

CHS Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

This is our first newsletter of the summer term, and it highlights just how busy it is at the start of term. Year 10 have been superb during their exams over the last two weeks and Year 11 start exams this week with the 10-hour art practical, PE moderation and the Spanish speaking exam. They go into this final exam series fully prepared and ready to improve their grades. You can also read about all the improvements we have made to support students with their learning and wellbeing.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 29th April: Year 11 Art GCSE Exam 1

Tuesday 30th April & Thursday 2nd May: Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exams

Wednesday 1st May: Year 11 Art GCSE Exam 2

Monday 6th May: May Bank Holiday Closure – School Closed to all Students

Tuesday 7th May: Year 11 Daily GCSE Exams Begin

Thursday 9th May: Dance Showcase Event

What Timetable

Week Is It?

W.B. 29/4/24 =
WEEK A

W.B. 6/5/24 =
WEEK B

GCSEs are Underway!

As you can see from the important dates above, GCSEs start this week for certain subjects. Once we return from the 6th May bank holiday next week, *daily* exams begin.

Students in Year 11 all attended an assembly on Friday where they were informed about all the support they will be receiving once exams begin. At the start of this week, they will receive a full exam timetable, which will also include all the revision available to them. Our current plan of support can be seen on the next page. You will also receive an email with the full plan this week.



Year 11 Intervention and Revision Timetable

Phase 2: 11th March – 3rd May 2024

After school sessions are now
worth 2 reward stamps!

	Lunch (12.45pm-1.20pm)	After School (3.30pm-4.30pm)
Monday	English in E4 Maths in M3 Design Technology in T2 Media Studies in IT3	Computer Science in IT1 Food Technology in T3 Media Studies in IT3
Tuesday	Science in E4 Computer Science in IT1 Design Technology in T2	Maths in M1-M6 Business and Enterprise in IT3 Geography in GG1-GG2 Health & Social Care in IT1 Spanish in MF12
Wednesday	English in E1	English in E1-E6 History in H11
Thursday	Maths in M3 Art in A1 Design Technology in T2	Science in L1-L5 Art in A1 Music in MU1
Friday	English in E1 Maths in M3 Design Technology in T2 RE in GG2	Design Technology in T1-T2 PE in Sports Gallery RE in RE1

Highlighted sessions are invitation only. Invited students and their parents will be informed. Other sessions are open to any student who takes that subject.

GCSE Student Support

For the rest of this week, we are still in 'Phase 2.' We encourage students to continue to go to as many lunchtime and after school sessions and they feel will benefit them.

The students have their blue rewards cards (which are stamped/signed each time they attend) so that you can see which sessions they have been going to. **On Wednesday this week, Mr McGauran will collect in the reward cards** to assign the awards each student has earned.

Some students have already earned food rewards, online shopping vouchers and money off prom tickets from Phase 1. The overall rewards (like money off prom tickets) will be combined and students will find out what they have earned in our next assembly, which will take place on Friday this week. The reward requirements for Phase 2 are shown on the next page.

Once daily exams begin (from Tuesday 7th May), our plan is that there will be a revision at 3.25pm for any exam that takes place the following morning, and a special revision session during P3 (where students will come out of any lesson) on the day of any afternoon exam. This will be made clear on the timetable that you and your child will receive this week.



A free cookie or cake from the cafeteria



£5 off the cost of a prom ticket



Ticket for the 1st 3 prize draw



£10 off the cost of a prom ticket



£15 off the cost of a prom ticket



Ticket for the 2nd 3 prize draw



£20 off the cost of a prom ticket



Some, as yet undecided,
super prize

CHS Lockdown Procedures

You may have seen the news story last week involving a school in Wales, whereby the school was placed in 'lockdown' for an extended period of time for the safety of students and staff.

Our school has a pre-existing and regularly reviewed 'lockdown procedure.' In light of recent events, we will be reminding all staff and students (via assembly) this week about the procedure. This is to ensure that everyone on site knows how to recognise that a lockdown is underway and what they need to do.

