



LAKELANDS NEWS



Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas is nearly here, and we've been building the excitement in school for some time now. This year's last week of term is particularly action packed, with a professional performance of Cinderella, the traditional Christmas concert, a lunch for some of Ellesmere's senior citizens, and various other festive features to enjoy.

For most of us, the Christmas season 2018 was ushered in by our fabulous Christmas Fair, brilliantly organised by Mrs Jones and Mrs Dubicki. There are plans afoot for an even bigger and better fair next year, and apparently, Father Christmas already has us pencilled into his 2019 diary!

The ending of any year is often a time of reflection, and 2018 has certainly been a vintage year.

The new reward system, with its coloured house tokens, is thriving, and the academy's first purple token has been presented. Purple is the ultimate accolade - awarded only for unique achievements. Georgia Edge in Year 10 received this in recognition of her prize winning war poem, written to commemorate the life of Wilfred Owen. Part of her prize was to have her poem engraved at the base of the newly unveiled statue of the famous World War One poet, situated by the Park Gates in Oswestry. It's incredible to think that years from now, she will be able to show her grandchildren what she did when she was at school.....

2018 has been a year of great historical significance, and Lakelands created its own tribute to mark the centenary of the Armistice. I hope you had a chance to see the hundred poppies, made by our pupils, lining the driveway. I want to thank Mr Evans and Mrs Cole for supporting our youngsters to make this happen - the simple dignity of this tribute had a powerful impact on everyone who saw it. In school, special Remembrance assemblies led by Mr Crilly (himself ex RAF) focused on Ellesmere's fallen, connecting our students today with the stories of the young men who went before them.

The new Wellbeing Centre is now fully open and is proving to be an asset. It has achieved its stated aim, by bringing together in one place the many agencies which support our young people. Many of you have commented that it feels professional, yet friendly, which is what we hoped to achieve.

Many of our pupils represented North Shropshire in the recent finals of the Shropshire School Games which were held at the Sports Village in Shrewsbury. I was delighted to be asked to open the games, along with Di Carrington, who rowed across the Atlantic in 60 days. Our pupils were inspired by her story of grit, determination and the power of positive thinking, as was I!

Many of you will have come along to the recent Careers Networking event, organised by Mrs Williams. Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to speak to employers and college providers. It was a very well attended evening, and the feedback has been very positive.

Earlier this month, Year 8 enjoyed their trip to Stratford to see 'A Christmas Carol', and Year 10 had a fabulous time in France. Miss Barnes deserves special mention for completely reorganising - at very short notice - the itinerary for the entire trip, to make sure that our pupils were kept safely away from the Parisian fuel protestors.

As I write this, mock exam season is well underway, as we take stock of the progress made by Year 11 pupils so far this year, and calculate what needs to be done before the summer. In many ways, the next term will be their most important yet, and I would urge all Year 11s to make sure that they come back in January refreshed and ready to rise to the challenges ahead.

For now though, it's time for all of us - pupils and staff - to enjoy a well-earned break. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and an extremely Happy New Year.

Sophy Bellis (Head teacher)



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Stratford-upon-Avon Trip

On 11-12 December, a group of our Year 8 students enjoyed a rich cultural experience in the birthplace of William Shakespeare, where they learned about the life and times of our greatest writer, appreciating his craft, influence and the context in which he wrote his plays. Some of our students even had the opportunity to show off their acting skills in an impromptu comic performance of a scene from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the gardens of Shakespeare's birthplace. They also experienced a spellbinding performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol – a truly magical performance with some breathtaking special effects. The students all had a wonderful time and must be commended for their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic involvement in the Shakespeare workshops.



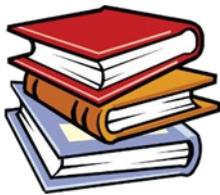
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter!

We hope to bring you useful information about what's going on in English every half term in this newsletter. We also want to inspire you to consider English beyond school and keep you bang up-to-date about careers involving English, and help you aspire to tackle a job using your English skills.

