelled)



Homework Support

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





Preston Grasshoppers

girl's rugby presents:

TRY-RUGBY DAY!

TON GRASSHOPPERS RFC

Wainwright
THE GOLDEN BEER



7th July @ Moor Park, (Meet in the car park opposite
Deepdale Stadium), Preston, PR1 6AU

AGES 11 - 17 ALL WELCOME
12:30 - 14:00



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SAVE YOUR PLACE!

