



LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

Newsletter

Aviva Community Fund - VOTE FOR US!

10 Votes for Lostock Hall Academy's Outdoor Friendship and Dining Area. Follow link to access and learn more about the project and cast your votes.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4737> Each person can cast 10 votes and the more this information is shared, the more votes we hope to achieve. Voting is open until 21st November. Thank You for your support.



Principal's Welcome

Great Success in the summer with excellent results for our Year 11 leavers.

- **We are in the top 2% of the country achieving the highest possible Grade 9 in English Language**
- **We are in the top 3% of the country achieving the highest possible Grade 9 in Maths**
- **86% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in English**
- **78% of all students achieved Grade 4 or above in Maths**
- **We are in the top 20 schools in Lancashire**
- **100% of students achieved A*-C in a range of subjects including ICT and the Sciences**

We are very proud of the students for working so hard and wish them every success on their chosen pathway. We hope to see them in the future.

In the meantime the new Year 7s have begun to settle in and are a great asset to the Academy. As with the existing students, they have brought a wide range of skills and talents as well as being polite, caring and hard working. Welcome to them all.

Believing not only in developing academic ability, but also in helping to support students to become caring citizens of the future, I am particularly proud of staff and students for supporting the charity Breast Cancer NOW on **Wear it Pink Day** last Friday. Raising over £500 demonstrates just how supportive of others they are. Thank you to you all.

Working with UCLAN's Future U Programme

We are delighted to be working with the University of Central Lancashire as part of their Future U programme; a two-year national collaborative outreach programme funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), aiming to support young people in Lancashire get into jobs/career opportunities and higher education. You can see more about Future U on the website: <http://www.lancashirefutureu.org.uk> We were delighted to receive their staff recently as they ran two programmes with some Yr 9 students. All of the projects that students will be receiving relate to growth areas in the local labour market in Lancashire. The first programme was around the financial sector, a priority skills area in Lancashire, where students found out how real life worldwide events can alter the financial market. They had to make timely decisions about whether to invest in companies or sell their shares after considering information for a variety of sources. The second programme was around another growth area of creative and digital, which is seeing a huge expansion both locally and nationally. Students explored careers and pathway within the computer games industry and experienced collaborating on designing a game. There are lots more activities planned with the University as we empower your children with the knowledge and opportunities to succeed in the future local and national labour market. Mrs Tucker, Senior Assistant Vice Principal.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

26th Oct	School Closes
27th Oct	Inset Day
30th - 5th Nov	Half Term Week

NOVEMBER

6th Nov	School Re-Opens
9th Nov	Attendance Panel Meeting
16th Nov	KS4 Presentation Evening
22nd Nov	Book Fair Starts
24th Nov	Y11 Interim Report
28th Nov	Y11 Parents' Evening

DECEMBER

1st Dec	Y9 Interim Report
	Christmas Carol Performance
4th Dec	Y11 Exam Week 1
5th Dec	Book Fair Ends
8th Dec	Y10 Interim Report
11th Dec	Y11 Exam Week 2
15th Dec	Y8 Interim Report
18th Dec	Y10 Parents' Evening
20th Dec	Y7 Interim Report
	Christmas Concert
21st Dec	School Council (2)
22nd Dec	School Closes for Christmas 12pm



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Music students PR5 from LHA win 'Gateway's Got Talent'



Over the summer, four Music students from Lostock Hall Academy have been making waves in the local community. Bobby Cumming (guitar), Harry Hodgson (drums), Jude Humphries (vocals) and Rohan Manivannan (bass) make up the rock quartet PR5. All four students are in Year 10 and in August, entered and won 'Gateway's Got Talent'. They received £500 towards their musical development and the chance to perform at Preston's Guild Hall in September 2017. Not only this, but PR5 were also booked to perform at Moor Park and Preston's flag market. As well as these gigs, PR5 have been in the studio recording their first song, 'Brace Yourself' which will be released in October 2017 on iTunes, Deezer and Spotify. Check out this fantastic band on Twitter and Facebook and who knows, they could be the next Arctic Monkeys.



Calling All Budding Gardeners

We currently have a garden area in school which is in need of a little TLC. Within the gardens there are numerous allotment plots and also 2 poly tunnels and sheds for growing plants, flowers, fruit and veg.



We are aware that the waiting lists for allotment plots within the South Ribble are very long, so as a school we would like to offer any parents, carers or even grand parents who might be connected to the school by one of our students the opportunity to acquire one of these allotments. We would not be charging for these plots but due to safeguarding measures we would be require any person(s) who acquire a plot to be DBS checked. As part of the agreement we would ask that you support the school in keeping the garden area tidy and in the longer term possibly look to support a small number of our students who may shown an interest in any areas of gardening.

If you would be interested in this opportunity, or would like to find out more please feel free to contact school on 01772 336293 or admin@lostockhallhigh.lanacs.sch.uk

Year 7 Accelerated Readers

All Year 7 students are now enrolled on the programme. Over the year we will be running competitions and reading events in school, all aimed at encouraging students to read more. Who will be our first 'Word Millionaire'? Which set will take the most quizzes?

Please can you encourage your child to read at home and complete the online quizzes?