Lakelands' English Department Team:

Mrs P. Moorhouse – Faculty Leader
Mrs E. Parkinson
Ms. C. Clewlow



Important dates for your diary:

- Library is now open **MONDAYS, THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS** at lunchtime and after school
- Year 11 English Revision classes every Wednesday 3:45-4:30pm in E1
- Year 8 “A Christmas Carol” trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon 11th/12th December
- Grand opening of The Craig Colley Centre January 2019

November's “Recommend a Read:”

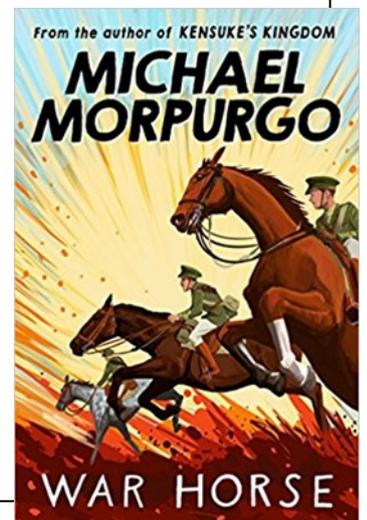
Get ahead by reading!

Every term we will be recommending some of our favourite books to you as well as some new ones for you to try. You can find copies of these books in the library at school or at the local library in Ellesmere/Shrewsbury/Oswestry.

This month, given that it's 100 years since the end of World War 1, it seemed apt to recommend a book about this period.

“War Horse” by Michael Morpurgo

This novel is a story about a horse called Joey and his owner Albert, both of them serve in the Great War. If you owned a horse, you had to give it up for military service. The story explores the relationship between Joey and Albert, and with other people they encounter and how they ultimately make it back to each other.



Why Study English?

What can I do with it? Where can it take me?

The question, "why do we study English?" comes up a lot. It's a simple answer too ... because it can open so many doors for you. The skills that you acquire through studying English can help you in so many potential career choices and will show employers that you are a person that can think and explore ideas. So many creative avenues are open to you if you study English, as well as lots of other options.

Did you know that if you had a degree in English you could do these jobs?

Skills for your CV

The major strength of all English graduates is the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Studying an English degree also develops skills in:

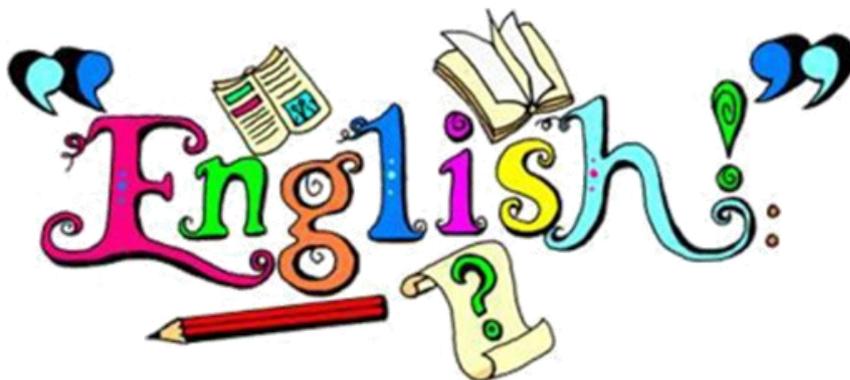
- independent working
- time management and organisation
- planning and researching written work
- articulating knowledge and understanding of texts, concepts and theories
- leading and participating in discussions
- negotiation and team working to present ideas and information
- effectively conveying arguments and opinions and thinking creatively
- using your judgement to weigh up alternative perspectives
- critical reasoning and analysis
- using IT.

