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# LHS MATTERS

Lady Hawkins' School  
Newsletter

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## July 2021

It is natural at the end of an academic year to reflect on what has gone before. It is important to remember that we are a part of a school which has been here for centuries and those who have walked these halls before us. More importantly, we have to look to the future, which looks bright. Seeing the activities and achievements in this edition of "Matters", I am reminded of what LHS has managed to achieve during the pandemic.

The new Head Girl and Head Boy team, along with the House Leaders have some brilliant ideas for moving LHS forward next year. Let us hope that it is a less fragmented year in 2021/22 and that we can build on the great things that we, working as a team, have managed this year.

I hope that you have a safe and restful break during the Summer and look forward to working with you in September.'

**Mr P Jennings**  
Headteacher



## Library News

On the 16th June we took part in a Virtual Carnegie this year. It was different this year as normally we go to Shire Hall in Hereford for the day. We logged in while in school this time and joined over 500 other schools nationwide to find out which book won the Carnegie Medal. Our enthusiastic readers that took part were Naomi Taralunga, Charlotte Priday, Chloe Mifflin, Kennedy Crane, Bella Westlake, Will Hayes, Toby Lloyd, Cameron Cutt and Edi Goodwin.

This Year's winner was *Run Rebel* by Manjeet Mann, we were all surprised at this book been chosen as the winner, we all had our favourites, but we all enjoyed reading all eight books just as we do every year.

A big thank you to those who took part.

*Mrs Bowen.*



## LHS Dance Club

There is a new club on a Thursday lunchtime...DANCE CLUB!

I've been at LHS for 5 years now and as someone who loves to dance I can't think why I didn't do this before when we have our very own Dance Studio with a smooth wooden floor, mirrors down one wall and speakers in the ceiling...in other words, heaven!

It runs from 1.30 – 2, involves loud music (though the speakers are not that powerful!) with a good beat and pupils are welcome to come and just watch, standing or sitting as long as they do not bring in food or fizzy drinks and are respectful to those wonderful young people who dare to dance or, if they are like me, HAVE to dance when they hear a good track! There is no prescription, just to dance as they feel moved to!

It's already been a joy to dance especially with the wonderful LHS pupils these past 3 weeks and Dance Club is fast becoming one of the highlights of my week and hopefully theirs too!

*Ms Williams*



## Duke Of Edinburgh's Award



*Thank you to Mrs Richards, Mrs Cecil and Dr Edwards for helping with expedition training and assessment this term.*

*Twelve Year 10s students have completed their expedition section and are now aiming to get the remaining sections signed off to claim their full award.*

*I am very proud to write that eleven year 11 have completed the whole Bronze award and their certificates and badges will form part of their exam package on results day.*

*Thank you to everyone who has helped our students make the award scheme such a success.*

*Gary I House*



## Student Leadership Team

Huge Congratulations to Ruben Burne and Liz Woods our new Head Boy and Girl, and to Alivia Wheeler and Toby Dixon as Deputy Head Boy and Girl. We are delighted they will be representing the school over the coming year.

### Head Boy

#### Ruben Burne

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at LHS over the past 4 years, being part of this excellent community has helped me to grow and flourish. The role of Head Boy offers me the opportunity to invest some energy back into our community, help support my fellow students and represent this great school"*



### Head Girl

#### Liz Woods

*"Head girl is something I have always wanted to do and I am fortunate to have this opportunity. I wanted this role because I would like to help and support all other students to achieve an enjoyable, fulfilling school life. As head girl I am willing to listen to everyone's opinions and put them forward to make a difference. Encouraging students not to litter and help maintain the wonderful school grounds is something I would like to achieve. I also wanted the role as head girl because I enjoy representing the school and want to help students to achieve their goals. I am looking forward to welcoming the new year 7s and would like to help the whole school to work together and do the best we can do"*

## Geography at LHS this term

**Year 7** have been studying map skills and so should be able to read an Ordnance survey map which will be really useful if they go onto do the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They have also been investigating settlements and using Digimap for schools to look at the site, shape and changes to local settlements. Digimap is available for all students and parents to use and gives access to Ordnance survey maps for the whole country at any scale and for 1890 as well so is a wonderful resource. The link is <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/login> and the user name is **hr53ar** and the password is **feaves1442**

**Year 8** have been investigating Asia and India and have planned some fascinating tours. Hopefully some of them will be able to realise their plans when they start travelling the world.

**Year 9** have also been looking at Asia but have focussed on China as an example of a newly emerging economy. They have also planned some amazing tours and I hope that they too will be able to visit some of the places they found out about. Apparently there is a canyon in Kazakhstan which rivals the Grand Canyon. They have also looked at the human and environmental issues surrounding the production of tea and coffee.

