



LAKELANDS NEWS

July 2022

A message from The Headteacher

As we approach the end of what has been an action-packed year, I'm delighted that we've at last been able to restore some of the defining Lakelands end of year action. Though we've not quite built back to a complete week of Festival activities, the big set piece events are back. On Friday 15th July, the whole school sponsored walk along the canal to Colemere took place, and on Thursday 14th we were all on the field cheering on our respective houses on Sports Day. Community events like this are so important to our ethos, and I know that students and staff alike were really looking forward to them.

The GCSE examination period ended in June, and by common consent, Year 11 conducted themselves wonderfully well throughout. Considering the disruption they faced during their five years with us, they rose to the challenge magnificently. It was lovely to see them dressed to the nines at their Prom (another returning highlight of the calendar) celebrating, relaxing and reflecting on all they'd experienced.

Of course, as one cohort leaves, another arrives, and two weeks ago we all felt a surge of energy as the Year 6 children who are joining us arrived for their new intake day. We really missed this event during Covid and it gave all of us a boost to see the level of excitement and enthusiasm this new generation brought with them. We were also extremely proud of the Year 10 volunteers who supported and mentored Year 6 during the day. Their energy levels were certainly tested as never before – as one observed at 3:30pm "I now have new respect for teachers!"

In some ways it's only now that we are realising just how incredibly different and difficult the 'Covid Years' were. Maintaining a sense of community in a time of separateness and isolation has not been easy, nor has forging the all-important positive relationships with 'new' parents and carers. Covid numbers may be growing at the moment, but there is a distinct 'we're back in business' feel to the academy.

Last week a significant number of our Year 10 students had a taste of the 'real world' as Work Experience opportunities were once again made available. I'm so delighted that we have been able to build work experience back into the annual calendar, and I must give a special mention to Mrs Wilkinson who surmounted all the many challenges that lay in her way to organise not only the work placements, but also the 'in house' activities and visitors for the minority who had not been able to get a placement.

Students on the Creative Arts and Technology trip recently spent an action packed few days in London with students creating memories and earning praise for their exemplary behaviour. Now back home, the focus is on the end of year Creative Arts Showcase which will be a lovely way to end the year. Meanwhile, our ASDAN students have been busy organising a school wide collection for local Food Banks to distribute, and our student librarians have been encouraging their peers to get involved in a book swap, so they have new reading material ready for the long hot summer days ahead.

Of course, the end of a school year is bittersweet, as we say our farewells to staff who have been part of the Lakelands family, some for many, many years. This July we are saying goodbye to Meg Lacey, IT apprentice, Lynda Evans, site team, Emma Colemere, Creative Arts/DT technician and Ed Palshis, Senior Science technician. These may be names you've not become familiar with, but believe me, none of us could function without the tremendous support we receive from the staff operating 'behind the scenes'. We're also bidding farewell to two teaching staff who have, in their different ways, made tremendous contributions to generations of Lakelands students. We wish Mr Richards (Art) and Mr Warder (head of PE) all the very best as they leave us, and we thank them for all they have done for Lakelands.

I'd like to pay tribute to **all** staff who have worked as part of #teamlakelands this year. It's been a busy year, with new challenges, an Ofsted visit, and much Covid uncertainty (will the GCSE exams happen, or won't they, will there be a new lockdown and if so, when?) but the staff have forged ahead regardless, to provide the very best experience for our students whatever fate or the latest education minister might throw in our direction. Your children are, of course, the constant in all this, and the reason we all get up in the morning!

As I write this, the sun is beaming down, and there's a sense that summer may have finally arrived for all of us. I wish you all a happy healthy summer and thank you for all your support this academic year.

Sophy Bellis
Headteacher



Summer is nearly here (but where's the sun?) and it's been another busy, yet fun, half term up in English. We've been delighted to welcome our newest member of the team, Mrs Clewlow, who joined us from the Corbet and completes our little department perfectly!

Our year 11s have finally flown the nest, sitting four English exams during May and June. We were really impressed at how the vast majority approached this stressful period and it was great to see so many coming out of the exam hall looking, and feeling, confident. The English early morning revision sessions were well attended and helped those who needed a last minute boost! We wish our year 11s the best of luck as they move onto their next challenge, be it college, work or an apprenticeship. Meanwhile, Year 10 classes have been enjoying our latest unit of work based on the horror genre, studying extracts from a range of famous horror novels and then writing their own short story using Stephen King's methods. There will be prizes available for the most original story idea, the best front cover and the most creative use of three words chosen from a selection. Already there are so many fantastic stories that we know it's going to be very difficult to decide on the winners! During July, all year groups will be offered the opportunity to take part in this year's Young Writer's Mini-Saga competition. This is an annual national competition where students write a story with a word limit of 100! Not as easy as it sounds-but lots of fun!

