



# LAKELANDS NEWS

## A message from The Headteacher

Well, what a half term this has been!

We were all delighted when we returned to school after the Christmas break, and our on-site testing produced absolutely no positive Covid results. It seemed that 2022 was going to be the year when we would finally put the Covid nightmare behind us.....

They say that 'pride comes before a fall' and sadly, our optimism didn't last. Although infection rates amongst students have remained fairly steady, the last few weeks have seen staff infection rates rising at an alarming rate. I'm sorry that we have had to ask year groups to work remotely on a couple of occasions, and I'm very grateful for your understanding of the position we have been, and still are, in. On the plus side, our 'important visitors' had been and gone weeks before staff began to fall ill, so we didn't have to ask them if they would be willing to cover lessons for us!

Ofsted visits are always nerve wracking, because we want the team to be able to capture an accurate picture of who we are, what we do, and why we do it – and all in less than 48 hours. The stakes are always high when inspectors come to call. A positive Ofsted report allows a school to grow and flourish, and provides independent reassurance to parents and the community served by the school that it is, well, 'good.'

'Good' seems such a small word, but for Ofsted to have declared that this is their overall judgement, and that we are 'good' in all four areas, is a tremendous accolade. If you look at the Ofsted School Inspection Handbook (there's a bit of bedtime reading for you!) you can read the detailed grade descriptors, and see all the things we had to be able to evidence to be declared 'good.' I'm so proud of the staff team who have made sure that despite the challenges and obstacles of the last two years, our curriculum has continued to develop and evolve.

Apart from the subject 'deep dives' into Maths, English, History, French and Drama, the inspectors explored our PSHE and RSE curriculum, and looked in detail at how we prepare our young people for the world of work. They explored every aspect of the school in forensic detail, to determine whether our self-evaluation was accurate.

I was delighted when the inspectors commented in their final briefing that Personal Development and Wellbeing was close to being outstanding, and I'm glad that they could see that we are not at all complacent about tackling the pockets of challenging behaviours that are being seen in all UK secondary schools post lockdown. What was gratifying was that they said that we knew ourselves well – there were no nasty surprises at all in the final debrief.

As the lead inspector commented, it's always a shame that the final version issued to parents and uploaded to the Ofsted website has to condense so much information and feedback down into a comparatively brief report. In many ways I wish they could have published it all, as it was so lovely to hear how impressed the inspectors had been talking to the random selection of Key Stage 3 and 4 students they met with. (I will confess to feeling slightly alarmed when I saw one particular young lady deep in conversation with the lead inspector, but it turned out that she wanted to tell her that she had moved here from another school and couldn't believe how much staff here were doing to support her.) It was clear to them that our students are proud to be part of our school, that they feel safe, and trust that we are working hard to prepare them for GCSEs and for a life beyond Lakelands. That, I hope you will agree, is most definitely 'good'.

Have a lovely half term break, wherever you are, and whatever you are doing.

Mrs Bellis



**New Governors** - The Governing Body is very pleased to welcome two new members; Mr Evans is our new Teaching Staff governor and Mrs Bird-Roberts has joined us as a Parent Governor.

A warm welcome to our new staff: Mrs Allum, Mrs Colemere, Ms Baines, Miss Bromwich, Mrs Campbell, Mr Wright and Mrs Paterson

# Rewards 2022

## YEAR 7

### SUBJECT AWARDS

English	Harry Stovin & Owen Carvell
Maths	Harry Stovin & Zoe Lopez-Hansen
Science	Martha Roberts & John Gordon
PE	Jonah Partridge & Freya Davies
French	Daisy Keyes & Zachary Crow
History	Thomas Heathcote & Willow Beasley
Geography	Billy James & Phoebe Higginson
RE	Caitlin Derham & Eddie Cattell
Drama	Hayden Martin & Lucy Sumnall
Music	Fern Forrester
IT	Willow Beasley
DT	Caitlin Derham & Finlay McArthur

### FORM WINNERS

**7B**

### FORM TUTOR AWARDS

- 7B Lola Adams & Eric Smith
- 7C Morgan Clewes
- 7N Amelia Owen
- 7W Molly McPike

### OVERALL WINNERS

**Maks Dereszewicz & Fern Forrester**

# Rewards 2022

## YEAR 8

### SUBJECT AWARDS

English	Sophie Lloyd & Gabi Bisa
Maths	Dylan Craddock & Natalia Skrzypkowska
Science	Jacob Moore & Ella New
PE	Jessica Hughes & Tom Johnson
French	Thomas Wilbrey & Ava Humphreys
RE	Millie Humphreys & Kieyan Thompson
Drama	Will Clarke & Ava Humphreys
Music	Ioan Utting
Food	Holly Wright & Jacob Moore
DT	Jacob Moore & Leanne Chan
Art	Matthew Beaumont & Millie Beaton
IT	Felix Williams
Spanish	Oliver Doleman & Carys Haskell