Welcome to Accelerated Reader, the programme that aims to make reading more enjoyable. The more books you read, the more quizzes you will take and the more points you'll earn.

Once you have finished reading your book it is important that you take the online quiz as soon as possible, that way you don't forget what you have read.

If you don't get chance to quiz in your Library lesson then pop in during lunchtime. The library is open from 1.20 - 1.50 pm each day to enable you to complete a quiz and change your book. Just make sure you have your **personal login details and you're good to go!**



Our very own Counsellor Charlotte Lowe highlights the importance of mental health support in schools

What could better mental health care in schools look like? School counsellor Charlotte shares her views, and why she thinks there are huge opportunities currently being missed.

A young girl with anorexia came to see me for advice. She was not only battling an eating disorder but also struggling with a lack of self-confidence. Together we discussed her condition, and I carried out an assessment. It was clear to me that she need to be referred for further help, but she didn't want to engage with it.

Luckily, in that situation I was able to draw on my experience in mental health care and provide her with support myself. And now, 3 years down the line this same young woman now gives assemblies in schools, on overcoming mental illness.

It's inspiring to see a young person go through such a transformation, which is why I'm so passionate about what I do.

We're now talking about mental health more than ever before - it's finally getting the recognition it deserves - but there is still a long way to go. We have work to do to change common attitudes towards mental health, and ever-stretched services need improving to make them work harder for young people.

My background is in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), and I have worked as an Assistant Psychologist within Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). I've seen first-hand how hard mental health care professionals work, but there is no getting around the fact that services such as CAMHS are under huge pressure, and the impact of cuts are far reaching.

I now work not only here at Lostock Hall Academy as a school counsellor but also in the North West of the country. It's been an eye-opening experience....continue reading by follow the link: <https://www.mqmentalhealth.org/news-blog/post/bringing-mental-health-care-to-schools>

Read more about Charlotte's work at https://issuu.com/review-magazines/docs/ed74_for_web



Coming Soon - We Will Rock You!

Our main school production will be performed on **March 13th, 14th and 15th**. Rehearsals are now underway. Watch this space for details regarding tickets nearer the time.

HELP NEEDED: Any offers from parents or relatives willing to help us out with the production would be very gratefully received. We will need support with costumes, props, lighting and sound. Anyone willing to support us to make this a fantastic showcase of students' talent should contact Mrs Hardacre in school.

Avoid The Queues For Topping Up Your Account

You can now make online payments to school via credit or debit card through the School Gateway smartphone app or website. You can also view school meal balances and top them up at any time.

For other items such as school trips or tickets for events, we will notify you when they are available for payment on the School Gateway. You will also be able to give online consent, where required, for your child to take part in activities.

School Gateway makes it easier for parents to pay any time 24-7. It reduces the amount of cash being carried by children on school premises and helps avoid queues at busy times.

What you need to do now is activate your School Gateway account. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile

number that school holds on record for you. If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message. OR Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

Parents, welcome to: **Schoolgateway**

Keeping you informed of what's going on at school.

Download the app
Android and iPhone

or visit the website:
www.schoolgateway.com

Activate your account today!

Y10 Visit Tate & Walker

Year 10 GCSE Art and Photography students have visited the Walker and Tate Art galleries to investigate and engage with traditional, modern and contemporary art. They braved the wind at the Albert Dock and have been inspired by the wide variety of art and sculpture in the exhibits.

Excellent Attendance Well done to you all!

Cookies & Coke Winners - Tutor group with the best attendance 5/6/17 - 21/7/7

9K - Mrs Worden and Mrs Coop - Who enjoyed cookies & coke and one day non-uniform, well done to everyone.

100% Attendance 5/6/17 - 21/7/17 - Big Bag of Chocolates

Year 7 - Adam Parkes Year 8 - Marshall Cooper

Year 9 - Richard Walsh Year 10 - Georgia Howarth



National Dance Competition

The following Lostock Hall Academy girls recently took part in a national dance competition in Bognor, Wales. Olivia Talbot, Ellie Whittle, Caitlin Smith, Jessica and Emily English, Freya Blamire, Katie Carter, Georgia Sankey and Olivia Joy Wilson. They achieved great success winning a variety of awards, please see below.

Placings - Solos

1st Olivia T - Jazz, 1st Caitlin S - Street, 2nd Olivia T - Advanced lyrical, 2nd Olivia T - street, 2nd Ellie W - contemporary, 2nd Freya - street, 2nd Katie - street, 3rd Emily - street, 4th Jess English - street, 5th Olivia J Wilson - street

Duos

1st Olivia T and Lucy (not LHA) advanced lyrical, 1st Caitlin and Jess - street, 2nd Freya and Emily - street, 2nd Katie and Georgia - street, 3rd Olivia T and Ellie W - street

Well done girls!



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FOREST SCHOOL CORNER



The new season out in Forest School has begun. We welcome back Fylde Forest School for this academic year and a new group of students are taking up the challenges of the programme. Den Building has been immensely popular as you can see and using the shave horses, made by a previous group, to carve the tent pegs. Some lovely autumnal mornings spent in the outdoors, learning new skills.

