



LAKELANDS NEWS



Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It doesn't seem two minutes since the excitement of GCSE results day, but somehow, four months have gone by, and another Christmas is nearly here. It's been a long, fifteen week term, so I know that everyone is more than ready for a break.

The first full year 7 for many years has now settled in, and the recent Pastoral Parents' evening was a great success. It's an opportunity to build the positive home – school partnerships which are so vital, and which we value so highly. The feedback about Year 7's progress so far is very encouraging, and we've all enjoyed watching another year group settle in to the routines of secondary school.

As I write, Year 11 are in the midst of mock exams. Though they probably don't feel blessed to be working so hard at the end of such a long term, once the results are in, I'm sure they will realise the value of the mocks. Analysis of the papers helps all of us work out what our priorities need to be for the next, vital months.

Beyond the classroom, pupils are being offered an ever expanding range of opportunities to develop their understanding of their role within the local community, broader society and as future guardians of a planet in crisis. Thanks to the efforts of the Green Group's newly elected student representatives and staff volunteers, the British Ironworks' 'Gerald the Giraffe' has been in pride of place in the canteen for several weeks. He is being filled with single use plastic bottle tops, and alongside him, plastic bottles are being collected. By last week, stacked end to end, the bottles exactly equalled the height of the Eiffel Tower, with the number still rising.

Speaking of the Eiffel Tower, this iconic Parisian monument provided the backdrop for some of the most dramatic pictures from this year's Year 10 December French trip. It was a truly action packed itinerary, and I've no doubt that there will have been some fantastic memories made. I'm very grateful to Miss Barnes and her team, who

made this 'bonne aventure' possible.

The first cycle of the Lakelands Business entrepreneurs' competition (kindly sponsored by the local Rotary Club) has just ended, with several teams declaring sizeable profits. Whatever the financial outcome, the lifelong learning from setting up and managing their own small businesses will stay with those who took part. Some of them would definitely give Lord Sugar's 'Apprentice' candidates a run for their money!

A couple of weeks ago, more incredible memories were made for pupils and staff alike, as three players from Shrewsbury Town, Ryan Giles, Omar Beckles and Louis Thompson, came to Lakelands to officially open the All Weather Pitch. The Shrewsbury players joined in a coaching session with our Year 9 football team and afterwards talked about their lives, hobbies and inspirations, in a fascinating question and answer session.

The Christmas Fair, organised by Mrs Dubicki and Mrs Jones, began the festive season for many of us, and it was great to see staff and pupils running stalls, selling raffle tickets and generally working together in what is becoming a 'must' in the Ellesmere community's calendar. This week, we'll be hosting a Christmas dinner for some of the more senior citizens of Ellesmere, and of course, there is the Christmas concert to look forward to, courtesy of the Creative Arts Team and some **very** talented youngsters.

Wherever you are this Christmas; at home, or visiting family and friends, I hope you find time to relax and enjoy this special time of year. On behalf of #Team Lakelands, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful year ahead.

Sophy Bellis

Headteacher

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AUTUMN TERM REWARDS



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

ENGLISH KS3 - Weronika Cyganik

KS4 - Alfie Griffiths 10W

MATHS KS3 - Adam Lindsay

KS4 - Will Hinks

CREATIVE ARTS

Music KS3 - Leanne Hickson

KS4 - Isaac Hunter-Thompson

Art KS3 - Morn Williams

KS4 - Alfie Griffiths 10N

Graphics KS3 - Meredith Lingard-Jones

KS4 - Sion Smith

Food KS3 - Rosie Milford

KS4 - Adam Sweeney

Drama KS3 - Alfie Tobin

KS4 - Hannah Roberts

IT KS3 - Lauren Davis

KS4 - Noah Evans

SCIENCE KS3 - Sam Appleyard

KS3 - Nikola Pawlicka

Physics KS4 - Craig Stovin

Chemistry KS4 - Lauren Rowley

Biology KS4 - Ewan Bell

PE KS3 - Leon Northall

KS4 - Kulej Krzysztof

WORLD STUDIES

MFL KS3 - Henry Hodgetts

KS4 - Sophie Mosey

Geography KS3 - Rosie Milford

KS4 - Tom Staley

History KS3 - Josh Martin

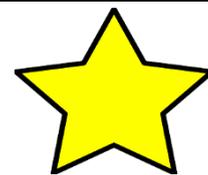
KS4 - Demie Szemruk

RE KS3 - Tom Upton

KS4 - Clover Porritt



AUTUMN TERM REWARDS



Henry Hodgetts 7C and Meredith Lingard Jones 7C - Helping to raise £800 for Hope House
 Maddie Evans 8W - being part of the Never Afraid campaign with Young Health Champions

