



Parent Bulletin

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

This Month

- 16 Form tutor evening
- 22 WLD day
- 24 School closes for
October half term

Next Month

- 3 School re-opens
- 4 Parent forum
- 28 INSET day
(school closed)

Headteacher's Message

As we head into the October half term, we want to celebrate our students' hard work and achievements this month — from outstanding attendance to acts of kindness and effort across all subjects.

Please take a moment to read through the updates below, including key dates, rewards, and celebrations. Thank you for your continued support — we wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Warm regards,

Mr P Lamoury



Rewards

Messages

Careers

Online Safety

Hot Chocolate Friday

The following students will be invited to hot chocolate with the headteacher:

- Aleesha B D8
- Ria N R8
- Macie W Y8
- Bobbie-Rai B H8B
- Jessica W R8
- Jensina N D7
- Khaleesi G H8A
- Matilda B D8
- Riley M C9
- Daniella N R9
- Ethan R Y10
- Blake L D8
- Najira P Y8
- Giovanny A H8B
- Aleesha B D8
- Brooke B R8
- Erin T R8
- Rylan S D8
- Holly B H10
- Will D C10
- Karalee W H11
- Autumn T Y11B
- Logan M D9A
- Noah P Y9
- Charlie M D9A
- Ethan R Y10
- Grayson W C8
- Rylan S D8
- Hawwa P R7
- Thomas H R8
- Jeffrey D R9
- Olivia A R10A
- Lucia R R10A
- Abigail G R11

Pastoral and Attendance Awards

Award		Yarrow	Ribble	Calder	Hodder	Darwen
Golden Tickets	100% Attendance	Amelia H (Y10)	Finlay M (R10A)	Rhiona C (C7B)	Ebony M (H7)	Riley S (D10)
	Kind and Helpful	Robert K (Y7)	Louis K (R8)	Aaron D (C11)	Reon K (H8A)	Stanley R (D8)
	Highest AtL	Munkhzambuulin B (Y11A)	Charlie S (R9)	Chloe McC (C7B)	Eva S (H10)	Tegan E (D10)
	Most Points	Ethan R (Y10)	Roxy F (R10A)	Maddie W-B (C11)	Cody W (H10)	Cydan T (D10)
Form	Most Points	Y9	R10A	C11	H7	D7
	Attendance	Y7	R9	C7B		
House	Attendance	Ribble				

School Newspaper

The latest edition of the school newspaper – 'The WLD Echo' is available to read via our website.

[Read it here.](#)

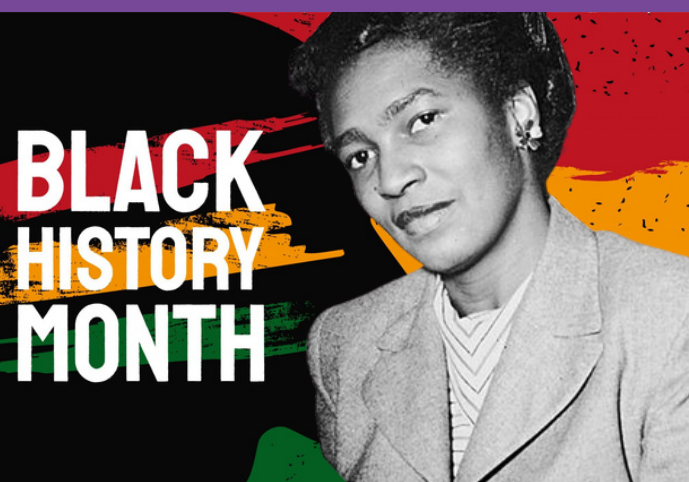


Black History Month

This October, for Black History Month, we are exploring the theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride – in Protest." It's all about celebrating people who stood up, spoke out, and made a difference in the face of injustice.

This week we would like to focus on Claudia Jones. Claudia Jones was a remarkable activist and journalist who fought for equality and justice in Britain. She believed in the power of culture to bring communities together and founded the Notting Hill Carnival in 1959. The carnival began as a way to celebrate Caribbean culture and protest against racial inequality, bringing joy, music, and pride to the streets while highlighting the struggles of the Black community.

Claudia Jones showed that standing firm in your beliefs, using your voice, and creating positive change can leave a lasting impact. Her legacy reminds us that protest can be powerful, joyful, and a way to build pride in our communities.



Progress Evenings 25 – 26

Please find below the dates for our Progress Evening this year. Progress Evenings are an opportunity for parents, carers and students to come into school and have one to one conversations with their teachers about how they are getting on in each of their subjects. Each year group Progress Evening will take place in the school building and we will use a system called 'SchoolCloud' to make appointments.

We look forward to seeing you at these evenings and will send more details about the arrangements nearer the time. You can also find these dates on the school website ([Parents > Progress Evenings](#)).

Our Year 10 Progress Evening will take place next half term on Thursday 11th December.

Year 7:	12th March 2026
Year 8:	19th March 2026
Year 9:	5th February 2026
Year 10:	11th December 2025
Year 11:	8th January 2026
	16th April 2026

Year 11 GCSE MFL Mock Exams

Year 11 GCSE MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) mock speaking exams will take place on the following dates:

German: Thursday 13th November 2025

French: Tuesday 18th November 2025

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**Walton-le-Dale
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13th October 2025

Dear Parent or Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of a slight increase to the cost of school meals with effect from **3rd November 2025**.

The rationale for the change in meal price is due to the rising input costs, particularly in food ingredients, labour expenses, and other operational costs. These increases have made it harder for schools to provide nutritious, high quality meals without raising prices or cutting back on nutritional value. All these contributing factors have led to the inevitable increase in meal prices.

Existing food standards play a vital role in ensuring the quality and nutritional profile of the meals within the menus. Sustainable procurement also contributes towards the local economy and employment opportunities to Lancashire's food and farming communities.

If you have children in KS3 or KS4, they may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please use the below link to apply. This may also entitle school to pupil premium to gain extra help for other aspects of school for your child. Below is the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals.

[https://my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=apply for free school meals and pupil premium](https://my.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=apply%20for%20free%20school%20meals%20and%20pupil%20premium)

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

From 3rd November 2025 a meal price will be £2.60.

We appreciate how important a nutritionally balanced meal is to all children and benefits their development and learning. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

C Rigby

Mrs C Rigby

School Business Manager