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Introduction from Headteacher Mr Burridge



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have begun 2017 as busy as ever! I am really pleased that we have been able to provide so many wider opportunities for our students; some of which are detailed in this newsletter. We have also maintained our focus on ensuring students meet our high standards and expectations in all areas.

Teaching staff began the year at a Luton Futures conference on Mindsets. We were reminded that success comes from hard work and looked at the research which shows that the brain continues to grow

and make connections. Mindset approaches are already very much built into what we do at Lealands. We believe that it is always possible to improve with effort and that we should praise good effort even if the answers aren't right. It is important for our students to experience challenge and to fail occasionally so that they learn resilience and that the effort and struggle will pay off in the end.

This term, we have a renewed focus on the use of the learning diary. Students are expected to have this on their desk in all lessons and staff are using it to communicate successes and concerns so that parents are kept informed. We are also developing our use of text messages to pass on information to individual parents where this is appropriate. We hope that you will find this useful in supporting your children to be as successful as possible.

Our Year 11 students are under particular pressure this year. Some new GCSEs have been introduced in English and maths which raise the standards and increase the number of examinations, as well as changing the grading structure from A*-G to 9-1 (5 is the new expected standard set at around an old B/C grade). There is also an expectation that students should gain 8 rather than the previous 5 good GCSEs to meet the new performance measures. Staff and students have been working extremely hard to ensure that they achieve the best results possible and there will be further mocks in March to give students lots of practise before they go into the real exams in June. Good planning and revision now, will support this and so you will see further information on the resources available to students in this edition and more advice and support will be given in the up-coming parents evening.

As I write, I am thinking of our Year 10 students who have just begun their two weeks of work experience. At Lealands, we believe that this is such an important aspect of students'

Headteacher's Introduction ~ Continued

education. It goes well beyond the actual work they are doing to learning how to interact with adults in unfamiliar settings, gaining confidence, understanding some of the demands of working life and so on. I hope that they are finding the experience interesting and not too daunting!

This month, we received our numbers for September and it is clear that the school will be full again with our final year of growth bringing us up to the full capacity of 1050 students. This year has been a challenge with significantly more students and our newly introduced Year 7 lunchtime to accommodate this. We had to bring in significantly more staff in September at a time of teacher shortages nationally which continues to be a challenge. However, we are confident that, with careful planning, we will be able to accommodate this final year of increasing numbers.

Over the coming months we are all looking forward to some exciting performances in the Dance Show and the Easter Concert which I hope that many of you will be able to support.

With best wishes,

Mr J Burridge

Headteacher

Success In Computing

Congratulations to the following students for their success in computing:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ellis Coffie	Max Karasz	Kamila Wojnar	Tyler Foster	Daniel Bobinski
Stuart Silk	Rochelle Augustine	Rhys Dickinson	Elnara Vanseviciute	
	Robbie Howe	Jacob Robinson	Hayden Hewitt	
	Jamie Harvey	Chloe Abbott		

Dates For Your Diary

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Dance Show - Wednesday 1st March 2017

Year 9 Options Evening - Wednesday 15th March 2017

Easter Concert - Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Term Dates

Half-Term: Monday 13th February 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017

End of Spring Term: Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 18th April 2017



£ £ £ Online Payments

Don't forget you can pay online using the '**Parents' Payment**' link which now appears as a **£** sign on the slideshow of our website: www.lealands.luton.sch.uk.

If you do not have your link code to login, please contact the school Finance Office on **01582 611600**. The following is currently available for payment online:

Voluntary Contributions	Events, Trips and Visits	Other
Technology Years 7,8,9 Textiles Year 10 and 11 Resistant Materials Year 10 and 11 Food Contribution Year 10		Music Lessons

The school also prefers for all school meals to be paid for online. This gives you the flexibility to top up your child's account at home using a debit or credit card rather than having to use cash or cheque.

Further details and an online payments instruction manual can be found on our website: www.lealands.luton.sch.uk under the '**Parents' Information**' section.

