

LAKELANDS NEWS

Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that my first half term as Head of Lakelands is nearly over! I cannot believe how quickly it has flown, and how much has been packed into the last six weeks. Before I go any further, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to the many of you who have taken the time to wish me well. Believe me, I'm very aware what a privilege I've been given, and I promise to work tirelessly to justify your faith in me.

I'm sure by now you will have heard the wonderful news about our successful bid to the Education Funding Agency. We have been allocated £655,000 to build a full size All Weather Pitch, and to re-locate all of our pastoral and support resources into a 'Well-being hub'. Work has already begun, and should be complete by the end of 2018.

Year 11s are now well into their GCSE written exams and I want to applaud them (quietly of course!) for all the resilience, hard work and sheer determination they have shown over the last two years. The new style GCSEs *are* extremely challenging, but our Year 11s have risen to that challenge, and they deserve every success. We're all very proud of them, and can only remind them now to 'keep calm and carry on'!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching and support staff, who have put their heart and soul into the last two years (three for Maths or English - the first new qualifications to 'go live'). Behind the scenes they have shown a steely determination to do whatever it takes to make the new courses accessible and enjoyable, and I'm very grateful to them all. They've all been prepared to 'go the extra mile', providing support, revision sessions and mentoring to help in the preparation process. It's really been a team effort.

When Year 11 return from the Half-Term Break, their normal timetable will be suspended to allow for a schedule of revision lessons, designed to

help them prepare for the remaining examinations. A comprehensive timetable has been issued to them all. However, there really is no substitute for independent preparation at home, so I urge Year 11 to make the most of the half term break. Obviously, there needs to be some relaxation and fun built in to their schedule, but they need to remember that a smart investment of time **now**, will pay dividends in **August**. As parents/carers, I'm sure you're feeling the pressure of supporting your son/daughter (I remember it well) and I thank you for the vital role you're playing in the ongoing partnership between home and school.

The creative musical talents of our students were put on display for all to appreciate at our recent Music Showcase event, which was very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by those who came. In a changing educational landscape, it's so important that we remember the value of Creative Arts, and how opportunities to perform help develop young peoples' confidence. I'm always amazed at the talent we have within the academy.

Lakelands students of the future had the opportunity to unleash their mathematical potential at the recent Maths primary collaboration event. Year 5s spent a morning with our Maths specialists to discover everything there is to know about the cube!

There are more primary events to come in the next half-term – and of course, we will be welcoming our new intake in July.

I wish all those involved in the Half-Term Duke of Edinburgh Expedition a very enjoyable time – keep safe, one and all. Thank you for your continued support of Lakelands. Have a lovely Half-term Break.

Sophy Bellis (Head teacher)

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LAKELANDS ACADEMY AWARDED £655,000 TO CREATE A HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB AND CONSTRUCT A FULL SIZE ALL WEATHER SPORTS PITCH

Following a successful funding bid, awarded earlier this year, work will commence in July to refurbish internal accommodation to create a Health and Wellbeing Hub and construct a full size all weather sports pitch on the school field. Once planning permission is in place we can press on with work which we hope, weather permitting will be completed early November.



Mrs Bellis, Head teacher, says “Having the right facilities is fundamental in the delivery of our vision, which aims to establish a physical and wellbeing hub which can benefit the community as well as our own students. Our passion is to inspire, enthuse and encourage physical and mental well-being in the young people within our community and beyond.”

The academy is delighted to have received this substantial funding sum which offers us a unique opportunity to create the excellent sporting facilities needed to develop sporting opportunities for everyone - from the youngest beginner to the international class athlete - optimising the opportunities available for academy students and the wider community.





