



LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

Newsletter

Principal's Welcome

We saw another very busy term this autumn as you can see with just a few of the things highlighted for you in this newsletter.

After celebrating the summer results our attention was immediately on the present Year 11 students. With a reminder that with less than a year to go the time would fly by and before they knew it the first term would have been and gone. Most recently they have been busy revising and doing their mock exams. The experience of sitting under exam conditions we hope will have assisted in making sure that when the real thing comes along, they will feel as comfortable as possible. We recognise the potential stress exams can put on students and staff here at the academy will go out of their way to help as much as they can. The information from these exams will help both staff and students to ensure that the areas of work required for groups and individuals to succeed will be focussed upon over the coming months. In the mean time we hope they have an enjoyable and relaxed Christmas.

In addition the new Year 7 of 2017 are no longer new! They have settled in well and a group of students even presented the findings of a survey about their experiences to the Full Governing Body last week. They were an absolute credit to you all.

Moving forward we are always trying to make sure that we look to ways to improve communication. One such way is that we have provided an opportunity for Governors to have a regular slot within the newsletter. The first one is written by Mr Burke who describes some of the work that he has been doing as a Link Governor to the STEM Faculty this term.

As we come to the end of 2017 and look forward to the New Year with all that it brings, we are doing the same in school with changes to staff. This term we are saying goodbye and good luck in their new positions to a number of staff, some who have been here a long time. At the same time we are welcoming new staff in January who have been appointed and are looking forward to working with the students.

Farewells and thank you go to the following members of staff who have supported the students over their time here, we wish them well in them in their new positions.

Ms N. Stephan, Mrs S. Elston, Mrs P. Solanki, Mrs K. Morris, Mr J. Powell, Mrs H. McGrath

At the same time we welcome a number of new staff, some of whom have already started with us.

Mr Baugh, Mrs Eaves, Mr Pilkington, Mr Hesketh, Mrs Wood, Mr Dale, Mr Cunliffe, Mr Anderton

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

22nd Dec	School Closes for Christmas 12pm
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JANUARY

8th January	School Re-opens and Uniform Inspection Week
15th January	Year 9 Exam Week
24th January	Careers Fair
29th January	Years 7+8 Exam Week
9th February	Finish for Half Term
12th - 16th	February Half Term
19th February	School Re-opens

Christmas Card Creations

Mrs Murray would like to congratulate all those who entered the competition. Well done to Megan Clarke as the winner and to Amelie Carlisle and Georgia Birkenhead as runners up.

The winning card has been produced as this year's school Christmas card.



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Student Voice @ Lostock Hall Academy

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A selection of our Year 7 School Council representatives recently gave a presentation to the full Governing Body on their perception of 'life at Lostock Hall Academy'. The group comprised of Ryan Hornby (7S), William Howcroft (7C), Lucie McKee (7C), Nicole Ramsbottom (7L), Rhia Sarda (7S) and Matthew Whalley (7T). All of the students contributed to a wonderful presentation that really emphasised their positive introduction to secondary school life.

Comments ranged from how easy it had been to make new friends, to how really positive relationships had been forged with teaching staff and to the fact they felt happy and safe at school. They were warmly applauded at the end of their presentation and were also invited to visit 'Rock FM' the following day to deliver the 'Mission Christmas' gifts to the Preston Radio Station.

Examples of comments made about how Year 7 students feel about their introduction to 'life at Lostock Hall Academy':

"I have enjoyed it quite a lot. It has been amazing because I have made so many friends very quickly and the teachers are very nice to me".

"After a few weeks I felt like I had been here for years, there was no sign of bullying so I felt safe".

"We like to learn through practical tasks/experiments because you can learn information of others around you and it is a fun way of learning".

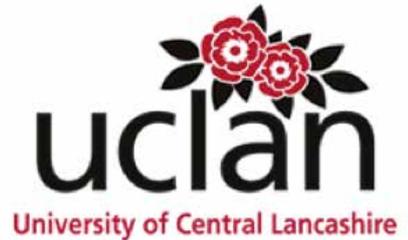
Runshaw Art & Photography Workshop

Well done to the Y9 students (Ben Wilcock, Bailey Donnelley and Aaron Greenwood) who visited Runshaw college to experience their darkroom facilities and equipment and to the Y10 students (Abi cain, Katie Thom, Jessica Lawrence, Hannah barton and George Ford) who completed a 'New Approaches to drawing' workshop at the college. all students thoroughly enjoyed their time at the college.



ULCAN Future U

Year 11 students received support yesterday from ULCAN Future U programme, where they heard about mindfulness and revision techniques prior to their trial examinations. We thank James Gallagher at UCLAN, Mr Doyle and Mrs Tucker for making this possible.



GCSE Presentation Evening

On Thursday 16th November we celebrated the fantastic achievements of our Yr 11 leavers at our prestigious GCSE Presentation Evening, as they returned to school to collect their well-deserved GCSE certificates.

