

LAKELANDS NEWS

Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite the forecasts predicting heavy snowfalls, we seem to have been spared the worst of the winter weather during this half term. Many of our Year 9s were out at Arthog in the week of the amber weather warnings, so I must confess that I breathed a sigh of relief when the blizzards failed to materialise!

Year 9 were a credit to us while they were there, and the staff of Arthog reported that they had never had such a brilliant group of young people stay with them. I want to thank Mrs Milford, Miss Barnes, Miss Evans, Mr Cooper and Mr Smallbone for organising and supporting such a successful trip, and of course, all the Year 9s who represented Team Lakelands so well.

On January 15th, we were delighted to welcome children's author Alan Gibbons, to speak at the official opening of our new library, the Craig Colley Centre. Craig's family joined us for the official opening, and they were very moved to hear how parents and the community of Ellesmere had helped us bring our vision to reality, by donating so many fabulous books. It has been very important for us to be able to create a lasting legacy for Craig, and I believe we've done him proud. Thank you so much for your support.

It's perhaps a sad sign of the times that there is now a worldwide 'Safer Internet Day' each February. This year's theme encourages internet users to develop four critical skills: - Respect, Reasoning, Resilience and Responsibility. Many parents tell me that they have huge concerns about how they can keep their children safe online, and I heartily recommend the UK Safer Internet site, which

contains excellent advice for parents and carers:-

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>.

It's well worth downloading the Parents and Carers Pack.

This term we're launching a business challenge, for our budding Year 9 and 10 entrepreneurs. We are very grateful to the local Rotary club who are helping us develop this initiative. Business plans are due to be submitted before we break for half term, and businesses launched before Easter. Our pupils have a wealth of creativity, so I'm really looking forward to seeing what they come up with.

Year 11 are currently working hard to act on all the advice they've received following mock results day. The next half term will be critical to their success, as the countdown to the GCSE exams really begins in earnest, and I urge them all to 'keep calm and carry on' as they prepare. Persistence and commitment really will pay off in the end.

I hope you all have a lovely Half-Term break.

Sophy Bellis

Headteacher

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SPRING TERM REWARDS



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

ENGLISH KS3 - Emily Williams 8B

KS4 - Harry Moore 11N

MATHS KS3 - Sophie Mosey 8N

KS4 - Anwen Evans 10B

CREATIVE ARTS

Music KS3 - Hayden Davies 8W

KS4 - Stephen Llewellyn 11C

Art KS3 - Jess Dubicki 8B

KS4 - Deeba Khan 10B

Graphics KS3 - Lucy Jones 8N

KS4 - Yana Borisova 9C

Food KS3 - Adam Sweeney 8B

KS4 - Ben Lewis 10B

Drama KS3 - Reece Cater 8C

KS4 - Hollie Marsh 11N

IT KS3 - Evan Garrett 7N

KS4 - Annabel Cole 11B

SCIENCE KS3 - Danny Williams 8N

KS3 - Rosie Allen 7N

Physics KS4 - Emily Higgins 10W

Chemistry KS4 - Caitlin Reed 11C

Biology KS4 - Lucy Othen 9W

PE KS3 - Elliot O'Connor 7C

KS3 - Jess Roe 8W and Lacey Williams 8W

KS4 - Tom Clarke 11C

KS4 - Ellie Clarke 10N

WORLD STUDIES

MFL KS3 - Morn Williams 7W

KS4 - Paige Thomas 9B

Geography KS3 - Chloe Lewis 7W

KS4 - Amy Jefferies 11B

History KS3 - Maddie Slack 8B

KS4 - Harriet Pope 11C

RE KS3 - Rosie Garvin 8C

KS4 - Lucy Martin 11C

YEAR 8 STUDENTS COMPETE IN THE FARADAY CHALLENGE AT ELLESMERE COLLEGE

On Friday 8th February six Year 8 students went to Ellesmere College to compete in the Faraday Challenge. The challenge was run by the Institution of Engineering and Technology. Students became engineers for the day following a brief written by Tim Peake. The task was to complete an engineering mission for the development of the James Webb Space Telescope. Students had to demonstrate skills in planning, creativity, budgeting and development. The Lakelands team chose the aspect of "storage". They built a trailer to keep the telescope cool during transportation using solar panels to power the fans. Working on a tight timescale and limited budget, Team Lakelands evaluated that they would have benefitted from more elaboration in their planning stages which would have allowed them to test more prototypes. The students learnt that engineers need to take risks to develop designs and also that it's ok to test incorrect designs first.