March 2018 REWARDS



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

ENGLISH KS3 - Oliver Roberts - 8N
KS4 - Marc Thornton - 10B

MATHS KS3 - Caitlin Harris - 8N
KS4 - Tim Mytton - 11B

CREATIVE ARTS

Music KS3 - Lucy Othen - 8W
KS4 - Celina Wells - 10W

Art KS3 - Jasmine Carr - 8W
KS4 - Eve Whitby - 9W

Graphics KS3 - Xavier Marriot - 7C
KS4 - Alex Hill - 9C

Food KS3 - Olivia Mooney - 8W
KS4 - Millie McBride - 11N

Drama KS3 - Maddie Bean - 7C
KS4 - Hollie Marsh - 10N

IT KS3 - Olivia Mooney - 8W
KS4 - James Mewett - 10C

SCIENCE KS3 - Cameron Yiu - 8B
KS3 - Lottie Roberts - 8W

Physics KS4 - Alden Alexander - 10N

Chemistry KS4 - Isobel Jones - 10W

Biology KS4 - Harriet Pope - 10C

PE KS3 - Darcey Greenaway - 8C
KS4 - Emily Sweeney - 9W

WORLD STUDIES

MFL KS3 - Melissa Hughes - 8W
KS4 - Hollie Marsh - 10N

Geography KS3 - Tom Staley - 8B

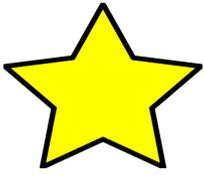
KS4 - Tom Hopton - 9N

History KS3 - Mary Wilson - 8C

KS4 - Sarina Bitomsky - 10B

RE KS3 - Olivia Bell - 8W

KS4 - Jamie Lobb - 9B



February 2018 REWARDS



Josh Millington - 9N

One of only 27 Shropshire students chosen to represent the UK in this summer's Scouting International Jamboree in the USA. A huge credit to him and we're all very proud!



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Winning Forms		Individual Winners	
YEAR 7	COLEMERE	YEAR 7	ALFIE DAVIES
			MADELEINE SLACK
YEAR 8	COLEMERE	YEAR 8	JOSHUA MORGAN
			FFION JARVIS
YEAR 9	NEWTONMERE	YEAR 9	JOSHUA SMITH
			AMY MARCHANT
YEAR 10	COLEMERE	YEAR 10	LUKE ELSON
			LAYLA MAE WILLIAMS
YEAR 11	COLEMERE	YEAR 11	WILLIAM AUSTIN
			EMMA-LEIGH ADAMS

OVERALL WINNER

COLEMERE





HEAD BOY
James Mewett



HEAD GIRL
Mackenzie Cullen



DEPUTY HEAD BOYS
Matthew Sherry
& Leo Slack



DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS
Amy Jeffries
& Harriet Pope



In a time honoured Lakelands ritual, as Year 11 prefects turn their thoughts away from their duties and towards exams, Year 10s discover which of their peers have been elected to take their place. We're delighted to announce that Mackenzie Cullen and James Mewett have been elected as our new Head Girl and Head Boy. Both scored very highly in both staff and student voting, and the announcement of their election has been received with pleasure across the academy. Mackenzie and James will be ably supported by their deputies, Harriet Pope and Amy Jefferies, and Leo Slack and Matthew Sherry. We send our congratulations to them, and to all the new prefects.

Lakelands Academy Silver Duke of Edinburgh students enjoy a glorious start to their Expeditions

Lakelands Academy Year 10 students, embarking upon the Expedition section of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, enjoyed the opportunity to take up their mountain bike and canoe training in the sweltering weather experienced over the bank holiday weekend.

Already having attained their Bronze DofE awards and being experienced in hiking expeditions at this level, the students have now taken up the challenge of learning the skills needed for a combined mountain bike, hike and canoe expedition.

"This was a totally different skill set from a normal leisure bike ride, concentrating on skills for a variety of terrains and bike maintenance. Even the experienced bikers gained a great deal from the training," stated DofE Leader and Head of Science & PE at Lakelands Academy, Mr Smallbone.

Student Leo Slack was really glad to have the opportunity to practice and prepare with the equipment they would be using for the actual expeditions "It was good to get used to the bike trailers and learn the techniques needed to connect them to the bikes."

Phoebe Townsend agreed, "I knew how to ride a bike and paddle a canoe but it was great to learn the specific techniques and rescue skills we may need for our expeditions."

The canoe training took the students out onto The Mere and the bike training, saw them traversing the outer areas of the Cremorne Gardens in Ellesmere. The training includes the manoeuvring, navigation, technical repair, kit storage and rescue techniques needed to undertake their two, three day expeditions coming up in June and July.

All of the students agreed the training had been particularly enjoyable because of the great weather and are really looking forward to the actual expeditions but they don't mind if the weather isn't quite so spectacular, as Isobel Jones defined "It's just not a true DofE adventure, if it doesn't rain a bit".



Lakelands Academy Year 9 students explore Shropshire's Field to Fork Festival

Year 9 Triple Science Students were invited to attend Harper Adams University on Friday 27th April for a student preview of Shropshire's Field to Fork Festival.

