

LHS MATTERS

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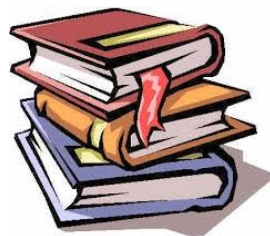
Another edition of LHS Matters, packed full of incredible achievements.

This half term has seen Year 11 students start their GCSE exams and now they begin their study leave before their final exams. We wish all our Year 11 the best of luck with their exams and hope they all achieve what they need for their next steps in September.

There has also been some amazing sporting achievements from students across the school, just showing how we may be one of the smaller schools in Herefordshire but we can still compete and win against much bigger schools.



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Sporting news

The start of the summer term welcomes the Rounders, Cricket, and Athletics competitions. It is great to have much better weather where the students can be outside, on the grass and play summer sports.

Athletics

Year 7 and 9 have participated in the friendly super 8's athletics competition at Weobley this term. Super 8's involves a team of 8 boys and 8 girls to compete in 1 track and 1 field event each, finished with a team relay. The students thoroughly enjoyed this competition and feel prepared for sports day in the next half term. Unfortunately, year 8's super 8's competition was rained off, but with the district minor athletics competition fast approaching, they will soon get an opportunity to compete in their favourite events.



There is also sports day to look forward to at the end of the academic year.

Rounders



KS3 girls have been busy playing rounders on Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday nights at club and fixtures against Weobley and Wigmore. Although these are only friendly games, it has been great to welcome the year 7s to rounders club and seen their skills develop from lessons into club on a Tuesday afternoon.

Also, Well done to the U16 rounders team who played at Whitecross on Wednesday 10th May. Due to the busy exam time, they were short of a few players, however still had an enjoyable time at their last fixture for the School.

Cricket

Well done to the mixture of year 7 – 10 girls and boys who represented LHS at the cricket cup competition on Tuesday 16th May against John Kurl. Although, just losing the win, it was an excellent game and great to see a big mixture of students from all year groups. There was excellent bowling, batting, and fielding from the team, and they should look forward to their next game in the plate competition.



Our LHS U15 girls are Herefordshire Cricket Champions again after winning all their games yesterday (beating Fairfield, Kingstone and Bishops). Their victories were very impressive, especially as the LHS team is composed of girls from Year 8 to 10 and the other schools had all Year 10s. All of the girls were outstanding in their attitude and play - a great team! They are now off to Edgbaston in July to compete for the Midlands regional title.



The U13 cricket girls are Herefordshire champions after winning all of their games yesterday (beating Fairfield, Bishops, Kingstone and Whitecross). Edgbaston next in the Midlands regional finals!

The girls played brilliantly and showed excellent team spirit throughout.



After May half term, the competitions and fixtures continue in Rounders, Cricket, and Athletics. Please see the sport timetable by the sports hall for the fixture timetable.

Farewell and Good Luck



As we have come to this time of year once again, we would like to take the time to wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck for their exams. Their 5 years at LHS have not been without challenges, with Covid striking and everyone having to adapt to online learning, but this just highlighted how resilient they all are.

We will miss all of them and know that they all have bright futures ahead.



DofE Garden Party

Gary House, was formally invited to Buckingham palace to a garden party, in aid of service to DofE. Gary has recently retired after 40 years as a DofE manager and has guided many of our students through their DofE course through the years. HRH gave a speech at one of the 'satellite stages' and they were all offered a DofE mug and muffin at the tea tent.

Congratulations Gary and thank you for your many years of service.



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 9:15am through the Edulink app, email to absence@lhs.hereford.sch.uk or by phone 230441
- We aren't able to accept a message passed via a sibling or another student.

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).

If your child is absent and you have not made contact with us by 9.15am, we:

- will telephone or message you via Edulink if we have not heard from you – this is because we have a duty to ensure your child's safety as well as their regular school attendance
- may invite you in to discuss the situation at an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM)
- will refer the matter to the Herefordshire Council if there are 10 or more unauthorised absences, this equates to 5 school days as there are 2 sessions in each day. We may also refer the matter to Herefordshire Council where there are continued unauthorised absences.

For more information please refer to the Lady Hawkins' School Attendance Policy which can be found on our website.



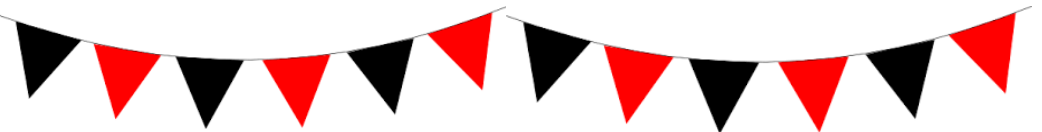
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Second Hand Uniform

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

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Year 11 GCSE exams

16th May - 20th June 2023

Year 10 Mock exams

5th June - 26th June 2022

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 6th September - Year 7 & 11 students only

Thursday 7th September - All students back in school

End of term - Thursday 21st December 2023

Teacher Training day Thursday 28th September

Half Term Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 9th January - Friday 22nd March 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Please only use the term dates published on our school website as other sites may be incorrect