

LAKELANDS NEWS

Lakelands Academy

A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,
I've just been looking at the newsletter for this time last year, and it's rather like reading a document from a bygone age. There's not one hint of bubbles, sanitiser or social distancing! Perhaps it's as well, as we were able to enjoy all the events of a busy autumn term in school, without worrying about the difficulties that lay ahead. I know we all wish we could return to simpler times, and I'm sure I'm not the only one to have made a vow never to take for granted all the freedoms which are currently denied to us, once the Covid restrictions are finally lifted.

It's often at times of hardship or challenge that heroes emerge, but rare that more than six hundred show their superhero colours at the same time. Yet this is precisely what has happened since September at Lakelands. From the new Year 7s placing their trust in us to look after them as they start secondary school without the usual transition, to the Year 11s returning for the most important year of their young lives - with none of the certainty they need at this time - all of our students have been magnificent. Each year group has had to adapt to the 'new normal' of handwashing, sanitising, year group bubbles, an outdoors one way system, limited access to areas of the school, restricted canteen service..... and they have done this positively, sensibly and with a clear understanding that as individuals they are doing 'their bit' to protect us all. We couldn't be more proud of them, or more grateful.

I must acknowledge the work of the staff team too. Site, finance and administration staff worked tirelessly throughout the summer to make sure that we could all return to a Covid safe school, with new wash stations, adapted classrooms, and new mini canteen areas and year group bases. Since September, all staff have had to adapt to numerous new systems,

procedures and processes, quite apart from the usual start of the year challenges of learning new names and timetables. Eight weeks in, I look around me and I see a very, very tired school community, definitely ready for a break, but still smiling.

During the first half term we usually experience two of our annual academy highlights; Open Day and Year 6 Taster Day. This year, we knew we couldn't open our doors to invite children and parents into school, so instead we uploaded clips and activities onto our website - you may have seen them. I think we managed to capture a bit of 'Lakelands magic', and we've had some great feedback.

The recent government announcement that GCSE exams will take place in England next Summer has ended speculation about the possibility of a second cohort of Year 11s receiving Centre Assessed Grades. Everything that can be done, is being done, to make sure that our students aren't disadvantaged in any way because of the lockdown during their Year 10. We are currently discussing mock exams for Year 11, and information and a timetable will be published early next half term. In the meantime, I urge Year 11 to 'keep calm and carry on', safe in the knowledge that we will support them, whatever happens in the months to come.

With Wales under a two week lockdown and growing restrictions in England, I doubt that the half term break will be particularly action packed this year for any of us. Nonetheless, I hope you have the opportunity to break out of your usual routine to enjoy yourselves somehow, and, of course, that you all stay safe and well.

Sophy Bellis

Headteacher

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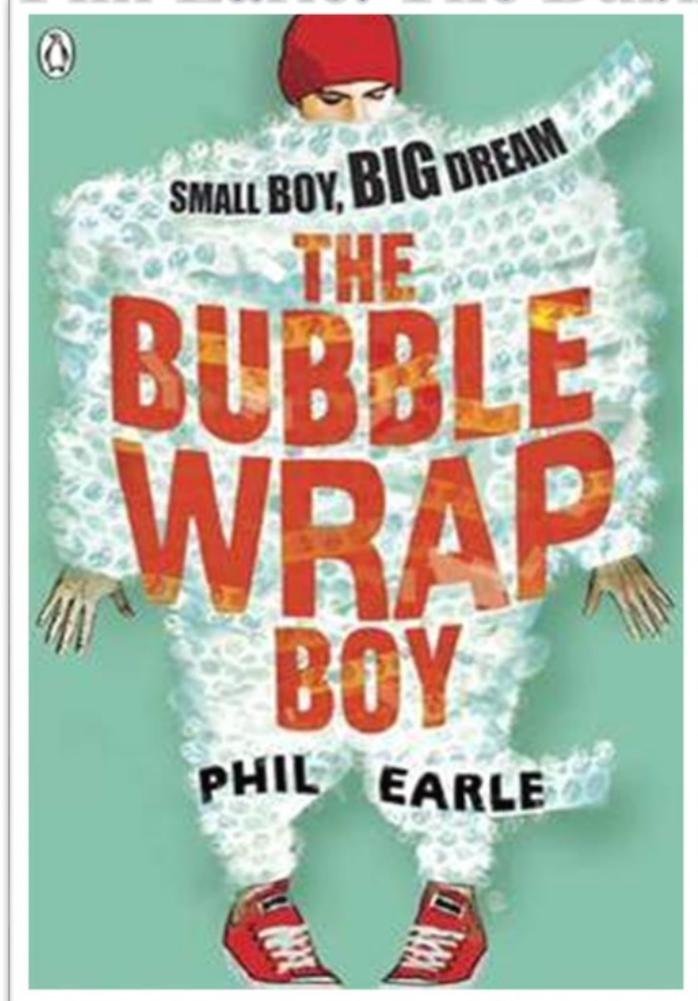
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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Recommended Read:

Phil Earle: The Bubble Wrap Boy



About The Author: Phil Earle

Phil Earle is from Hull. His first job was as a care worker in a children's home, which inspired him to train as a drama therapist. Phil now spends his time writing children's books as well as selling them for a publisher.

