

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared and achievements we've celebrated together. It has been a busy and enriching few weeks filled with learning and community spirit.

Some highlights from this Term include:

- **YR 11 Geography Field Trip:** The Geography pupils had a great day visiting Manchester, putting learning in to practice and taking the classroom in to the real world
- **Cyber Mega Day:** Year 11 pupils recently had the fantastic opportunity to visit Cardinal Newman College to take part in a Mega Day based on the exciting theme of AI Apprentice.
- **Celebrating Special Days:** Throughout the term, we celebrated several important occasions. Restart a Heart Day highlighted the significance of CPR and lifesaving skills. We have had Black History Month, reflecting on the contributions and histories that shape our society. We were proud to take part in World Mental Health day, raising awareness and highlighting the services we offer in school. These events foster inclusivity and awareness among our pupils.
- **McMillan Coffee Morning:** A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces coming together for a great cause. Your support makes a difference, and it was a joy to connect with our community while raising funds for such an important charity

As we look ahead to next half term, there is much to look forward to! Several exciting events and initiatives are planned, including SMART Week 1 and our Christmas Concert, where pupils will showcase their musical talents. Remember to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything.

Upcoming Assessments for Next Half Term

In preparation for these upcoming events, please note the assessment schedule:

- Year 7 / 8/ 9 :24th November - 12th December
- Year 10 / 11: 22nd October - 12th November

We encourage all pupils to utilise their time wisely for revision and to seek help from their teachers if needed. Parents, your support in helping your children prepare during this period is invaluable. All knowledge organisers can be found on the school website - this will help pupils remain focused in their revision.

School reopens on **Monday 3rd November for all pupils at 8.35am**. Wishing you all a safe, restful and enjoyable break!

Mr A Galbraith
Principal



Football



Huge congratulations to the under 16 girls football team who beat Broughton 2-1.

Due to an injury, we only had 8 players against their 9 which made the victory even sweeter!

Brilliant effort from all of the girls this evening, they did Fulwood proud!

Year 8



The boys started the season with a game against Eden Boys. Victory was theirs with a 7-0 final whistle score.

Longridge proved to be more of a challenge but the boys fought hard with a 2-1 win

At the beginning of October the boys faced Archbishop Temple and were back to their dominant best with a 12-0 win. Well done boys!

Year 9



An opener against Eden Boys saw the boys off to an impressive start with a victory of 13-1!

Next up was Longridge and the boys continued with their winning ways in a closely fought match finishing 2-0.

A tense game was played against St Cecilia's but the boys proved dominant in the end once again with a final score of 6-3.

The boys then played the first round of the Lancashire Cup match against a very good Morecambe Bay High School winning 1-0. They are now in round 2 of the competition and have an away fixture to look forward to.

Year 10/11



This half term our 10/11 Team have had some amazing results

Eden Boys High was the first fixture to be played with an impression score line of 6-0! This game also saw a perfect hat-trick being scored!

Another strong performance saw the team beat Moor Park High School 10-2, with one player scoring 6 goals!

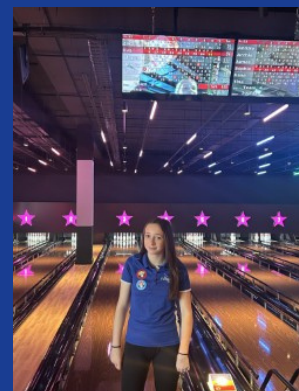
The game against Christ the King was a more closely fought affair, it was a very entertaining match and our pupils performed really well against a physical team. The game finished Fulwood 2 - 1 CtK.

A very special mention also goes to six Year 9 pupils who have been selected to play for the Preston Town Team Squad (*unfortunatley 1 was missing for the picture*). This is an impressive achievement, well done boys!



PE THIS TERM

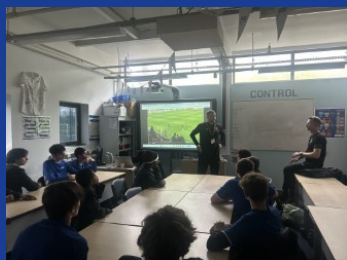
A huge congratulations to the six pupils who competed in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Competition. The competition saw Fulwood competing against several other Preston schools. The pupils were incredible on the day WINNING the competition - next stop - the Lancashire Finals in March 2026! Well done team we are so proud of your efforts and will be rooting for your in March!



18 Year 10 Sports Leaders completed their Refereeing Training this half term with FA Referee Tutor Lee Cadwadaller, Lancashire FA, leading the course with support from Championship Referee Leigh Doughty.