The school's leadership team will also be reviewing the lockdown procedure this week. We carry out 'lockdown drills' on an annual cycle, and this will continue.



FREE Breakfasts for ALL Students and Other Canteen Changes

Since our return from the Easter Break students can now get a Free Breakfast every school day. This can support our students to have a positive start to the day and can focus on achieving their best. Students will be able to choose from a range of cereals, bagels or porridge, as well as fresh fruits. Since the launch, we have served over 100 breakfast items a day, and keeps going up daily.

We are also updating the lunch menu in the canteen. Over the last few months, trials of new options such as protein pots, sub sandwiches and rice pots have proved to be very popular with our students and the aim is to continue to provide this range of options in the future. Alongside this, the hot meals will incorporate more seasonal produce, fresh vegetables and local produce, giving all pupils the chance to enjoy balanced and varied meals throughout the week.



Lessons are for Learning

As a school, we believe that your child's learning and their development as well-rounded, productive human beings is important. We've had a great start to the week and seen a huge improvement already with our focus of ensuring that students spend their lesson time in lesson, where they undertake the learning they need.

In order to support this, please discuss with your child the need to bring a water bottle to school and encourage them to use the time before school, at break and at lunch time to go to the bathroom so that they do not ask to come out of lessons. Pastoral is also open at these time and this is when students need to find people, such as their Year Leader, to speak to staff about illness/issues.

More information on these changes can be found in Ms Newson's letter on ClassCharts, which was sent to all parents/carers and pupils.

Lessons are for Learning

This term we are focusing on maximising learning time. Please encourage your child to be organised at break/lunch time so that they can focus on their learning.



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Staff Changes

As is often the case, a new term brings new change to our staff body. We say goodbye to teacher of English, Ms Pell and Subject Leader of MFL, Mr Garbutt. Ms Walters has changed role, now taking a full-time position as a teacher of English. Our new Year Leader of Year 7 is Mr Wellwood, and we also welcome a new Learning Assistant, Dr Watson.

Good luck
we will miss you



New Outdoor Canopy for Students

Over the Easter holiday, construction was completed on our new outdoor canopy, providing a sheltered area over the courtyard. This provides another area for students to spend time with their friends at break and to sit at the benches and eat at lunch time. It also provides shelter from the elements on rainy days and cover from the sun on the (hopefully coming soon!) sunny days.



Year 8 Reward Trip – Bowling

Just before Easter, 62 Year 8 pupils travelled by public transport to 'Soul Bowl' in Morecambe for their end of term reward trip. Pupils enjoyed a competitive game of 10 pin bowling followed by a buffet of pizza, chips, drinks and ice-cream. Our pupils were amazing, giving up seats on the bus for the elderly and thanking the drivers for a safe journey with an Easter treat for them. They even gave the bus driver an Easter egg by way of thanks! Well done to all our pupils, who were an asset to the school. Confirming this, we received an email from a member of the public the next day:

"May I congratulate you on the exemplary behaviour of pupils on the No 5 bus heading for a morning of bowling in Morecambe. They were being rewarded for showing kindness to others and they were a delight! It's so often the case that bad behaviour seems to be rewarded and pupils who care are overlooked, so well done, it was a pleasure to share the journey with you all."



Year 7, 9 and 10 Reward – Bingo Party

Year 7, 9 and 10 enjoyed a Bingo Party as part of their rewards event. A perfect mixture of disco, bingo and snacks! Well done to all who were involved.



Year 11 Reward – Chill Factore

Over 60 Year 11 pupils travelled to Manchester's 'Chill Factore' for their Rewards Event. Pupils had a great time in the snow park, getting the opportunity to go on the ice slide and downhill donuts. The highlight of their time was the sledge racing, where a strong competitive spirit emerged from most pupils... although there was an awful lot of crashing into the bumpers which leaves us slightly worried for when they start driving! A huge thanks to our Pastoral team for organising these celebrations.





CHS Performance Showcase

On Thursday 9th May we will be hosting a performance showcase! This is an opportunity to showcase the work pupils have been learning and creating at both dance and drama clubs.

Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children. These can be purchased from the PE office at school, or by contacting Ms Bird at: abird@carforthhigh.co.uk. More details below!



**Carnforth High School
presents...**

2024 Performance Showcase



What can I expect?

- ▶ This is an evening celebrating all things performance.
- ▶ We have acts that include: dance, drama, musical theatre and gymnastics.
- ▶ We are hoping to raise some money to help fund future productions such as contributing to costumes costs.
- ▶ You can expect an awesome night filled with some outstanding talent from the pupils at Carnforth High School.

What I need to know?

- Thursday 9th May
- Tickets cost £2.50 adults and £1.00 for children.
- You can buy tickets from Miss Bird at the PE office
- The show starts at 6pm and is due to finish at approximately 7pm.
- The show will take place on the school stage in the main hall.

Pupils have worked extremely hard to not only learn but create pieces for this showcase. If you can come and support by buying a ticket that would be awesome!!



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Year 9 Young Chef Award

Youth Chef Award

Last week, four of our fantastic Year 9 pupils visited Lancaster and Morecambe College to compete in the Young Chef Award. This prestigious competition, run by top chef Nigel Haworth, has given our pupils the chance to attend cookery masterclasses and perfect their skills before competing in the regional heats. We are awaiting the results, but are really proud of how they have represented the school. Well done!

Join us for our next...



Lancaster &
Morecambe
College

LMC OPEN EVENING

when? **Wednesday, 1st May, 4:30pm - 7pm**
where? **Lancaster & Morecambe College Campus**

Event Information

Come and see LMC's campus, facilities, and courses! Meet our tutors to explore how our courses can support your future career plans, and speak to our student support teams to understand how college can support you with transport, money, your mental health and wellbeing, and much more!

lmc.ac.uk/events

Lancaster and Morecambe College Open Evening This Week

Please see the details above. This is a great opportunity for Year 10 and 11 students to visit LMC.

Carnforth Family Hub

Just a reminder of what is happening on at Carnforth Family Hub. This is now open to families on Mondays and Fridays.

Mondays

Morning: FAB (Breastfeeding Support Group 9:30-11am, Infant Massage 10-11am, Development Matters 1-2:30pm)

Afternoon: Inside Out (8-11 years) 3.30-4.45pm - This group helps to support children who may be struggling to express and manage their emotions or are presenting with anxious behaviours and low self-confidence.

Fridays

Morning: Coffee and Connect starting 26th April – 9:15- 10:30 - for parents who might need to learn more about the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, who might need signposting to other services, or who might just want to have a drink and chat to other parents.

Afternoon: Carnforth Food Club -2-4 pm; and CAB have bookable appointments.



SEN Family Forum

SEN Family Forum: Tuesday 30th April [1.00pm until 2.00pm]

This event has been organised to allow parents and carers supporting a young person with an ASC diagnosis or on the Autism pathway to meet in a safe, respectful and supportive space.

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and share experiences and to learn from each other. It will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to provide feedback that will help develop our inclusive practices and communications.

Emma Turver from Reachout Autism support will be attending this event to answer any questions that parents may have.