RAISING MONEY FOR THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

During the last academic year (2017/2018) the students at Lakelands academy raised a grand sum of £1900 for a charity close to our hearts: the British Heart Foundation. The money was raised from bag backing at Tesco's, cake sales and 50% of the proceeds from the annual sponsored walk. The cheque was presented to Warren Appleby from the BHF on the last day of the summer term. This was a great achievement from our caring Lakelands pupils.

Thanks to all who contributed.

Mr Crilly



Department Of Education League Tables show that Lakelands continues to provide a strong foundation for the future of our students.

The Department of Education have published the secondary school league tables with overall school performance at the end of KS4 in 2018. Lakelands students achieved highly across a range of subjects, in a year when most of the exams were the new, tougher specifications. Our Progress 8 figure has significantly improved, illustrating the added value that Lakelands gives to a range of students across the ability spectrum. Attainment and progress in Maths have been consistently strong and above national figures over a three year period; in 2018, the percentage achieving Grade 4+ was 72% and 5+ was 44%. English (best Language/Literature grade) figures remained strong with 78% achieving Grade 4+ and 55% achieving Grade 5+. The English Baccalaureate measure held firm at 24% (around the national average) and the Science EBacc component improved by 18% for Standard Pass on last year. Several subjects exceeded national figures at Grade 4+ and a significant number of students achieved A*-A / Grades 7-9 across many subjects. The progress gap between Disadvantaged and non-Disadvantaged students narrowed in Maths, English and the other Progress 8 subjects. This is due to an intensive focus on raising the engagement and achievement of students on Pupil Premium.

These positive figures clearly illustrate how the academy is holding firm during a time of significant change in the curriculum, exam system and assessment. We give our students the very best foundation for the future. We believe it is our duty to encourage and inspire all of our students to reach their potential and face, with confidence, the next stages of their education and the fast changing world beyond Lakelands.

Lakelands Staff Volleyball team play their first match



The staff volleyball club meets every Thursday after school where the participants learn the skills of the game and then play a few competitive sets. The ability range is from absolute beginners to experienced players. Interest and enthusiasm has been so high that an away match was arranged just before Christmas against Oswestry School, to put all that had been learned into practice.

The playing hall was desperately cold and the playing surface unforgiving. We lost all the sets played but held the lead on a few and nearly won a couple! A great performance for such inexperienced players. Next time!

We are now training even harder and are looking forward to our next match, and to starting playing outside, on grass, as spring sets in.



GCSE Science Live!

A group of year 11 students were taken to Birmingham Symphony Hall on 4th February to watch a series of talks by famous pioneering British Scientists such as Robert Winston, Alice Roberts and Jim Al-Khalili, all of BBC fame! The day was filled with interesting lectures on IVF, time travel, taming of animals and how this impacted our history, lunatics, and climate change.

Some of the quotes of student's experiences are below:

'I really liked listening to Robert Winston. He engaged the audience really well and the things he talked about were really interesting.'