Charlie is teased at school and harassed at home by his over protective Mum. While out doing his deliveries one day, Charlie spots a kid skateboarding and decides he wants to give it a try. However, things are never that simple...

The Bubble Wrap Boy is a book that will make you laugh. Whether it's Charlie's mother making him wear goggles to decorate the Christmas Tree, or the constant reference to his being short, this is a funny book. This is a book that deals with a lot of the worries we all experience in our lives. Through Charlie's journey, the author shows us how important it is to find your own way in the world, no matter what others may think.

SHOW JUMPING SUCCESS

Seamus and Kieran Taylor 11C and 10C

We are very pleased that Lakelands support us with our out of school sporting activity and passion with our show jumping with our ponies. We train very hard at home with our ponies, starting our days at 5:30am to give us time to exercise some of our ponies before school. So it does make it very special when we qualify for Horse of the Year show and Royal International - Hickstead just to name a couple of the big shows that we go to.

We had qualified for some of the other big shows this year, Liverpool and Olympia but they are unable to run them due to the restrictions of people indoors. But that's not stopping all the shows so we are travelling to the shows getting our qualifications ready for next year.



REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please be advised that we can only accept **telephone calls and messages** regarding student absences, **not email**. If your child is absent for more than one day, please note that we require you to phone **every morning**, not just on the first day of absence.

These are safeguarding requirements.

To report an absence please ring 01691 622543

2020/2021 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2020

3rd September/4th September - Friday 18th December

PD Day - Thursday 23rd October

HALF TERM - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

CHRISTMAS - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

SPRING TERM 2021

PD Day - Monday 4th January

Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 1st April

HALF TERM - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

EASTER - Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April—Tuesday 20th July

HALF TERM - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 21st July



Polite reminder to all students as the weather turns cold please remember to wear a **suitable coat** to school and bring an **umbrella**.

The additional items which are now acceptable as part of PE kit are:

- **Sports leggings/ skins/ undershorts in black or navy (no designer brands)**
- **School shorts or skorts should be worn over the top** and there should be no visible logos or alternate colourways visible once the shorts or skorts are on. This means that a logo may be present but it is covered up by the shorts or skorts. Please ensure that they wear leggings as well as their shorts/skorts not instead of them.
- **Jogging bottoms in black or navy**
There may be a small logo at the top of the trousers as we appreciate it is very difficult to buy jogging bottoms without a logo however this logo or branding should only be at the top of the trousers and the rest of the jogging bottoms should be plain with no other colourways.
- **School jumper/ Lakelands PE fleece maybe worn if it is cold or BTEC hoody for BTEC students.**

A reminder of the uniform and appearance code is in your child's diary on page 3.

CYCLE PERMITS

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



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.





Lakelands
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Presents



Please record your Christmassy video by
Tuesday 8th December

Send it to:

creative.arts@lakelandsacademy.org.uk

TUNE IN ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER



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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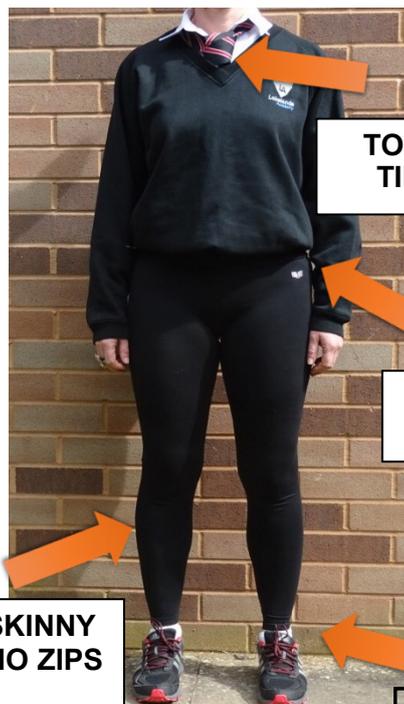


TOP BUTTON /
TIE FASTENED

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!

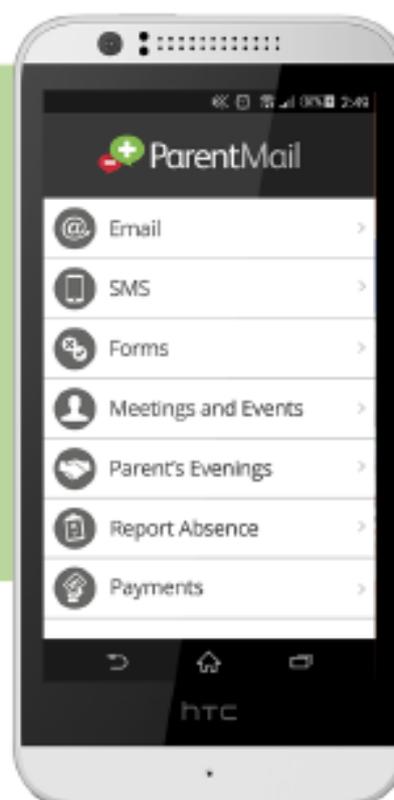


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