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# LHS



# MATTERS

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NEWSLETTER  
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## JULY 2016

We've had an exciting end to an excellent year here at LHS. During Activities Week Year 10's have been out on work placements or on the Battlefields residential in Belgium. Staff have told me that everyone has had a great time and that the students took full advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

At the end of this academic year we bid farewell to several long serving teachers. Mr Thomas is retiring as Head of Modern Foreign Languages after 24 years. Ms Knox will take over as Head of Department and Mrs S Williams will be joining our teaching staff. Mrs Saunders is also retiring from the MFL Department after 23 years. Mrs Draper is retiring as SENCo after 11 years and being replaced by Miss Hallam. Mr House is retiring after 7 years at LHS. Also our Science Technician, Mrs Vickers, is leaving for pastures new. We wish them all the best for the future and offer our heartfelt thanks for all they done for the school.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July we had a one day Inspection from Her Majesty's Inspectorate following up the November Ofsted Inspection. His judgement is that we are making significant progress with the targets for improvement we have been set and so there will be no more inspections for two years. Well done to the staff and students. Onwards and Upwards.

One special mention for a wonderful achievement by our out-going Head Girl, Hannah Allaway, who is now the principal harpist with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and is performing Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at The Symphony Hall in Birmingham and during the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, Brilliant!

We are eagerly awaiting students' GCSE, A Level & Btec results. This year the A Level results day is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** and the GCSE results day is **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. Results will be available at the school from 8am-12noon. If you aren't able to collect your results you can leave your email address with Mrs Gadfield, phone the school or have someone collect your results for you (They must have your written permission to collect your results).

**Mr J Kay**  
Headteacher

## HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL ELECTION RESULTS

The votes have been counted and the results confirmed:

Head Boy - James Rousell

Head Girl - Kate Bree

Deputy Head Boy - Jacob Lawes

Deputy Head Girl - Megan Brown

Our thanks go to last year's appointments, Calum Haydon, Hannah Allaway, Joe Hoyle & Ceri Charnick for their work representing the school.

## GERMAN EXCHANGE

A warm welcome awaited us in Langenfeld as we were greeted by our hosts and some splendid weather. With 8 days of activities ahead we started with a visit to our partner school, experiencing a traditional German breakfast and school life. A visit to the Neanderthal museum gave us an insight to the area where the first Neanderthal was discovered before a weekend of activities at home with our hosts.



During the week ahead there were some spectacular visits including a tour of Cologne and the cathedral, followed by some hands on sporting challenges at the Sports Museum, and a visit to Düsseldorf with impressive views of North Rhine-Westphalia from the television tower. In the evenings we enjoyed bowling, picnics and BBQ's. A nice forest walk took us to the impressive castle Burg in Solingen and completed our week of activities and sight-seeing. A visit to the Town Hall in Langenfeld saw us welcomed by the Town Mayor. As a keen supporter of cultural exchanges, the Mayor gave us an insight to life in Langenfeld before a group photo for the local paper. The hottest day of the visit saw us depart for home and another warm welcome from our families and the weather.

The whole trip was a rewarding time and the students returned richer for their varied experiences with their host families and with one another.

## CHARITY EVENING

The Summer Charity Evening we held in aid of St Michael's Hospice was a fantastic evening and raised £1010.13 for the charity.



The Wales match was on the big screen in reception and it was a great celebration after their victory!

Our huge thanks go to the band Fronrunner for providing such great entertainment, Accasion Marquees for transforming our school hall into such a beautiful venue and also Lady Hawkins' School Caterers for providing such lovely food (the lemon cheesecake caused quite a rush at the puddings table!).

## **POETRY COMPETITION**

The school's annual Poetry competition has been judged and prizes will be awarded during Awards Assembly in September. Students wrote over two hundred poems during the English Department's Poetry Fortnight and the prize winners, highly commended and best of the rest will be published in our Anthology in time for Open Evening at the end of September.

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Excellent news, Hannah Allaway, outgoing Head Girl, has passed her Gold Award. Hannah will soon formally be collecting her award at St James's Palace in the presence of The Duke of Edinburgh.

The vast majority of new Year 11s have completed their expedition and other sections are well under way, so news of more awards to follow. New Year 10s will have the opportunity to join the scheme in September, details are on the school website under the "extra-curricular" and "DofE" tabs. Thanks to all participants, parents and volunteers - it's been "character building"

## **ACTIVITIES WEEK**

The last week of term has been a busy one here at LHS. Monday and Tuesday saw river studies at 'Water Break its Neck' for Year 9's, Technology days for Year 8's and a first aid course for Year 7's. Wednesday was trip day with outings to Ynyslas, Blackwell Adventure, Dyfi Osprey Project and Cardiff. Thursday is an 'alternative sports day' with plenty of fun and laughs, then its film afternoon.

## **'LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ' BIRCH TREE MEMORIAL PLANTING**

Two Lady Hawkins' School sixth formers held a memorial tree planting ceremony on Friday 15th July as part of their 'Lessons from Auschwitz Project'. Rosa Smith and Kate Bree, like many Lady Hawkins' students before them, have been involved with the Holocaust Educational Trust's project that involves meeting academics and survivors of the Holocaust and visiting the site of the former Nazi death camp with expert guides. As part of the project, students share their 'lessons' with their local community.



Rosa and Kate chose to plant a birch – symbolic of Auschwitz-Birkenau - to remember those killed in the Holocaust. Joined by staff and students, Kington town community were represented by Deputy Mayor Bob Widdowson and Councillor Chris Forrester. Rosa and Kate read moving poems of the Holocaust and Mr Dinsdale, their History teacher, and their guests expressed the importance of the birch tree memorial to help current and future generations of students and members of Kington community to not only remember the horrors of the past

but to show a commitment to learn the lessons from our past. The birch has a plaque that carries the words: 'Always remember; never forget.'

The birch tree will become a memorial for Lady Hawkins' School students and members of Kington town community to collect as an act of remembrance on Holocaust Memorial Day every year.

## RACE FOR LIFE 2016

Race for Life as part of Sports Day was a great occasion to slap on the pink and blue face paint and raise some money together as a school for a great cause.



## LHS Summer School



### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

AM - Arts & Crafts - Get creative!

PM - Film Making - Become a Film Director for the day and take part in the Oscars.

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

AM - Cooking - Use your skills to create your own lunch. Burgers and pizza are on the menu.

PM - Golf & Bowl - An offsite trip to have some fun and try something new.

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

AM & PM - Mini Olympics

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

AM & PM - Forensic Science - Become a detective for the day and solve the mystery.

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

AM & PM - Challenge Day - Test your mind and body with these challenges.

Open to all students currently in Years 6, 7 & 8

£6 per day or £25 for the week 9am - 3:30pm

Packed lunch (except Tuesday) drink and snacks needed

Book your place by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

To book places please email [pdixon@lhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:pdixon@lhs.hereford.sch.uk)

For more information contact [vbennison@lhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:vbennison@lhs.hereford.sch.uk)

## Have a great Summer Holiday from all at LHS!!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - End of Summer Term

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August - A Level Results Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August - GCSE Results Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Autumn Term begins for all years



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