



*"A Learning Community in  
Pursuit of Excellence"*

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Easter break approaches, the sun is finally starting to shine. With two thirds of the academic year now complete, it is so pleasing to see such a busy, vibrant school. One of the privileges of working at LSA is witnessing the hard work of our students first hand. In English, a creative year 7 response to Treasure Island was phenomenal, whilst the hard hitting sixth form production of "Pool (No Water)" was performed with passion, intensity and incredible skill. School is a busy place with high expectations and constant challenge, but it is also a place where young people feel safe, happy and part of something special.

Thank you to parents who took time to give us opinions on our approach to mobile phones. As expected, the responses were wide ranging, but gave us a snapshot for how parents feel. With families being incredibly supportive, we are cleaning up some of the ambiguity in our language and remain committed to students being allowed mobile devices in school, but we must work together to ensure safe, sensible and appropriate usage. From Easter, making and receiving phone calls, via personal student devices, will be not allowed. Contact between home and child can and will obviously continue, but this will have to be via text or email. We remain committed to ensuring that no device interrupts learning. Thank you again for your support in this.

We are also looking to ensure that students feel the same amount of pride in our school as we do and have been working with staff and students to identify the values that we believe underpin our school. We all know that we are striving to be a "learning community in pursuit of excellence" but are also working hard to instil values of **Respect, Integrity, Aspiration** and **Endeavour** through work in form tutor time as well as assemblies. We will also look to set our rewards policy to ensure we recognise when our students are displaying these values.

After Easter, we have the GCSE and A-Level examination season. We will also be having real focus on belonging to our school community. The slight amendment to the mobile phone policy (see below), the highest ever standards of uniform, the continued focus on attendance will help us maintain our expectations and aspirations for your child.

I hope you all have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing students on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Ray Baker

## **Student Recognition**

Following work with students, we are looking forward to potential changes to our whole school reward system after the Easter Holidays. This will be focussed on recognising the effort and achievement of all of our students through the key values of Aspiration, Endeavour, Respect and Integrity. Mr Connaughton will be writing to all Parents/Guardians when the system is up and running. Please be assured that all of our students will still be given the opportunity to use their Vivo points over the next term, allowing them to enjoy the benefit of all of their hard work in lessons.

## **Excellence in Maths**

### **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**

Some of our year 10 and year 11 pupils took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 students from more than 3000 schools took part. Students had 60 minutes to answer 25 varied multiple choice mathematical problems. The highest scorers were awarded certificates to recognise their success, with top scores invited to participate in follow on competitions. Congratulations to all of our certificate winners:

Matthew Hellewell, Larry Tang, Lily Ganchi, Georgina Tate, Matthew Irving, Thomas Johnson, William Dee, Amy Collings, Samuel Woods, Georgia Rodwell, Oliver Mccandlish, Ben Reid, Thomas Preston, Ella Peebles, Ksenija Korcagina, Morgan Richards, Mustafa Mezdawi, Aidan Lawrence, Zara Harris, Murray Pattison, Matthew Hart, Melis Cobandag, Ethan Darbyshire, Elizabeth Gee, Jasmine Carey and James Farrow.

### **Maths Feast 2018**

On Monday 19th March, eight of our year 10 students went to Blackpool Sixth Form College to take part in a Maths Feast. It was event full of mathematical challenges and our students were excellent showing great team work and problems solving skills. Our teams came a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Primary Work: Super Maths and Year 5 Easter Egg Hunt**

We also arranged an Easter egg hunt for the Year 5 students of our local primary schools. The students had a great time looking for eggs and solving mathematical problems with the help from some of our Y7 and Y8 pupils, who displayed genuine leadership skills. A team from St Thomas' Primary won the event.

## Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Congratulations to 27 students from Y11 and Y10 who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the Lake District this month. Thankfully there was a slight lull between episodes of the 'Beast from the East', but the conditions were still very challenging and the students were a credit to the school. The students carried all their equipment and provisions for the three day expedition and survived two windy and cold nights under canvas. The team of Mountain Guides who assessed our students commented on how positive, resilient and mutually support our students were despite the conditions.



