



# LAKELANDS NEWS

## A message from The Headteacher

It is nice to be writing this with some warmth and sunshine in the air rather than the cold, dark and wet winter. As the weather improves, it is great to be able to report on the many improvements that have been recognised within our most recent stakeholder voice surveys. In particular, the following have all seen improvements in the parent/carers survey; effective and timely communication, concerns that have been raised are dealt with properly, children are appropriately challenged by learning, regular opportunities for SEND related communication, school valuing everyone equally whilst teaching pupils that difference is positive.

As well as comparing survey responses to previous internal surveys, we also benchmark your responses against national data to help provide context. I am delighted that responses to our survey are more positive than national benchmarks in eleven of the fourteen comparable questions. Of the remaining two, one is equal and two are below. One of these is only 3% lower and this relates to us having a good range of subjects to choose from. As a smaller than average secondary school this is difficult to address but we are committed to regularly reviewing our offer in an attempt to increase and improve it. The other question that did not compare so favourably related to participation in clubs and activities. This will definitely become an area that we actively try to improve in the coming months.

In the student survey, there was a notable improvement in our young people feeling that lessons were helping them to progress in their learning although they did say that they don't always feel rewarded for their efforts. Staff have given out almost 500,000 reward points so far this academic year at an average of over 860 per student but perhaps they are referring to more tangible rewards. They certainly seem to be motivated by the 'golden ticket' fortnights and we will continue to work on what they would most value as we move forward.

Although there has been a consistent improvement in satisfaction with our communication and a significantly more positive response than achieved nationally, we are still committed to further improvements and continue to listen to individual and collective feedback. As a result, we have started to make staff email addresses available so that you are able to contact form tutors, year leaders, faculty/subject leaders and senior leaders directly rather than having to make contact via the administration email. These addresses will be added to our website over the coming weeks and will be available via

<https://www.lakelandsacademy.org.uk/contact-us/key-contacts>.

We have also used stakeholder voice to update our [Behaviour-for-Learning-and-Relationships-Policy.pdf](#). The views and comments of yourselves, your children (including surveys, discussions and Student Senate) and our staff have all been taken into consideration when undertaking this review.

I would like to thank those of you who have already responded to the Microsoft Forms survey regarding our school vision statements that we sent out earlier this week. It has been a while since we last reviewed these and we are keen to benefit from the views of all stakeholders in terms of what each think are important and whether what we are proposing aligns with and reflects what you want for your children. The survey remains open throughout the Easter holidays so if you haven't yet had chance to share your views with us, you have until 9.00pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Alongside your views, we are also engaging with your children, our staff and our governors.

By the time you read this, you will also have received a joint letter from myself and our chair and vice-chair of governors inviting you to the parent/carers consultation regarding our consideration of joining a multi-academy trust. As a reminder, this is taking place at 5.00pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. A dedicated email address ([MATconsultation@lakelandsacademy.org.uk](mailto:MATconsultation@lakelandsacademy.org.uk)) has been set up for your questions and comments relating to this and handwritten submissions can also be made via our reception. I would like to thank you in advance for any input you may provide.

Looking back on the last half term, there have been many highlights – too many to mention in fact! However, I want to particularly mention Wear a Hat Day, Comic Relief, World Book Day, our visitors from Mississippi, the inspirational visit from local VE Day veterans, the post mock exam ice cream treat for Year 11, supporting the design of the proposed Ellesmere pump track, numerous sports fixtures, Safer Internet Day, and the Level 2 Youth Mental Health qualification completed by our Wellbeing Ambassadors. All of these have been shared on our social media as well as on our website (<https://www.lakelandsacademy.org.uk/>) which also has a calendar of upcoming events.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and productive Easter break. For our Year 11s this will no doubt include lots of revision and preparation for the GCSE exams and on behalf of the staff I would like to wish them all the very best of luck.



Mark Hignett  
Headteacher



# Sport News



The Year 9 girls were absolutely brilliant at the U14s North Shropshire Netball tournament. They finished second in their group against some very strong competition, only losing one game all afternoon, before progressing to the semi-finals, where they lost out to a very strong Ellesmere College team.



