



# LAKELANDS NEWS

## A message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents/ Carers

In yet another demonstration of the resilience that has characterised the Lakelands community over the last eighteen months, this morning it's 'business as usual', despite the disappointment of not waking up as UEFA Euro cup winners. Our pupils often amaze me with their wisdom, and as one of them sagely remarked this morning, "well, at least we made it to the end, we got to be part of every match possible, and if you think about it, we've still got winning to look forward to." What a fantastic attitude to have. I have to say that I've been immensely proud of our young people throughout this year. Their ability to adapt to each new twist and turn in the saga of Covid 19 has impressed us all.

As you will be aware, just when we thought we were seeing the light at the end of the Covid tunnel, we had our first cases in school, and bubbles had to close temporarily, as they have done in schools across the county. Rapid transmission is a feature of the Covid variant which accounts for most cases at the moment, so although it seems that most official measures will still be relaxed on the scheduled date of July 19<sup>th</sup>, I think we are going to have to take the "personal responsibility" that the government are talking about, for quite some time. The most recent guidance that we have received from the Department of Education suggests that in September, we will be able to, and should, remove the restrictions and procedures that we have become so familiar with over the last eighteen months. However, if we've learned anything during the pandemic, it is that situations can and do change, so I will write to you all in the last week of August to clarify the situation for September.

Malcolm Farrar first came to Lakelands to teach our students about road safety many years ago,



Malcom Farrar wearing his B.E.M.

and he's become a stalwart of the annual PSHEE timetable. We were absolutely delighted to hear that he had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's birthday honours list this year, for his services to the county's children.

Malcom always told us that he "didn't have favourites", but we were delighted (but not surprised) that he chose to make his final school visit before retirement to Lakelands. We wish him a happy retirement.

Leanne Hickson (Yr 9) with her certificate of thanks from the Princess Trust



Though we've been able to do less as a community this year, I'm proud to say that a number of our young people have been doing things for the community. On the right, above, is year 9 student Leanne Hickson, who had her hair cut recently, and donated her locks to the Princess Trust, who make wigs for children that need them. Please do let us know if you know of things we need to celebrate - our children are very modest and sometimes need their 'trumpet' blowing for them!

Speaking of praise and gratitude, I can't end without acknowledging the extraordinary efforts staff across the academy have made this year. Constantly adapting to change, they have pulled together in adversity, responding to each new challenge positively and with determination. Thank you, #Teamlakelands, you've been magnificent.

At the end of every year we say goodbye, not just to our outgoing Year 11, but also to staff who are leaving us. This July we are saying thank you and farewell to Faculty leader Caitlin Roberts, TA Charlotte Meakin, and lunchtime supervisor Erica Meddins. Ann Hughes is also leaving us, after many, many years of devoted service as both teacher and teaching assistant. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

And so this strangest of all academic years comes to a close. Please note that Year 11 results day will be earlier than usual, on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

I wish you all a healthy, happy holiday and thank you, again, for all of your support and patience throughout the pandemic. Happy holidays!

Sophy Bellis  
Headteacher

# **CONGRATULATIONS.....**

**to the Year 9 Girls who completed the Game of Our Own Leadership Programme.**

**GAME  
OF  
OUR  
OWN**

**Georgia Thomas**

**Arabella Chaplin**

**Darcey Cullen**

**Belle Allman**

**Frankie Doleman**

**Rosie Milford**





# FOOTBALL TRIP TO STFC



On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, students from The Kettlemere Centre and LEAP were given the fantastic opportunity to attend Shrewsbury Town Football Club's grand opening of their new 3G pitch.

The students took part in a variety of activities provided by the coach, Mark Bull, including developing ball skills and football games. Afterwards, the students were able to have a look inside the stadium and take photos of the pitch.

Thomas Nicholls, 7B, was given the honour of cutting the ribbon to officially open the pitch alongside the chairman!



The School Games is a national programme which inspires young people to be physically active for life through positive experiences of daily activity and competition. This term our very own School Games Organiser Miss Croxon has been very busy delivering Arrows Archery & Tri Golf to over 500 Primary School students across North Shropshire!