Our students had the opportunity to learn the theory side or the game and then the chance to put this knowledge into practice during their practical sessions.

Their attitude, behaviour and questioning skills were excellent and a pleasure to observe.



PE - Extra-Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fixtures
Badminton Club Years 7 and 8 3.05pm-4.05pm LTU	Badminton Club Years 9 and 10 3.05pm-4.05pm KBY / LTU	Boys Football and Rugby Fixtures CMA / MHO		Boys Football Rugby
Boys Rugby Club Years: 7 and 8 3.05pm-4.05pm CMA	Boys Football Club Years: 9 and 10 3.05pm-4.05pm LJO	Girls Netball Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm KBY / LTU		Girls Netball Football
Boys Rugby Club Years: 9 and 10 3.05pm-4.05pm MHO	Boys Football Club Year: 8 3.05pm-4.05pm CMA			
Girls Football Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm KBY				



Cyber Mega Day

Year 11 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit Cardinal Newman College to take part in a Mega Day based on the exciting theme of AI Apprentice.

The event was organised by IN4 as part of CyberFirst, a government-backed outreach and education programme developed by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). During the day, pupils worked in teams of six to identify a real-world problem that could be solved using AI technology and then develop a prototype AI solution to address it.

Each team explored a range of key areas including case studies, existing competitors, risks, measures of success, AI powers (Machine Learning and Computer Vision), target audience, and marketing strategy, before producing a detailed step-by-step plan showing how their AI would work in practice.

The day culminated in a fast-paced three-minute pitch to a panel of judges, which included representatives from IN4 and senior staff from Lancashire Council. Although some pupils were initially nervous about presenting to an audience, they rose to the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm. Feedback from pupils was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how much they enjoyed working as a team, developing their ideas, and learning about AI in a real-world context. A great time was had by all!



European Day of Languages

A huge well done to our talented Year 7 bakers!

Their European-themed cakes were outstanding. From flags to landmarks, their creations showed that language and culture can even be celebrated through food.

They were as impressive as they were delicious!



Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Our Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils had a fantastic day on their Geography Field Trip!

It was a brilliant opportunity to put classroom learning into practice and explore geography in the real world. Thank you to the staff for organising and well done, Year 11!



Board Games Club is back this half term!

Members have excitedly locked into a brand-new favourite: The Mind! This ingenious, addictive and brilliantly fun card game has everyone hooked, working together in tense silence to beat the challenge as a team.

Meanwhile, the Uno and Uno flip tables are as competitive as ever, with players battling it out in colourful style, while the Chess Corner offers a rare moment of calm — a quiet contrast to the laughter and cheers elsewhere.

Board Games Club runs every Tuesday after school in EN4 until 3:50pm. Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for some fun with friends, everyone is welcome.

Come along and join the excitement!



MacMillan Coffee Morning.

We had a fantastic time at our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. Your support and generosity made the event a great success and truly helped in the fight against cancer. We loved sharing delicious treats and wonderful conversations with you all.

We raised over £100 plus the additional money donated via the QR code.

Thank you for making a difference!



INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Banding - Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, as every lesson builds on the last. Every day in school counts — even short-term absences can have a long-term impact on a child’s education. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent
100%	0	90%	19	80%	38	70%	57	60%	76
99%	2	89%	21	79%	40	69%	59	59%	78
98%	4	88%	23	78%	42	68%	61	58%	80
97%	6	87%	25	77%	44	67%	63	57%	82
96%	8	86%	27	76%	46	66%	65	56%	84
95%	10	85%	28	75%	48	65%	66	55%	85
94%	11	84%	30	74%	49	64%	68	54%	87
93%	13	83%	32	73%	51	63%	70	53%	89
92%	15	82%	34	72%	53	62%	72	52%	91
91%	17	81%	36	71%	55	61%	74	51%	93

Uniform & Equipment Expectations

A reminder: Pupils must adhere to the school uniform policy at all times. All pupils must bring a bag to school every day, pupils are to wear school shoes with full uniform (not trainers) and they may wear only one pair of stud earrings and a watch.

False eyelashes, false nails and blemish patches are not permitted. Additionally, several pupils are without ties— these are available from the equipment shop for £6.50 and should be replaced as soon as possible.

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Don't forget! High School Applications

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026, you need to complete your secondary school application before the deadline.

✔ **Apply online at:**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

🕒 **Deadline: 31 October**

Don't miss out on your preferred school — get your application in early!



