

# LAKELANDS NEWS

Lakelands Academy

## A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are half-way through the very short, busy Spring Term, and already there has been so much to celebrate here at Lakelands. *School of Rock* was a wonderfully entertaining school show, packed with catchy songs and unforgettable performances; the January Arthog trip was a great success – our Year 9s were a credit to the academy; the recent Operating Theatre Live visit was a fantastic (but stomach-churning...) opportunity for students who might be interested in a career in surgery; and one of our Year 9 students, Josh Millington, was recently recognised as an innovative thinker, winning the runners up prize in the Shropshire Young Thinkers Competition, for his outstanding eco-friendly invention. At Lakelands, we place great value on the employability skills of the future, such as creative thinking and problem solving – essential for our young people to thrive in the jobs market of the future.

One of the challenges we face is in our rapidly changing world is, of course, the widespread growth of smart devices and social media. This has brought great challenges with it; for this reason, it is vital that schools raise awareness of online safety. To this end, we celebrated Safer Internet Day on 6 February, during which many of our students made pledges about aspects of their online life that they would change to make the Internet a safer place to be. These colourful pledges are displayed in Reception. On the UK Safer Internet site, there is excellent advice for parents and carers on keeping their child safe online: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>. It's well worth downloading the Parents and Carers Pack.

Now that Lent is upon us, it's a good time to be thinking about what things we might give up to make life better. One of these might well be excessive use of mobile devices and social media, considering there is now very strong evidence that it can have an adverse effect on the mental wellbeing of young people. It would be worth having a conversation with your son / daughter about this, to ensure that the online social arena does not get in the way of a healthy lifestyle and effective work habits. This is of particularly great importance to our Year 11 students at this crucial time; any distractions from regular, ongoing revision, need to be removed, as there are only a few weeks until the GCSE exams begin. I have every confidence that they will rise to the challenge and strive to meet their full potential in all their subjects.

Hope you all have a lovely Half-Term break.

Mr. Pyburn

Acting Headteacher

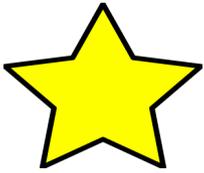
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# February 2018 REWARDS



## Cassie Edwards

for outstanding effort in lessons, being a good citizen, getting involved in charity work and representing the school at a number of events: Open Evening, the Interhouse Basketball Competition, Under 13 Girls Football Competition at SJT and Rugby Taster Session at Oswestry Rugby Club.

### Faculty **SUPERSTAR** Awards - voted by faculty staff members

**ENGLISH** KS3 - Alfie Griffiths 8N  
KS4 - George Gooding 11N

**MATHS** KS3 - Oliver Holmes 8N  
KS4 - Chelsea Williams 11N

#### CREATIVE ARTS

**Music** KS3 - Neela Sobczak 8C  
KS4 - Rhys Barkley 10B

**Art** KS3 - Amelia Coburn 8C  
KS4 - David Jones 10C

**Graphics** KS3 - Rosie Garvin 7C  
KS4 - Tom Clarke 10C

**Food** KS3 - Emily Tinsley-Edwards 8B  
KS4 - Ellie Bayliss 11C

**Drama** KS3 - Alfie Griffiths 8N  
KS4 - Hannah Roberts 9N

**IT** KS3 - Jack Squire 7B  
KS4 - Max Brindle 11W

**SCIENCE** KS3 - Oliver Holmes 8N  
KS3 - Neela Sobczak 8C

**Physics** KS4 - Joe Townsend 9N

**Chemistry** KS4 - Ellie Bayliss 11C

**Biology** KS4 - Cameron Prendergast 11W

**PE** KS3 - Pim Williams 8C  
KS4 - Rebecca Dunn 11C

#### WORLD STUDIES

**MFL** KS3 - JJ Rippon 7N  
KS4 - Jacob Griffiths 11B

**Geography** KS3 - Gabriella Edge 7N  
KS4 - Bethany Pickett 10N

**History** KS3 - Mary Wilson 8C  
KS4 - Bethany Sinclair 11C

**RE** KS3 - Gabriella Winterbottom 8C  
KS4 - Chloe Wilson 11N



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## Hannah Shakeshaft

For overcoming critical illness and returning to school with an extraordinary determination to succeed; representing the academy at cross-country, swimming gala, and helping with the Headteacher interviews.



### ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Winning Forms		Individual Winners	
YEAR 7	<b>WHITEMERE</b>	YEAR 7	Harry Ankers
			Cassie Edwards
YEAR 8	<b>NEWTONMERE</b>	YEAR 8	Ewan Jones
			Emily Marsh
YEAR 9	<b>NEWTONMERE</b>	YEAR 9	Joshua Smith
			Lucy Jones
YEAR 10	<b>COLEMERE</b>	YEAR 10	Thomas Clarke
			Ella Griffiths
YEAR 11	<b>COLEMERE</b>	YEAR 11	Archie Adams
			Briony Craddock

OVERALL WINNER

**NEWTONMERE**



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# Lakelands School of Rock

During January Lakelands Academy students performed the fantastic Andrew Lloyd Webber, hit Broadway musical *School of Rock*, in 3 evening performances to the public and one matinee performance to local Primary Schools.

The musical performances, starring and being technically supported by students from across the whole Academy, depicted an out-of-work rock singer and guitarist who pretends to be a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. After identifying the musical talent in his students, he forms a band of students, in an attempt to win the upcoming Battle of the Bands contest.

Lakelands rehearsals for the production began back in May 2017 and students made an incredible commitment to this year's whole school production. Students diligently attended lunchtime and after school rehearsals as well as 2 full Sunday dress rehearsals which culminated in 4 exceptional performances showcasing their incredible performing talents.

Year 11 student Becky Dunn who played one of the lead characters said *"This play was so much fun, everyone involved was so supportive. I loved every minute."*

*"I really loved the parts I played"* said Year 11 student Harry Davies *"I love playing personalities very different from my own and I loved the comedy in this play."*

Amelia Coburn in Year 8 agreed *"The performance was always funny and it was great fun to be a part of"* and Lucy Martin in year 10 *"I love acting and I love being a part of the school production they are always really good fun"*.

*"This is the third but last whole school production I've been involved in and this is the one I enjoyed doing the most."* Said Archie Adams

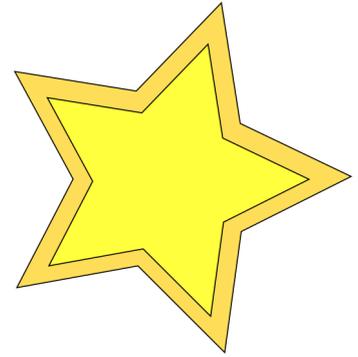
Lucy Othen in year 8 commented *"it was nice to perform in front of people I knew"* and James Mewett in year 10 agreed *"I love working in a group and representing the Academy but it's even better when family and friends come to see it."*

Year 8 student Lottie Roberts said *"I really enjoyed all of the singing parts and I will definitely be auditioning for next year's production."*

*"It was so nice to see such a strong, supportive bond being created between the various year groups of our students. They worked so well together and created a fantastic production."* Said Miss Davie.

Lakelands Head of Creative Arts and Drama teacher, Karen Williams said *"I couldn't be prouder of this year's fantastic cast and crew who have worked so brilliantly together to create an Absolute triumph of a performance."*





## Young Thinker Josh Millington

Lakelands Academy Year 9 student Josh Millington took the runners up prize when he was placed second out of all of the entries received in the Nation Shropshire Young thinkers' award ceremony on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

During November 2017, Lakelands Academy students were invited to enter the Shropshire Young Thinkers Competition, to invent an idea to help the world. Within this first round against his school mates, Year 9 students Josh Millington came first, with his incredible idea for an eco-friendly 'Hot Hands', all in one bike system.

Josh's invention incorporating a dynamo system as the power supply, would be economically sourced from recycled materials. His design details how a bike would power a phone with a car charger, 2 other USB ports, lights, heated seats and heated handlebar grips.

Josh described his idea as "cheap, reliable and easy to fit on any bike, so universal. There isn't anything else out there like this, that is all-in-one."

"Dad and I are starting to actually make it! It would be really cool if one day, someone actually produced it for us."

From over a thousand entries, from finalists from various schools in Shropshire, Josh's Invention was selected in the top 10 which earned him a place at the final held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, at The University Centre in Shrewsbury, where he presented his idea personally, to the judging panel.