"It was fantastic to be back delivering at the Primary Schools, I had just as much fun as the children! They have missed out on so much this year it was good to deliver something a little different."





With the summer holidays now in sight, we are reflecting on another fab half term in English. School has been much quieter without our year 11 classes-we were sad to see such a lovely bunch of students leaving us and wish them all the best for a happy successful future.

Year 7 began this half term with our annual Readathon event. This year we decided to break with tradition and raise money for Hope House, a charity which is local and close to many of our hearts. With over 80% of donations being spent directly on care, we felt that our money would make a bigger impact and help more people. We have been absolutely delighted at the caring and enthusiastic attitude of the students and are proud to announce that (excluding gift aid) the total amount raised was £512! The Hope House team are incredibly grateful, as are Team English, for your support and generosity! Thank you!

This half term also saw our first ever ‘PRIDE’ week, enjoyed by years 7 & 8. Students have loved learning about the history behind the LGBTQ movement, exploring how the context and issues present themselves in the music at the time - all great preparation for GCSE literature. Again, we have been delighted at how mature and open-minded our students have been when discussing diversity issues.

In other news, year 8s have been studying Sherlock Holmes – one of our new KS3 texts – kicking off the topic with a murder mystery! Year 9s have enjoyed a Jekyll and Hyde themed escape room and year 10 students have been creating their own ‘Dragons’ Den’ presentations-designing a new product and presenting it to students playing the parts of the Dragons. Some of the products invented have included prosthetic limbs, vegan make up and gym subscriptions that tackle childhood obesity. We’ve been amazed at the creativity and confidence of the students who’ve taken part!

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Parkinson, from September, will be our new Faculty Leader for English. Good luck, Mrs P!

We hope that all of our students, parents and carers have a wonderful, restful summer holiday! See you on the other side!

Best wishes, from Mrs Hanmer and #TeamEnglish.



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## Lakelands Academy

Thank you for raising a fantastic

£ 512.00

From your Read-A-Thon fundraising challenge!

We couldn't do it without you!

Sini Epstein  
Director of Fundraising

Lakelands Academy  
Oswestry Road  
Ellesmere  
SY12 0EA

13 July 2021

Dear Mrs Hamner & all of year 7,

Thank you so much for choosing to support Hope House Children's Hospices with your recent Read-A-Thon Challenge! We hope you all enjoyed taking part and appreciated having your dedicated time to read, improving your knowledge and skills, whilst raising vital funds for local children!

You have raised an incredible £512 plus Gift Aid which is going to make a huge difference right now, as you no doubt know, we rely on voluntary donations to keep our services running. Infact, 80% of our fundraising income is raised directly from our community! Therefore to know how committed each of you were to raising as much sponsorship as possible really does mean the world to us!

It is only with the help of our local schools and community that we can continue to be here for children who are affected by conditions so serious that they're not expected to live longer than early adulthood. As a registered charity, we need to raise over £6.5 million each year. That's well over £100,000 every week to make sure we can carry on being here for all the children and families who need us in Shropshire, Cheshire, Mid and North Wales.

We're here 365 days a year for the children we support as well as their parents and families who can often find it hard to cope and feel isolated. Our dedicated teams work at both hospices, in the family's own home and within local communities providing specialist nursing care, counselling support, empathy & understanding.

The money you have raised will provide 4 hours of specialist nursing care and also purchase the appropriate PPE which is now needed for our nurses to ensure we can continue providing safe care to the children and families that need us most.

Our families continue to tell us every day that our hospices are an absolute lifeline for them, "They are ones that keep us from breaking". The care we can provide thanks to your support is expert, bespoke and life changing.

We are truly thankful that you chose to support us as we strive to ensure that no one suffers the death of a child alone and you should all be very proud of the difference you have made for your local children's hospice.

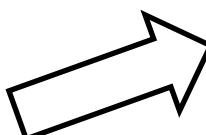
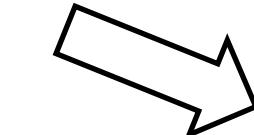
Kindest regards

Bekki Fardoe  
Area Fundraiser

If you fancy a Summer Holiday Challenge.....

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**August 2021**

**VIRTUAL 100 MILE CYCLE CHALLENGE**

Individuals, families & teams can take part!