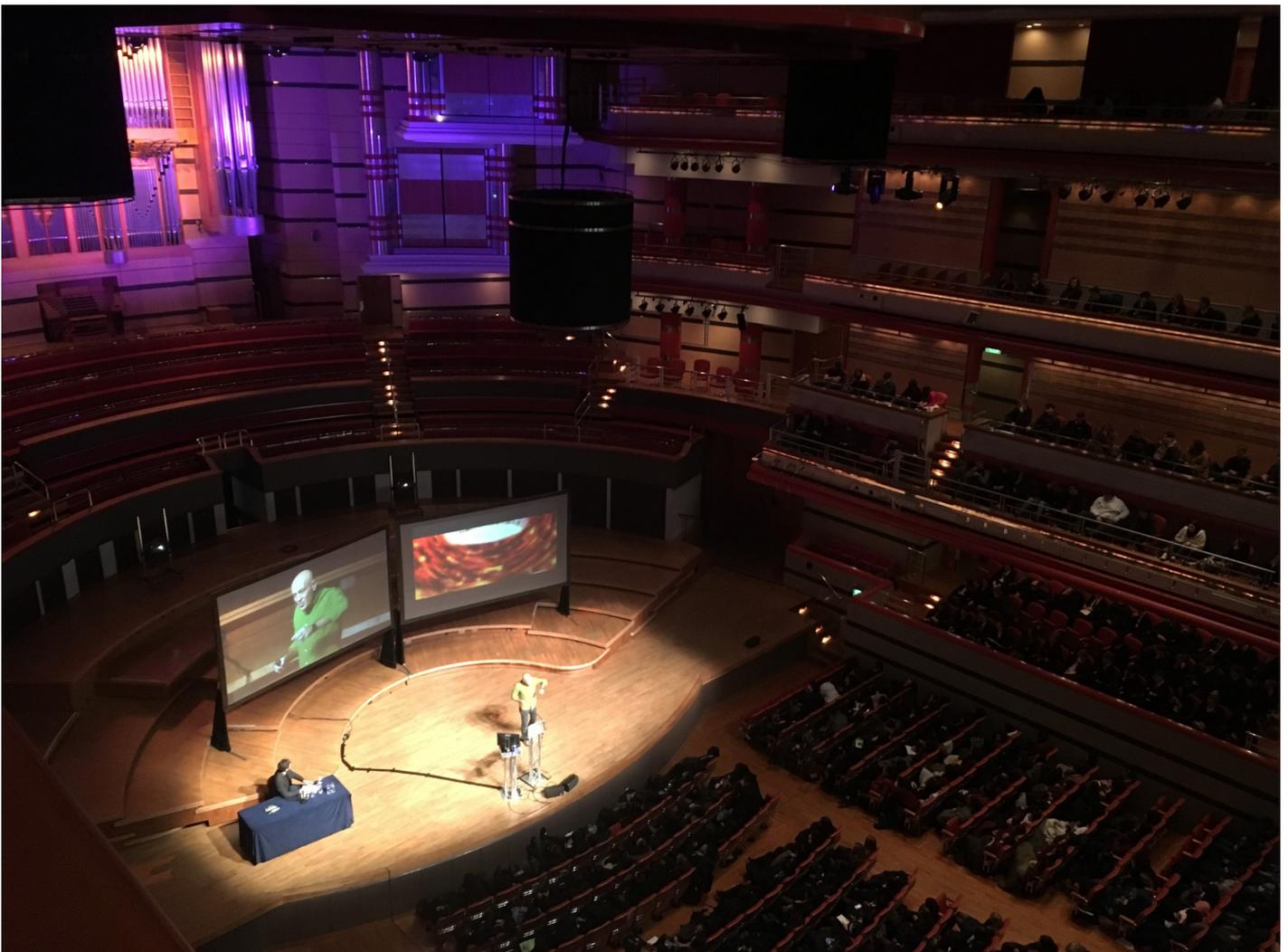
'Very informative day, and I definitely see a future in Science for me!'

'inspirational'

'some great topics to listen to; a worthwhile day'

'I enjoyed listening about time travel and how it could be possible'

'It was great to hear about how the moon affects our planet, the history of domestic animals, time travel and good tips for the exams!'



New Rugby Sessions – Beginners and Developing

We have started running extra-curricular Rugby here at Lakelands working with Oswestry Rugby club as part of their youth development program. This provides an opportunity for the young people here to come along and learn how to play rugby or develop their existing skills, with an aim to eventually start playing rugby against other schools in the area.

We would like to congratulate all of those young people that are attending these sessions as uptake has been great and it is great to see the students of all abilities get stuck in with some very experienced coaches developing their skills.



Oswestry Rugby Club
@OswestryRugbyClub

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 **Oswestry Rugby Club** 6 hrs · 🌐

Two of Oswestry U13 girls played for the first time in club colours yesterday at Shrewsbury.

Fay Coe said

"The girls were absolutely amazing playing U13's in Shrewsbury 🏆❤️ well done girls, super proud of you both. Lacey got 'girl of the match' but both played equally as good, did us all proud Oz Oz Oz ❤️🏆"

Both players joined Oswestry Rugby Club following our "get in to rugby" session from our youth development program at Lakelands academy.

Well done girls.

Girls rugby at Oswestry more than just a team.

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Lakelands Arctic Arthog Adventure 2019

During the last week of January, 39 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, scrambling, caving, orienteering, raft building, gorge walking, canoeing, mountain biking and mountain walking. This year we enjoyed the landscapes draped in snow. Yes there was the odd moment of bone numbing cold but the incredible kit provided by Arthog kept us all well insulated and equipped, to dive into the activities that were often made a great deal more challenging due to the changeable weather.

“Arthog was really, really fun.” Said Lucy Wells *“Everything was great and we were always doing something so there was never time to get bored.”*

Emma Chapman said *“Everything was amazing at Arthog. The gorge walk was the best fun especially climbing up the waterfall.”*

Mia Barrett-Gray also loved the waterfall climb, *“It’s not often you get to see a waterfall and have the opportunity to climb it.”*

“I loved being able to jump in all the mud and water on the gorge walk, it was cold and wet but great fun” agreed Jack Hughes.