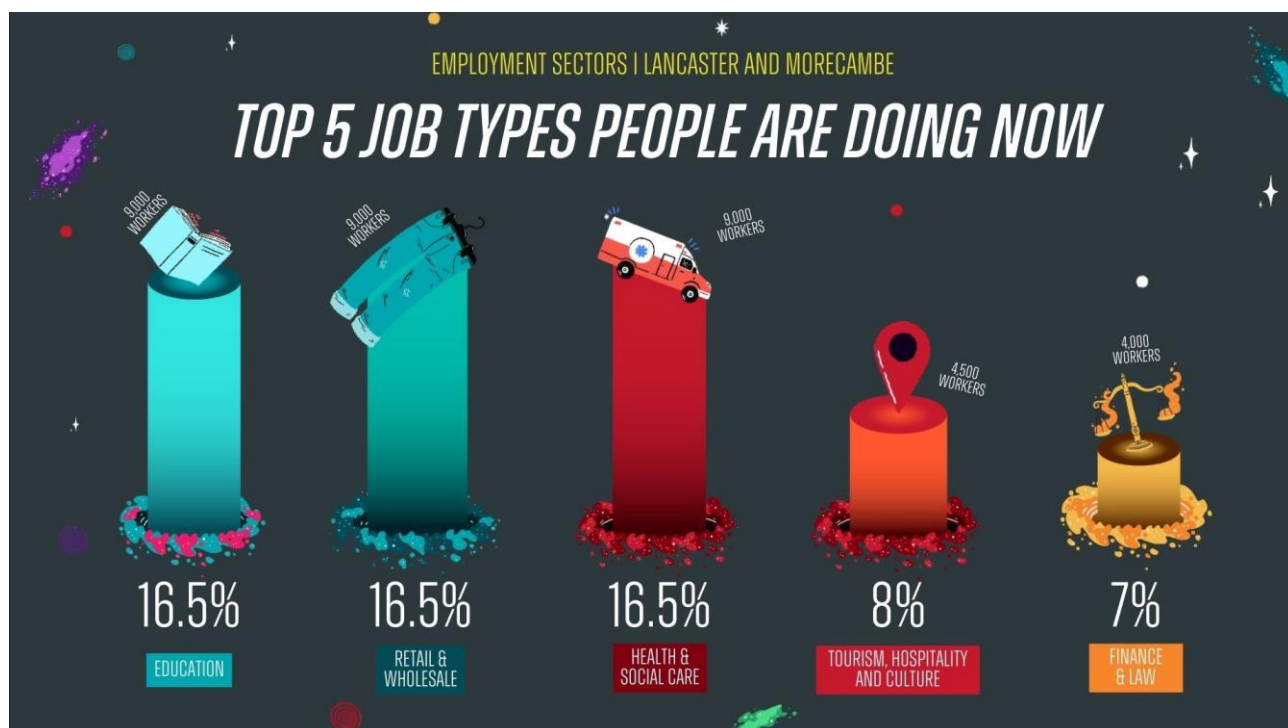
If you wish to attend this event, please email Ms L Carrington on lcarrington@carnforthhigh.co.uk.