**Please congratulate the Year 7 and 8 girls who played netball at St. Martins Their attitude and enthusiasm were impeccable as always. Freya McArthur even led an impressive warm up prior to the start of play, preparing both teams for action. It clearly prepared them well as both teams came away with the win!**

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



### Huge Congratulations

To our very own Louie Kynaston-Bradbury who won an award from the Shropshire School Sports Association for his international football achievements



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# Football News



👏 Well done!



Good effort by the lads who played in the North Shropshire 7 aside tournament.

## Students Performing and Excelling in Out of School Actives



A photo of Mimi & Che Bello winning the Pony Individual test at Myerscough Premier League last Friday with a score of 69.37%.  
This qualifies them for Addington CDI in May.



Sofia was crowned British Champion in her category last year and other the other is Sofia

## Some brilliant results from the Border Counties Gymnastics competition



In the senior elite teams, we were placed 2nd and 3rd overall.

In the senior elite individual gymnast medals, Miley Alderson (Year 10) placed 1st, Lea Coleman (Year 8) was 5th and Issy Mottram (Year 7) was 6th.

The overall senior elite gymnast winner was Miley Alderson!

The girls were absolutely brilliant.



# Library News



**The Rotary Club has provided a free book for all Year 7 pupils. The books will be given out in library lessons. The liaison with the Rotary will help to boost access to books for our pupils and hopefully, help to improve literacy too. The power of a good book can literally transport your world. Thank you to Jenni and her husband, for organising this with us.**



**A huge thank you the Rotary club**



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Lakelands welcomed a group some of the older members of the community and representatives of the Royal British Legion to an inter generational event to record the memories of people who lived through WW2. Year 10 English, History and Media students listened with enthusiasm to the recounting of stories from the war and saw some fascinating memorabilia, including shrapnel, old photographs and even an original air raid ledger of Luftwaffe bombing raids over Portsmouth. The veterans were impressed with the engagement of the students and their attentiveness. BBC Shropshire were also on hand to record interviews with people involved so watch this space for when the interviews are broadcast as part of the national VE Day celebration.

VE Day is on 8<sup>th</sup> May



Charity



Thank you to everyone who  
donned

On the 21 March, 2025 we raised an  
amazing £370.30 for red nose day

And for wear a hat as well as the  
cake sale for that day (as they are for  
the same charity) (28.03.25)

For this we raised £345.35

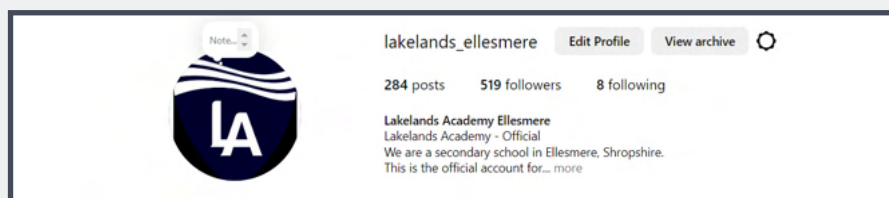
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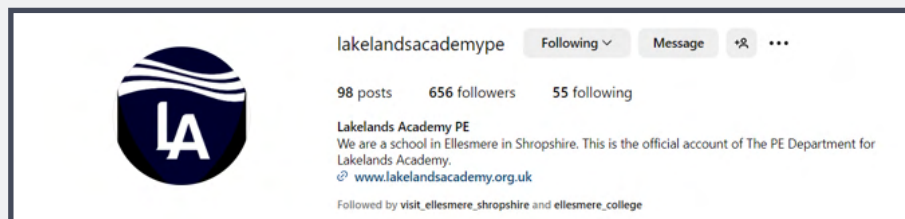
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We post daily, so please give us a like and a follow on one or all of our platforms



<https://www.lakelandsacademy.org.uk/>

Have you visited our new website?

## SEND post-16 pathways - a broadcast for parent carers

Helping you to support your child or young person to make informed decisions about their future

Join our live broadcast to learn more about the choices available to young people with SEND as they move from school into post-16 learning.



