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# LHS MATTERS

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## APRIL 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last quite long and very busy term and to congratulate students on their hard work and successes. With the public examinations approaching rapidly, Year 11 and 13 students should have a revision programme in place over Easter and I am sure that they will appreciate any help you are able to offer them.

Among the highlights of this term is the appointment of Mr Paul Jennings as the new Headteacher, starting in September. I know that he is looking forward to playing his part in moving the school to Good and then to Outstanding.

Other highlights have been the whole school Performing Arts Evening, the Year 7 Enterprise Project [where students raised over £900 towards the cost of their Pembrokeshire residential] and the number of fixtures and competitions our students have been involved in.

The Governing Body has reluctantly taken the decision to close the sixth form from September 2018. This will allow us to focus our attention and resources on enhancing the provision at Key Stages 3 and 4 and make sure that every student achieves as much as they are capable of by the end of Year 11.

Finally, I would like to mention school uniform and how smart most of our students look. However, there are some students who are regularly not keeping to the rules on school uniform and I would like your support in making sure when students start the new term after Easter they are wearing their full school uniform correctly. This includes black, structured shoes [not canvas plimsolls or ballet pumps] and tailored black trousers [not jeggings or jeans]. Students can wear their summer uniform of Red polo shirt or usual white shirt and tie. If anyone has problems in purchasing uniform please contact the school.

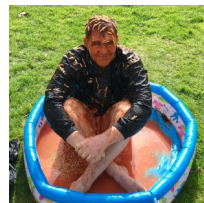
I hope that all parents, carers, students and staff have a peaceful and happy Easter break.

**Mr J Kay**

## YEAR 7 TEAM ENTERPRISE DAY

Year 7 students split into groups for an enterprise project and were given £5 per group as start up capital. They have worked hard making goods and getting ready for the big sale day. On Thursday 6th April students set up their stalls in the school hall and staff, students, parents and the community were invited. It was a fabulous afternoon and students raised over £900 towards their residential in the summer.

Well done to all the students for their hard work and thanks to all the family and friends for supporting them. Big thanks also to Mr East for 'volunteering' to allow people to pour cold spaghetti over him to help raise money!!



## PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

Students from across the school took part in a fabulous evening of music, dancing and very energetic gymnastics displays. Mrs Bennison and Mrs Gadfield worked tirelessly with students in preparation for the evening. Funds raised from ticket sales will be used to purchase additional gymnastics equipment.

## A LEVEL PHYSICS TRIP

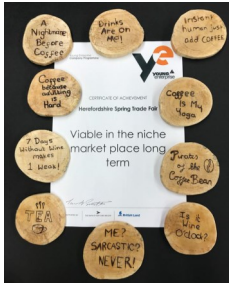
Our A Level Physics students travelled to Oxford with their Physics teacher Mr Layton, to take part in a particle physics masterclass and have a tour of a particle accelerator and the space centre at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. A very unique and inspiring experience for our budding physicists!

## SCIENCE WEEK 2017

Our Science Department put on a fabulous programme of events for British Science Week, including a visit from the 'animal man' and various explosive demonstrations and chances to roll up our sleeves and take part in experiments.



8 Sixth Form students travelled to Germany last week to take part in an exchange programme, funded by the Erasmus+ project. Students from Germany will be coming to LHS in September for the UK part of the exchange.



Menter, our Young Enterprise group have won an award for their products. They have taken part in several markets across Herefordshire, selling their goods and building their business. The team have produced wineglass candle holders, candles, present jars and wooden coasters.

On Thursday 27th April, Menter will be attending the Herefordshire Final for Young Enterprise, involving four company members giving a presentation about the company and about their experience throughout the Young Enterprise programme.

Congratulations to Mrs Field, our Head of English, who has won a poetry competition organised by the Oriel Davis gallery in Newtown. The theme of the competition was 'Imaginary Worlds' and her poem 'Blood Lines' may be read on the gallery's website.

We have relaunched our school website with a new modern look. Please have a look and let us know your feedback.



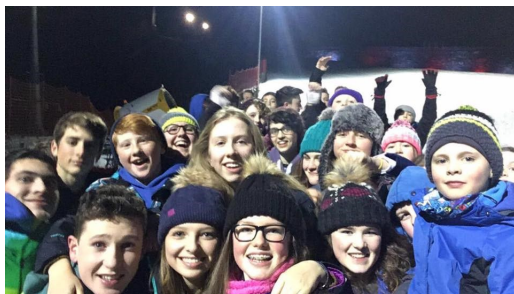
As part of the GCSE course Year 11 students had to prepare and cook an 'International Cuisine' meal for two consisting of two courses.

Millie Jones chose Moroccan and the quality of her dishes was amazing. She put so much thought into what she was making and her presentation. She even played Moroccan music while serving her meal. Jack Layton has worked so hard this half term, he has already completed his controlled assessment and his Indian meal was of a good standard.



### **SKI TRIP FEBRUARY 2017**

Staff and 40 students travelled to Lofer in Austria during the February half term and spent a great week skiing as well as bowling, curling and enjoying the lightshow and fireworks display.



### **SKI TRIP DECEMBER 2018**

Following the success of our ski trip to Lofer, we are arranging another ski trip to Lungau-St Michael, Austria in December 2018.

The cost will be approx. £800 and anyone interested should contact Mr Gwynne or Mr Brace asap as there are only a few spaces left, despite already ordering a bigger bus!

We will be holding an information evening for parents on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May with more details.

### **YEAR 11 FUNDRAISING**

Saturday 8th April is a fundraising day at Whitney Toll Bridge organised by our Year 11 students to jointly raise money for their Year 11 prom and Mr Taylor's chosen charity 'Children with Cancer UK'. It promises to be a wonderful day, so come along and enjoy a tea or coffee and cake, or a bacon roll, with ice pops and Creme Eggs for the little ones. Students will also be washing cars.

Charity donations on the bridge for Children with Cancer UK, Food and drink sales profits will be 50-50 split between Children with Cancer UK and the prom fund and the car wash money will be for the prom fund.

### **U12 & U13 NETBALL TEAM SUCCESSES**

Our U12 and U13 netball teams both reached the semi finals of the county netball tournament. Our U12 team were the highest ranking North Herefordshire team. Congratulations to all the girls for their amazing efforts.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Summer Term begins

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 7 Residential

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term

**HAPPY EASTER**



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