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Founded 1632



# LHS



# MATTERS

LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
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## OCTOBER 2017

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the first term of this academic year. It has certainly been a busy start to the year and it is lovely to see the new members of the school community settle in so well. I would like to thank you for your support during the start of our year and for your help in shaping the future of the school through your phone calls, emails and the open forum meeting earlier this month. You will be receiving a letter after half term which will outline how you could become involved with our governing body and I hope that some of you might find this of interest.



I hope that this copy of LHS matters reflects the successes of our young people; there is a huge wealth of talent in our school. Since the start of term this has been obvious through our sports teams who have had well deserved successes, our Senior House Leaders in a variety of roles and our Head Girl team who conducted themselves so well during Foundress' Day. There will be more opportunities to get involved during the run up to Christmas and I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to get involved

I hope that everyone has a safe and restful break over half term

**Mr P Jennings**  
Headteacher



## STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October students took part in apple pressing, Mr Jonathan Cooke, a member of KLEEN, kindly brought in all the kit so students could sample delicious apple juice made from apples picked from the school grounds.



## DYING TO DRIVE

Students from Year 11 attended this event put on by Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service which gives students a hard hitting but vital information about road safety, being a careful driver and a considerate passenger.

## SHOW MY HOMEWORK SUPPORT EVENING

On Thursday 2nd November LHS is running an information evening to familiarise parents with our online homework system, Show My Homework, ePortal where parents/carers can see any merits or referrals their child has and also ParentPay our new online payment system for trips.

## LHS HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Our History Department has arranged an evening with Professor Gary Sheffield who will be doing a presentation about Passchendaele. Tickets can be purchased on the door, while under 16's and LHS pupils are free, this is a wonderful opportunity to hear a different view of the battle. Thank you to Mr Dinsdale for organising. Everyone welcome.

## ART DEPARTMENT

Some of our GCSE Art Students have some of their work on display in Border Bean, A great opportunity to see some of our talented students' work.



KINGTON CONVERSATIONS 2014-2019

# PASSCHENDAELE

## THE THIRD BATTLE OF YPRES

LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL MAIN HALL  
7.30PM WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

TICKETS ON THE DOOR £5.00 UNDER 16 & LADY HAWKINS PUPILS FREE

A TALK BY PROFESSOR GARY SHEFFIELD

Professor Sheffield is one of Britain's foremost military historians. He specialises in Britain at war (1914-1945), and is the author of a number of acclaimed histories, including the best-selling *Forgotten Victory: The First World War - Myths & Realities* (2011) and *The Great War and the British Army* (2011), which was chosen as the Military Book of the Year by *The Times* and short-listed for the Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature.

A Fellow of both the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Society of Arts, he is currently Professor of War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton. Professor Sheffield often appears on television and radio and writes regularly for the press.

Was Passchendaele (Third Ypres) a battle of mud, carnage and failure for the British? Or is that part of popular myth? Professor Sheffield will provide a fresh – and perhaps surprising – view.

An evening not to be missed!

   **1917** **KINGTON**  
**2017** remembers



## PAULINE HUGHES

Mrs Hughes retired after 30 years at LHS. Colleagues and friends all put together for some fabulous retirement gifts, including a beautiful cherry tree which was planted on Foundress' Day overlooking the cricket pitch. Mrs Hughes was overwhelmed with messages of thanks and support and we all hope she enjoys her well earned retirement,

## FOUNDRESS' DAY

This year saw the 385<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of our school from money bequeathed by Lady Margaret Hawkins. Students attended a church service in the morning then enjoyed a sunny sponsored walk on Hergest Ridge with money being raised donated to MIND a charity that promotes better mental health.



## ERASMUS

LHS was joined by staff and students from Germany and Poland as part of the Erasmus Science project, they were welcomed by a delicious full English breakfast in our canteen .



## KINGTON SHOW

Erasmus students were also busy at Kington Show demonstrating some fantastic Science experiments with members of the LHS Science department in the LHS Science tent, visitors could make a rainbow from sweets, make a lighted splint pop or examine insects under a microscope, while in the main LHS Tent, visitors could meet Mr Jennings our new Headteacher and view the new look school prospectus.

## **ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES**

To make it easier to report an absence due to illness or medical appointments we have introduced an email address, [absence@lhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:absence@lhs.hereford.sch.uk) We do ask that you let the school office know by 9:30am either by email or phone, so we can follow up on any unexplained absences.

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are unable to authorise any absences from school due to holidays and other non-educational activities, unless there are very exceptional circumstances. It is widely recognised that days of education lost have an effect on GCSE grades in Year 11.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Half Term - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Senior Maths Challenge

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Taster Day

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Primary Spelling Bee

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 9 & 13 Reports Issued

Term Ends – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## **SPRING TERM 2018**

Term Starts – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Half Term - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Term Ends – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

## **SUMMER TERM 2018**

Term Starts – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Term Ends – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

A Level Results Day – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

GCSE Results Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018