

LHS MATTERS

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What an amazing year it has been for Lady Hawkins' School. Whilst maintaining great results from our broad curriculum, we have also been enjoying the extracurricular side of school life to the fullest, building our students cultural capital.

Published authors, illustrators, poets and artists have worked with students throughout the year to inspire their creative sides. We are also rightly proud of our amazing sporting successes this year, with our U13 girls and U13 boys cricket teams both becoming county champions! We've taken part in the School Games in Hereford, competed regionally in many sports, including athletics, and our girls cricket team played at Edgbaston Cricket Ground.

LHS continues to forge excellent links with the local community and we are also part of a growing global community, with this year seeing school visits to Austria, Belgium, France and Germany. Next year Mr Smith has organised a visit to Iceland for students to study its geography first hand.

We can't wait to see what the next 12 months has in store for the students of Lady Hawkins' School. See you all on Wednesday 4th September!

Mr P Jennings Headteacher



English Department

Cathy Farr author of the Moon Chase visited LHS to work with some of our Year 9s to develop their creative writing. They began with learning a range of methods to start the creative process and worked their way up to writing a creative piece. Cathy was a really interesting speaker and really pushed the students to challenge themselves.



Carnegie



A group of our year seven students took part in this year's Carnegie Book Shadowing, at Shire Hall Hereford. They had 8 books to read in a couple of months and also put together a fantastic play on the chosen book for our school which was Land Of Never Ending. They worked really hard and were a real pleasure to take. Students involved were Chloe Mifflin, Bethan North, Edi Goodwin, Amber O'Neill, Esme

Fellows, Rhiannon Powell, Naomi Taralunga, Toby Lloyd, Will Hayes and Cameron Cutt. We all had a lovely day.

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 had a fabulous evening at Penrhos Court for their prom. Everyone looked so smart and had a great time. Congratulations to Prom Queen Megan and Prom King Adam. Wishing all of Year 11 best of luck for the future.



German Exchange 2019



A group of 10 students and 2 teachers travelled to Langenfeld, near Cologne and Düsseldorf, for a 10 day stay with host families as part of our yearly German Exchange visit. The exchange visit aims to support those learning the language by giving them the opportunity to experience the language and culture of Germany first hand whilst also providing opportunities to meet new friends and build lasting relationships. Our first day started

with a visit to the castle Schloss Burg in Solingen, where Anne of Cleves was born. From there we walked along the river Wupper to the highest railway bridge in Germany, the Münstger Brücke. In the evening our students and hosts met up for bowling.

The next day we spent in Cologne visiting the famous Cathedral. The more energetic climbed to the top of the Cathedral tower to experience stunning views over Cologne and the surrounding countryside. After some time exploring the City, we visited an interactive sports museum. The weekend was spent with host families who had planned a range of trips and activities. Especially popular were the "Phantasialand" theme park and



the local swimming pool which provided a refreshing break from the hot weather. Monday was spent in school with partners to experience life in a German school.

On Tuesday students and their partners went to Düsseldorf for a high-flying event. A huge spider web made of steel mesh suspended from the ceiling at different heights. Students had the opportunity to explore the exhibition and walk the web. In the afternoon we enjoyed a relaxing walk along the river Rhine followed by a climb to the top of the TV tower to enjoy a fantastic view over the city. Host families organised a BBQ at a lake for the evening, with sport activities and lots of traditional food. On Wednesday we went to Bonn, Beethoven's Birthplace. We



visited the "Haus der Geschichte" to learn about Germany's recent history. Thursday was a bank holiday so the day off school was spent with families. Everyone enjoyed the experience of life in a different culture and returned home happy but tired after 10 activity packed days. The trip was a rewarding time for everyone with many new friends made along the way.

Girl's U13 Cricket Finals

The girls had a fantastic day yesterday. They beat Cathedral 'B' with some excellent batting and bowling performances. The winners then were to be decided in the final game between Cathedral 'A' and LHS. LHS bowled and fielded brilliant to keep Cathedral (7 out of 8 of their players are in the County team) to limit them to 59 in their 10



over. LHS girls then were well up with the run rate but were losing wickets, mainly to run-outs. It looked like the game was going to the line when our final pair were also run out meaning that the girls finished on 50 - just 10 runs short of victory and they had 10 balls left! Game could have gone either way. So ended up with the Herefordshire Runners-Up medal and the girls will learn from this experience to return even better next year.

Duke of Edinburgh

18 students successfully completed the Bronze DofE expedition and on track to secure their full award before the end of term.



Thanks to Mrs Cecil for her support with expedition training, to all the staff who run activities for students, to the tutors for day to day support and the LHSA and Lady Hawkins' School Endowment governors for support with equipment and licencing.





Awards Evening

It was great to celebrate the achievements of so many students at Awards Evening. Thanks to the very entertaining Magician/ Scientist Matt Cope for his fabulously entertaining performance.

Year 9 Rewards Trip

Congratulations to those pupils who earned a place on the rewards trip. They had a lovely afternoon bowling at the Grove. Students were chosen for the trip based on their attendance and Behaviour for Learning scores.



Sports Day

Congratulations to all students who took part in Race for Life and Sports Day. Students raised over £600 for Cancer Research UK. Well done to Arrow House who were the overall winners on the day.



Year 7 Lab Night 2019

On the evening of the 27th July, Year 7 science students showcased a series of experiments to our parents, carers and siblings. We did this because we wanted to demonstrate some of the things that we had learnt this year. The entire evening was planned, resourced and executed by us. The evening was a huge success, with loads of visitors getting involved and trying out experiments.

Written by Toby Lloyd 7AB





Green Schools Project

LHS has been given the chance to be one of only two schools in the area to be part of the Green Schools Project free of charge. The local coordinator, Beth Williamson came in to school at the end of June to hold an assembly talking about the project and how pupils, with the help of a lead

teacher and Beth and the resources she has at her disposal, set up an Eco Group and run projects in school. These could include improving the recycling at school and tackling the problem of litter. By organising environmental campaigns and by helping to transform the school into a model of sustainability students are able to learn new skills involving communication, problem solving, leadership and teamwork and even, in the process, can help to reduce the running costs of the school such as energy costs. Eco-Schools awards can also be won.



Fundraising

The LHSA have been very busy this half term organising a car boot sale and running a stall at the food festival raising money for projects for LHS students.

They have lots of exciting things planned for the next school year. Thank you to all of those who have helped out and supported events.

Their next meeting is Tuesday 10th September in the Oak in Kington.

New members always welcome!

Free films and food at LHS

Join us every Tuesday during the summer holidays! Tuesday 23rd July will be "The Lego Movie 2"



Notices

Leaving LHS or students outgrown their uniform? Why not donate your old uniform The LHSA is looking to put together a second hand uniform supply and would welcome any donations of uniform from those students leaving this year or from those families having a clear out of outgrown uniform. Donations can be left at school at any time or brought to any LHSA meeting.

Home-school link app

We are introducing a new home-school link app called Edulink. Further details and student and parent logins will be issued in September. Parents will be able to access information about their child's progress and behaviour and much more.

Dates for your Diary

22nd August GCSE Results Day

2nd & 3rd September Staff Training Days **4th September Back to School (Whole School)** 20th September Year 7 & 11 Photos 27th September Foundress' Day

Please only use the school website for term dates.

