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LHS MATTERS

Lady Hawkins' School
Newsletter

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It is so important that we share our successes and this issue of LHS Matters shows what a range of success we have to celebrate. This month saw the publication of the latest data report from the Department of Education which placed LHS GCSE results in Maths, Science, Languages and Humanities in the top 20% of schools in England and significantly higher than expected. This does not happen by chance and I am sure that you join in me in congratulating everyone involved. There is more to school than exam results and data of course and I am delighted that our sports teams continue to outperform expectation, our LHSA is active and working to support school and that the community has the chance to get involved with the "Old Boys" memorial as well as French classes.

One of our roles as a school is to look beyond our student's time here and to prepare them for the next stage in their lives. Through trips such as the battlefields, the careers fair and the ski trip I hope that our students have been able to look beyond their life at LHS and see some of the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



Geography this term



Year 7 have been learning about the Geography of chocolate. They have looked at what life is like for cocoa farmers in Ghana, and how we can help to improve their lives by buying Fair Trade products. As part of Fair Trade fortnight which runs from February 25th to March 10th we will be holding a cake sale which raised over £70 last year. Below is the link for information on Fairtrade fortnight <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight>

Year 8 have been studying Tropical Rainforests. They have looked at why Rainforests are so important to our planet, why they are being destroyed, and what we can do to help reduce the destruction. In particular they have found out about the impact that oil palm plantations have had on rainforests and the animals and people that live in them. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/39492207>



Year 9 have been investigating the causes and effects of Global Warming and what we can all do to help to mitigate it. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45880639> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45787259>

Year 10 have just finished a topic on Ecosystems, including Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts. They have produced their own revision posters and now need to actively learn the key terms and case studies.

Year 11 have just finished looking at the topic of World Development which they now need to go over and learn. They also need to start learning and revising their work from year 10 on rivers, coasts, ecosystems, natural hazards and climate change, to prepare for their final exams which are only a few weeks away.



LHSA

The LHSA have got the Kington Community Charity Shop from Wednesday 13th March to Wednesday 20th March any donations or offers to cover the shop will be gratefully received.

80's Night

Thanks to all who supported the 80's Night. We raised a fantastic £595 which will be used to provide, amongst other things, Mental Health Awareness sessions for students and support summer activities at LHS.



Bags to School

We will be doing a clothing collection at LHS week 25th - 29th March. Students will be given bags to fill with old clothing that we can turn into cash for school funds.

French Classes

Bonjour! Calling all parents!

Would you like to revive the French you learnt at school? Ms Williams has just started a French class for adults partly in response to a request from members of the Kington Marines Twinning Group but anyone can attend. It takes place on a Monday or Wednesday after school at 3.45 in Room 24 (upstairs in the library block). The day varies according to the commitments of those in the group but is decided from one week to the next. The cost is £5. If you are interested and / or would like to find out more please contact the school. German could also be offered.

à bientôt!



Trainee Teachers

Hugo Crossley, a science trainee, and Will Jennings an English trainee are with us on their second placements we would like to welcome them to Lady Hawkins' School.

School Games

Great day out at the School Games in Hereford. Well done to our u12 hockey team who came runners up, only losing to Cathedral School in the final seconds with a golden goal!



LHS Ski Trip 2018/19

A group of 57 students have recently returned from the biannual LHS ski trip, this year to the Lungau Region in Austria. The group arrived in the pretty village of Mauterndorf on December 29th ready for 5 days of skiing.

Day 1

After a good nights sleep we were all excited to see that there was a good covering of snow on the first morning and headed to the slopes in high spirits. With a mixture of beginners and experienced skiers everyone headed off with their ski school instructors for the start of an action packed week. The 3 beginners groups began on the gentle blue slopes and were introduced to how to stop and turn, essential skill for later in the week. The intermediate and advanced groups were straight onto the slopes and were quickly exploring the Grosseck mountain. During the evening we visited the local Pizza Restaurant.



Day 2

After a successful first day the beginners were making quick progress. They were now using the drag lift, enabling them to do longer runs. The top group were motoring around the mountain with instructor Dennis proving to be a hard task master, searching our more challenging areas with moguls and off piste amongst them. After lunch the beginners groups were ready to hit the chairlifts, with varying degrees of success, which enabled them to explore more of the mountain.



Day 3

Day 3 brought the best of the weather with a sunny blue sky day. In fact after the -10 degrees of the previous 2 days this caught out many of our groups and we had to reduce the number of layers we were wearing to avoid overheating in the sunshine.

The beginners groups managed to complete their first valley run in the morning. That is a run from the top of the mountain at the gondola station all the way to the bottom. Although this was a big challenge so early in their skiing careers all managed to complete the run successfully. The intermediate group were also being challenged today and skied down some of their most challenging slopes to date with some steep red runs conquered as well.