Jobs directly related to your degree include:

- Digital copywriter
- Editorial assistant
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Lexicographer
- Magazine journalist
- Newspaper journalist
- Publishing copy-editor/proof-reader
- Web content manager
- Writer

Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

- Academic librarian
- Advertising account executive
- Advertising copywriter
- Arts administrator
- Film director
- Information officer
- Marketing executive
- PPC specialist
- Primary school teacher
- Private tutor
- Public relations officer
- Records manager
- Secondary school teacher
- Social media manager



The Proof is in the Pudding!

This is the part of our newsletter where we call upon our past pupils the inspirational sparks that we have taught, as well as other people we know, famous and infamous, to talk to you about how they have used their English studies to help them get a good job out there in the real world.

Today meet **CHRISTOPHER BEVAN**. A Shrewsbury boy and former student of Ms. Clewlow, he is now an up and coming film maker/director.



Did you like English at school and why?

I enjoyed English at school as it gave me the chance to explore creative writing and reading. We were also able to learn presenting skills in front of the class which really helped my confidence. I was also involved in the Debating Society at school and was lucky enough to take part in a national competition ...and won it! That really helped me to understand how to construct an argument and use language to share ideas with other people.

What did you do post-16?

I went on to study at college with English Literature as one of my subjects. At first I considered a degree in Literature but took a left turn having discovered that I loved making movies in my spare time. So instead after I had finished my A-Levels, I went on to do a BA in Film Production.

What is your current job title?

I work as a freelance director, working on short films, commercials, music videos and documentaries. I am working towards developing my first feature length film currently. Follow me on Facebook or Twitter to see what I am up to. It's really creative work and I get to travel around and work with some amazing people. I am never bored!

How have your English studies helped you in your chosen path?

English really helped with my understanding of storytelling, structure and character which have all been really important for me as a filmmaker. I've also written several scripts and the creative writing skills I learnt studying English were really helpful for this.

You can find out more about my work as a filmmaker by visiting www.christopher-bevan.com or my production company website at www.yspmedia.co.uk.



Lakelands Winter Festive Fair, launches a sparkling, magical start to Christmas Season

Lakelands Academy, with a little glitter and a lot of sparkle, hosted the Lakelands Winter Festive Fair on Friday 23rd November, opening the Academy's doors to the local community, students and staff for an evening of mince pies inspirational Christmas gifts and a of course a visit, from that very special person from the North Pole.

The Academy team of staff and student elves, headed tirelessly by Angela Jones and Kerry Dubicki, local businesses including Ismays, Rainbows and Sweetmere and members of the community, filled the Academy halls and in some cases cupboards to the brim, with stalls of festive handmade crafts, cards, sweets, and other dazzling treats to inspire the perfect Christmas purchases.

The Winter Fair would not have been complete without its magnificent raffle, all prizes of which were donated by staff and students. Each form group of students, over the weeks leading up to the fair, created hampers of Christmas goodies to be raffled off and of course to win the coveted *Most magnificent Hamper* prize. Congratulations and treats go to 7C for their hamper of glittery polar bear splendour.

"The 'Winter Fair' committee would like to thank all students and staff who donated raffle/tombola prizes and helped on the evening." expressed Angela Jones. "We would also like to thank students, families and the community for their support on the evening, it made our Winter Fair evening the incredible success it was. Same time, next year?"