The Festival celebrated a whole host of STEM topics based on food, from sustainable and futuristic farming methods through to attitudes and trends in food products and packaging. Students had the opportunity to see and interact with a host of events and activities including: participating in sensory food tests, milking a cow, flying drones used in collecting field and crop data, tasting bug packed protein bars, exploring the benefits of hydroponics and a bee dissection. They also had the opportunity to explore the Harper Adams University Campus and gain advice on university life and courses.

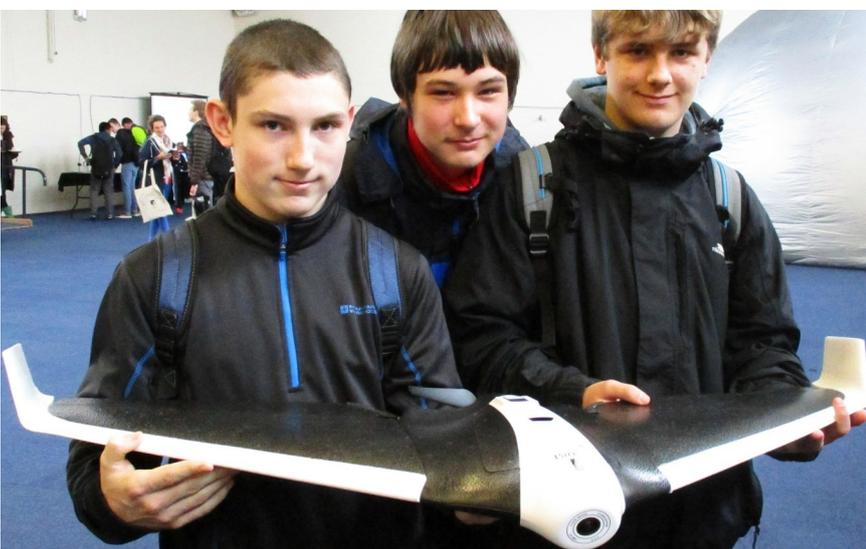
Mary Mosey particularly enjoyed the huge array of different activities on offer, "I really enjoyed the festival, there were loads of topics I didn't know where even a part of the food process."

Hannah Roberts agreed, "I now know a lot more about how food is tested and what other things are involved in making foods."

One of the activities was a bee dissection run by the Science lecturers. "The bee dissection was amazing. It was great to be able to use their science equipment. You could see incredible detail in the microscopes", said Josh Millington

"The talk, giving us reasons as to why we should go to University was really interesting and has definitely given me more information for the future," said David Griffith.

Head of Science Faculty, Josh Smallbone, found the festival had a good array of topics to inspire his future GCSE Triple Science students. "Harper's Field to Fork festival was a huge success and our students really loved it. There was certainly a great buzz about the bee dissection. We look forward to



Show Jumping Success for Aimee

Having successfully competed at local show jumping events, Year 7 Lakelands Academy Student Aimee Davies was selected to compete at both of this year's Pony of The Year Show and Blue Chip Show Jumping competitions.

Aimee, who is trained by her Mum, has been riding for many years. She and her 9 year old horse, Daisy have been concentrating and entering local competitions for the last year in show jumping, where they qualified to enter the Pony of the Year Show in March and then the Blue Chip Championships in April.

"These were my first big shows," said Aimee. "The Blue Chip Championships, was particularly scary because there was such a lot of people watching."

"Daisy and I did really well. We didn't get any awards but I'm really proud of her. This gave us fantastic experience which will make me more confident for the bigger shows in the future."

"We are now getting ready to compete in the stepping stones class at Church Farm." Well done Aimee! We're really proud of your achievements.



Owl Rescue

During the morning journey to school, Year 9 student Cameron Milford rescued a Tawny Owl, helping it avoid a potentially tragic end in the middle of the A495 Ellesmere Road.

Cameron spotted the Tawny Owl, cowering in the middle of the road. "It was obviously dazed and it appeared to have an injury to its eye". He managed to wrap the Tawny Owl very gently in his PE T-shirt to minimise its distress and took it to the staff at the Blakemere Veterinary Centre in Ellesmere, who were happy to help him with the wounded bird. They were able to contact Amy Dulson, a local bird of prey owner, who was able to take a look at the owl and take it in while it recovered from its injuries.