### FORM WINNERS

**8W**

### FORM TUTOR AWARDS

**8B** Alistair Mills

**8C** Millie Humphreys

**8N** Ioan Utting

**8W** Holly Brookes

### OVERALL WINNERS

**Miles Ford & Emma Kunne**

**HEADTEACHER AWARD** **Mimi Kempster**

# Rewards 2022

## YEAR 9

### SUBJECT AWARDS

English	Millie Murphy
Maths	Tom Davies & Amelia Chaplin
Science	Evie Davies & Kuba Lawrynowicz
PE	Dylan Fugatt & Alexis Botham
French	Elise Morgan & Harry Cartwright
Geography	Lily Bardsley & Charlie Curbishley
RE	Chloe Payne & Jack Simkiss
Drama	Holly Millington & Alfie Tobin
Music	Daniel Williams
Food	Sam Appleyard & Eva McArthur
DT	Zak Roberts & Ffion Williams-White
Art	Lilly Brindle
IT	Abby Parry-Clarke
Spanish	Juris Jancevskis & Alicia Harris

### FORM WINNERS

9N

### OVERALL WINNERS:

Adam Lindsay & Iliyana Bedzheva

## YEAR 10

TO BE GIVEN OUT AFTER HALF TERM

# Rewards 2022

## YEAR 11

### SUBJECT AWARDS

English	Jacob Evans & Kaitlin Smith
Maths	Sam Ankers & Charlotte Bird-Roberts
Science	Kacey Owen & Iwan Davies
PE	Alfie Davies & Lucy Sutherland
French	Michelle Chan & Reece Cater
History	Maddie Slack
Geography	Ebony Tomkins & Will Lowry
RE	Jess Dubicki & Henry Hayes
Drama	Grace Parkhurst & Reece Cater
Music	Alfie Davies
Food	Olivia Sherry & Cameron Boffey
DT	Adam Sweeney & Emily Williams
Art	Sophie Mosey & Emily Williams
IT	Lola Griffiths
Media	Corey Wade & Rosie Garvin

### FORM WINNERS

11N

### OVERALL WINNERS

Sophie Mosey & Carter Gibbons

### GOLD BADGE AWARD

**Carter Gibbons, 11C, won a highly coveted and very infrequently given Gold badge, for superb commitment to the school, to include doing duties every single day, break and lunchtime - absolutely amazing!**



Well, it's been another hectic half-term here in the English Department and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break! Our students have worked so hard this term and we must begin with a special 'well done' to Zach Lea (year 10), Dougie Tomkins and Flick Townsend (year 9) who were our first three students to fill up their English reward points sheets, an amazing achievement as each sheet has room for 72 points! All three were sent a postcard home as well as receiving a sweet treat from the prize jar!

In other news, Year 9 have been working on our new unit – Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. We've been focusing on contextual issues, ie colonialism and slavery, in preparation for their GCSE studies next year. We'll be finishing the topic with a mini-Media project, which will give pathway two students a flavour for what Media GCSE is all about before they make their final subject choices for next year. Year 7 have also been studying Shakespeare this term and we've had lots of fun exploring the role of the three witches in Macbeth! Key Stage four classes have been looking at non-fiction for paper two preparation and we are introducing more units that cover current issues, such as the Kurt Zouma story and the on-going Hillsborough victims' battle for justice.

World Book Day celebrations will be going ahead this year-hurrah! There will be a competition for lower school students on the day, plus lots of book-related fun. Our Accelerated Reader program has got off to a great start with many students already completing 10 or more quizzes. We are very much looking forward to seeing the impact its having on reading ability and enjoyment across the school.

Have a lovely half term holiday!

From #TeamEnglish

Lakelands Academy held a Valentine's Day Cake Sale on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022** raising nearly **£400.00** This was all in aid of Marie Curie who are there to support everyone in the UK through all aspects of dying, death and bereavement – and to fight for the world where everyone gets to lead the best life they can, right to the end.

Staff, students and parents baked a whole variety of delicious cakes. Both the raffle and the valentine's gifts stall were very well supported, and the winners were exceptionally happy with their prizes.