### Topics:

- Overview of post-16 choices
- Interviews with some local post-16 providers
- information about specialist post-16 institutions
- Signposting to sources of further information



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
09.15–10:00 (AVAILABLE ON  
DEMAND FROM 10:00AM)



Virtual Event  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN



[www.marchescareershubs.co.uk](http://www.marchescareershubs.co.uk)

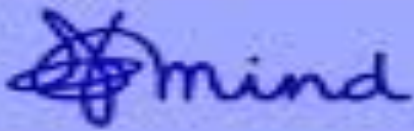


Telford & Wrekin  
Co-operative Council



Herefordshire  
Council

## Need support? Here's who to call.



**SAMARITANS**

**CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY**

If you're in Wales:



If you're under 25:

**THE MIX**

**0300 123 3393**

Open 9am-6pm weekdays

**116 123**

Always open

**0800 58 58 58**

Open 5pm - midnight

**0800 132 737**

Always open

**Text THEMIX**

**to 85258**

Always open

NSPCC

**0808 800 5000**

24Hrs

National Domestic  
Abuse Helpline

**0808 2000 247**

24Hrs Free



Mind

**0300 123 3393**

Mon-Fri 9-6

Macmillan

**0808 808 0000**

7Days 9-5

Cruse Bereavement

**0800 808 1677**

Mon-Fri 9-5

Action on Elder Abuse

**0808 808 8141**

Mon-Fri 9-5

Victim Support

**0808168 9111**

24Hrs

Childline

**0800 1111**

7Days 9-Midnight

Respect - Men's Advice Line

**0808 801 0327**

Mon-Fri 9-5 (Mon/Wed 9-8)

National Centre for Domestic  
Violence

**0800 970 2070**

Samaritans

**116 123**

24Hrs



**NHS**  
Heywood, Middleton  
and Rochdale  
Clinical Commissioning Group

**NEVER ALONE**



# UNIFORM REMINDER

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.*

## CORRECT



Top button/  
tie fastened

Shirt tucked in

Black knee length  
pleated skirt /  
smart tailored  
trousers



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

Tie tucked in

Black sensible (flat)  
shoes or plain black  
trainers

No boots or Converse  
trainers

## INCORRECT

Tie not  
tucked in

Shirt untucked

Leggings / skinny  
trousers

Logo / Coloured  
trainers



Top button  
undone

Shirt untucked

Jogging bottoms



## 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>

### Reminder

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



**First Half Summer Term**  
**Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May,**  
**2025**

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, 2025**

**2nd Half Summer Term**  
**Monday 2nd June to Friday 18th July,**  
**2025**

**Finish for Summer**  
**Holidays.**

**Thank you!**

Wow..! Look how lucky our school is ..!!

Thank you **Tesco** in Ellesmere for this amazing donation of uniform. This will really help us stock up our spare uniform cupboard.

### 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.

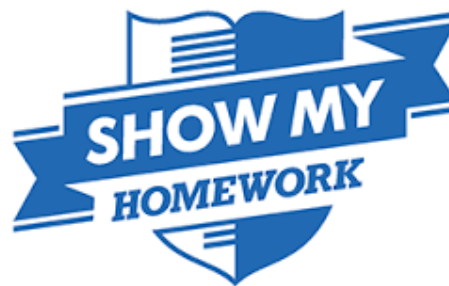
To report an absence please ring 01691 622543



## THE SCHOOL DAY

- School Opens - 8.55am
- Morning Registration- 9.00 - 9.15am
- Period 1 - 9.15 - 10.15am
- Period 2 - 10.15 - 11.15am
- Morning Break - 11.15 - 11.30am
- Period 3 - 11.30 - 12.30pm
- Lunch - 12.30 - 1.10pm
- Afternoon Registration - 1.10 - 1.30pm
- Period 4 - 1.30 - 2.30pm
- Period 5 - 2.30 - 3.30pm End of the Compulsory School Day

Total Hours provided in a typical week - 34 hours & 35 minutes



**PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK SHOW MY HOMEWORK. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN HANDED IN.**



## Attention All Parents!

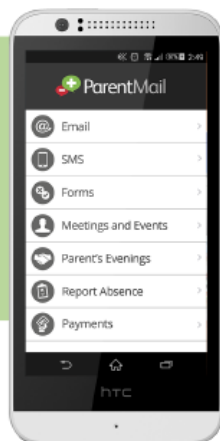


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