We also received back to school Dr Mark Quinn, a previous Head Boy of the school, as our guest speaker. Mark graduated from the University of Manchester in 2009 with a MEng (Hons) in Aerospace Engineering. He then went on to complete a PhD in Experimental Aerodynamics. Mark is currently a lecturer at The University of Manchester and delighted our leavers with information about his exciting career to date.

Mark is pictured with two of our wonderful leavers, Abigail Bowie and Ben Robinson who both collected Academic Achievement awards. Lots of other subject and special awards were given to other deserving students and we were delighted to see all of our leavers back in school. We wish them every success in their future careers and hope to see them return in the future to let us know how they are getting on.

Excellent Attendance Well done to you all!

100% Attendance Winners - Tub of Hero's - Congratulations to you all
Year 7C - Charlotte Porter Year 8S - William Swindells
Year 9T - Leon-Peter Thomas Year 10K - Emily Ingram
Year 11L - Jack Wignall



Mathematics New Award

The Mathematics Department have launched their new award to highlight the students who show high levels of dedication and effort into all their lessons. Teachers have nominated one student per teaching group across all years and the winners receive a certificate of recognition and an entry into the prize draw at the end of the year for an Amazon voucher. There will be an award for Years 7-8, 9-10 and a special award for year 11 drawn at Easter. The nominations for Term 1.1 were as follows; **Well done to all the nominations for their hard work.**

Y7 - Ryan Hornby
Bethan Lally
Jessica Barrie
Ruby Godbert

Y8 - Katie Snape
Caitlin Heaton
Abi-Rose Duddle
Katie Bird

Y9 - Toby Holmes
Lucy Rodgers
Eddie Nowell
Millie Sawyer

Y10 - Alex Thornton
Joel Hodgson
Chloe Howard
Harry Jackson
Beth Childs

Y11 - Luke Dowbakin
Bradley Mee
Alex Aspden
Mary Greenway
Ralf Crawshaw

Y10 Student's Birthday Surprise

A Year 10 student had the most amazing birthday surprise today. Preston North End football players came into Harrison's English lesson to present him with a birthday card and cake. Harrison was nominated by his Auntie as part of PNE's Whites Christmas campaign. This is where fans have nominated fellow supporters who they feel deserve a special surprise and Harrison's birthday was the perfect day to make the surprise visit.



New Electronic Reporting

We have now implemented our new electronic reporting through the Schoolcomms email system and the Parent Gateway app and you should have received progress reports via the system as follows:

Yr 10 Interim Report 8th December
Yr 8 Interim Report 15th December
Yr 7 Interim Report 20th December

We hope that the transition has been smooth for you as parents and would welcome any suggestions or feedback. Mrs Tucker, Senior Assistant Vice Principal.

A Happy New Year with New Books!

The English Department would like to thank all students, parents and staff who supported our November Scholastic Book Fair. The Reading and Research Area was buzzing with chat about Christmas reading plans and recommendations.

Following the Book Fair, Year 8 picked up the fundraising baton, working hard to memorise fifty ambitious words for the Year 8 Spelling Challenge. In preparing for the challenge, English staff have been particularly impressed by the students' growth mindset and determination to conquer the list. Funds raised by the Year 8 Spelling Challenge and the Book Fair have enabled the purchase of one hundred new books for reading in 2018.

The English Department would like to thank all students, parents, grandparents and friends who have helped in this venture. In particular, the English Department would like to thank Joshua Clifford for his massive fundraising efforts, congratulate Jamie Scadeng for working hard to achieve full marks and Hannah Phillips for having outstanding determination.



Children In Need Event

On Friday 17th November a group of Year 11 students organised a bake sale to raise some money for Children in Need, along with this there was a guess the sweets in the jar and a performance at lunchtime by our very own PR5 – a talented group of Year 10 students. The final total raised was over £110. It is really heart-warming to see students give up their own time to help raise money for children less fortunate than themselves.



Drama students of the term - Autumn 2017

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Drama student of the term for their hard work and positive attitude in Drama this term.

Year 7 - Jessica Barrie

Year 8 - William Swindells

Year 9 - Lucy Bishop

Year 10 - Joel Hodgson

Year 11 - Max Lewis



Tesco Bags Of Help

We are delighted that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our outdoor dining area project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018.

Our project along with the other two successful projects in the region will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where their customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Wednesday 28th February 2018. The project with the highest number of votes

Bookbuzz Initiative

Christmas has come early for 42 of our lucky Year 7 & 8 students who have recently received a free book of their choice. There was a real buzz around school when the new books arrived and we hope that our students enjoy reading their personally chosen titles. We look forward to catching up with them in the new year to hear what they think of the story so far. Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Heaton – Reading Culture Lead



across the region will receive £4,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £2,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £1,000. We are guaranteed at least the third place position.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting for our project.