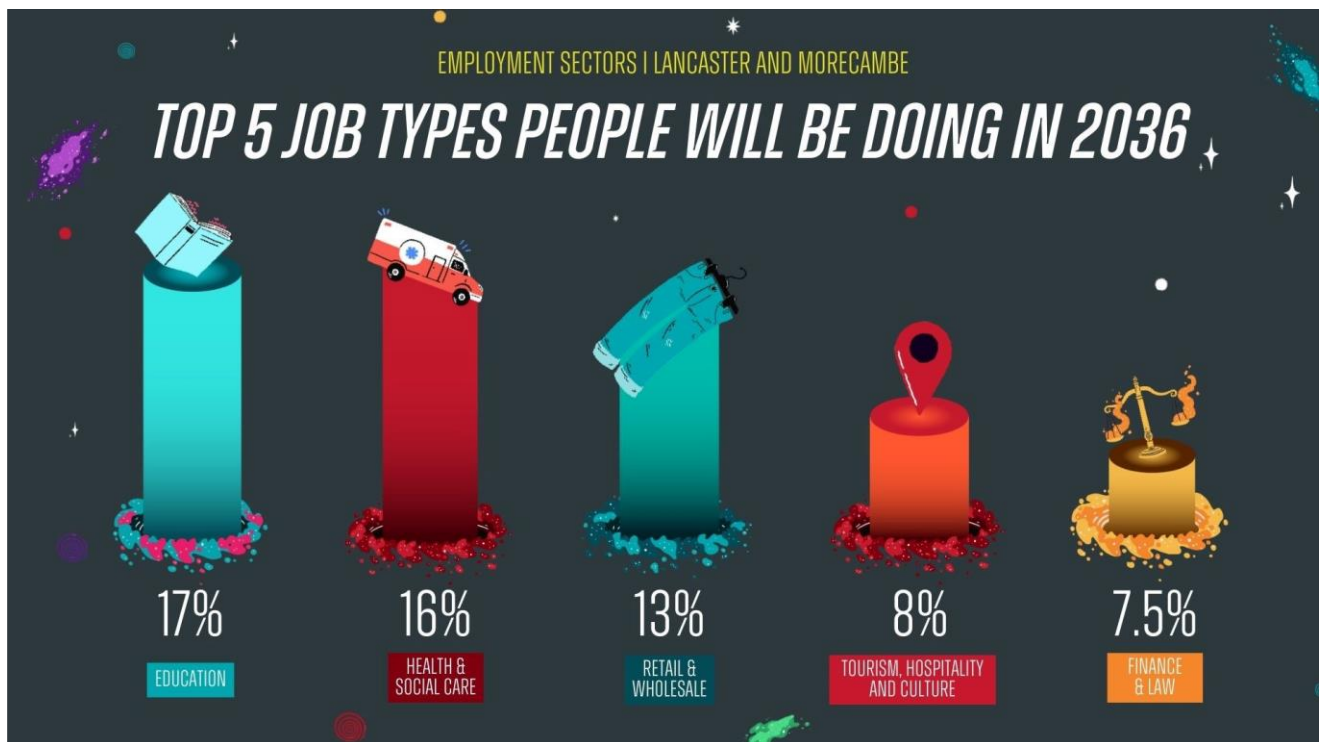
PLANS IN PLACE

Learning from Local Labour Market Information (LMI)

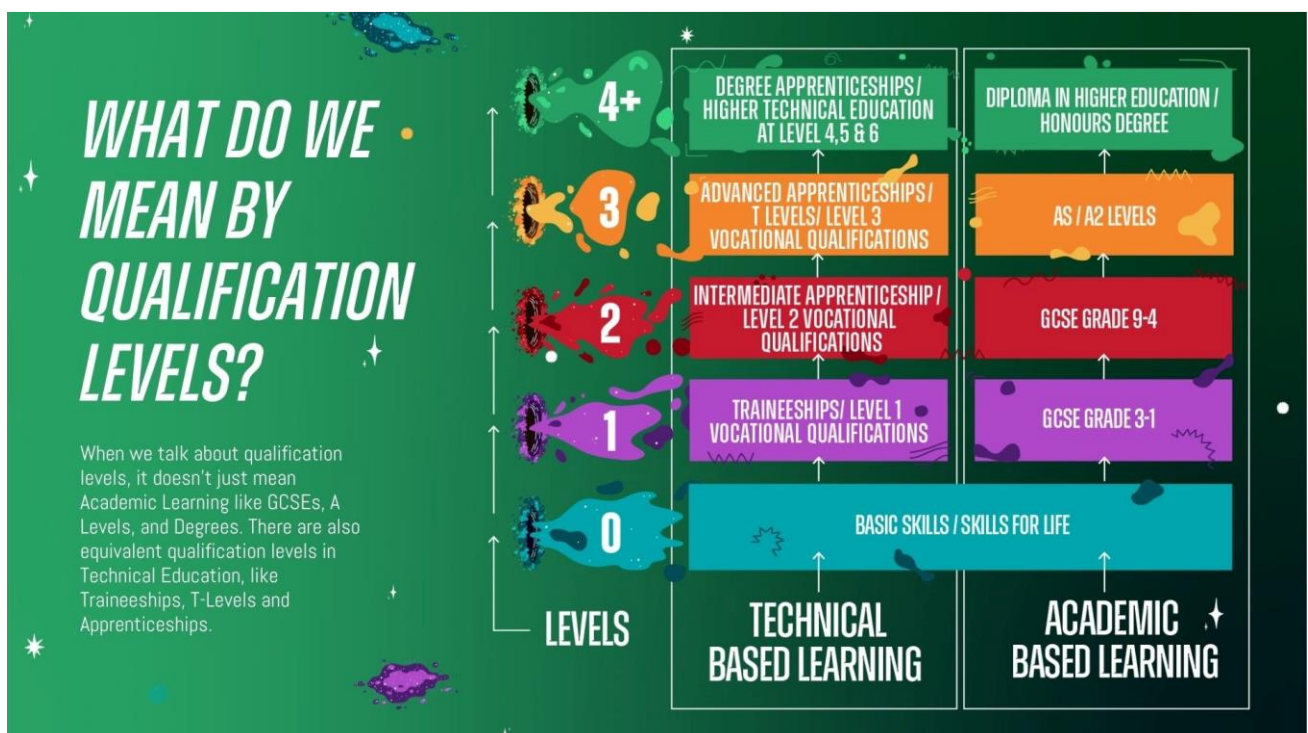
This week's assembly will be on Careers. Our Careers Leader, Mr McGauran, will be talking to the students in all years about careers in our area now and in the future. It's important for students in all year groups to consider what they would like to do in the future, and whether there are employers for that (both now and in the future) where we live. Here you can see who the major local employers are:



