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LHS MATTERS

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Newsletter

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This month saw the publication of the latest GCSE data report from the Department of Education which placed our results in several subjects, including 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 will join me in congratulating everyone involved. The report also points out however that our attendance is in the lowest 20% of similar schools and the school needs your help in addressing this. The “league tables” for secondary schools have also been published and we are, once again within the boundaries for the national average and performed well when compared against other local schools.

You will see from this edition of LHS Matters just some of the ways in which our students contribute to their community, we are rightly proud of them all.

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



History Department

Year 11 GCSE students went to watch '1917' at Wyese, they were all gripped by the cinematography that followed the main character during an exciting two hours. It is no surprise that the film has won so many awards!



Congratulations!

Well done to Sam Garribo Year 9 who had the best score for the steady hand challenge at the Careers Fair in Malvern. His prize was an Amazon HD fire tablet.

Prom fundraising

Year 11s are busy fundraising for this years prom with lots of different events including a Valentine's Disco, Valentine's Cake sale and providing refreshments for Parent's evenings thank you to those who have already supported them .

Free Period Products available in School

Free Period Products are available from the office or in the Girl's Toilets.



School Nurse

There is a School Nurse Drop in every Tuesday Break Time in the medical room for students wanting advice or information.

English Department



Year 8 are working on a detective fiction unit and have been exploring the work of Sherlock Holmes. This week Ms Staton's class had to recreate the closed room at the centre of the mystery using careful reading of the text, recycling and teamwork; they did a brilliant job! Now we need to see if they can solve the puzzle...

World Book Day

Staff and Students will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March by dressing up as characters from our favourite books with prizes for the best dressed. We will be asking for a donation of £1 for those who wish to dress up. All the money collected will go towards some new Accelerated Reading books for the library, a very successful reading programme which is used by all students in lessons. There will also be activities in the Library at break and lunchtime.

Poetry Trip to Birmingham

A group of Year 10 and 11 students had a fantastic day out listening to poetry from John Agard and Carol Ann Duffy.



Primary Maths Challenge

Seven Teams from five different Primary Schools competed in the LHS Year 3 & 4 Maths Challenge solving some tricky problems. Congratulations to the winning team from Almeley Primary School.



Geography at LHS this term (13.2.20)

Year 7 have been looking at the weather in the U.K. They have looked at the different weather produced by anticyclones (areas of high pressure) and depressions (areas of low pressure), and also the effect that wind direction can have. They have also found out about the different types of rain and have produced their own cloud spotters' guide. They have also investigated the factors that affect micro climate and have applied this to the school grounds.

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>

They have calculated their own carbon footprint (http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/?_ga=1.63204844.2107092822.1452084960) and have been given suggestions for how to reduce it.

After half term they will work out what they can do at school to help reduce climate change.

Year 10 have been working through a topic on Ecosystems, including Tropical Rainforests. They have looked at the causes and consequences (local and global) of deforestation in the Amazon, and strategies for managing rainforests sustainably. They have just started to look at the eco system of hot desert environments.



Year 11 have just finished looking at the topic of World Development which they now need to go over and learn. They are just finishing a look at the changing economy in the U.K and the rise of the tertiary and quaternary sectors. This is very relevant as they start to prepare for the world of work. They also need to continue revising their work from year 10 on rivers, coasts, ecosystems, natural hazards and climate change.





The Eco group has met several times this half term.

They have asked all students to make a pledge for how they will help to improve the school environment. These will be displayed in reception and after the holiday they will start to monitor how effectively these pledges are being carried out.



They are also taking part in a Show Your Love for the Planet event in Kington on February 14th. They made a picture out of post it notes on which students had written their messages and pledges for the planet

After half term they are focusing on increasing the number of plastic bottles that are recycled at school. This has been an ongoing issue and they really want to solve the problem. They are asking for any plastic bottles used at school to be put in a special bin in the canteen so they can be washed out by volunteers. They need to ensure that bottles are emptied and that lids are removed.



*Quizzes in the Library at
Break and Lunch Time*

World Book Day 2020 5TH March



Prizes for the best costume!

LHSA

The LHSA have the Charity Shop from Wednesday March 11th for a week, any donations or offers of help will be gratefully received.



Edulink app

Everyone should be now have access to our new home school communication app. If you are yet to receive login details please get in touch with the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Half Term 17th—21st February

Wednesday 26th February Year 8 Parent's Evening

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

6th—10th March Geography Trip to Iceland

9th—14th March Science Week

Wednesday 11th March Year 7 Big Bang Trip

Wednesday 25th March Year 7 Parent's Evening

Thursday 2nd April Year 11 Reward Trip to Alton Towers

Please only use the school website for term dates.

Have a great half term!