BLACKPL RD PRESTON EXP	PR2 1XJ	Express
EARNSHAW BRIDGE EXP	PR25 1XD	Express
Leyland	PR25 2FN	Extra
LEYLAND CANBER RD EXP	PR25 3ET	Express
LEYLAND EXP	PR25 5TU	Express
PRESTON CHURCH ST EXP	PR1 3BQ	Express
PRESTON FRIARGATE EXP	PR1 2LD	Express
PRESTON FULWOOD EXP	PR2 9PS	Express
RIBBLETON PRESTON EXP	PR2 6RJ	Express
TLKTH MIL PRESTON EXP	PR2 2BT	Express

Please share the news with family and friends and encourage them to make their token count for Lostock Hall Academy. Many Thanks

LOSTOCK FOREST SCHOOL CORNER

The first cohort of the year graduated from Forest School on November 24th. The ceremony was a fantastic celebration of the skills and team work that the boys had demonstrated over the 6 week programme. The Forest School practitioners, praised the boys for their camaraderie and resilience and all the boys were in agreement that they did not want their forest school experience to be over. Looking forward to 2018 and more Forest School experiences. Happy Christmas from the Forest School team.



'A Christmas Carol' for Year 11

Students in Year 11 who are studying 'A Christmas Carol' for their GCSE English Literature began Advent by enjoying a fantastic performance of Charles Dickens' famous novella. The Manchester Actors Company took to the stage and enthralled students by bringing Dickens' characters to life.

Time flew as the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future took us through the journey of Ebenezer Scrooge's pitiful life as a "tight-fisted sinner," to a Christmas Day where Scrooge vows to "honour Christmas in his heart" and keep his care for others in his heart "all the year."

As part of their revision programme, Year 11 students are now looking forward to further performances from the Manchester Actors Company. 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' will be performed on Friday 16th March and 'Macbeth' will be performed on Friday 23rd March. The English Department is extremely grateful for the parental contributions which make such exciting and engaging revision possible.

Spotlight on Governors

Being a community governor means I am able to use the skills and knowledge I acquired as a secondary teacher of maths and physics and as headteacher to contribute to the development at LHA. My involvement is not restricted to attending governing body meetings. Like many of the governors, I'm able to visit the academy on a regular basis and for me that means working alongside students for half a day each week. I provide support in mathematics and more recently science through an active involvement with the academy's intervention programme.



In my capacity as link governor for the STEM faculty I sat on the panel for the recruitment of science teachers to replace the staff who leave at the end of term. I'm delighted to assure parents that the process attracted outstanding applicants leading to the appointment of individuals who I'm confident will continue the good work of their predecessors.

Having taught for over 43 years in 8 secondary schools I can honestly say LHA is an exceptional school where staff and students go out of their way to be helpful, not only to visitors, but each other. I'm proud to be associated with them and look forward to continuing my association with them for many years to come.

Mr Burke



Music Update

Students in Music have been working hard this term towards the annual Christmas Concert being held on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm. This has been organised by the BTEC Year 11 students as part of their course. The concert features the Brass Band which has now grown to nearly 20 members, The LHA Soul Band, various soloists and singing groups and our very own PR5. On behalf of all the Music students and myself, have a safe and festive Christmas and a happy New Year. Mr Doyle



Life Studies

It has been a busy term 1.2 for Life Studies. Students in Years 7-10 concentrated on 'British Values' for the seven weekly lessons. Year 11 students continued working on work related learning. Topics covered included:

Year 7 – What it means to be British, Restorative Justice, Listening Skills, Diversity, Democracy, Faith in the UK and Challenging Discrimination.

Year 8 – What it means to be British, Media Rights & Responsibilities, Behaviour, Government, Immigration & Diversity, Why we have laws and racism.

Year 9 – Human Rights, UK Religious Beliefs & Practice, Rule of Law, Immigration into the UK, LGBT, Elections and Extremist Views & Radicalization.

Year 10 – Identity & Diversity in Britain, The Travelling Community, Sexual Bullying, Combatting far right extremism, What makes a good parent, The Rule of Law and Democracy & Voter apathy.

Year 11 continued working on completing CV's, College & Apprenticeship applications, Employability skills, Letters of application and Revision skills.

Wellbeing

Alongside these weekly lessons, sixteen students from Year 9 started working on the 'Wellbeing Challenge' project. These students will have the opportunity to learn how to mentor others in their mental wellbeing. They will also be trained to deliver sessions to Year 7 students and eventually Year 6 students. Once they have graduated the ten week course, we will have sixteen Wellbeing Champions in school making LHA a more resilient establishment for mental health.

Finally, Year 11 had various visitors to help them in their work related learning. Colleges, apprenticeship providers and trainers from local industry helped students to choose the right path for their future.



Year 9 'Wellbeing Challenge' students



Year 11 students working LHA's Enterprise Advisor Shaheen Gul on letters of Application – December 2017



Year 11 students working Apprenticeship trainer – December 2017

Life Studies