In the final week before half term, we held our annual Readathon fundraiser-this year we were raising funds for our library, which is hugely popular and desperately in need of more books, and for MNDA. A total of £428 was raised by Year 7 classes, the form who raised the most were 7C – they will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn before the end of term! Our top three fundraisers were: Tilda O'Reilly, Amelia Bowers and Lola Adams-WELL DONE, girls! And well done and thank you to all students who gathered sponsorship.

With this school year nearly over, we are looking forward to welcoming our new year 7s in September! Year 6 students joining us for their move-up day on July 6th will take away a 'Big Summer Read' project booklet to complete in the holidays plus a snazzy #TeamEnglish bookmark, produced by our very own Mrs Gordon! Mrs Gordon has been very busy lately, with many students loving having use of the library at lunch times and during our timetabled library lessons. She has uploaded some great resources for summertime reading on the school website-do take a look! The big holidays are a perfect time for our students to get stuck into a good book!

On this note, we wish you all a lovely, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in the new school year!

#TeamEnglish

A Year of Reading

This year has seen us launch Accelerated Reader (AR) at Lakelands Academy, and what a fantastic year of reading it's been! All Year 7 & 8 have taken part in the programme, which assesses students' reading ability and matches them with a wide range of suitable books, and many have made fantastic progress as a result.

Every day, students have spent 20 minutes reading during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time, and they've also enjoyed a dedicated library lesson once a week, during which they've been able to read, borrow books and take AR quizzes on the books they've read.

Overall, our fantastic Y 7 & 8 students have read a total of 61,100,431 words this year, with many students exceeding 1 million words to become Word Millionaires. We're so proud of everyone's achievements!

Reading Brings Rewards

We love celebrating success, and the AR programme has rewarded keen readers with a range of incentives, from tea parties to lunch passes and prizes.

Forty-two students received invitations to our most recent Top Reader's Tea Party, which takes place in the library and rewards students who've read over 250,000 words with hot chocolate, cake and scones. We've also handed out over 35 lunch passes for those who've read over half a million words, and 24 prizes from our Keep Reading Hamper for those who topped 750,000 words.

Congratulations Word Millionaires!

We're SO proud of the students who have read more than 1 million words this year and become Word Millionaires! Congratulations to the following students for their amazing achievement:

- Harry Stovin (7B)
- Henry Clutton (7B)
- Korey Bidwell (7B)
- Alexander Barney (7C)
- Caitlin Derham (7C)
- Eddie Cattell (7C)
- Lucy Sumnall (7N)
- Tilly Manford (7N)
- Harry Hampson (7W)
- Harrison Kunne (7W)
- Megan Bolton (8B)
- Grace Cheetham (8C)
- George Butler (8C)
- Ioan Utting (8N)
- Will Clarke (8N)



All these students will receive a golden ticket for our Millionaires Draw and be in with a chance of winning one of three £20 Amazon vouchers in our end of term Rewards Assembly.



Some of our fantastic Word Millionaires

- Left to Right:
- Alexander Barney
 - Tilly Manford
 - Lucy Sumnall
 - Caitlin Derham
 - Will Clarke
 - Ioan Utting

And: Jacob Moore & Tom Johnson

SPORTS DAY 2022

Sports Day 2022 turned out to be a fantastic event with boys and girls competing in a whole host of events throughout the day. As ever there were some outstanding individual performances which is no surprise to the PE department who have seen the talent and potential in the students all year. The super talented athletes would not be as successful without the really gutsy performers who enter the events knowing they are not the best performers but give it a go. They too are amazing!

A huge congratulations must go to some record beaters - so;

Well done to Luke Edwards who has broken records in Year 8 boys 100m and Long Jump, Elliot O'Connor who equalled the Year 10 boys Long Jump record and Zach Lea who smashed the Year 10 boys 1500m record.

The overall individual boys winner this Year was Luke Edwards and for the girls Was Jaz Bailey. Well done to both.

And finally the overall winner this year by a convincing margin was Newtonmere - well done to them but more importantly well done to everyone who took part because they made the day extremely special and made us realise how much we had missed it!