The organiser Mrs Bailey-Williams would like to thank a number of students and staff that helped leading up to the event and on the day:



- Iliyana Bedzheva 9W
- Archie Calloway 9C
- Charlie Edge 9N
- Adam Lindsay 9W
- Katie Meddins 9C
- Ella Roberts 7N
- Tilly Norton 7N
- Mrs Cole, Mrs Butler, Mrs Jones  
Miss Croxon and Miss Davie

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who baked or brought a cake.



Care and support  
through terminal illness





# PE - NEWS - PE - NEWS - PE - NEWS

We have been playing lots of netball this half term with all of our Year 7-10 teams competing in mini tournaments against other schools.

Year 7 also took part in a fantastic tournament at Oswestry School last month where they won the majority of their games! A special 'well done' to Lily Glynn in Year 8 who also came along to assist in umpiring the games at the tournament.

We look forward to lots more competition for our Lakelanders next half term!

Mrs Campbell



Our School Games Organiser Miss Croxon arranged for Sasha from Hoola Nation to deliver some hooping sessions to some of our year 11's. They enjoyed taking part in something a little different, challenging themselves and moving to music. There was a vast improvement from session 1 to 3 in their ability to hoola as well as creating new moves with the hoop off their waist.



**SCHOOL GAMES**

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On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February our School Games Organiser Miss Croxon invited over 40 Year 3/4 girls from Whittington, Cockshutt, Criftins and Ellesmere Primary Schools. The session was lead by 12 Young Leaders from Lakelands Academy who created and delivered warm up skill sessions for the participants where they rotated around 6 activities before ending with some games. The Primary school children were put into mixed teams to increase teamwork and friendship building where the Lakelands Academy students officiated the games.

The feedback from the staff attending the event regarding the leaders was very positive “The sports leaders were excellent. Welcoming, friendly, and brilliant with the younger girls. Their drills were also very good, might pinch a few ideas for my own football club!”

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February our Year 9 and 10 Girls had the opportunity to try rugby for the first time. Miss Croxon organised for the Secondary schools to attend an introduction to rugby. The session took place at Oswestry Rugby Club where coaches from the club as well as Worcester Warriors introduced the girls to contact rugby. All the 62 girls who attended the session had smiles on their faces the whole afternoon and I don't think an item of clothing escaped the mud! It was great to see them learning and having fun at the same time! They will all be back on the 17<sup>th</sup> March to attend the competition day where the winning team will progress to the County Final in April representing North Shropshire.



## Training

U18 Girls  
Mon 7-8.30pm

U15 Girls  
Mon 7-8.30pm

U13 Girls  
Mon 7-8pm

Girls U9-U11  
Mon 6.30-7.30pm



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# UNIFORM REMINDER

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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



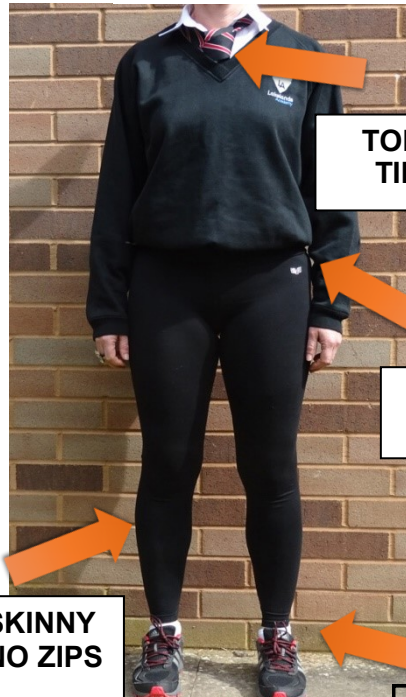
TOP BUTTON / TIE FASTENED

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

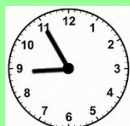
# REPORTING AN ABSENCE

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

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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TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS  
BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF  
THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN  
HANDED IN.**

# Attention All Parents!

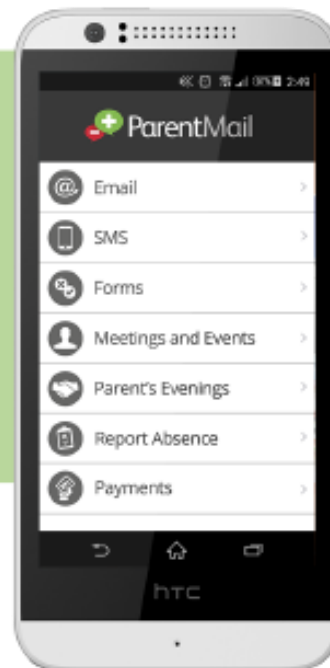


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