Here you can see what are currently **predicted to be the biggest employers in the future in our local area**, Lancaster and Morecambe. Information like this is why we bring visitors to school from employers such as Lancaster University, teacher training providers (like Ripley SCITT) and the NHS:



Here is a reminder that there are a lot of ways for students to get qualified and achieve their best career prospects. At CHS, students study Level 1 and 2 qualifications; a level 2 is a GCSE grade 4 or above, which is **why it's so important to do your best in your GCSEs!** After this level, students have many routes available, including 'academic' routes, like 'A-Level's and 'vocational' routes, like apprenticeships.



Here you can see the evidence that getting higher level qualifications matters to the future of our students! **The higher the level of qualification you earn, the more likely you are to be employed in the future:**



The evidence also tells us that **those who have higher qualifications earn more in their lifetimes on average than those with lower qualifications or no qualifications at all.** The good news, as shown on the previous page, is that gaining a level 4, 5 or 6 qualification is not just a matter of going to university – that's not right for everyone – and you can gain these levels through apprenticeships too.



This data shows us that the number of jobs available for people with lower-level qualifications will be declining in Lancaster and Morecambe over the coming years, **whereas jobs available for those with higher qualifications will increase:**



Skills for work are the most important thing that a student can develop, as new career opportunities are being created all the time; many jobs that our current students will be doing in 20 years don't even exist yet! The National Cyberforce is coming to Lancashire, so jobs in cyber security are one area that we know will be growing in our area in the near future:

NATIONAL CYBER FORCE

COMING TO LANCASHIRE

2000 JOBS

WILL BE CREATED
IN LANCASHIRE'S
NATIONAL CYBER FORCE HQ
BY 2030

CALLING ALL GAMERS,
INFLUENCERS, HACKERS
& SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERTS -
THERE IS A JOB FOR YOU

YOU COULD BE
WORKING ON TOP
SECRET MISSIONS TO
PROTECT THE NATION

WORKING WITH THE
BRIGHTEST MINDS TO MAKE
THE INTERNET SAFE

Local Research Opportunity

A Lifetime of Voices is a Lancaster University PhD project looking to observe how our voices change with increasing age. I am recruiting participants aged 16-35 and 65+ years who were born and/or raised in the Lancaster/Morecambe area. Participants will be asked to take part for about an hour and will be given a £15 Amazon or Supermarket voucher as a thank you. If you would like to take part, you can email: s.parkman@lancaster.ac.uk or scan the QR code on the flyer and fill out the form.



UKRI Economic and Social Research Council

Lancaster University

A Lifetime of Voices

Are you between 16-35 or 65+ years of age and from either Lancaster or Morecambe? You can take part in our project to discover how our voices change over time!

Get Paid £15

for approximately 90 minutes of your time

You will be thanked with a £15 Amazon or Supermarket voucher!

If you would like to participate or have any questions please email: s.parkman@lancaster.ac.uk or scan the QR code





Year 8 Football vs Bay Leadership Academy

The Year 8 boys play in an important game vs Bay Leadership Academy, with the winner of the fixture earning a place in the district football league final. Played in torrential rain, both teams tried to play positive attacking football, looking to win the game. However, Carnforth scored a series of goals in quick succession to take the game away from Bay Leadership.

