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Dear Parent/Carer,

I will start by thanking those parents and carers who recently took part in our focus group sessions and workshops. Your views help to shape the way that we work and engage with you. We want parents, carers, students and all other stakeholders, to play a pivotal role in the future direction of school as we continuously strive to deliver our vision statement of:

- Providing outstanding educational standards and outcomes, driven by our Dedication to Excellence.
- Develop the whole child, enhancing their character through our LORIC skills and core values.
- Promote a culture of inclusion, equality and diversity.

To support with implementing this vision, we have recently recruited more high quality professionals who will support in the delivery of the ambitious curriculum we all want for the children and sadly, say goodbye to some old friends and colleagues who move onto pastures new.

Over the summer there will be further changes and improvements to the school site as we continue to deliver on our pledge of investing in the school buildings and environment. This includes more air conditioning in classrooms, investment in technologies, signage around site, additional covered spaces, creating new toilet areas, a refurbishment of the exam hall, creation of a conference space, additional carpets and the delivery of a painting programme. This investment will be maintained as we strive to improve the learning environment.

I want this newsletter to be a celebration of all the things that we have achieved as a school community over the course of this year. This term we launched our 'Wonderful Week' which afforded the students an enriched curriculum experience. I hope that you enjoy reading all about it and I wish you all well for a happy and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Scarborough

### Y8 ARTS LEADERS PROGRAMME EMBRACE LONDON

Over the past year as part of our Arts Mark development, Art, Performing Arts and Music have all been working together to create a wonderful programme for Year 8 through our Arts Leaders enrichment club on Wednesday's after school.

To compliment the programme, 43 students visited London in July and took in the Tate Modern Gallery, the National Gallery, Back to the Future the Musical and a West End workshop. The students also saw Covent Garden, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square and St Paul's Cathedral, as well as the ever growing skyline.



The students were superb and they all had a great time. It was the first opportunity, post Covid, to run a residential and hopefully we can explore more opportunities. The students will be showcasing the work they have done in a special event in October.



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### CONWY CASTLE VISIT

As part of WOW week, a group of students from various year groups visited Conwy Castle. The students went and investigated this fine example of an English castle in Wales! It was built by Edward I, during his conquest of Wales, between 1283 and 1287.



UNESCO considers Conwy to be one of "the finest examples of late 13<sup>th</sup> century and early 14<sup>th</sup> century military architecture in Europe", and it is classed as a World heritage Site! A great time was had by all!



### MATHS STARS WIN COLLEGE CHALLENGE

The Up Holland Maths department took Year 10 students, James E, Daniel T, Daisy L and Jessica K to St John Rigby college to take part in the annual Maths challenge.

The event was comprised of three rounds: an individual round and two team rounds. The team not only took first place, but won by a considerable amount, winning the coveted shield for the school. They should be exceptionally proud of their achievements. Well done to all involved.



### CURIOUS CRITTERS & BUSH TUCKER TRIALS

Last week we invited in Danny Jubb, owner of Curious Critters, into school to deliver an engaging session to students on the adaptations of animals.

Students were given the opportunity to observe and hold a range of different species which included Leopard Geckos, Snakes, Tarantulas, Owls, Skinny pigs, and Millipedes.

It was a chance for our students to learn all about the animals, as well as to hold and touch them in a hands-on experience.

The students engaged really well with plenty of 'oohs and ahhs' in the session and genuinely loved getting involved with the handling of the animals.

The snake was a popular animal with the students for holding and some staff and students also took part in a bush tucker trial task and ate crickets and meal worms. Safe to say the author of this newsletter was not one!

Once again the conduct and enthusiasm of the students in these sessions was fantastic and will help inform future learning.







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### YEAR 10 THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS

Over the past few weeks, it was great to see Year 10 get the opportunity again, post-Covid, to get into a variety of work places and complete work experience. We would like to thank all the employers who supported our students in a wide range of jobs.

To support this programme, Year 10 have had opportunities to experience different colleges locally and participated in taster days which will help guide them with their next steps in education. Here, we can see our Year 10 students at Winstanley, looking at the A Level programme on offer. Students, as always, were a credit to the school and the community, engaging and learning all the time.



### MFL CHALLENGE 2022

During the MFL Challenge, Y7 were put through their paces recalling their Spanish vocabulary. Students had also been selected to represent each house for additional challenges, and had to keep their cool with all of Y7 watching!

Some of these students also very bravely chose to put themselves forward for a 'Mastermind' round, where they had to keep calm under pressure and had nothing else to rely on except their own memory! Livingstone were the overall champions with an outstanding 52 points!