Jess Bebb was also a great fan of the gorge walk, *“It pushed me a lot, and even though it was freezing cold we still managed to get everyone all the way up the gorge.”*

Jermaine Miah really enjoyed going caving in the slate mines. *“I’ve never done anything like this before. I thought the caves would be really small, but the caves were massive and the ceilings were really high.”*

“I loved the gorge walking, it was really challenging. A lot of the activities made me realise that sometimes I worry too much and that I should just try things instead of not, just in case they don’t go well.” Owen Woodward

“Arthog was really fun” said Emily Tinsley-Edwards, *“It was loads of stuff we can’t do at home very often and it was all with my friends. I also got to know some people in my year group a lot better, so I have new friends.”*

“I really enjoyed it and it taught me that even though something is scary, it’s still worth giving it a go and you can do it. It feels great after some of the harder activities like abseiling because you overcome something you’re afraid of.” Said Matthew Beardmore

“It was great!” said Sophie Llewelyn, *“I did something I never expected to, I climbed high and I got to the top. It was really amazing when I got up to the top, I never thought I’d do it and I was so happy I’d pushed myself. I feel that if I can do something this scary, other things in the future will feel much easier.”*

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. 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. Compliments from Arthog staff gave testament to their outstanding manners and cheerful enthusiasm and the Lakelands staff supporting the trip, whole heartedly agreed.

Head of Year 9, Miss Evans was truly disappointed to only be able to stay for part of the week. *“Arthog was amazing! I was really proud of our Year 9 Students, who I knew would be excellently behaved, but also had a go at new things, were enthusiastic and helped each other along the way. I am so pleased and proud of all of them!”*

“I had an absolutely fantastic time. Our students were brilliant ambassadors for the school and I’ve well and truly rediscovered my love of the outdoors!” said Mrs Johnson

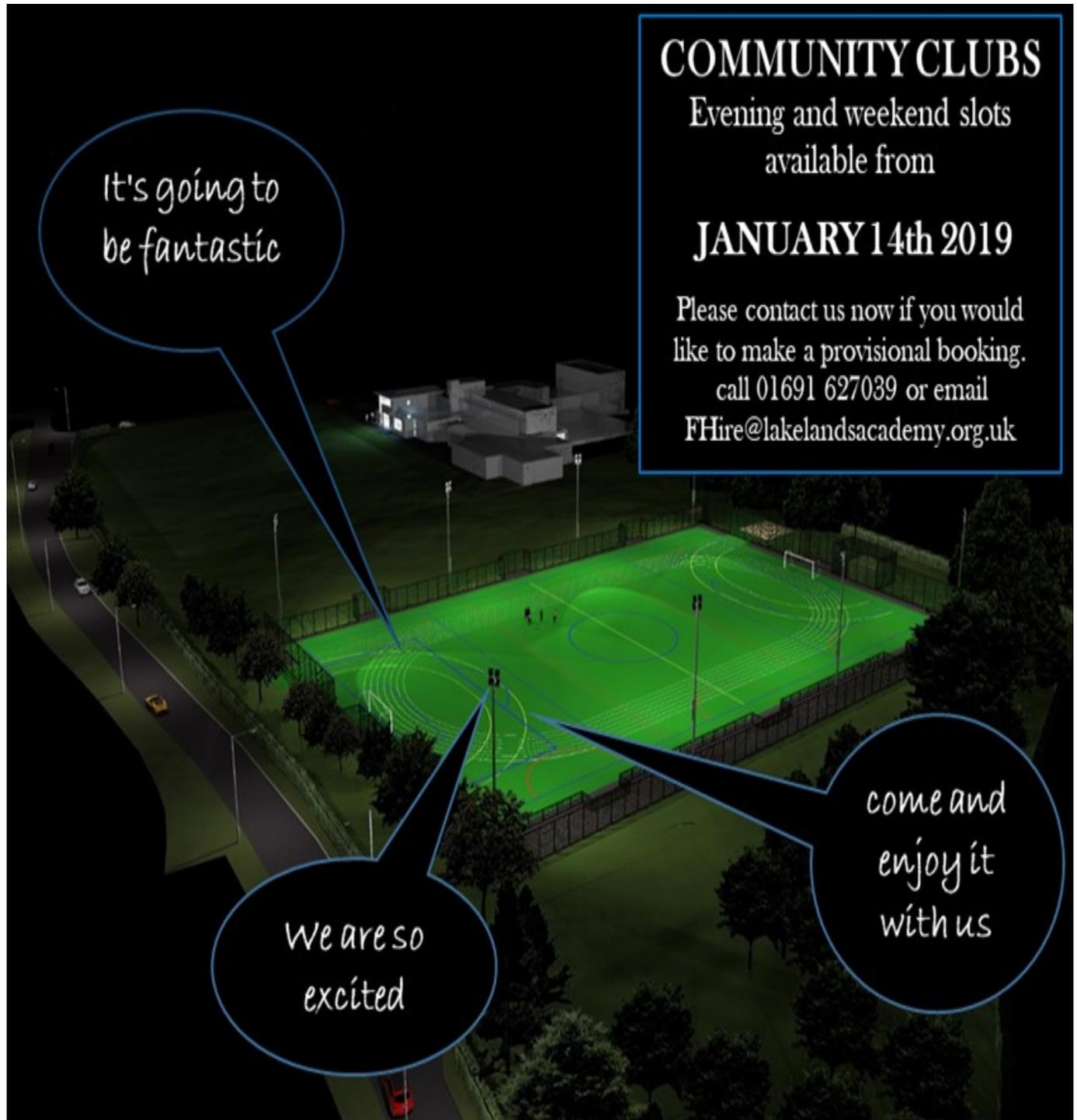
Mr Cooper agreed, *“I thought it was absolutely brilliant. The students were enthusiastic and a credit to their parents and the academy. I had loads of fun and the weather didn’t get in our way at all!”*