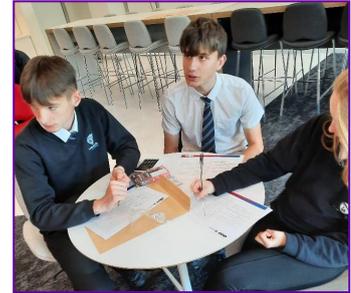
Well done and thanks. A. Warder



Careers at Lakelands Summer

To say Careers has taken centre stage this half term for year 10 and below at Lakelands Academy, would be a huge underestimation! We have all focussed a lot of energy on looking at future opportunities in education, and the world of work.

In June, the second half of year 9 (9N and 9W) headed over to AICO for an introduction to the workplace. Here they go to be inspired by the premises and awards the company (a world leader) have to offer their employees. Dragging students back from the swinging egg chairs and ping-pong table was a challenge for the staff escorting them, so it was only fair to put the challenges back onto them: finance challenge to open a safe of sweets, boxing up order challenge and an alarm wiring challenge (that a certain member of staff, who shall remain nameless, struggled with due to not using the correct tools available), the competitive nature of the day culminated in teams competing to display the best Expo stand for a new clothing, food or eco-business.



We were fortunate to host Careers focussed extended PSHEE session for the whole school on 29th June. Year 7 were introduced to a variety of people from industries describing how they use English in their work. We welcomed the author and illustrator Sarah Parkinson, ballet teacher Ellie Moss, happiness trainer Katie Millard, the dynamic race event organiser Alan Lewis, Harriet Ernsts-Evans from Zen communications, Anna from the charity Lingen-Davies, and Bethan with ex-student and super apprentice Ruby from AICO. The visitors all brought inspiration, energy and enthusiasm to our youngsters and they, in turn, impressed with their interviewing and listening skills .



Our year 8 groups were introduced to the world of University, welcoming Joy from Glyndwr university in Wrexham, looking at what universities offer young people and then creating their own university course designed just for themselves.

Year 9 were introduced to the prospect of entering the world of work in preparation for their embarking on Work Experience in Year 10, looking at: different types of business, different sectors and different roles in most businesses available to them.

Year 10 were given a variety of English in the workplace tasks from staff at the Theatre Severn, Marches Care and Shropshire Museums, to name a few. They were also given time to complete final preparations for embarking on Lakelands' first Work Experience week in over 15 years.

To say that the coordination of Work Experience had been a 'challenge', is to put it mildly. However, taking into consideration the perfect storm encircling the working world over of the past couple of years, I would say that our first endeavour has been rather successful. We had young people working in Solicitor firms in Chester and Shrewsbury, various local primary schools, Oswestry Town Council, Raidius Aerospace, interior design companies, Stan's Superstore, Moolah and D.C Aquatics- to name a few.

We didn't leave the students who hadn't managed to secure placements to take it easy, on Wednesday we welcomed Joy from Glyndwr back to talk study habits and time management for GCSEs and beyond. We visited HIAB with a collection of students, and on Wednesday we had an intriguing enterprise task set by AICO searching for new safety devices to invest in. With teachers from English, Maths and Science Departments taking on the roles of Dragons (from the Den), we saw offers of mattresses that vibrate to wake the hard of hearing in an emergency, tracking devices for those missing or being missed, some very interesting spiked-drink protectors and an "everything" sensor that can be used everywhere. To say our year 10 are inventive, is definitely selling them short.

Looking forward to the new school year in September, we have already got date for our first "in-person" careers fair in November where we will bring to you exhibitors from our local further Education providers, training providers, companies looking to employ apprentices and universities. If you think that this is something you are able to help with, please get in touch with me:

Vicky.wilkinson2@lakelandsacademy.org.uk

Lakelands and HIAB

Lakelands Academy has been really fortunate to interact with HIAB on two occasions now. It has been really beneficial for the youngsters to see what a local company has to offer.

Back in Autumn 2021, led by Ryan Pearson, HIAB brought a presentation and a series of vehicles to our premises to demonstrate and describe the company and its work to our year 9 students. To say they made an impression is an understatement. The cranes wowed staff and students alike and the idea of opportunity inspired; many of us didn't know that an international company of this standing was on our doorstep.



In July, a small number of year 10 students visited the site for an introduction as part of their Work Experience week. Physically arriving on site and getting to be in the presence of a variety of company members fulfilling different roles with different pathways to their current places, left them with lasting aspirational ideas and a renewed desire to be successful.



