

Message from Lytham High



We are also getting parents dropping children close to the school gates, despite the double yellow lines and zig-zags. Anyone dropping off this close to the school is making it more dangerous for children crossing the roads. I understand many families travel for a place at LSA, but please consider dropping children a little further away from the gates and allowing them to walk.

We were delighted to see such a strong turnout for the first meeting of this year's PTFA. With Robert Owen standing down as Chairperson after an amazing stint in charge, Lindsey Walsh takes the reins for the forthcoming year. Please support this amazing group of people who are working hard to support many whole school projects.

As we have put in this newsletter, our school continues to flourish thanks to great teachers and amazing students. We know our results are great but we are focusing hard on the student experience outside of the classroom. This is led by our Deputy Headteacher Gill Clegg and is being seen each day in school through our extra curricular provision and our student leadership opportunities. Since the end of mobile phones in school, students are talking, playing and generally enjoying school. It is great to see.

Ray Baker, Headteacher

THE LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

*The school will close for
October Half Term Holidays at
the usual time of 3:10pm on
Friday 18th October and will
reopen again on Thursday
31st October.*

*The first week back will be a
week B.*

END OF ANOTHER TERM!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We just wanted to take this chance to wish all of our parents, students, colleagues and governors a fantastic Autumn Half Term.

Again, we have put together a small selection of items that show how busy we have been. We can only ever capture a small flavour of what we do, but it is nice to know what is happening throughout our community. We have also taken the opportunity to share lots of information that we hope will ensure a smooth start to the Winter Term

As always, I want to start by thanking parents for ensuring that children have returned to LSA looking smarter than ever. The recent wet weather has put a strain on footwear, but it is great to see so many students proud to wear our uniform. If there are any issues about uniform, the PTFA have helped the school to create an immediate supply of pre-loved uniform that College Leaders can access.

Another excellent set of GCSE results show LSA as the best performing school across the Fylde and Wyre again.

As you will have seen in the press, we are incredibly proud of all our ex-Year 11

students who have now started their post-16 lives. We had students achieving some of the highest grades in the country, alongside a large number who achieved beyond their targets. We would like to wish our former students the best of luck in their new adventures and look forward to seeing them back at LSA to pick up their certificates.

The work on our new Technology Block has continued this term. We have moved our Music Department to make a Performing Arts faculty in the S Block under the guidance of Mr. Spacey. We are also waiting on the final plans for improving our IT and Computing facilities, hopefully being ready for the new year.

It is important to thank all staff and students for their patience during this period of transition and change. There has been a lot of movement between classrooms, but everyone (especially our fantastic site team) have been so helpful.

Parking is often an issue around schools, but ours is made worse by the significant building work. Whilst we do not "police" the bus bay, it is proving a useful drop off point. However, please enter this part of the school slowly and with care.

OPEN EVENING- WHAT A SUCCESS!

Prospective students and parents were invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 12th September to see what we have to offer at our popular, happy and highly successful school.

There were a huge variety of activities such as our trampolining taster sessions in PE, meeting Sir David in Geography, designing selfie biscuits in Food Technology, crime scene investigations and literacy activities in English, fire experiments and pig's heart dissections in Science and many more!



PROUDLY INTRODUCING LSA'S Y11 PREFECTS 2019/20



It was our Prefect Training Day on Tuesday 3rd September and students worked together as a team to complete a range of activities! It was a great success and students had a great time! They completed the day with their new ties and the confidence and schedules to start their new roles. Prefects will be present at lunchtimes, they will also be attending school events and joining committees and extra curricular activities.



EVERY MIND MATTERS

On Thursday 10th October all staff took the time to wear something yellow in support of Every Mind Matters / World Mental Health Day. We have started to introduce 'Wellness Wednesday' which will happen once a fortnight and will give your child's form an opportunity to talk about mental health and wellness.



ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION



Performance in Education from LCC (Lancashire County Council) delivered a Road Safety production to all year 7 students at the end of September to highlight the importance of Road Safety. This was a fun and interactive production around the safety of crossing the road and encouraging students to be aware of their surroundings.

Please may we remind students, as we approach winter and the nights get dark, to think about their road safety as they travel to and from school. Those who cycle should have a helmet and lights on their bike and those who walk should take care to cross the road, only when it is safe to do so.

MORE THAN GRADES

At Lytham St Annes High School we know that the best education takes place both inside and outside the classroom. Each one of our pupils is more than a collection of grades; they are unique individuals each with different talents, skills and abilities, some of which they haven't even discovered yet.

In each year of school, the More than Grades Programme seeks to introduce every pupil to new experiences or events in each of the 6 areas out of the classroom.

- Careers & Aspiration
- Love of Learning
- The Arts
- Sports
- STEM
- Leadership and Citizenship

Every Friday we publish our pupil bulletin on the school website, filled with the latest trips and free schools clubs and events.





CAREERS PRESENTATION FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY STUDENT

Lizzie Daly, a third year medicine student from Oxford University, delivered a presentation to Year 10 and 11 students about further education at Oxford University, career progression into medicine and aspiring the students to achieve and succeed. Thank you for visiting Lytham St Annes High School!



LANCASHIRE HOCKEY

The following students have also been selected to represent Lancashire in Hockey: Conner Burnett, Matthew Cooper, Arron Copeland, Anna Filipo, Freya Gerrard, Ruby Hodgkinson, Lara Pilling, Amber Sinclair, Fin Sinclair and Francesca Thomas.

In addition the following two students have been selected for England Hockey Performance Centre: Arron Copeland and Lara Pilling.

We wish them all the best with fixtures and training as a squad – what a fantastic achievement!



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING!

Staff at Lytham St Annes supported the worthwhile charity, MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September. Whether they baked it or faked it, it was a great success all round and we raised £210 in total!

LANCASHIRE TEAMS UNDER 14'S

Eleanor Channon has completed 4 trials along with 300 other girls for Lancashire Teams under 14's and made it through.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freddy Nichol did 3 days work experience in September supporting the British Superbike team 'PR Racing' at Oulton Park.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS



With a 32 strong team, we entered full teams in all age categories except the Years 8/9 girls. There was a fantastic team atmosphere coupled with impeccable behaviour, despite the fact we had to wait around for a long time on arrival.

The course was very boggy, but this did not 'dampen' spirits! Year 7, in particular, really entered into the spirit, cheering on the older pupils and catching up with 'old' friends from other schools.

Top 8 finishers should be eligible for the Fylde team, and team results will follow. We think we may have won 3 of the age categories.

POP-UP LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

The Library team would like to thank student volunteers, parents and staff who supported our recent Pop-up Book Fair. Our volunteers spent 4 days honing their customer care and sales skills as they managed the pop-up business before school, at break, lunchtimes and after school. Many thanks to all the students and parents who made purchases of £650, allowing the Library to purchase £350 worth of new titles in return to lend back to all our students.

Don't forget to visit our school library!
Our Library opening hours are:
Monday to Thursday: 7:45 am - 4:45 pm
Friday: 7:45 am - 4:00 pm.



IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

31st October in S10 (Miss Corkery)
FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM

Bring in your carved pumpkins before form to \$10 for them to be judged at break time. Come along at lunch to check out all the other pumpkins and the winners!

Every entry will receive a positive point along with a Halloween surprise!

Open to all years and teachers if you dare!