The first goal was slotted home by Theo from inside the area. Centre forward Kenzie scored the second from close range, before captain Theo scored a second. This time a superb lob from 20 yards. Midfielder George scored the goal of the game, a thunderbolt left footed strike from outside the area into the top left corner. Bay struck early in the second half to claw a goal back but Zak slotted in at the far post following a good save from the Bay goalkeeper.

Kenzie scored the final goal of the game, latching onto a Zak cross to head home. A 6-1 victory for the year 8 boys who sealed their place in the district football final, that will take place vs Central Lancaster High School on Friday 26th April.



Performance Showcase 2024

On the 9th May CHS will be hosting a performance showcase. This is an evening for all things dance and drama. We have some fantastic performances planned and pupils are currently working very hard to finalise their pieces. Tickets are £2.50 and £1.00 for children. Tickets are available from Miss Bird in the PE office or you can email her on abird@carnforthhigh.co.uk to reserve your tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 10 District Football Final

The year 10 boys football team qualified for the district football cup final following a second-place finish in the district league table. Morecambe Bay Academy were the opposition with the final being played at the Giant Axe Stadium, the home of Lancaster City.

Played on a large pitch and during a hot afternoon both teams gave 100%, showing fantastic desire to win the final. The first half was tight and even, with Carnforth defending the Morecambe attack well. The Carnforth defence led by Toby R and Aidan E. When Carnforth goalkeeper James W was called upon he made a few routine saves. Tom C had the best chance of the half, following an excellent through ball by Mason B but the Morecambe goalkeeper saved well to his left hand side.

The second half exploded into life when Mason struck a thunderbolt half volley from 30 yards out, to beat the Morecambe goalkeeper. The ball landed in the top corner. An absolutely incredible strike and goal, worthy of any final in world football.

Carnforth continued to defend bravely, limiting the number of clear cut Morecambe chances until a penalty was awarded with 10 minutes left on the clock. The Morecambe forwarded dispatched from the spot to level up the score line. Carnforth had two glorious chances to win the game but failed to convert before Morecambe clinched the victory in the final minute. A cruel blow and a cruel way to lose any final, between two very even and competitive teams. Well played to Morecambe who battled to the very end. Well played to Carnforth who were a fantastic representation of the school.



Key PE Messages

Just a reminder to all students regarding changing for PE. You will be required to change into PE kit, for your PE lesson, unless you are in a pot/cast for a fracture or break. The only other exception is if you have a doctors note prohibiting you from changing. There has been various times over the past few weeks where there has been some confusion regarding this. The PE policy is the same as it always has been, please bear this in mind, it is essential for pupils to bring their PE kit for every PE lesson.

For ALL pupils involved in extra curricular PE practices and fixtures, please remember to continually check the fixtures board and team sheet notice boards for upcoming matches. See the captain of your team and tick your name off. This helps tremendously when organising fixtures, especially during busy weeks when there are several matches going on.



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PE Department Extra Curricular Timetable April - May 2024

	<u>LUNCH 12.45pm - 1.15pm</u>	<u>AFTERSCHOOL 3.30pm - 4.30pm</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	Sportsability Club (AB & CM)	Y7-10 Cricket (JD) Y8, 9 & 10 Fitness (CM)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Showcase Dance Club (AB)	Showcase Dance Club (AB)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Showcase Dance Club (AB)	Y7-10 Girls Athletics (NS & AB) Y7-10 Boys Athletics (JD & CC)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Gymnastics Vaulting Club (AB & NS & CM)	Y7-11 Girls Rounders (NS & AB & CM)
<u>FRIDAY</u>		GCSE Intervention - Sports Gallery (CC)

Boys & Girls Y7-11 if you are a regular team member, please look on the fixtures board for this half term's fixture list.

Look out for Future Issues!

This year our school newsletter will be released **every two weeks** via Schoolcomms email and the school's website. Look out for future issues for all the latest information about what's going on in and around Carnforth High School and the local community.

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