At Lakelands Academy, we're always grateful for the opportunities to share available future prospects and, with Ryan and a number of the team at HIAB being ex-Lakelands students, it really helps us as a school to motivate and inspire the young people we serve.

Year 9 Music student, Thomas Davies, has worked incredibly hard this year towards achieving a merit in his grade 2 guitar exam. Pictured here, Thomas is now the proud owner of a new Taylor acoustic guitar which was bought through Lakelands' 'Help To Buy' discounted musical instrument purchase scheme. If you are interested in following in Tom's footsteps with either progressing your music skills or would appreciate support in the purchasing of any musical instrument, do not hesitate to contact Mr Nicholls who will be happy to discuss this with you. Huge congratulations to Thomas, and we look forward to seeing more from him and all of our talented Music students at Lakelands!



Dougie Tomkins and Zac Roberts from 9N played Rugby on the professional pitch at Worcester Sixways stadium for the Worcester Warriors DPP festival. Winning both games 4-2, 2-1.

Dogs Trust

In May, House Captains Gracie Rowe and Fern Forrester of 7W, organised a donation event for Dogs Trust, a charity that was chosen by a 7W vote. Students were able to bring in a variety of items that could be donated to the dog charity from dog food to dog coats and many toys in between. We had many donations!

The charity were incredibly grateful for the donations and sent an email "to say a big thank you to the Lakelands Academy for their donations of goodies! They will definitely be well loved and used. Thank you again :-)



There was a special thank you from one of the most recent residents who was brought out to say hello when the donations were dropped off! Thank you to all of you who donated and to Fern and Gracie for all your hard work! You have made some dogs very happy!

The Big Book Swap

A huge thank you to everyone who brought books in for our first Big Book Swap! The event, which allowed students to bring in their pre-read books and swap them for new ones, was a great success, with over 140 books swapped and a further 50 books sold over a two day period.

Students were thrilled with the quality of the books on offer and flooded into the Hall to choose new books from the huge choice available. They were served by members of Lakelands' Student Librarian Team, who did a fantastic job of promoting the Book Swap, collecting books, setting up the tables and advising students on their book choices.

Lakelands is passionate about promoting reading for pleasure and we were thrilled to see so many students leaving with ample reading material to keep them going over the summer holidays.



Our Head Girl Cassie Edwards accepted a generous donation of 300 apples from Stan's for our Year 11 pupils to eat before they sat their GCSE's.

Thank you Stan's



Well done to the following students who helped raise money bag packing in Tesco for our foodbank collection.

Year 8: Alistair Mills

Year 9: Iliyana Bedzheva, Ella Evans, Katie Meddins, Kyle Thomas, Karol Mroz & Archie Calloway

Year 10: Lucy Gaden & Lucas Roberts

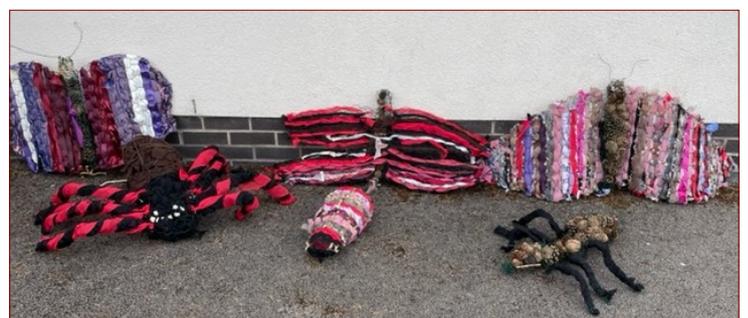
Year 11: Christopher Giddins

Thank you Tesco for allowing our pupils to bag pack in your store on Tuesday 5th July. We raised over £170 for our school foodbank collection



Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative

Inspired by sculptures made from recycled materials at Chester zoo, students attending the Kettlemere Centre at Lakelands Academy decided to create their own creatures using recycled material weaved through chicken wire. Inspired by insects you may see around Ellesmere, they enlarged them and added their own creative twist! We contacted the Ellesmere Sculpture Group who suggested they could keep the 'Lone Bee' company in Cremorne Gardens!



Collect Your Tesco Tokens!

Don't forget to keep collecting your Tesco Tokens and voting for Lakelands over the summer holidays! We're thrilled that Lakelands Academy Library has been chosen to receive a Tesco Community Grant, which will help us add fantastic new book stock to our busy school library. Now we just need your votes!

Lakelands Library is a well-used resource that's an essential part of everyday school life. We're desperate to update our collection with exciting new titles that will encourage reading for pleasure across the school and support students in their curriculum studies - so please do keep voting.

Tokens will be available at the checkout at Tesco, Ellesmere until 30th September. The more tokens we get, the more money we will receive and the better we will be able to support our students.

Thank you for your votes!

Pick up Tesco Tokens and Vote for Lakelands!



Vote for Lakelands Academy Library
Tesco, Ellesmere
30th June-30th Sept

TESCO
Community Grants
Every Little Helps!



THANK YOU

Lakelands donated 189kg - really cool and £71 in cash. Brilliant everyone you did amazingly well for the end of term donations - you all have such generous hearts.

Warmest regards,

Liz Jermy - Manager

Oswestry & Borders Foodbank



Useful Links to Resources for Families:

'Worrying About Money?' Leaflets- free hard copies available through SophiePadgett@cabshropshire.org.uk

Online, interactive version: <https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Shropshire Larder - <https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>

Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage - <https://shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

Information about Free School Meals - <https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

Shropshire Family Information Service - <https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/parents-and-carers/shropshire-family-information-service-0-19-years/>

The Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage includes links and advice for specific money worries, including :

Cost Of Transport

Debt and borrowing

Rent or Mortgage Help

Help with Energy Bills

Help with water rates

Financial help for people with disabilities

Help with pensions

SUMMER TERM 2022

Last Day of Term Tuesday 19th July

2022/2023 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2022

PD Days - Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

Wednesday 7th September for Years 7 & 11 ONLY

Thursday 8th September Years 8, 9 & 10 Return

Last day of term Friday 16th December

PD Day - Monday 31st October

HALF TERM: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

CHRISTMAS: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 31st March

HALF TERM: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February

EASTER: Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April - Tuesday 20th July

HALF TERM: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 21st July

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



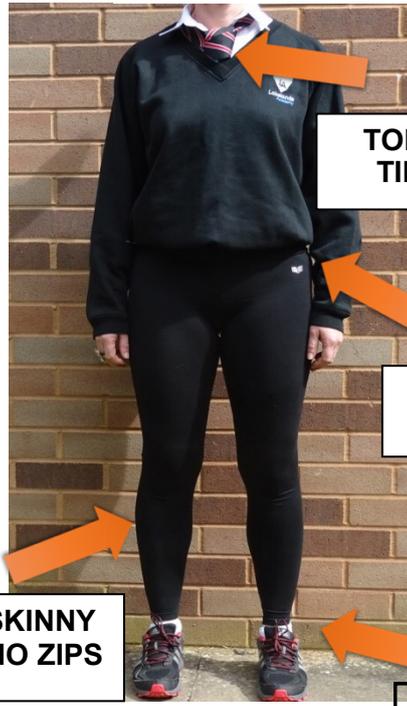
TOP BUTTON / TIE FASTENED

BLACK KNEE LENGTH SKIRT

BLACK SENSIBLE (FLAT) SHOES - NOT BOOTS

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

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

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

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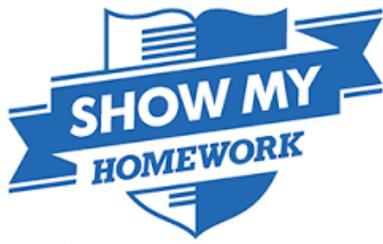
Lakelands & Lakeside Academy

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			
Criftins Parish Hall	08:27	15:47			
Lakelands Academy	08:40	15:35			

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**PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE
REMEMBER TO CHECK SHOW MY
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TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS
BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF
THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN
HANDLED IN.**

Attention All Parents!

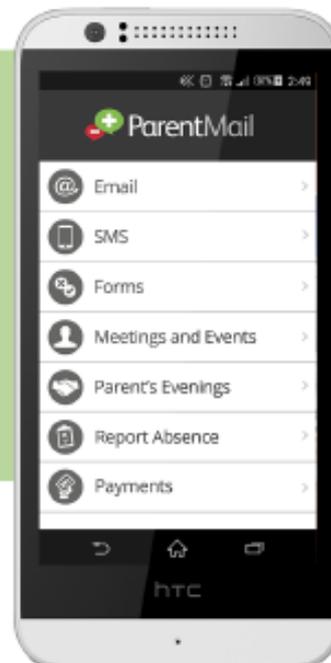


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