Emily Sweeney 11W - Representing Great Britain at Weight Lifting



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Winning Forms		Individual Winners	
YEAR 7	COLEMERE	YEAR 7	HENRY HODGETTS
			GRACE WILLIS
YEAR 8	WHITEMERE	YEAR 8	ALASTAIR CLARKE
			ROSIE ALLEN
YEAR 9	BLAKEMERE	YEAR 9	LUCAS ALLUM
			KATE LLEWLLYN
YEAR 10	COLEMERE	YEAR 10	LEWIS WALMSLEY
			PIM WILLIAMS
YEAR 11	COLEMERE	YEAR 11	LUKE WILLIAMS
			LUCY JONES

OVERALL WINNER

COLEMERE



Thank you to everyone who supported our Cake Sale
on Friday 8th November.

Our pupils raised a magnificent £185 for
Hope House.



ROTARY CHEF COMPETITION 2019

The Year 10 GCSE group took part in the Rotary Chef competition. The criteria was to prepare a two course meal.

The winners this year were:

1st Lillee Dulson

2nd Hollie Jones

3rd Zoe Younger



LAKELANDS PE DEPARTMENT

Grand Opening of Lakelands Academy All Weather Pitch

The staff, students and members of the Governing Body at Lakelands Academy were both delighted and thrilled to be joined by Shrewsbury Town Football Club and others for the Grand Opening of its new All Weather pitch on Tuesday. Players from the club and their coach participated in a coaching session with the Year 9 football team and afterwards took part in a question and answer session.

Following a successful funding bid, awarded in 2018 the construction of a full size all weather pitch was completed in Spring of 2019. At a cost of £570,000 this superb, fully lit, multi sports surface is proving to be a valuable asset. Students and staff at Lakelands along with local primary schools and the local community use the pitch daily to participate in various sports and fitness activities and host a variety of competitions and events.

Mrs Bellis, Head teacher, says “The academy is delighted to have received this substantial funding sum. The creation of these excellent sporting facilities has opened up so many opportunities for everyone - from the youngest beginner to the international class athlete and optimises the facilities available for students and the wider community here at Lakelands academy.”

Evening and weekend slots can be booked by contacting the Academy at FHire@lakelandsacademy.org.uk or alternatively please phone 01691 622543.



PARIS TRIP 2019

Another year and another fantastic trip to Paris!

On Friday 6th December forty year ten students and five members of staff set off at 3.30am on their Paris adventure.

The group made their way to Dover by coach and then over to Calais by ferry. There was a slight delay by two hours due to poor weather conditions; fortunately, the crossover was not too tempestuous!

The ferry delay meant the originally planned trip to Vimy Ridge, en route to Chateau de Grande Romaine, had to be rearranged, as it would be too dark by the time the group arrived to appreciate the monument and preserved trenches. The staff and students received a warm welcome from the PGL staff and an amazing meal when they finally arrived at the chateau.

There was much excitement from both staff and students on Saturday 7th December as the group made their way to Disneyland! It was a perfect, dry, winter day as the students explored the park and met an array of Disney characters.



The Christmas parade added the perfect festive touch to the day and the evening meal was followed by crepe making.