Bespoke medal & goody bag for every cyclist

Cycle 100 miles this August in a way to suit you!

Kindly sponsored by **NET WORLD SPORTS**

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# **2021/2022 TERM DATES**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**PD Days** - Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd September  
Friday 3rd September - Year 7  
Monday 6th September - Years 7, 10 & 11  
Tuesday 7th September - Whole School In

Last day of term Friday 17th December

**PD Day** - Friday 22nd October

**HALF TERM** - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October  
**CHRISTMAS** - Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January

## **SPRING TERM 2022**

**PD Day** - Tuesday 4th January  
Wednesday 5th January - Friday 8th April

**HALF TERM** - Monday 21st - Friday 25th February  
**EASTER** - Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April

## **SUMMER TERM 2021**

Monday 25th April - Wednesday 20th July  
Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

**HALF TERM** - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June  
First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 20th July

# REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If we are expecting your child to be in school and they are unable to attend, please telephone, **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



## Reminder

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



## CYCLE PERMITS

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

## Uniform & PE Kit

All Parents should have received a Parentmail giving detailed information about Uniform and PE kit policy and guidance. Parents should look at this information before making any purchases and should always keep receipts just in case.

# Lakelands & Lakeside Academy

Lakelands Academy has teamed up with Lakeside coaches to bring Lakelands students exclusive travel to and from school.



COACH 1 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF	COACH 2 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Oswestry Coach Park AM/Railway Tavern PM	07:55	16:17	Park Hall Inglis Road	08:20	15:50
Oswestry Park Gates	08:00	16:14	Whittington Rose Hill Drive	08:23	15:47
Oswestry Cabin Lane	08:03	16:11	Whittington Three Trees	08:25	15:45
Oswestry Unicorn Road	08:05	16:09	Penybryn Avenue	08:27	15:43
Colour Supplies	08:07	16:07	Hinford Junction	08:28	15:42
Gobowen Co-Op	08:12	16:02	Ellesmere The Brow	08:32	15:38
Gobowen Fern Hill Lane	08:14	16:00	Lakelands Academy	08:35	15:35
St Martins Stans	08:19	15:55			
St Martins Coopers Lane	08:21	15:53			
Criftns Parish Hall	08:27	15:47			
Lakelands Academy	08:40	15:35			

Only a limited amount of seats left available from September 2021. If you haven't reserved your seat for next academic year please contact Miss H Smith in the finance office.

# 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.

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

Please label all uniform and belongings.

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

## GOOD



BLACK SENSIBLE  
(FLAT) SHOES -  
NOT BOOTS

TOP BUTTON /  
TIE FASTENED

BLACK KNEE  
LENGTH SKIRT

LEGGINGS/SKINNY  
TROUSERS/NO ZIPS

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

**SHIRT UNTUCKED**

**SKIRT TOO SHORT/  
TOO TIGHT OR LYCRA**

**TRAINERS**

## BAD



TOP BUTTON /  
TIE UNDONE

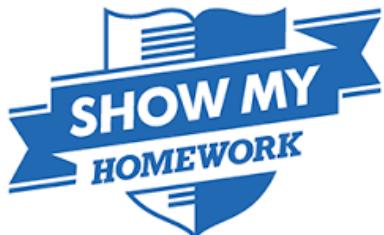
JUMPER  
TUCKED IN

TRAINERS

## BAD



TOP BUTTON /  
TIE UNDONE



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.

## Attention All Parents!



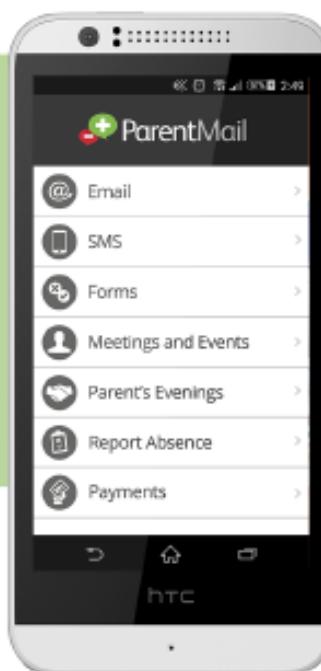
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