



LAKELANDS NEWS

February 2023

A message from The Headteacher

On my drive to work today I noticed the first snowdrops of spring, and it definitely feels as though the worst of the winter is over. However, with rumours of another 'beast from the east' arriving at the end of the half term break it might be a bit early to put the hats and scarves away for the year.

As someone who has very happy memories of the 1980s, I was looking forward to the recent school production of 'Back to the 80s', and it didn't disappoint. The whole show was a joy, and a reminder of the talent that we have amongst our students. There were some superb performances, and the whole show was a masterclass of inclusivity and teamwork. From the set design to the lighting, the props to the costumes, there were so many people involved. They had worked together for months, in school, after school and at weekends to create several hours of magic for a very enthusiastic audience.

Back in November we had a very successful information evening where a number of agencies attended to talk about the work they do to support young people at risk of exploitation. The feedback was really positive, with many parents commenting that they now felt better equipped to discuss the issues at home, and that they had learned many things as they went around the stalls.

Mock exams are complete, results have been issued and dissected and last week saw the last Year 11 Parents Evening for this year group. Revision is key to success and a few weeks ago Year 11 got the opportunity to explore how to revise effectively with 'Positively You' who are a leading UK provider of educational workshops designed to give students the tools and techniques they need.

At the moment, as Year 11s attend interviews for sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships, Year 10 students are busy exploring work experience opportunities. The reintroduction of work experience provides a terrific opportunity for our young people to get a taste of the world of work and to see what life beyond the school gates will be like.

As winter gives way to spring, the cycle of the school year continues and Year 9s prepare to make their GCSE Guided Choices. For many of them, these will be the first significant decisions they have ever had to make. Our advice is that they come to the Guided Choices evening, ask as many questions as they can of their subject teachers and most importantly, decide on their choices for themselves without being influenced by friends.

Recently our sports teams have turned in some exceptional performances and our sports leaders are showing real leadership too. Last week visiting primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed their session at Lakelands which had been planned and run by sport leaders.

School council have been busy trialling a range of exciting new menu items that Kellie and her team might launch in the canteen. Representatives took the tasting session very seriously and provided some extremely useful feedback.

Finally, you may have noticed that there was no newsletter at the end of the autumn term. This was a conscious decision, made after much thought. We felt that it would be inappropriate to refer to the devastating loss Ella's family and the entire community had experienced so soon after it had happened; but also, that it would be even worse to issue a traditional cheery Christmas newsletter without any mention of the tragedy that was occupying all of our thoughts. I hope you understand.

Ella shone brightly in her time with us, and her legacy will remain. Her all too brief years at Lakelands are woven into the fabric of our shared history, and we will make sure that she is never forgotten.

Sophy Bellis

WELCOME

Mr Birch - PE Teacher

Mrs Worthington - Alternative Provision TA

Mrs Milrose - Teaching Assistant

Mr Gray - School Games Organiser

GOODBYE

Mr Innet - Science Teacher

Miss Croxon - School Games Organiser

Mr Godwin - DT Technician



DECEMBER

Yet another busy term up in the English department, we've had a lot of fun but are also looking forward to putting our feet up!

Just before half term we arranged for a local author-Sally Warner-to visit school and spend the day with our year 7 classes. The sessions involved Sally explaining how her novel grew from the initial idea (a story she wrote when she was just seven years old!) to the final published product. She showed our students a trailer she had produced for a movie version of the story and the props she had created. Being an illustrator as well as a writer, Sally donated signed copies of her artwork which we awarded to the students who had written the most original creative paragraph. All in all the students really enjoyed the day and it was great for them to be able to chat to Ms Warner and ask questions about her career.

Another exciting event was that of our artist visit from Nick at Olas Art. Mrs Clewlow did a fantastic job, organising a competition for year 9s. 30 of them were given the opportunity to work with Nick and help to create an absolute masterpiece that spans from the foot of the English staircase right up to our classrooms. Some of the designs included are of Wilfred Owen, the beach and footsteps. Our English logo also features a couple of times. It really is a beautiful sight and reflects so much of what we study in English.

We have been delighted to give out the books from our Young Writers competition, which finally arrived this term! In the summer, many of our groups took part in the Twisted Tales mini-saga competition and several of our students' efforts were selected for publication. We really hope that you enjoy seeing your child's story in print-they were all fantastic.

Finally, a massive well done to our amazing year 11s whose attitude and effort in the English (and Media) mocks really stood out. The maturity and hard work displayed by every class was noted and, as a thank you, each class will be having a hot chocolate and donuts treat during the final week! A lovely end to a tough term.

FEBRUARY

This half term has been incredibly busy once more up in English! There have been so many highlights, in particular our visit by Stewart Wellings, a local explorer who has recently published his autobiography. Mr Wellings came in to spend time with our year 11 groups-talking them through his interesting life story as a mountain leader and reading extracts from his book. It was great to have such an interactive session with a live author and the students had prepared questions to ask him too. We are hoping to arrange a follow-up visit in the near future. We were delighted when Mr Wellings fed back to us what a great day he'd had and thought that our students were fantastic.

January saw the rescheduling of the year 7 Longleat trip and was an amazing success. We visited the Longleat Estate on the Thursday, taking part in a safari and a boat trip in the day; then at dusk we walked around the Roald Dahl themed light show, which was stunning. The following day we paid a trip to the Roman Baths, learning about how the ancient Romans used the incredible facilities, taking part in an educational workshop in the afternoon. Again, our students were so enthusiastic and engaged, it was a pleasure to spend time with them .

New for this year are our games clubs, open to students of all years. Uno Club takes place in E3 on a Thursday lunchtime and Chess is in E2 on Fridays. The clubs provide the opportunity for students to make new friends and have some fun as well as developing skills such as strategic thinking and resilience. Ex-chess master, Mrs Saul from Religious Studies, has been joining us on a Friday-giving students some of her expert hints and tips! We've also rolled out a programme for year 11 literature revision after school in order to help them prepare for the summer exams.

World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March and as usual we plan to celebrate in style. Staff around the school will be dressing up as famous book characters and students will have the task of seeing how many they can spot. There will also be a 'Guess the Reader' competition where students have to guess the familiar faces hidden behind their books, and a selection of fun activities and competitions on offer throughout the week in the library. Students are welcome to start planning their costumes and as always there'll be lots of prizes!

We wish you all a very happy half term break!

From #TeamEnglish

Half Term Recommended Reads For Parents:



For Teens:



Students Transform Stairwell into a Literary-Inspired Masterpiece

A group of Year 9 students have left their mark on the school by creating a giant mural to brighten up the stairwell leading to the school's English Department.

The students spent a day working with professional graffiti artist Nick Halahan to create the masterpiece, which incorporates all their own ideas and designs along with quotes from famous authors.

The mural depicts different book genres including horror, poetry, adventure and sci-fi to show how reading can transport you to different worlds.

Students were chosen to be involved with the project following a competition to come up with ideas and designs for the space. The seventeen students whose designs were chosen had the opportunity to spend a full day working with Nick, who helped them bring their ideas to life.

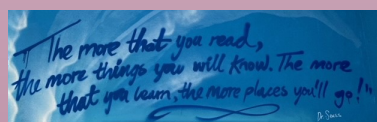
Graffiti artist Nick said: "We wanted to involve young people in turning a dull area into a positive area and use their ideas to represent the best things about books."

"The students were very creative and worked well as a team. Their main concept was to incorporate different genres in a scene going from war poetry and Shakespeare through to fantasy and sci-fi. We're delighted with the result."

The stairwell, which leads to the English Department and school library, is at the heart of the school with hundreds of students walking past and up it on a daily basis.

Head of English Emma Parkinson said: "This mural is all about the story of literature and how it can take you out of yourself and into a world of imagination. It symbolises everything that we're doing in the English Department: making literature alive, relevant, fun and vibrant."

She added: "In this post-Covid era we're working really hard to bring back the magic of English for our students. We want to make sure that our new normal is not ordinary but extraordinary. This mural definitely has the wow factor and it's been lovely to see the wonder on our students' faces as they've seen it."



Celebrating Storytelling Live

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, we were delighted to welcome a professional storyteller into school to give an exclusive live performance to a lucky group of students.

Storyteller Simon Airey visited us on 30th January to deliver a fantastic hour-long storytelling session in the library. His mixture of modern tales and traditional folk stories had us all entranced and it was fantastic for students to see stories presented in such an engaging and unusual way.

EXPLOITATION AWARENESS



We held a 'raising awareness of exploitation' event on the 23/11/22. The purpose of this event was in response to the growing concerns regarding children being criminally exploited by young adults resulting in debt & debt bondage; increased violence & substance misuse as well as being forced to distribute drugs.

We were joined by a number of partner agencies who work alongside children who are victims of CE including teachers, Climb, Police, Youth Justice, TMBS and Early Help as well as Cross Bar and the TREES team where George Davies talked through many of the substances that are of concerns across Shropshire at the moment including the increase of MDMA which is a particular concern in Ellesmere.

There was a steady trickle of parents, children and young people as well as members of the community who attended throughout the evening. Concerns appeared to be after police finish at 12 midnight in Ellesmere and some thought is being given to having 'street pastors' between midnight and early hours – A listening ear was given to anyone who wanted or needed to talk.

Matthew Norford was invited to talk within an assembly to our year 9 & 10's the following week. Although Matthew is an adult now he too was a victim of CCE and also spent time in prison - he talked to the students about his experiences of being exploited and giving hope to victims that there is a way out.



Climb

Climb, partnered with the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, is a unique programme providing positive activities to young people who may otherwise be drawn into criminal activity.



MATTHEW NORFORD Founder & C.E.O. 1Message

Matthew grew up in Rusholme, Manchester; a deprived inner city area that experienced high levels of gun and gang-related crime. He grew up the second eldest of four brothers and following the lead of his elder brother, Matthew became involved in criminal activity from a young age. Despite being offered an opportunity to become a professional basketball player, Matthew maintained his criminal path, leading a gang and serving a number of jail sentences for drug related crimes. During his last sentence in 2011, Matthew discovered that his eldest brother had been killed in a gang related incident, this was the turning point in his life.

Voices from year 9 & 10.....

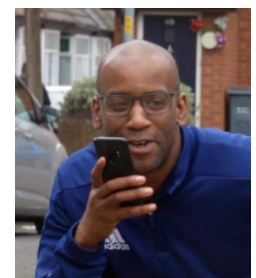
"He was inspirational, it was a great life lesson to learn from his experiences"

"I found it interesting about how he was able to sort himself out after everything he had been through. I think it was amazing how he survived after getting stabbed and shot"

"I found Mathew's talk inspirational. I liked how he was so open and happy to talk about what had happened to him and his brothers to prevent others turning out how they did. The fact that all those times he went to jail he still didn't change him was surprising to me and how it took the death of his brother to make him a better person"

"His story was very inspirational and his story was also very shocking because of the way he was able to turn his life around"

"I found that Matthew is an interesting individual because despite how rough of a childhood he had, he still kept fighting both mentally and emotionally but he's also fought for his life. He was struggling mentally and was struggling in that gang as he had been shot, but he kept going. This is why I found Matthew very interesting"



YEAR 8 FARADAY CHALLENGE DAY



On Wednesday 2nd November I accompanied ten year 8 students to a Faraday challenge day run by IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) held at Ellesmere College.

From the start of the day it was evident how enthusiastic and excited the students were, and they were definitely wearing their engineering hats on the day! Both teams worked really hard planning, designing, making, and presenting a prototype of a vehicle for the future that was based around drones, which had to include electrical circuits. Team 5 designed a vehicle that could be used to deliver medicine/supplies to areas of need with the use of a parallel circuit to include a buzzer and a light to alert people who may be blind or deaf respectively. Team 2 designed a seed dispersal vehicle that could be used in deforested areas, which was carefully crafted in a way as to not damage the claws, and with clever circuit work that enabled the vehicle to open and close. Both teams discussed teamwork, strengths, weaknesses, and how their prototype could be adapted for use in the future during their presentations. There were four teams of 6 from Ellesmere college, and our two teams of 5 from Lakelands. Team 2 from Lakelands were the overall winners with a very respectable score! The students won a voucher each, and we have a plaque on display in school. All ten students did the Lakelands family proud. They had a fantastic day, and so did I 😊 Mrs Keeling



A Fantastic Book Fair Thank you to everyone who supported the Usborne Book Fair, which we hosted in school from 7th-11th November. The library was buzzing with visitors all week and the Fair was a fantastic success!

All students in Years 7, 8 & 9 visited the Fair along with Ellesmere Primary School's Year 6 students, and by the end of the week we'd sold over £800 in books!

Not only was it wonderful to see so many students finding exciting new books to read, but the Fair also enabled us to buy a huge range of fantastic new books for the library. In fact, we received an incredible £850 to spend on Usborne Books thanks to generous donations from G M Engineering and Hawthorns Accounting Services along with Usborne's 60% returns offer.

We've now been able to buy lots of quality non-fiction books along with some exciting new fiction titles and it's been great to see the excitement on the students' faces as we've been adding these books into the library.



Rewarding Regular Reading - Congratulations to Cruz Bayliss 7N, Gabriel Mukadam 8B and Megan Woodward 9B who won a Christmas Reading Hamper in the end of term prize draw!



All students who achieved their termly reading targets were entered into the draw, which was pulled in this week's rewards assembly. This term, all students in years 7, 8 & 9 were given their own personal reading targets, which required them to read for 20 minutes a day (Monday-Friday) and took into account their individual reading ability.

Students were able to track their progress through their own Accelerated Reader accounts and see their scores advancing each time they passed a book quiz. Well done to all the students who hit their personal reading targets this term!



Year 7 Transition Trip

The year 7's had a great afternoon trying out different sports at Shrewsbury Sports Village as part of the transition event. They were a credit to Lakelands!

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Tournament

The girls were amazing at Oswestry School competing in their tournaments.

Year 8 beat Grove 2-0, followed by a 2-2 draw with Oswestry and then went on to beat Adcote 10-0 (halfway through this game the ref allowed Adcote to bring on additional players as we were winning too easily).

At the end of the games, Lakelands were top of the leader board and went on to play Oswestry School in the final.

Now, I'm not generally a sore loser but we were the stronger side and it looked as though we had the final in the bag until a dodgy decision made by the ref tipped the scales and allowed Oswestry the opportunity to equalise.

This took us into extra time and unfortunately, we were defeated by one goal with the game finishing at 5-4.

On the plus side, the girls loved the experience and between them scored an impressive 25 goals, more than any other team! 11 of which came from Kacey Rogers-Steer .

Year 7 were also fantastic and finished 2nd in their group overall.



INTO THE NEXT ROUND.....

A massive congratulations is in order for the year 9 boys who won their 2nd round football game against Shrewsbury Academy 8-1. They played a great game from start to finish. Louie Kynaston Bradbury bagged a hat trick and Luke Edwards scored 2. We are now through to the quarter finals where we will play either Belvidere or Idsall school.

Also, a mention to our year 10 sports leaders who helped with this game. They were all fantastic. They were Leland Atkinson, Luke Owen and Zak Roberts. Well done!



Year 9 Football V Thomas Telford School.... Unfortunately we lost the game 4-3. However, we dominated large periods of that game and if it wasn't for their goalkeeper we would have scored 7/8 easily. They deserve a lot of credit for the way they played against a school that always wins this cup and it shows that they are a very good team. Onto the next cup!

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW THE PE DEPARTMENT ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK..... FIND US AT:



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Bridgnorth Rugby Club

All girls were fantastic, behaviour was impeccable, and their enthusiasm was second to none!

Some of our Year 9 girls who sometimes struggle socially were excited to have made new friends and learn new skills and our Year 7 girls just loved it! To quote Millie Watkin, 'Miss I've absolutely loved today it's been brilliant!'

Ellie Roberts got picked out by the coaches and a mention in front of all schools at the end of the day for her outstanding tackling!

Hopefully, we've recruited a load more girls to our Wednesday after school club and some female rugby stars of the future!



Oswestry Rugby Club - Officials

Some of our students persevered a very cold afternoon at Oswestry Rugby Club today to officiate a primary tag rugby tournament.

Putting yourself forward to officiate in any sport is not easy. Not only do you have to be confident in your subject knowledge and decision-making, but also in your ability to manage the behaviour of the players on the pitch along with the spectators on the side line. These students were amazing and should be so proud of themselves!

Our rugby officials were:

Harry Hampson, Nandana Mohan, Rosy McCoy, Evie Ellis, Dougie Tomkins, Beth Johnson, Will Clarke, Tom Johnson, Lexie Jones, Jacob Moore, Naomi Griffiths.

Young Leaders..... We were so impressed with the following four boys: Charlie Hampson, Zak Roberts, Dougie Tomkins & Thomas Jones, they were amazing helping coach our Year 7 and 8 boys and girls in rugby. I'm pretty sure the KS3 students were looking up to these four as quite inspirational. It was a struggle getting them to go home at the end of it as they wanted to keep playing!

The three boys below also helped two of our local primary schools this afternoon by refereeing a final for them in football. Again, they were very professional and watching them in action it was easy to forget that they were only in Year 10 themselves. A real credit to Lakelands! Henry Hodgetts Zak Roberts Dougie Tomkins 😊

Netball Matches V Sir John Talbots School

Year 7 won 11-4

Year 8 won 14-1

Brilliant performances from both teams. They looked solid throughout. No one was beating them tonight!

And just to top it off, our Year 7 captain Maisie Allen, received the news that she had been selected to play County netball following trials at the weekend - She was so happy. Very proud of her achievement and thoroughly deserved!



Sports Leaders.... two of our Year 10 BTEC students leading their first ever sports event on 8th February.

Planned completely independently by them and a huge success! Lots of smiling faces and positive feedback from the Criftns Primary students and staff.

Big well done to Millie Murphy and Alice Ferguson!

Year 7 Netball

Our first success story of 2023. Some of our Year 7 netball players attended a tournament at Oswestry school yesterday and were amazing! We had a mix of regular players and some with very little netball experience. They won every game they played – convincingly – and of course, won the tournament overall, beating two Oswestry teams and two Adcote teams. Brilliant!

All of these girls were back in training that same week, preparing for more victories in the coming weeks!



GIRLS RUGBY

Integrity. Passion. Solidarity. Discipline. Respect.

Core values of rugby displayed by all girls from Lakelands and the Marches tonight. Great atmosphere and another win from our U13s squad at home
#girlpower



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lakelandsacademy 🏉 Year 7 Rugby
🏉 Well done to these boys today who played in a mini tournament at St Martins School. This was their first rugby game after doing so well in PE lessons and after school clubs. Well done lads!



Our Year 8 girls football team had the opportunity to walk out as mascots this afternoon with Wem Town Ladies FC at their second round game of the Womens FA Cup against Nottingham Forest. Great experience for them!

Many thanks to Mr Birch for organising.



NETBALL

More success for our Yr 7 netball team at Thomas Adams. They won very convincingly with 21 goals to 2. Year 9 were also fantastic and battled against some really tough opposition. Final score, 14 goals each!
Year 9 were not so keen to have their photo taken unfortunately :-)



Girls Rugby Qualifier...

The girls gave nothing less than 100% against both the Marches and Sir John Talbots in two absolutely brilliant matches. The standard of tackling, rucking and mauling was exceptional, and I think the girls surprised themselves at just how far they've come since we started training.

All games were really close. We drew with SJT and lost by just 1 try to the Marches which was unfortunate as there really was nothing in it.

A brilliant experience for the girls though and a definite confidence builder going forwards.

SHOUT OUT to Dougie Tomkins who has also been giving up his time to help coach the younger students every Wednesday after school and really is a fantastic role model to them. He is fully committed and never misses a session. Well done to him too!



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lakelandsacademype A huge well done to Louie Kynaston Bradbury and Luke Edwards who played for the U14 Shropshire Schools FA team last night where they won 4-1 against Staffordshire FA. Well done lads!



Ryan Jones Year 8 represented the Under13 North Wales 2009 Squad. They played a 3 game mini tournament Versus South Wales at Dragons Park and won the tournament overall by 7 - 2 , with Ryan assisting in a goal.
WELL DONE RYAN!

Lakelands Academy Presents BACK TO THE 80'S

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd February



Join the class of 1985 as they experience the fun and heartbreak of growing up in a totally awesome decade.

From the era that brought the world The Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comes the "totally awesome" musical *Back To The 80's*. In the style of movies such as *Back To The Future*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *The Karate Kid*, *Back To The 80's* is a nostalgic romp through the greatest hits of the decade.

WOW - What a production!!

The cast & background crew put on a brilliant performance in early February, we had a complete sell-out for the Friday performance.

We are now looking forward to our Spring Showcase which will be shown at the end of March.



Year 7 English Trip to Longleat Safari Park and The Roman Baths



Longleat Safari Park On January 5th, 2023 the coach left from Lakelands Academy for Bath at 7.30am. We arrived at Longleat Safari Park about midday.

On arrival we received a lunch voucher to spend at Longleat and a map of the enormous park. In groups we could explore the many attractions, including the rides, the adventure castle and the walking safari. There was plenty to see and do. My favourite animals were the Koala bears which were very cute, I had not seen them close up before.

We all boarded the coach for the drive through safari seeing lots of animals such as Ostriches, Lions, Tiger, Wolves and Rhino roaming near us. We steered clear of the Monkey drive through to save the Lakeside Coach from getting damaged by the cheeky monkeys.

Longleat has a boat safari ride which allowed us to get close to otters and sea lions swimming and jumping in the water, and on the other side of the boat we saw lake's resident hippos, Spot and Sonia, they were huge. We did catch a glimpse of the gorillas on the other side of the river sitting in the trees of their Gorilla Colony. Afterwards, we waited before stepping on-board the Longleat Railway train which allowed us to get very near to the water's edge of the Half Mile Lake and took us through some magical park scenic woodland.

As it was going dark, we started to make our way around the Festival of Lights to see the amazing Road Dahl characters all lit up. The lanterns featured his popular books. The most impressive lanterns were the Chocolate Factory and the huge scale of the BFG. The whole light show was very impressive.

After a busy day we got back on the coach and headed to the youth hostel. We were allocated our rooms and settled in before enjoying a McDonald's takeaway.

By Mylo Martin



The Roman Baths When we arrived in Bath I looked at the surrounding area and thought that it looked like just a humble city even though I knew that it was home to The Roman Baths.

As soon as we walked up to the entrance gates of The Roman Baths I realised there was something special about the venue, the hot springs being the main attraction but the building itself was amazing.

The walls were built into a rock tunnel section and we had to walk through the tunnels to get to the main bath. We learnt about many different things including the heating system, known as hypocaust where they used furnaces to produce air which passed through channels in the floor and walls to heat the different rooms including the dry house.

There were lots of interesting video logs and quizzes to listen to and play whilst we made our way around The Roman Baths. We were introduced to a wide range of historical sources and evidence about the Roman daily life during our teaching session in the Learning Hub. We had to describe, analyse and evaluate arguments for and against the interpretation: 'Aquae Sulis was a typical Roman Town'.

It was a great trip and I really enjoyed it.
By Jesse Williams 7B





WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Mind in a muddle?
Need space to breathe?

SPEND A PEACEFUL LUNCHEXTIME IN THE LIBRARY EVERY WEDNESDAY

No talking...
...no screens
...no distractions

WITH A RANGE OF CALM AND MINDFUL ACTIVITIES

Reading...
...colouring
...puzzles
...and more

CONTACT MRS GORDON OR YOUR FORM TUTOR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Wellness Wednesday

This term, we've introduced Wellness Wednesdays to provide a haven of calm in the middle of the busy week.

During Wednesday lunchtimes the library is a quiet zone and students and staff can enjoy some calm and mindful activities without screens, talking or distractions. Some of the activities on offer include colouring, reading, puzzles, sudoku and journaling it's been wonderful to see the positive effect that this quiet session has had on those who have attended.



SHREWSBURY COLOUR RUN 5k
1st APRIL 2023

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1ST APRIL 2023
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Described as the happiest 5K in the world.

THE IMPORTANT BITS!

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- Anyone can participate.
- To sign up fill out a registration form which you will find at www.lingendavies.co.uk/event/colourrun2023

REGISTRATION COSTS
ADULTS £25
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COLOUR RUN PACKS
Packs include:
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Welcome to our New Student Librarians

A warm welcome to all the new students who have signed up to help out in the library this year!

Over 35 new students have signed up to be Student Librarians, giving up their lunch times to help keep the library running smoothly.

So far the new recruits have been busy shelving books, processing new book orders, keeping a tally of library users and making the place look festive too.

The library is a busy place with lots going on so it's fantastic to have so many volunteer helpers. Mrs. Gordon is delighted to have such a wonderful team to work with and very grateful for all the work that they do.



Christmas arrived in Lakelands, many thanks to the students who did a fantastic job of decorating our

We raised a fantastic

£449.87 for Children In Need, we really appreciate your support, thank you.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The school is re-launching the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Bronze level this year.

The scheme encourages pupils to volunteer, develop new skills and improve their fitness through the volunteering, skills and physical recreation sections. In addition, pupils will take part in an overnight 2 day walking/camping expedition. Pupils will need to show commitment and improvement in these sections. The teamworking skills and commitment needed are skills valued by employers.

Bronze:

- Sections: volunteering, skills, physical and expeditions.
- Is open to young people who have started school Year 9.
- Requires a minimum commitment of six months.

LAKELANDS PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SHOP

To make pre-loved school clothing available to our school community we have set up a school shop. All items available will be free of charge.

How it works!

- Families kindly donate any old, unused or unwanted school uniform they no longer require. If you would like to donate any school uniform please drop it in at reception. Please make sure all uniform has been cleaned and washed prior to donating and any name tags removed.
- Uniform can be ordered using the Microsoft Form below and can also be found on our school website. Please copy the link and paste into your browser.
 - You will receive an email confirmation when your order is ready to be collected.
- Orders can be collected from reception by the Parent or the pupil. We ask that orders are collected as soon as possible and will only be held for 5 days.
- If the item is not in stock you will be added to a waiting list and contacted as soon as it becomes available.

Link to form - <https://forms.office.com/r/Z19NqNvuRg>

ITEMS AVAILABLE

These will all be free of charge

Lakelands Black Sweatshirt
 Lakelands Year 11 Sweatshirt
 Lakelands PE Polo
 Lakelands PE Rugby Top
 Lakelands PE Fleece
 Navy Skort
 Navy Sports Shorts
 BTEC PE Hoodies

At the moment we are not accepting skirts, trousers or shirts but may do in the future.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS HOODIES 2023

Don't forget to order your child's leaving hoodie.

Please see the parentmail that was sent 13th February and click on the link to order.

The Online Store will close on 5th March



Thank You for Your Votes! A huge thank you to everyone who picked up a blue Tesco token and voted for Lakelands Academy Library over the summer.

We won first place in the Tesco Community Grants Scheme, which means that the school library will be receiving £1,500 to spend on new books for our students!

This grant will have a huge impact on students' reading and learning. Not only will we be able to buy a range of new fiction books to support the Accelerated Reader Scheme, but we will also be able to invest in much needed non-fiction to support curriculum learning.

We couldn't have got here without your help – so thank you for all your votes! It's wonderful to see the support that Lakelands continues to have from the local community. We now can't wait to receive this funding and start buying new books for our library!

UPDATE: We have begun spending our Tesco grant money this term and buying brand new books for the library!

In consultation with our students, our first order focused on a new selection of football biographies and graphic novels. These are some of the most popular books in the library and rarely stay on the shelves for long. We've also invested in a new range of dyslexia friendly books which have a reader-friendly format and help make reading accessible for all.

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

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Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May

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

First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 21st July