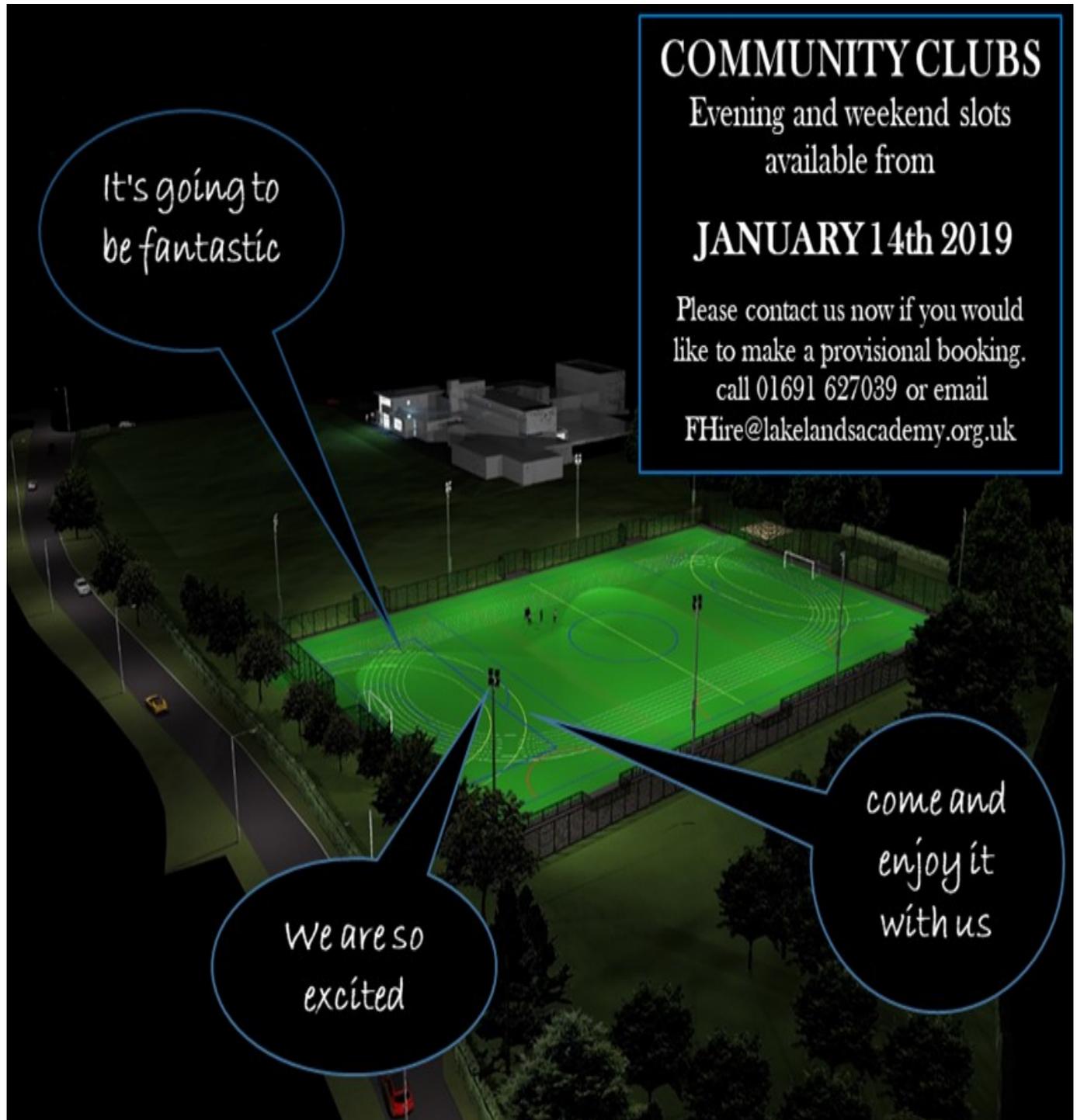
National Citizen Service Gold Award

At Lakelands, we often say that though we're quite a small secondary school, we can definitely 'punch above our weight'. The award that you can see in the picture shows this to be true once again. Last year, encouraged by Mr Crilly, many of our Year 11s signed up to spend their summer learning new skills and working with other young people on a range of projects designed to benefit others. We've now been told that more pupils from Lakelands got involved than in any other secondary school in Shropshire, and as a result we've been awarded the gold award by the National Citizen Service. We're very proud to be recognised like this – the certificate is signed by the Prime Minister herself!



LAKELANDS ACADEMY FULL SIZE ALL WEATHER SPORTS PITCH COMING SOON

Following a successful funding bid, awarded earlier this year, work is well under way to construct our new full size all weather sports pitch on the school field. This incredible fully lit, multi sports surface will be ideal for students and our community, to participate in various sports and fitness activities and host a variety of competitions and events.