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES EXPLORE LOCAL CHURCH

This month, students were able to take part in a Holy Communion service, seeing one of the most important Christian rituals in action. Rev Paul from St Thomas the Martyr church explained each step of the Communion service to the students so they could understand the significance of what was being said and done.

We were given a tour of the church and grounds, including a look at the history and development of the church from when it was a monastery, to present day as parish church. Students also understood how the church has been so closely linked to the development of Up Holland as a school.



Students also received a talk from school governor, Gill Sinnott, about 'The Hub', the development of the Foodbank, Post Office, and Cafe and how the church is a place where everyone is welcome. It is a parish church which means it is a church that belongs to the people of the parish. Students also had opportunity through a talk by Rev Jack about what it means to live a Christian life and have faith.



The day concluded with a really exciting tour up the Belfry, where students got to see how the bells of the church work and when they are rung.



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### FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 CLASS OF 2022

After the long hard slog of the GCSE exams, we said farewell to the Year 11's with a lovely day of celebration which included the traditional shirt signings, smoke flare group pics, awards, a lively Bingo session and a whole school guard of honour as they left for the last time.

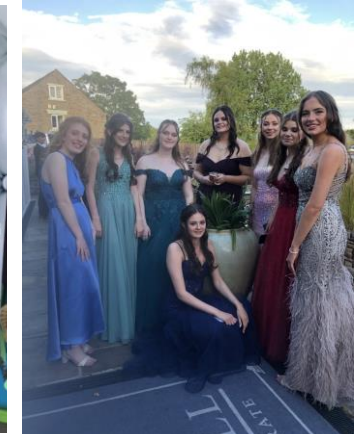


A huge thanks to Mr Callaghan, Mr Hurst and Miss Pritchard for organising all of the events. A super time was had by all and we wish all of Year 11 a peaceful, calm summer before they start the next part of their individual journeys.



### STUDENTS SHINE AT PROM

Once again, we managed to host our Leavers Prom in July this year. It was a beautiful evening of celebration for our Year 11's, who all looked amazing in their dresses and suits as they enjoyed a wonderful evening and meal at Holland Hall Hotel. A huge thanks to Miss Pritchard and Mr Hurst for all of their work behind the scenes to make the event happen as well as it did. We hope that the students enjoyed the evening.



### GCSE RESULTS DAY 2022

Students can collect their GCSE results in person from school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, from 9:30am. Results will also be available on Synergy from 10:30am.

### ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Well done to the following Personal Development groups for being the 7F, 8E, 9F, 10E and 11E for having the best attendance in each year group this half term..





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### WOW WEEK: STEM IN THE FAST LANE

A group of students from Years 7 to 9 enjoyed a full day investigating different STEM elements that contribute to the performance go-karts. Students experienced sessions based around aerodynamics, ergonomics, careers, designing logos and karts before working in a group to create a presentation that summarised what they had learned.

The WOW came when the students had the opportunity to drive an electric Go-Kart around an inflatable race track and apply what they had learned to achieve the fastest laps possible.

All students were excellent and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive!



We also had fourteen Y9 students visit West Lancashire College to take on the 'Pit Stop Challenge'. Students had the opportunity to work in teams to change a real Formula One car tyre in the fastest time possible. Students also completed a Hydro-Car challenge that involved them constructing a car that was powered by generating Hydrogen by passing an electric current through water.

Both of the sessions developed students' knowledge of how STEM subjects are applied in the real world and gave them a valuable hands-on experience.

All students worked excellently on the day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



### PARENT ENGAGEMENT

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attend our Neurodiversity coffee morning last month under the umbrella display in the canteen. It was organised by the SEN department to celebrate all of our students. The coffee, cake and muffins proved a huge success, as was the display of Art created by students in Phoenix to represent themselves.



We would also like to thank all of the parents who attended the workshops on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, organised by Mr Priestley and delivered by staff. The 10 minute sessions were attended by about 100 parents and ranged on topics such as equality and diversity, sex education guidance, mental health and wellbeing and drugs. We will be looking at running more sessions in 2022-2023 exploring a range of both pastoral and academic topics.

It was also great to see the parents of the focus group again on June 22, Mr Chilvers and Mrs Bond would like to thank all involved again for their opinions and support. The next sessions will run in September and if you are interested in getting more involved in the school, then please email Mr Chilvers.