Miss Barnes said *“What an absolutely, fantastic experience. I can’t recommend it highly enough. It was wonderful to see the students’ confidence grow over the week and have the self-belief that they could tackle any situation. They have made life-long memories.”*



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
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come and enjoy it with us

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



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



- 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!*

Lakelands Students Sporting Success at the Midland U17 Long Jump Athletics Championship

Louis Schofield has leapt to an impressive start to his season achieving a Silver medal win at the Midland U17 long jump indoor Athletics Championships at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

Year 10 student Louis, leapt to the Silver medal position in the U17s Boys long Jump at a decent 6.30m.

He is now training and looking forward to his next competition which will be again at the arena Birmingham venue, competing in the City of Birmingham Games U17 long jump.



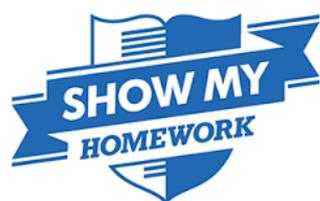
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Reminder



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

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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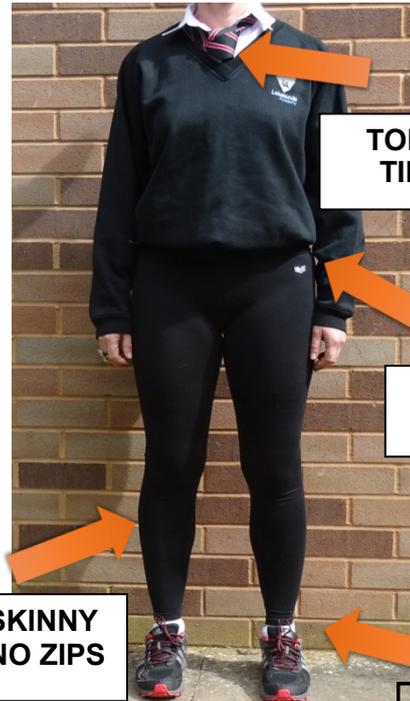


TOP BUTTON /
TIE FASTENED

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!

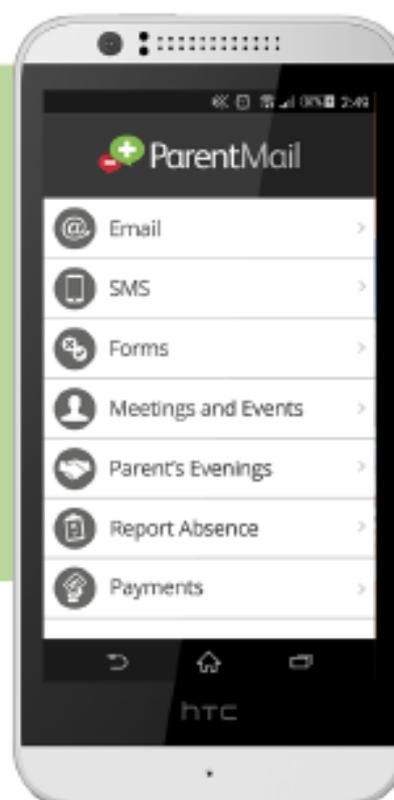


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