Not only has this wonderful, hardworking student attained this amazing achievement, he has also been approached by individuals interested in buying the rights to his 'Hot Hands' invention!

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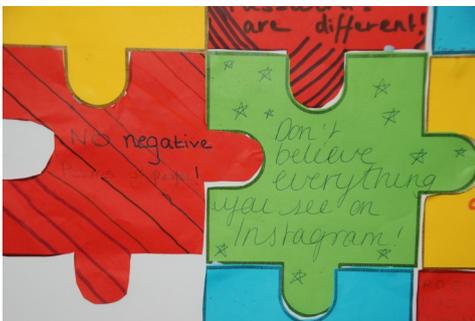
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# Safer Internet Day

The Internet and social media can be a tough place for young people at times.

As part of Safer Internet Day we asked our pupils to write down one area of their online behaviour they could change to make the Internet a better, safer place.

These pledges were written onto "jigsaw pieces" and placed on display in the Academy's reception to remind pupils of their promises and to show how they can build a better Internet if they work together.



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# Students bringing Mobile Telephones in to the Academy

As from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 students will no longer be able to leave their mobile phones in reception.

Should you choose to let your child bring their phone in to the Academy, please make sure that they know that they must take **COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY** for it. Academy insurance will not cover any loss or damage which may occur during the school day.

All phones must be switched off and placed in students' bags **from the time they arrive on site** until the time they **leave** at the end of their school day.

**Under no circumstances are phones to be used at any point during the school day.**

If students are found using phones, these will be confiscated and given to the Achievement Team, who will decide – on a case by case basis – when they will be returned.

We recognise that for safety reasons, many students need to be able to communicate with parents/carers outside of school hours, so phones can be brought into school. However, we would be very grateful if parents/carers could emphasise that for the **protection and wellbeing of students and staff during the school day**, this privilege must not be abused.



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**Please make a Note of :  
Remaining School Term  
And  
Holiday Dates  
For  
2017/2018**

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**AUTUMN TERM**  
5th September -  
21st December

**Half Term:**  
23rd - 27th October

**Christmas Holidays:**  
22nd Dec - 7th Jan  
PD Day-8th Jan

**SPRING TERM**  
9th January - 29th  
March

**Half Term:**  
19th - 23rd February

**Easter Holiday:**  
30th March - 13th April

**SUMMER TERM**  
16th April - 20th July

**Half Term:** 28th May -  
1st June

**SCHOOL SHOP**  
direct

01743 440449  
info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk

Black skirt (knee length) or black tailored trousers

Striped Tie

Black V-neck Sweatshirt  
(with embroidered school badge)

Black or grey socks or black or flesh coloured tights

*Keep your shirts tucked in and  
your ties done up!*

**Year 11**  
**Parents' Evening**  
**Thursday February**  
**15th**

**4.30pm - 7.00pm**

There will be a range of revision resources on sale that evening, including revision stationery and subject revision guides.

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# Lakelands students experience the Arthog Adventure 2018

During the last week of January, 28 Year 9 students, embarked on our Lakelands, annual trek to Arthog Outward Education Centre in North Wales. The students enjoyed an incredible week long adventure filled with climbing, raft building, gorge walking, canoeing, mountain biking and mountain walking. It was January, so yes it did rain, a lot! But the incredible kit provided by Arthog kept them well equipped so spirits were rarely dampened and the piping hot showers on their return and the hearty meals, were always fantastic.

*Cameron Dann said "The best bit was climbing the mountain and navigating the lake. I hated it when we began but now I'm really pleased we did it and I would love to do it again."*

*"I was really proud to climb to the top of the rock face. I wasn't even sure I wanted to do climbing at first" Said Felicity Caldwell, "and as a team everyone was really supportive in the Gorge walk, you felt you could really trust them."*

Josh Millington felt *"all the activities were really well organised and good fun"*.

*"It was really cold and wet but all of it was good fun" said Sion Smith, "The mountain biking was the best"*.

The Lakelands students not only gained new skills and experiences out in the wilds of Wales but also took on many personal challenges and excelled in their peer support and their own self-reliance and fortitude. Compliments from both Arthog staff and other schools sharing the centre with them, gave testament to their outstanding manners and cheerful enthusiasm and the Lakelands staff supporting the trip, whole heartedly agreed.