### TOWERING HEIGHTS REACHED IN COMPETITION

During Wonderful Week, Year 10 took part in a tower building competition. Competition criteria included design, strength, environmental impact and creativity. Students came up with some weird and wonderful designs, all of which were able to withstand the weight of a 10p coin balanced on the top. Well done to all those involved!





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### AMAZING SCIENCE

As part of the Earth topic in science the Y8 students were challenged to design a sculpture using reusable or recyclable materials that would otherwise have gone to waste and provide a short presentation about their designs. Some of the students chose to base their designs around the upcoming Chester Zoo visit and made model animals. Here we have some of the superb designs and the students who made them.



### STUDENTS ART ON DISPLAY AT COMMUNITY HUB

As part of our community outreach, we are proud to have been part of the Up Holland Community Art Exhibition at St Thomas the Martyr Church.

Up Holland Community Hub is an initiative designed to develop the historic church building into a place to be used by, and to serve, the whole community of Up Holland and the surrounding area. The Hub is of the community and for the community and the development group has included people from church, parish council and community.

We displayed a selection of the fantastic Young Photographer of the Year competition and the SEND "This is Me" Project.



### LIBRARY UPDATES

We had fabulous representation from our Year 9 students at the Lancashire Book Of the Year Author meet and greet on 17<sup>th</sup> July at UCLAN. We received lots of comments about the mature questioning from our students in front of 150 representatives from 14 other North West schools.



The final count is in for our Accelerated Reader program this year. The overall word count for Year 7 is over 30 million words read and almost 2500 book tests taken. Congratulations to our 8 millionaire readers this year and a huge well done to our first ever multi-millionaires: Finn S, Zara W and Ama N. You have really set the bar high for our next Year 7 cohort of readers!

Thank you all for supporting our Scholastic book fair during Wonderful Week. It was great to see so many of you organising your summer reads and recommending books for the library for next year.

We welcomed Blackpool based author and spoken word poet, Nathan Parker, this term. He held workshops with our year 7 and 8 cohorts, and they really engaged with his words of writing wisdom and poetry support ideas.



Keep an eye on the UHHS social media accounts over the summer for recommended summer reads and surprise competitions.





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### SPORTS DAY 2022

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, we held our first full Sports Day in three years on the field. It was an opportunity for students to participate and represent their house in athletics, tennis, rounders and a range of field events, including the favourite of many, Welly Wanging. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 all participated and supported their peers in a great day hosted by Mr Hurst on the microphone.



A really well organised day by the PE Department which allowed everyone to enjoy themselves. It was great to see parents supporting their children and the atmosphere was one which celebrated our school community. Mr Scarborough was on hand for podium duty and the winning team was Livingstone.



### CELEBRATION EVENING WINNERS

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, we welcomed our student subject winners from Years 7-10 back into school, with parents, to Celebrate their successful academic achievement over the past year.

Awards were chosen by staff for students who made excellent progress, but also for students who have demonstrated the highest attitude to learning. Parents were welcomed by the choir and there were performances throughout the evening as the celebrations and awards were given out to students.

The winners were as follows:

- English** M Tudor, R Waddicor, E Wall, Z Penk
- Maths** Z Trencher, L Ratcliffe, A Whittle, L Thompson
- Statistics** D Tonge
- Science** Z Winstanley, A Kaill, S Lloyd, B Galbraith
- Computing/CS** F Shanahan, L Ibbotsen, C Whitehead, J Cassidy
- IT** Sasha Mhangu
- History** A Baker, O Noone, S Marina, M Swift
- Geography** C Murphy, K Regan, S Jones, T Swift
- Religious Studies** B Lownsbro, D Cooper, R Blackburn, E Meehan
- Spanish** F Hilton, A Ferguson, O Carroll, E Parkinson
- Design Technology** L Lancaster, T Jones, E Antuhs, H Helm
- Photography** M Dale, J Kendrick
- Art** M Garry, A Nabolli, SJ Travis, D Lanfear
- Music** F Drake, L Whelan, O Clayton, A Hough
- PE** J Hollingsworth, S Kendrick, T O'Rourke, E Sculthorpe
- Performing Arts** Li Wellington, I Mulligan, K Lawton, M Cooper
- Psychology** T Rose
- Hospitality & Catering** G Thorpe, M Green, C Pytel, R Dunn
- Triple Biology** S King
- Triple Chemistry** M Gregory
- Triple Physics** J Edgington
- LORIC Values** C McPhail, E Stephenson, J Howard, Z Winstanley &

Congratulations to all of our winners. We look forward to seeing you all in September for another fantastic academic year.