"Birds like this can often still die, from the shock of being handled by humans." Amy advised "unless a bird is obviously injured, like this one, or with broken legs or wings, it is better to tuck it gently under a hedge or somewhere similar to let it recover on its own. Often the birds are just dazed and recover quite quickly and then fly off again."

Amy, who is well versed in rearing, handling and hunting with birds of prey, surmised that the bird had probably flown into a high sided vehicle. The female Tawny Owl had damaged her eye, which Amy had been cleaning and treating and reported that she was now becoming quite aggressive" a good indicator that she is well on the road to recovery and ready to be released."

In the next few days, Amy hopes to release the Tawny Owl close to the area where she was found.



Congratulations to four Kettlemere Students who have completed Asdan Awards and Qualifications: Amy Marchant Bronze Award, Oscar Wheeldon Fenn Silver Award, Jack Hayward and Alex Hardy, COPE Level 1



Jess & Abbie Kershaw have now made it to the Worcester Region, Centre of Excellence for Rugby

Lakelands Academy Year 11 students, Abbie & Jess Kershaw have now been invited to join the Worcester Centre of Excellence for Rugby.

Abbie and Jess have been playing for Oswestry Rugby Team and playing County Rugby, for Cheshire and now the North Midlands, for the last three years. Resulting from their performance in recent County matches, a number of girls, including Jess and Abbie were selected and invited to attend this seasons Centre of Excellence calendar of camps and training events for the Worcester region.

Abbie said "I'm really pleased to have gained a place. They 're going to be able to train us to a higher skill level which I hope is going to really help me further develop my game." Jess agreed, "Playing with higher level players is going to test us, we're going to play much harder games and really help us develop our skills."

The girls have now attended the first of their training events. "The instructors were really friendly but really pushed us," said Jess, "We were concentrating on enhancing our passing and receiving skills and spatial awareness."

"I'm really looking forward to the rest of this year's calendar of training" said Abbie. "We're really lucky and very grateful to get this extra training from these amazing instructors."



Lakelands Academy School Production raises money for Cancer Research

Lakelands Academy Students have raised £245 for Cancer Research UK, from the ticket sales of their last school production.

Lakelands Academy have a long tradition of presenting an annual whole school production, where students from all year groups perform a number of matinee and evening performances for family, friends and the local community. The students involved in this year's January performance of School of Rock, chose to donate £1 from each of the tickets sold, towards their nominated charity, Cancer Research UK.

The thank you letter from Trudy Stammer, Head of Cancer research UK Volunteer Fundraising, asked that their warmest thanks be passed along to all who helped raise such a great amount and that the monies could well be going to fund tiny glowing particles that illuminate cells like fluorescent beacons for scientists studying cancer at a miniscule level and lab timers that keep scientists on track, finding out what makes a cancer cell tick.

"The amount of time and effort our students put into our school productions is always incredible and it's very gratifying to see their incredible efforts showcased during the performances. The additional thoughtfulness in donating these monies to Cancer research UK is another credit to them all." Said Head of Creative Arts and Technology Faculty, and Drama Teacher, Mrs Williams.

Lakelands students are now auditioning and rehearsing towards for their next whole school production of Labyrinth, famously produced and performed by Jim Henson and David Bowie, which will be performed during November.



CrossFit Competition

Emily Sweeney recently participated in a worldwide competition called the CrossFit Open, an online competition where you submit videos of your workouts.

She competed in the 14-15 Rx'd category and after 5 workouts was placed 156th worldwide (90th percentile), 12th in Europe (89th percentile) and 7th in Britain.

A few weeks ago, she also competed in a live competition called Battle of Britain in Birmingham, and came second in the final and third overall. Emily is due to take part in the Superhuman Games in two weeks' time and then British Teen Championships in July.

"I love CrossFit", Emily said "I train six days a week for about 3-4 hours each time at Basecamp with my coaches Danni and James Evans. It's increased my confidence, encourages self-discipline and I'm really proud of what I've achieved - the best is yet to come!"



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



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



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!

Tesco support Lakelands exam students with brain food

Lakelands Academy would like to thank Tesco, Ellesmere, who are once again providing Lakelands Academy Year 11, exam students with a healthy fruit breakfast to give them an extra nutritional boost and support them at this crucial stage of their GCSE exams.