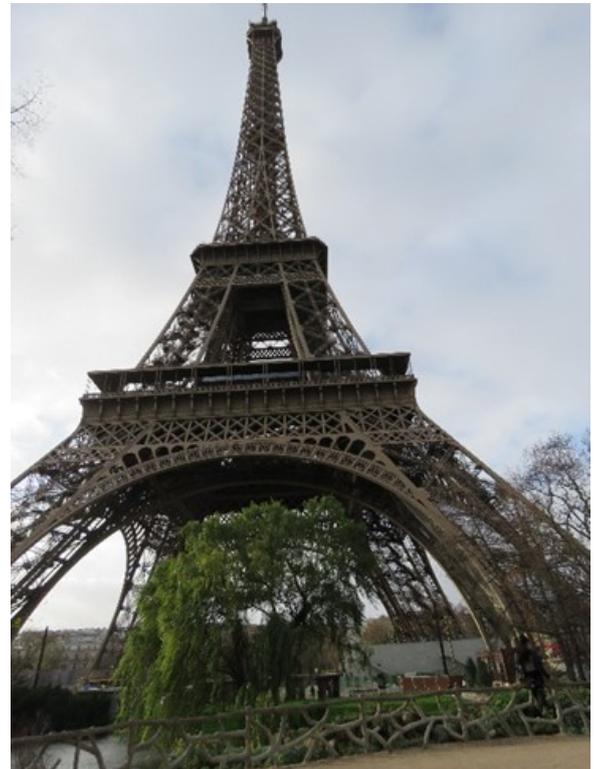


The much-anticipated trip to Paris took place on Sunday 8th December. The group walked up the first two flights of stairs up the Eiffel tower to take in the magnificent views of Paris. Unfortunately, they were unable to go all the way to the top due to poor weather conditions and poor visibility but the views from the second floor more than made up for it.

The group then went to the Magie de Noel Christmas market at the Tuileries garden. Numerous wooden, cabin-like stalls, sweet smells from the hot drink and food stalls as well as the shouts of people enjoying the fairground rides greeted the group. A few hours were spent exploring the market before the group returned back to the coach via the Louvre pyramid and a walk up Rue de Rivoli, which ended at the town hall.

A visit to the hypermarket allowed students to use their French language skills to buy souvenirs and presents. The evening ended with karaoke and a disco.

There was an early start on Monday 9th December as the group began the return journey back to Lakelands Academy. The rearranged stop at Vimy Ridge went really well as the group were able to listen to a Canadian volunteer give a talk about the preserved trenches and monument.



The group returned to Lakelands Academy at midnight after a slight delay at Calais.

The students were an absolute delight on the trip and Miss Barnes claimed that they did themselves, their parents and the school proud.

Miss Barnes would also like to thank Mr Palshis, Mrs Jones, Mr Evans and Mrs Johnson for all their hard work, without whom, the trip would not have been possible.



**Please make a Note of :
Remaining School Term
And
Holiday Dates
For
2019/2020**



AUTUMN TERM
2nd/3rd Sept - PD Day
 (Staff only)
 4th September -
 20th December
 Half Term:
 28th Oct - 1st Nov
25th Oct - PD Day
 (Staff only)
 Christmas Holidays:
 23rd Dec - 3rd Jan

SPRING TERM
Mon 6th Jan - PD Day
 (Staff only)
 7th January - 3rd April
 Half Term:
 17th - 21st February
 Easter Holiday:
 6th - 17th April

SUMMER TERM
 20th April - 17th July
 May Day Bank Holiday -
 Friday 8th May
 Half Term:
 25th - 29th May



Black skirt (knee length) or black tailored trousers

Striped Tie

Black V-neck Sweatshirt (with embroidered school badge)

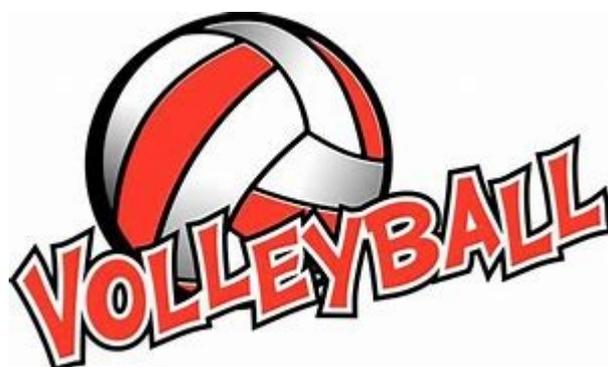
Black or grey socks or black or flesh coloured tights

Keep your shirts tucked in and your ties done up!

LAKESLANDS STAFF VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Lakelands team was been invited by ex-member (and ex-Lakelands staff member) Josh Gough to play a staff team from Thomas Adams on Wednesday 11th December. As we were on a “played 3 won 1” run to date we were determined to improve this statistic!

We started well and won the first set, playing well as a team. Unfortunately this did not last in the following sets as we struggled to find a rhythm and proceeded to lose the next two sets, and so the match. Credit must go to Mr Gough’s coaching of his team – he obviously learned a lot playing at Lakelands! We look forward to the rematch.