**Year 10** have looked at the causes and effects of climate change and ways of managing it (mitigation and adaptation). They did this in Year 9 so should now be experts and should be putting into practice what they have learned. They have also looked at extreme weather in the UK and have tried to understand the General circulation of the atmosphere.



## Grounds appreciation

We are very fortunate at Lady Hawkins' School to have such wonderful school grounds.

Over the past few years a great deal of work has been done by a few staff and students to make the grounds even more attractive and to make greater use of them as a teaching and learning resource.

We would like to involve the whole staff, students and community to maintain what has been achieved so far and to make further improvements.

To involve students more we have introduced Grounds appreciation as a tutor time activity. Each house has been given responsibility for a particular area of the school grounds. We are hoping that they will maintain their area by weeding, watering, pruning, dead heading, planting new flowers and vegetables and keeping the area tidy and litter free. We would also like them to plan and carry out new projects to improve their area and take photos and create a portfolio to record what they have done over the year. This will be used when judging which house has made the greatest contribution to the school environment over the year. A prize will also be awarded to the person in each tutor who has made the best contribution to the project over the year. Project ideas include;-

- ◆ Plant your area using your House colour.
- ◆ Make a bee or butterfly friendly area.
- ◆ Make a sensory garden
- ◆ Make a fragrant garden
- ◆ Recreate a Victorian or Elizabethan garden.





## In Memory Of Myles Walsh written by Ms J Edwards

Myles Walsh, my first secondary school maths teacher, died on 12th May 2021. He taught at LHS from 1973 to 1990. He could appear to be a strict and imposing teacher but it was obvious to his students that he had a huge amount of humanity and kindness. His enthusiasm and knowledge of many subjects.. from languages and philosophy to science art and music gave him an holistic approach to education and he incorporated both art and music in our study of maths! He had the power and humility to change his mind in the face of reasonable argument or experience—a great quality in a teacher, neighbour and also in a father to his amazing children Hannah and Jo. His honest and fair treatment of his pupils gave him the respect of so many and his lack of favouritism got me sent to the front for talking in assembly but didn't stop him giving a wry smile when I went up for some sort of award a few minutes later. There are lots of lovely comments on the LHS ex pupils facebook page.

“RIP Sir. I have you to thank for my maths ‘O’ level. Will never forget you singing Starry Starry Night in Assembly”





## LHS Girls Cricket

It has been another fantastic year of cricket for our LHS girls. The girls have been training every week with Mr Dinsdale in the Summer Term. The training paid off for the U15 girls who are, once again, Herefordshire Champions. The U15s competed in the Lady Taverners Competition in June and convincingly won every game. Most impressively, the LHS girls bowled Cathedral 'A' all out for 19 runs, with Grace clean bowling 3 in one over, and our players scoring the winning runs in just three overs! This team have now won the competition three times in a row. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the opportunity to represent Herefordshire in the West Midlands finals at Edgbaston has not been held for the last two years. Our girls were then looking forward to competing in the Herefordshire Cricket Board Cup in July but no other schools were able to enter teams to compete against. Not to be outdone, two games were arranged against Herefordshire County teams, only for the U13s having to cancel their game due COVID self-isolation.

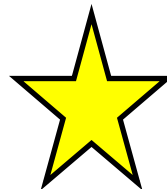
The LHS girls played a fantastic game of cricket against the best Herefordshire County girls in the last week of term. Having lost the toss, the LHS girls were put in to bat first. Grace and Sarah put together a brilliant 62 run first wicket stand and Emily smashed the ball around the park (including a huge 6). LHS ended on 126 off 20 overs.

Our girls bowled and fielded brilliantly. In a very exciting finish, and with just two balls remaining, the Herefordshire County girls won. So close and our girls did so well against the County girls!



## Heads Of House

Introducing our new Heads of House, Ms Staton who is Head of Hergest and Arrow, and Miss Player who is Head of Vaughan and Tattimore, They are based in the Library Block in Room 25.



Following on from Vaughan's Victory on Team Building Day they have lots of exciting events planned including an inter house dance competition!





# LH SA

Lady Hawkins'  
School Association



## Second Hand Uniform

LHS has a selection of good quality second hand uniform including PE kit available to buy in reception. All proceeds will be going to the LHSA to support projects that benefit all LHS pupils. Any donations of second hand uniform will be gratefully received.





## **Term Dates**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term**

### **Start dates for September**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September— New Year 7 students**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September—Year 10 & 11 students return \*\***

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September—Year 8 & 9 students return \*\***

**9am start for those students on public transport and 11.30am for those who walk or are driven to school**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Teacher Education Day (No Students)**

**Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup>—Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Lunchtime finish**

### **Spring Term 2022**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January—Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup>—Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Summer Term**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April—Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Half Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May—Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**