## Sixth Form Production



Tuesday 20th March saw the last ever Sixth Form production in our Studio Theatre. A small, highly talented team led by Mr. Stephen Lawless put on a thoroughly professional, thought provoking performance. The levels of commitment and talent were phenomenal, with each of the students being a credit to the school. The team were Dianelys Santos, Jasmine Deveney, Kate Hughes, Ronan Canham and Emma Fewings.

## Busy Easter for LSA!

Whilst a huge number of staff have given up time to deliver booster/revision classes to year 11, we also have many staff and students on trips around the world. Sarah Evans, Head of Geography, is leading a trip to Iceland, whilst Laura Gibbons is taking a large number of students skiing. We obviously wish them all a safe and happy break and hope they gain as much from the experience as possible.

## Excellence in Sport

The students have continued our tradition of excellence in sport this term with a number of accolades. These include:

- Year 7 winners and Year 8 runners-up at the Fylde and Wyre Basketball Tournament.
- Our 16 girls are through to the last 4 of the Lancashire School's Football Cup.
- Years 8,9,10 and 11 winners at the Fylde and Wyre Handball Tournament.
- Year 10/11 girls Handball Fylde & Wyre winners
- Under 12 and Under Hockey Squad success in the Lancashire Cup.



Thank you to staff, students and parents for our continued support.

## Excellence in MFL

It was lovely to receive such positive feedback from the University of Central Lancashire after a team of our talented students enjoyed impressed at the Worldwide Event. There



were obvious comments about ability and talent and the team presented themselves impeccably throughout. Thank you to Mrs. White for leading the work, ensuring that the potential of learning languages is recognised and celebrated.

## Update on Phones

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to the “consultation” on how we use mobile phones. The responses were incredibly varied, but there was overwhelming support from parents for more consistent application of the rules. We are aiming on getting the right balance between safety and freedom whilst preparing students to become the most employable in the area. Therefore, with some tidying up of the language used, we are advertising the amended policy. The key elements are:

- Mobile Devices can be used outside, in the hall and in the dining room
- They must not be used on corridors and headphone must not be seen.
- The making and receiving of phone calls is no longer allowed. If there is an urgent need to speak to someone, then students must speak to member of staff. Clearly text/email is allowed, providing that learning is not disrupted.

We will review how the policy works and monitor the number of phone related issues over this next term. Safe, sensible use of the devices by the significant majority is so obvious in school.

## High Standards: Uniform and Attendance

As mentioned last term, the overall attendance and standard of uniform is excellent. A massive thank you to parents for working with us to ensure that our attendance is over 95%, something we are all very proud of.

We will be having a significant review of uniform after Easter with form tutors focusing on shoes (NOT trainers), ties and correct jumpers. We also want to look at wearing the uniform with pride, which will entail keeping shirts tucked in! Please can we continue to work together to ensure the highest possible standards for each and every student. If there are any questions about uniform or challenges in providing the right items, please contact your College Leader.

## PTFA Events



**LIMBER UP FOR LYTHAM  
5KM FUN RUN**  
OPEN TO EVERYONE - SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at**  
LSA Technology & Performing Arts College  
Car Park Entrance  
Albany Road  
Lytham St Annes, FY8 4DG

**ONLY £5 PRE-EVENT ENTRY / £7 ON THE DAY**

PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION & INFO AT  
[Lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk / upcoming Events](http://Lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/upcomingEvents)  
ON DAY REGISTRATION FROM 9:30AM  
RUN START 11:15AM

1K Race available for under 10yrs - £2 Entry on the day  
1K Run 10:30am start

**Help Us to Raise Funds for Our School**

**FUN RUN:** Please sign up for our fantastic fun run on 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is an excellent event and great way to support the school. Registration is available at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/lythamhighschool>

**SUMMER BALL:** The highlight of the PTFA's calendar is the amazing Summer Ball. It is being held at the Clifton Arms Hotel on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact [Annemarie.gee@talktalk.net](mailto:Annemarie.gee@talktalk.net) for further information.



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