Day 4

On a very snowy morning today we were skiing at a new location in Aineck. The conditions were extremely snowy and windy which meant that some of the lifts were unfortunately closed. The advanced group managed to make it to the top before the lifts closed and by all accounts had a very enjoyable ski down to the valley station. The other groups managed to do several trips down to the valley station, benefiting from some good tree lined runs.

Day 5

Even though the weather had been a bit difficult throughout the week we had skill managed to ski parts of the mountain each day. Unfortunately our luck run out a bit on our last day skiing and we were confined to the nursery slopes in Mauterndorf for the morning. However, we made the most of it and had an enjoyable morning before lunch back at the hotel. The trip back to Kington was a little eventful but at least we all made it back safely, even though it took 24 hours longer.



All In all it was a great trip and all the staff would like to thank those that went for their positive approach to the whole week and their excellent behaviour. Planning for the next trip in 2020 is already underway and anyone who is interested in going needs to collect a letter from Mr Brace after half term with deposits due the week after Easter holidays.

Primary Values Conference

On Friday 25th January LHS hosted a values conference for 120 Year 5s and 6s, the theme of the day was caring. Pupils got to participate in activities such as Cooking, Sport and some very snowy Bushcraft. It was a lovely opportunity to meet pupils from local Primary Schools.



Malvern Careers Fair

Great day at the Malvern Careers show for our Year 9 & 10 students. Lots to see and do and a chance to take part in some interactive displays!



KS3

Well done to the KS3 rugby lads for (a very cold) morning of rugby. There was some very good rugby on display with plenty of team work, determination and enjoyment. A big thank you to all involved.



WWI Battlefields Trip.

A reminder to parents of students going on the battlefields trip that the forms attached to the information booklet need completing and returning to Mr Dinsdale as soon as possible. There are spaces still available on the trip. If any parent would wish to come on this amazing trip they can email Mr Dinsdale for further details.

Year 11 GCSE History Revision.

Every student has been issued with revision materials and flashcards to help them learn the course content. Regular and quick 'tests' using these flashcards and materials - with a parent testing their son/daughter - will be a huge help towards their revision for the exams.



Lady Hawkins' School 'Old Boys' War Memorial.

We have made great progress towards the planned LHS war memorial. Tarmac are to donate a magnificent standing stone and 'Kington Remembers' have generously donated money to provide stepping stones and the engraving of the twenty eight 'old boys' that we know died in wars from 1914 to the present day. We are now looking at clearing the site - currently filled with rather unattractive shrubs - so that work on the memorial and remembrance garden can start. Please contact Mr Dinsdale if you could assist in any way with the clearance of the site.

Climate change assembly

After the UN declaration saying that we all need to do more to combat global warming and with the Climate Change Conference taking place in Poland, Ms Williams did an assembly in November explaining how we can all reduce our carbon footprint. She said for example that for every child who uses a reusable water bottle 200 less plastic bottles are used a year and that's just on school days. Also, even if just 10 people made a belated New Year's resolution to not drive themselves or their children to school in 2019 that would still make a difference and Kington would be a safer and more pleasant place to walk and bike during school "rush hours". Could you be one of those amazing people who leaves their car at home and walks or bikes to school and feels healthier as well? If we all do our bit hopefully we can at least slow down the rate of extinction of species on Earth as since 1970 60% of species have become extinct.



Attendance

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if your child is absent from school for any reason then we must be notified, as ensuring the safety and welfare of our students is vital.

Illness

- ◆ Please contact the school office by 9:30am either by phone or email to absence@lhs.hereford.sch.uk
- ◆ We aren't able to accept a message passed via a sibling or another student.
- ◆ Diarrhoea or vomiting? Stay off school until 48 hrs after the last symptoms.

Medical / Dental Appointments

- ◆ Please notify the school office either by phone or email with the date and time
- ◆ Routine appointments - absent from school for an appropriate length of time to attend the appointment.
- ◆ Whole day absence - we will require a copy of the appointment letter or card. (Without this evidence we may be unable to authorise the absence)

Holidays

- ◆ We are no longer allowed to authorise days missed due to holidays except in exceptional circumstances (such as the terminal illness of a family member).
- ◆ Any holidays of 5 days or over may incur a penalty from the LEA.

Dates for your Diary

Science Week 11th-15th March
Red Nose Day 15th March
Year 7 Trip to 'The Big Bang' 13th March
German Exchange to LHS 3rd-11th April

2018/19 TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2019

Half Term – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

SUMMER TERM 2019

Monday 29th April – **Friday 19th July***

Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

**slight alteration to dates previously advertised*

Please only use the school website for term dates.