It's going to be fantastic

COMMUNITY CLUBS
Evening and weekend slots available from
JANUARY 14th 2019
Please contact us now if you would like to make a provisional booking.
call 01691 627039 or email
FHire@lakelandsacademy.org.uk

We are so excited

come and enjoy it with us

If you would like to know more about these amazing new facilities or to make a provisional booking please contact us on **01691 627039** or email **FHire@lakelandsacademy.org.uk**.

**Please make a Note of :
Remaining School Term
And
Holiday Dates
For
2018/2019**



AUTUMN TERM
5th September -
21st December

Half Term:
29th Oct - 2nd Nov

Christmas Holidays:
24th Dec - 4th Jan

SPRING TERM

**Mon 7th Jan - PD Day
(Staff only)**

8th January - 12th
April

Half Term:
18th - 22nd February

Easter Holiday:
15th - 26th April

SUMMER TERM

29th April - 18th July

May Day Bank Holiday - 6th
May

Half Term:
27th - 31st May

01743 440449
info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk

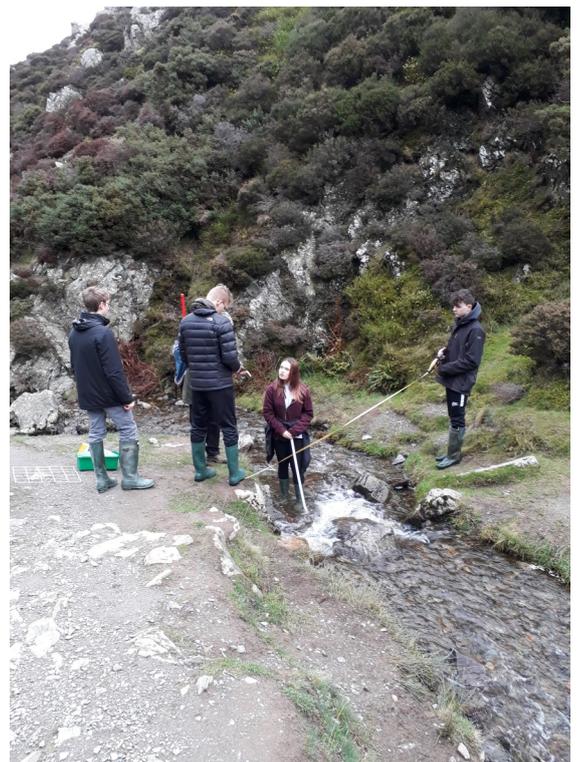
- Black skirt (knee length) or black tailored trousers
 - Striped Tie
 - Black V-neck Sweatshirt (with embroidered school badge)
 - Black or grey socks or black or flesh coloured tights
- Keep your shirts tucked in and your ties done up!*

Year 11 Geographers Fieldwork

Year 11 Geographers conducted fieldwork at Cardingmill Valley on 12th and 14th November.

Pupils measured the width, depth and velocity of the stream, as well as other methods of data collection to test their enquiry question: **How well does the stream in Carding Mill Valley match the Bradshaw Model?**

This is part of the fieldwork, required for their GCSE exam in the summer. Following this fieldwork, pupils have written-up their findings into a report. Miss Evans praised both groups for their group-work and excellent representation of Lakelands Academy. Luckily, the weather was very good for November, with only a slight shower on the Monday.



BOOKSWAP

BOOK EXCHANGE



Lakelands Academy
promoting Reading across the school

Will Santa bring you some new books
this Christmas?

Will you need to make room on the
shelf to accommodate them?

DON'T throw those old ones away!

Bring them to school and exchange
them with other pupils.

No money required! You can just come and exchange
your book for another with another pupil – a way of
recycling old books!

Fiction or non-fiction, comics or graphic novels, it doesn't
matter! Come and EXCHANGE them in school!