AP1 Year 11 October Half Term Revision Timetable

Morning Sessions – 10am to 12pm

Lunch – 12pm to 12.30pm (Pupils to bring lunch, refreshments will be provided in the library)

Afternoon Session – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Weekend Session – Online via MS Teams, details of individual sessions listed below

Date	Day	Morning Session 10am to 12pm - Subject, Staff, Room	Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 2.30pm - Subject, Staff, Room	Pastoral Support /First Aid	Online Subject & Time
25/10/25	Saturday				•
26/10/25	Sunday				•
27/10/25	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (LMC) History (MPL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS (RCL) Biology (Triple only) Biology combined (SPA) 	RTR / DLI	•
28/10/25	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish (KSM) Health & Fitness (CMA) Geography (JLA) Music (RHO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography (JLA) 	RTR / DLI	•
29/10/25	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art & Design (CHU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art & Design (CHU) 	KGA & DLI	•
30/10/25	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths Higher and Foundation (DIO/ FHA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English RLO 	KGA & DLI	•
31/10/25	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science (Chemistry) - Key concepts all groups. 	•	KGA	•
1/11/25	Saturday				•
2/11/25	Sunday				• Maths(MHA) 7.30pm

Year 11 Autumn 2 Term Intervention Timetable

Health & Fitness (HF1 CMA) – Monday and Tuesday 7.45am to 8.30am

Maths Online (All Pupils), Crossover Revision, Sunday 7.30pm MS Teams, Year 11

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3.05pm to 3.55pm (Focus Pupils)	RS (RE1, RCL) & Drama	History	MFL	Computer Science Imedia (B&C) Hospitality & Catering	RS (RE2, CHO) & Music
Online	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod
Lecture Theatre (All Remaining Pupils)	Science (All Triple)	Maths	English		

Health & Fitness (HF1 CMA) – Monday and Tuesday 7.45am to 8.30am

Maths Online (All Pupils), Crossover Revision, Sunday 7.30pm MS Teams, Year 11

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3.05pm to 3.55pm (Focus Pupils)	Geography	Maths	English	Art & Photography Health & Fitness (Hf2) IMedia (D)	Music
Online	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod	GCSE Pod
Lecture Theatre (All Remaining Pupils)	Science (Combined)	History	Geography		

Safeguarding

We know that sometimes life can feel overwhelming - juggling family, school, health, finances and everything in between.

At times families may be offered support from Children's Social Care or Child and Family Services, and we understand this can feel worrying or confusing. We would like to reassure you that social workers and family support teams are here to work with you.

What are Children's Social Care and Family Services?

Children's Social Care and Family Services are team of professionals - including social workers, family support workers, mental health practitioners and wellbeing specialists - who can help when families are finding things hard.

They can support with the following things:

- Parenting and behaviour challenges
- Family relationships and routines
- Mental health & emotional wellbeing
- Housing or financial stress
- Domestic abuse or substance misuse
- Children's attendance or engagement in school

Their goal is to help families stay together safely and to give parents the tools and confidence to make things better at home.

Want to know more? Please speak to Mrs Walker, DSL

USEFUL NUMBERS

Preston Safeguarding Hub: **0300 123 6720** or out of hours **0300 123 6722** (5pm - 8am)

Food banks: Salvation Army - **01772 555425**, Luv Preston - **01772 298107** Noor Food Bank - **07921 887383** or **07764 432643**

Kooth is an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Log on to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Childline - Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on **0800 1111**, talk to a counsellor online

Shout offers confidential crisis support 24/7. Text SHOUT to **8525**

Family First Magazine: <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-4-2025/>



Trustee Update



AI in Action with Our Year 11 Pupils

I recently had the privilege of visiting Year 11 classes alongside Guy Marshall, President of the **Manchester Statistical Society**, to observe how our pupils are using AI as a revision tool, and I'm delighted to share what we witnessed.

We watched as pupils collected their laptops in an orderly fashion and confidently logged into various AI platforms, including Canva AI and ChatGPT. What impressed us most was seeing pupils use carefully scaffolded prompts to instruct the AI to create their own bespoke revision guides.

The level of engagement was remarkable – every pupil was focused, purposeful, and clearly taking ownership of their learning.

The pupils themselves were fantastic. Their enthusiasm, character, and confidence in using these tools was inspiring to see. It's clear that our staff have done an excellent job in teaching pupils not just to use AI, but to use it effectively and thoughtfully as part of a structured revision strategy.

This visit reinforced my confidence that we're taking the right approach – equipping our young people with the skills and tools they'll need both for their GCSEs and for their futures. I'm incredibly proud of the Year 11 pupils and grateful to our staff for their innovative and well-executed approach to teaching.

I look forward to our continuing and exciting partnership with Guy and the Manchester Statistical Society.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Joan Dean
Chair of Trustees
Dunstone Education Trust