For the last two years, Tesco have provided Lakelands Year 11 students with a range of fruit before they go into their English and Maths GCSE exams. Tesco's 'Healthy Breakfast' initiative ensures that students who arrive for early morning English and Maths revision sessions can be fuelled with a drink and a piece of fruit, kick starting brain function and providing them with the extra fuel needed to support them through their GCSEs.

Head of the Maths Faculty, Vicky Heath is hugely appreciative of this provision. "The Maths Faculty would like to thank Tesco's Ellesmere for their continued support. We feel this is particularly important for those students who are feeling under pressure, to have an opportunity to get some last minute support from teachers and go in fuelled to perform at their very best!"

Deputy Head Teacher Gerard Pyburn agreed, "It's been a great success. The students really appreciate it, as the fruit gives them a much needed boost before they tackle the exams."

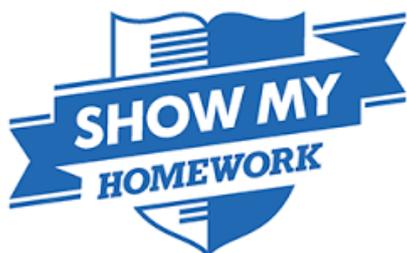


Swimming Success

Year 8 pupil Emma Chapman recently participated in the Speed Awards run by her swimming club Oswestry Otters.

She took part in the Individual Medley, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Fly and Freestyle.

She had a very successful evening coming back with an incredible 5 gold medals.



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Reminder



Pupils must arrive at school on time in the mornings and be on site ready for the 8.55am bell.



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



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

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.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please see below a list of areas of concern to focus on as part of our uniform and appearance code. A reminder of the uniform code is in your child's diary on page 4.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and for helping us to support the strong values of Lakelands Academy.

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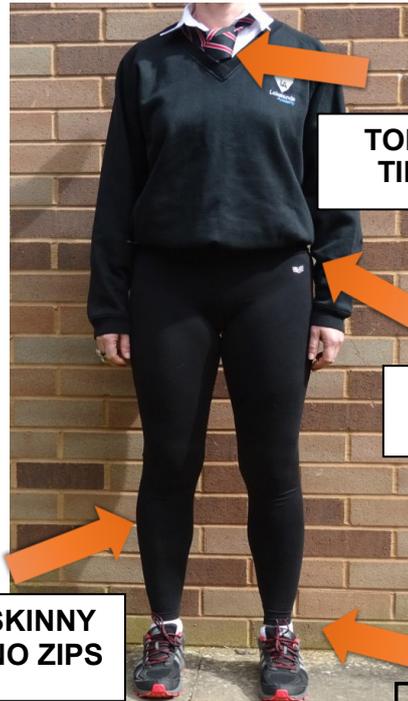


TOP BUTTON /
TIE FASTENED

BLACK KNEE
LENGTH SKIRT

BLACK SENSIBLE
(FLAT) SHOES -
NOT
BOOTS

BAD



TOP BUTTON /
TIE UNDONE

JUMPER
TUCKED IN

LEGGINGS/SKINNY
TROUSERS/NO ZIPS

TRAINERS

BAD



TOP BUTTON /
TIE UNDONE

SHIRT UNTUCKED

SKIRT TOO SHORT/
TOO TIGHT OR LYCRA

TRAINERS

**Single small stud
in each ear is
permissible but
no other
piercings are
allowed.**

Attention All Parents!

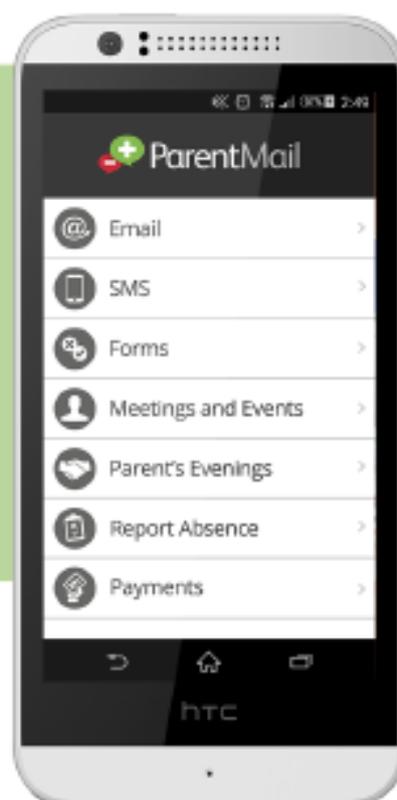


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