*"This was a fantastic experience for both students and staff, teaching our students not only new skills but also encouraging them to work together and include everyone." Said Miss Taylor-Williams*

*"Some of the challenges our students are presented with at Arthog in both the activities and in living in close quarters together for the week, can be very taxing both physically and mentally but this year we also had to contend with almost constant downpours of rain and some very cold conditions. However, this year's group took everything on with cheerful humour and enthusiasm and provided incredible support to each other, I was enormously impressed with all of them." Commented Mrs Milford.*

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# Arthog 2018



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# Operating Theatre Live at North Shropshire College Careers Week

10 enthusiastic and strong stomached Year 10 Lakelands Students, were invited to the North Shropshire College Operating Theatre Live event, giving students a real life experience of working in a Medical Theatre and a taste of what it would be like to do this as a future career. The day was delivered by Samuel Piri, a UK leading anatomist and teacher, who provides the only portable operating theatre allowing learners the chance to work on real organs, which are harvested from pigs to provide a realistic anatomy for the learners to work on.

After being led through the strict hygiene procedures of an operating theatre, each person was kitted out with a theatre gown, hat, face mask and a stethoscope and

with some careful instruction, students were able to take on the surgical tasks.

Using organs from pigs the participants had, literally, hands on experience of the workings of the various organ systems of the human body. They handled complete

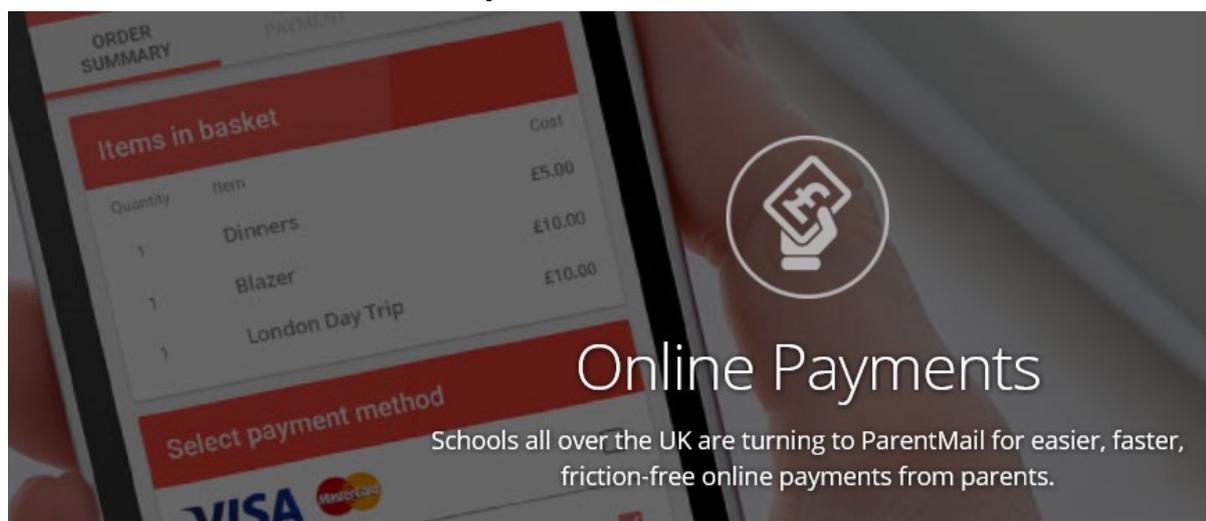
nervous, digestive and circulatory systems. For each system a detailed explanation was given about how each organ functioned within that particular system. Some of the many highlights were the heart transplant which involved the complete removal of a heart and then sewing in a replacement, cutting open the larynx to intubate the lungs (which the instructor inflated to prove the task had been carried out successfully) and the removal of a brain and an eye (complete with the optic nerve).