CYCLE PERMITS

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



Please label all uniform and belongings.

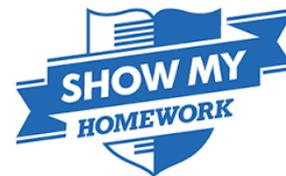
This really helps us when trying to reunite lost property with its owner.

Reminder



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

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.



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.

Autumn Term Dates:

8th Nov, 15th Nov, 22nd Nov, 29th Nov, 6th Dec, 13th Dec

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 3.

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

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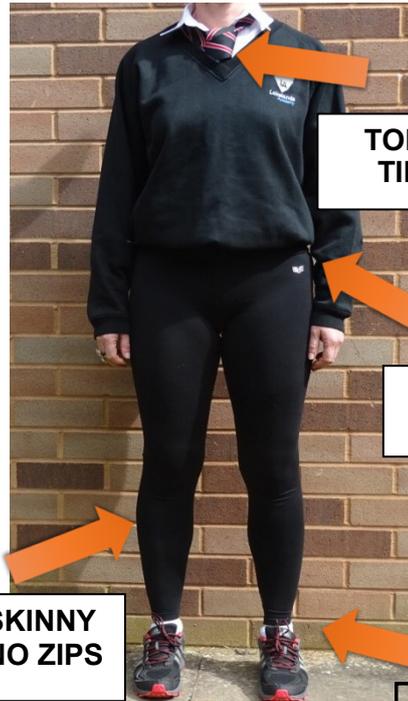


TOP BUTTON /
TIE FASTENED

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!

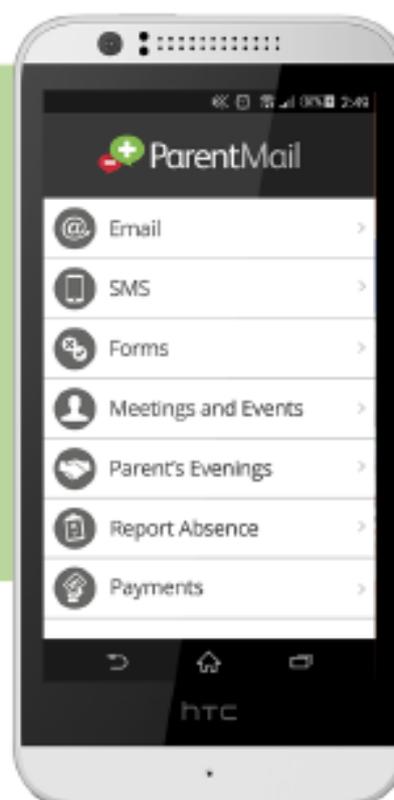


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NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021/22

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2021/22. The Council is simultaneously co-ordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **11 December 2019** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **24 January 2020**.

The only proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements is as follows:

- **St Lawrence CE Primary School** in Church Stretton is proposing a reduction to its Published Admission Number from 36 to 34 to facilitate a hub to accommodate the needs of children with special educational needs and / or disabilities.

Proposed amendments to Shropshire's own admission authority school arrangements are as follows:

- **St. Mary's Bluecoat Primary School** in Bridgnorth is proposing to remove faith-based criteria from their policy.
- **Stottesdon Primary School** is proposing the addition of children of staff to their policy.
- **St. Martin's School** is proposing the addition of children of staff as a new criterion in their policy.
- **Marches Academy Trust** is proposing changes to align the policies of schools that have recently joined the Trust, namely **Grange Primary, Longlands Primary, Lower Heath Primary and Shrewsbury Academy**.
- **Woodfield Infants, St. Georges Junior and Market Drayton Junior schools** are proposing the addition of siblings at their linked infant/junior schools to their criteria.
- **Lydbury North Primary and Onny Primary** are proposing to remove faith-based criteria from their policies.
- **Meole Brace School** is proposing the addition of Shrewsbury residents whose nearest Shrewsbury secondary school is Priory School and second nearest Shrewsbury secondary school is Meole Brace School to their policy.
- **Priory School** is proposing to raise the category children of staff to a higher priority.

The consultation documents containing further information can be found on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk by following the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2021.

If parents wish to make comments on any of the proposed changes by Friday 24 January 2020 they should e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk or write to:

School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND