



LAKELANDS NEWS

October 2022

A message from The Headteacher

It's hard to believe that we're nearly at half term, though the weather this week feels more like summer than autumn.

Our new Year 7 have arrived and are settling into Lakelands well. This week they've had their first Rewards assembly, receiving their individual and house awards for all their hard work and participation since they joined us.

For the first time since 2019 we have been able to welcome Year 6 pupils for our traditional taster day. I think many of us were struck by how infectious their enthusiasm was, and we realised how much we had missed the opportunity to open our doors to them to let them have a glimpse of Lakelands life. It was great to see Year 10 students supporting the Year 6s throughout the day, they were excellent, but admitted to being exhausted by the time our visitors left.

Our Open Evening was extremely well attended and again, our students were the very best ambassadors for Lakelands. Year 11 prefects were complimented by all the visitors who they showed round, and in faculty areas, students across all year groups stayed late to support staff and demonstrate each faculty's facilities and resources.

Year 11 careers interviews are in full swing, and I know that our Year 11 students are busy visiting sixth form schools and colleges before they make their applications for next year. When we return after half term, mock exams will only be a month away.

Safeguarding is the golden thread that runs through everything that we do here in school, and we share a passionate desire to guide our young people safely through their years with us. I think we are all aware of the risks that can present themselves when young people go online, but I'm afraid that currently, there are also sinister forces operating much closer to home.

We are working very closely with the Shropshire Child Exploitation team and the police, as we have become aware that some of our pupils are being targeted by those actively involved in the drugs trade, and that there are houses that they can go to locally where they can try drugs for free. Some of these are prescription drugs, illegally sourced, which could do incredibly serious harm if taken by young people who are still growing. Others are well known, and range from cannabis and skunk, all the way to cocaine and MDMA.

It's very difficult for our young people to realise that very little in life is offered for free, and that eventually, something will be expected of them in return for the 'freebies' they have been given. If they are then offered £20 to deliver a few parcels, it can be very tempting, especially when a 'friend' asks. They won't realise that this 'friend', someone who they may recognise as an ex-student, has probably been drawn into a situation where they are instructed to recruit new faces to carry packages and to 'graft' for them. These older 'friends' may look to be in control, but the sad reality is that they are victims too, making slightly more money, but in deeper, and with less chance to change course. They will have to answer to those higher up the chain of command, the ones who never enter Ellesmere themselves because they have ranks of 'foot soldiers' to do their work for them.

It may seem ludicrous to think that there are dangerous career criminals having an impact on Ellesmere, but I'm afraid that it is a reality, and I urge you to take it seriously. For further information please click on the following link, for advice about how to protect your child :

[-https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/assets/clients/6/Shropshire%20Downloads/Shropshire%20Child%20Exploitation%20-%20Leaflet%20for%20Parents%20%20Carers.pdf](https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/assets/clients/6/Shropshire%20Downloads/Shropshire%20Child%20Exploitation%20-%20Leaflet%20for%20Parents%20%20Carers.pdf)

We hope to run an information session for parents after half term. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you have any specific concerns about your child.

Sophy Bellis



Sarah Clarke – Assistant Head of Year

Leah Bainbridge – TA SEN

Claire McEvoy – TA SEN

Karen Dowdy – Cleaner

Kathy Saul – RE Teacher

Darren Skone – Senior DT & Arts Technician

REMINDER: PD DAY ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER - STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Lakelands Student Leaders 2022 / 23



REWARD POINTS TOTALS

House winners for each year group

7W 8B 9W 10W 11B

Individual overall winners in each year group

Nyree Jones 7W

Edward Reincke 7W

Ryan Jones 8B

Maks Dereszewicz 8B

Poppy Cawkwell 9W

Jack Ryan 9W

Charlie M Edge 10W

Oliver Derham 10W

Danny Roberts 11B

Clay Hughes 11B



Welcome to the new school year, we hope you all had a lovely summer break!

Once again, a very busy start to the term for Team English, but so very lovely to welcome our new year 7s to the school and see them settling into their lessons so well. We've started the term with the Autobiography topic, where we read and analyse a short story called 'My Father is a Polar Bear', by Michael Morpurgo. This year we are lucky enough to have signed ourselves up to see Morpurgo via live stream as he talks about his career as an author on the 40th anniversary of the release of his most famous book-Warhorse. In addition, we have booked for local author, Sally E K Warner, to visit us and run a series of writing workshops for our year 7 classes on October 21st. Sally gained local fame after having her first children's novel 'The Three Beasts and the Unicorns' published recently, which she also illustrated herself. The day will offer our students the opportunity to ask a real author questions, understand the writing process from initial ideas to completion of the final version and receive feedback on their own creative writing and illustrations. Our focus on reading has continued this year with every year 7 and 8 class having one library lesson per week, year 9 once a fortnight, to allow greater opportunities for students to read and complete their Accelerated Reader quizzes. Again, we signed up for BookBuzz this year with every one of our year 7 students being able to choose a book free of charge. This year the choice was fantastic with authors such as Marcus Rashford and Steve Camden taking part. As always, we massively appreciate your efforts at home in encouraging children to read and to love books as much as we do!

Another great achievement for our students was in the amazing response we had from our Young Writers' 'Twisted Tales' competition. Some of you will remember that we took part in this nationwide competition back in the summer term. Successful entries are published and students receive a certificate and a bookmark. This year we had an amazing number of entries being chosen for publication, across all year groups and it was lovely to be able to congratulate our students on their amazing creative writing. The competitions run every summer term, with a new theme each time, so we'll look forward to seeing what our students come up with next summer.

For national poetry day our fabulous librarian, Mrs Gordon, organised a lovely 'blackout poetry' session for KS3 groups, where students used the pages of an old novel to select key words and phrases from the text and blackout the rest-thus creating a poem. There were loads of amazing, and beautifully decorated, versions completed which Mrs Gordon is going to create a display with in the library.

Finally, we were absolutely delighted at the number of year 10 and 11 students who have signed up to be reading mentors-supporting less confident readers in KS3. We feel that this program will really help our younger students to make progress in their reading, as well as helping them to gain confidence. It will also help our older students to develop their empathy and listening skills.

Have a lovely half term break!

From #TeamEnglish



Netball

It's been an eventful half term with a mixed bag of fixtures for our Key Stage 3 girls, but we finished on a high this week with three successful results from our last fixture of October against The Corbet School.

Yr 7 won 8 – 0 Yr 8 won 5 – 4 Yr 9 won 6 – 4

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Lydia Whitley in Year 11 for consistently supporting our training in an officiating role; she has been a fantastic role model to our lower school students. We now look forward to more success after half term with many of fixtures still to come but until then we leave you with a summary of Maisie Allen's match report from our recent fixture against Oswestry.....

Netball Match report by Maisie Allen (7W)

Abi Bebbington – made some vital intercepts and her marking was fantastic

Mia McGivern – played very well in both positions she played in. Her passing was brilliant and she scored a fabulous goal

Summer Williams – her passing was immaculate and she made some really good interceptions

Millie Watkin – she played really well in the centre position, her marking was brilliant and she did some really good feeding into our shooters.

Alyssa Whitley – Her feeding into our shooters was amazing and created some really good chances. She also found space well

Grace Davies – she played really well and had some fabulous chances and was never far off. She found some fantastic space while in the shooting circle which was brilliant too

Well done to all the girls. They played brilliantly! I'm so proud of them and hope they all had a good time. Maisie x



Football

The year 9 boys played in their first game of the season when they played William Brookes School away from home. The boys have showed great promise throughout years 7 and 8 and they showed their quality again after beating William Brookes 4-2 on a difficult pitch. Louie Kynaston Bradbury getting himself a hattrick in this game. They are now through to the next round of the cup. Well done boys!

Year 7 boys unfortunately lost 4-2 against The Priory School. 3-1 down at half time and the boys managed to pull it back to 3-2. The lads did really well. Rhys Curley was player of the match.

Success for both girls' rugby teams at The Marches on the 5th October - well played girls!



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

lakelandsacademype

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087134046216>





On the 4th October Miss Croxon arranged for Pioneer Leadership to deliver leadership session to a selected group of students. The session was designed to focus on key themes in leadership and communication, and embed through practical activities in order to equip students with skills and experiences that they can share with others throughout the rest of the year.

In order to achieve the brief, a balance of theory, group discussion, and practical problem solving activities were used along with opportunity for feedback from both Pioneer Leadership and Miss Croxon, but also from within the peer group. The activities had a range of progression included, and required students in leadership roles to think about their planning, communication styles and resource management to allow their groups to find their route to success.

Although only short in duration, a significant shift in the group was noticed from the start of the session to the end - with students presenting in a more confident manner, willing to vocalise and stand up for their ideas, whilst considering the views of those in their team.

Ben, Dougie, Luke and Zak received the training in the AM session then delivered to their peers during their BTEC PE lesson. This visibly took them outside of their comfort zone and they rose to the challenge superbly, adjusting their delivery to match the feedback from the group and growing in confidence throughout the session.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Year 7 football - Another great turn out for year 7 boys football practice. Over 30 year 7 boys have continued to attend every week which is fantastic. This club will continue to run every Thursday after school until the Christmas holidays. All abilities welcome!

SHROPSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

YEAR 7 HALF TERM NETBALL CAMPS

OPEN FOR ALL GIRLS IN YEAR 7

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
SUNDORNE SPORTS HALL
10.00AM - 2.00PM

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER
10.00AM - 2.00PM
TELFORD LANGLEY SCHOOL

£20
Delivered by
Shropshire Academy
Coaches

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
SIGN UP ONLINE

Oswestry Rugby Club

New Rugby Season

New to Rugby or a seasoned Player, YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!

Senior Men Tuesdays and Thursday 18.30

U7 - U11 Boys and Girls Sundays 10.00

U12 - U16 Boys Sundays 10.00

U9 - U18 Girls Mondays 18.30

for more information email
info@oswestryrugby.co.uk

Hockey Club has been a big hit so far this half term with numbers increasing each week. This is a great opportunity for students in every year to experience playing hockey. This is on every Thursday after school.



It would be great to see you there!

Two great opportunities for students to get involved in this season for Netball and Rugby. Netball is running over the half term and Oswestry Rugby Club are keen for new players to join. We are currently seeing great promise in netball and rugby from a lot of our youngsters in lessons so these would be a great opportunity for them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Louie Kynaston Bradbury (Year 9)

3 Inter-National Caps for Wales U15 during the Summer V Sweden, Denmark & Belgium!



Well Done Kian (Yr 8) and family...

[BBC Make a Difference](#) was set up during Covid to help people in need. The winners were chosen from 32 finalists who attended an event at the Anstice Memorial Hall in Telford.

The fundraiser award went to the Rowlands family from Ellesmere who have dressed up in inflatable costumes to cheer people up and collect money for good causes.



Don't miss this year's

CAREERS networking event



Wednesday 9th November 2022 4.30pm-6.30pm

The Careers Networking Event is designed to help your young person in years 9-11, supported by you, move forward and prepare them for life after Lakelands. By the end of the event we hope you will be more confident and have a better understanding about opportunities available to your young people.

We have stands from a whole range of providers, including a range of Higher Education College options (including private schools who offer support local students), Apprenticeship and Training providers, University and Further Education providers, local employers and the Armed Forces.

If you have any questions about what's available to your young person, this event will hopefully answer many of them for you!

You may well be aware of a number of pathways available to your young person: A Levels, Apprenticeships, Vocational qualifications, and BTECs. In the past few years T-Levels have been devised to further bridge the gap between academic study and practical vocations.

Here is the link to information about T-levels and what they are, there is a clip available to better describe what they are and who they benefit.

We have providers for these qualifications locally and they've been running successfully since their introduction.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/t-levels/>



At Lakelands Academy we are always looking for ways to become more cohesive and interact with people to give our young people good awareness for what is available in their future. Do you think you could guide a young person through work experience? Do you work in a way that could inspire a young person?

Please get in touch, we're always looking for new connections:

vicky.wilkinson@taw.org.uk

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.

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.

There are still opportunities for pupils to sign up. Please contact reception for more details.



AUTUMN TERM 2022

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

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/>

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.

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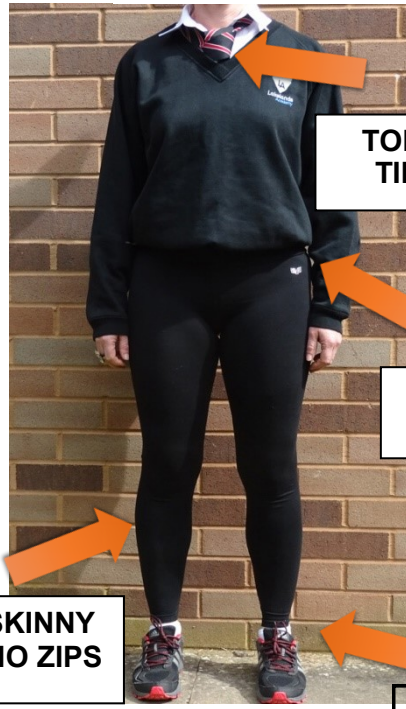
TOP BUTTON / TIE FASTENED

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

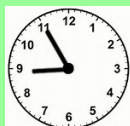
REPORTING AN ABSENCE

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



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

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
HOMEWORK. YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS
BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF
THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN
HANDLED IN.**

Attention All Parents!

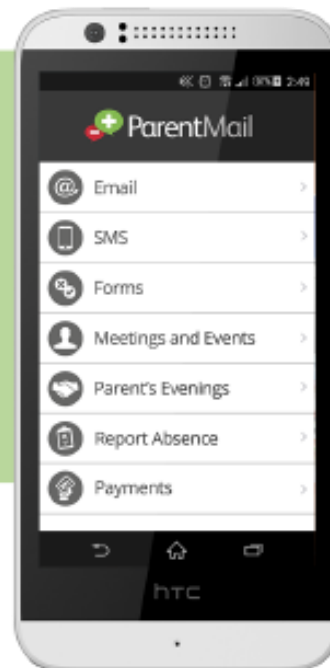


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