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## ParentMail & ParentPay

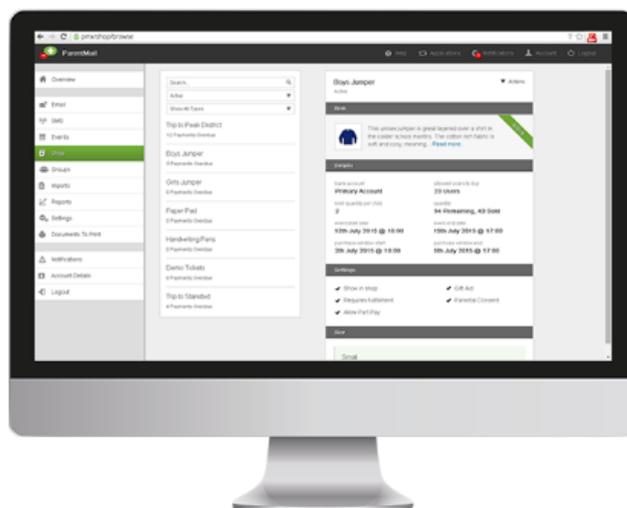
### Lakelands Academy launches an electronic payment system for parents/carers



Lakelands Academy are going to be introducing ParentPay which is an element of ParentMail which is currently used. ParentPay will allow electronic payments to be made for a multitude of items including school dinners, trips, transport and other items including learning resources and stationery.

This system will;

- ⇒ Inform you by email when payments need to be made.
- ⇒ Allow you to pay using a mobile phone or computer.
- ⇒ Let you check dinner money balances and see what your son/daughter has been eating.



Don't panic! No one is going to be forced into any changes, this product is to add flexibility for those who wish to make payments in ways other than cash or cheque and prefer not to come into the academy or send money with their son or daughter.

Parents can pay for items using the option which best suits them – From friction free payments with PayPal to topping up with the week shop via PayPoint, you, the parent/carer are in control.

#### **When is this being setup?**

Initial set up will take a little time and the academy will notify parents and students when this is in place and ready to use.

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# Attention All Parents!

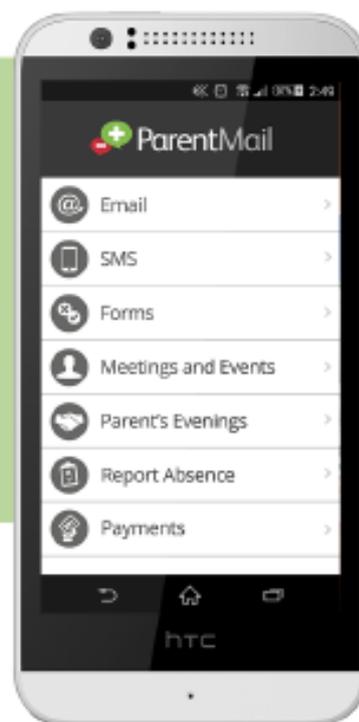


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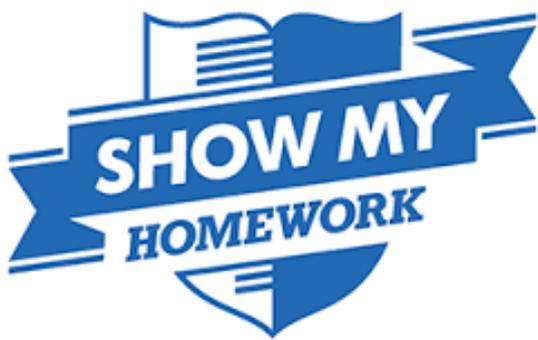
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# Ban on the sale of energy drinks to under 16's

Most major supermarkets will be banning the sale of energy drinks to children under the age of 16 from March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

We have not allowed this type of drink for many years in school. In support of this, please do highlight to your children that Tesco and the other local shops will not be selling the drinks to them.

Polite notice  
Please refrain from walking dogs on the school premises



**PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK SHOW MY HOMEWORK. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN HANDED IN.**



Lakelands Academy and Susie Q have teamed up to bring a Zumba group to the local community on Thursday evenings 6.00-7.00pm. Sessions cost £4.00 each. Class available for 16 years +.

Term time only



For a full list of all the classes we have available and events going on in the Academy please visit <http://lakelandsacademy.schoolbookings.co.uk/>. To book any of our available spaces please click on the 'Enquire Now' button on the top right of the page.

## GYMNASTICS CLUB



Lakelands Academy Gymnastics classes every Friday during term time, run by Border Counties Gymnastics.

Places are available for students aged 4 years & 6 months - 10 years old.

Classes are 4:30 - 5:15pm, 5:15 - 6:00pm. Please contact the Academy on 01691 627039 to book a place.

Term time only