Coming in January 2019!



A total of £300 was raised
on 14th December for Save
the Children's Christmas
Jumper Day.

Thank you to everyone who
took part



THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch!

Turkey, Stuffing
& Sausage
Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Vegetables

followed by...

Christmas Cookie
or Festive Iced Cake
Radnor Fizz Drink

*Merry
Christmas*

**ONLY
£2.50**

Fresh DINING

Please label all
uniform and
belongings.

This really helps us
when trying to
reunite lost property
with its owner.



The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes and Christmas trees. The Lakelands Academy logo (LA in a shield) is on the left. The text is centered and reads: 'Lakelands Academy', 'Lakelands Academy students & staff Magicians, Musicians, Singers and more', 'Proudly present', '2018 Christmas Concert', 'Wednesday 19th December'. At the bottom, it says 'TICKETS £3 AVAILABLE AT LAKELANDS ACADEMY RECEPTION', 'DOORS OPEN 6.45 pm', and 'CURTAIN RISES 7pm'.

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Academy

Lakelands Academy students & staff
Magicians, Musicians, Singers and more

Proudly present

**2018
Christmas
Concert**

Wednesday 19th December

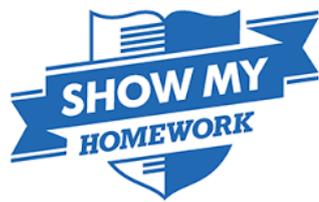
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CYCLE PERMITS

Please collect a letter from reception if you want to bring your bike to the Academy.



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.

Reminder



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

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.

Spring Term Dates:

11th January, 18th January, 25th January,

1st February, 8th February, 15th February

Classes are 4:30 - 5:15pm, 5:15 - 6:00pm.

Please contact the Academy on 01691 627039 to book a place.

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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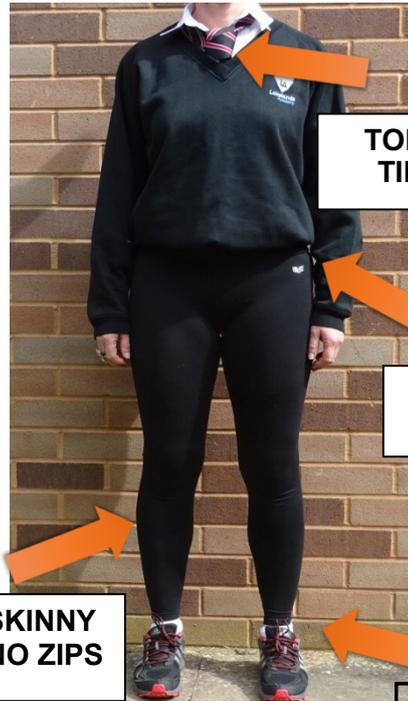


TOP BUTTON /
TIE FASTENED

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!

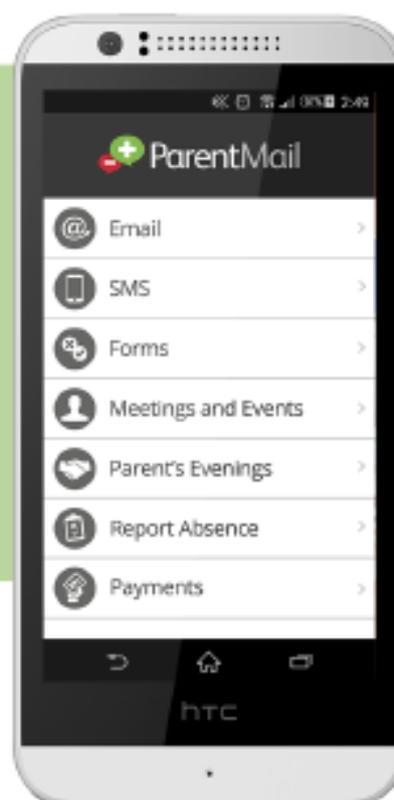


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