Keep In Touch With Lealands

There are now even more ways to keep up to date with what is going on at Lealands High School. As well as this half-termly newsletter, we have our redesigned website, the School News App, Facebook Page and now we are also on Twitter.

Website

Visit our redesigned website at www.lealands.luton.sch.uk for all the information you need about Lealands, including: Latest News, upcoming events on the School Calendar, general school information in Our School, online links to Parents Payments, Show My Homework, Accelerated Reader etc.

School News App

The School News App can be downloaded for free from the iOS and Google Play App Stores. The app is linked directly to our website and will notify you of updates to Lealands' latest news, calendar events and gallery photos. For full details about the app and how to use it, please visit the website.

Facebook and Twitter

Lealands has active Facebook and Twitter pages which are used as a resource to connect with our community: sharing news, achievements, information, updates and photographs. We would encourage parents/carers and students to 'like' our Facebook page and 'follow' us on Twitter as we use it as a tool for communication, sometimes at short notice.



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Text and Email

Lealands uses text and email to send reminders, updates and letters; sometimes this might be at short notice. Please ensure the school has an up to date mobile telephone number and email address for you so this information is not missed.

Letters

Many important letters which are sent home are available to download from the 'Letters to Parents' page of our website, www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/letters.

School Reception Opening Hours

The school reception is open between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. We have an answerphone service that will be checked each morning. If you are waiting to collect a student after school please ensure these arrangements are set in advance as they will need to wait outside of the school gate for collection.

To ensure students' safety, we politely ask that parents do not park in the visitors parking area unless previously agreed due to safety/mobility reasons.

Students are not allowed to wait in the school reception before or after school hours due to the variety of visitors that may be in the area at any time. Again, please ensure collection times are arranged in advance for outside of the school's main gates.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mrs Goslin, School Business Manager

Value of the Month

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February

"Positivity"



**"It will never rain roses.
When we want more roses,
we plant more roses."**

(George Eliot)

GUIDELINES FOR VISITS TO THE MEDICAL ROOM

- Our trained Medical Officer can administer minor first aid and will contact parents/ medical services for more serious cases.
- All accidents and visits to the medical room are recorded and monitored.
- All visits should be made during break/lunch time, unless it is an emergency.
- Any student attending the medical room during lesson time **without** their learning diary being signed by a teacher will be sent back to class.
- If a student is causing a real concern or is in distress, a visit to the medical room is at the teacher's discretion.
- It is very important to ensure that we do not dehydrate. Students should ensure they bring a bottle of water with them to school – this can be refilled at the water fountains. Students will not be permitted to leave lessons to visit the medical room to get a drink.
- Any fizzy drinks or energy drinks **WILL BE CONFISCATED**.
- Students should not be leaving lesson to use the toilet unless it is an emergency or they have been issued with a toilet pass due to a medical issue. Please speak to Matron if you have any concerns.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Prescription medicines **MUST** be supplied to the Medical Room in a container labelled by the pharmacist.

All other medicines must be provided in their original packaging.

All medicines held and dispensed by the Medical Room must have a parent's/carer's written consent.

Medication prescribed for 1 / 2 / 3 doses a day should **not** normally require administration during the school day, unless times are specifically stated by their GP. The medication should generally be taken at the following times:-

- 1) before school 2) on arrival home from school 3) before bedtime

Asthma Inhalers

Inhalers for the relief of asthma must be immediately available and should be carried in school by pupils who use them. Please ensure the child's name is on the inhaler. A spare inhaler should be left in the Medical Room in case of emergency.

Paracetamol

Paracetamol can only be given to students who have returned their permission slip. Tablets will only be given at break, lunch time and at change of lesson unless the school has been informed the student suffers with migraine or is on the Medical List.

Students must not carry pain relief tablets. If students are caught carrying medication in school, the tablets will be confiscated and the Senior Leadership Team will be informed.

48 HOUR RULE

Could I please remind you that any child who has had diarrhoea and / or vomiting should be kept at home for 48 hours from the LAST episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

This directive comes from the Health Protection Agency – Guidance of Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Whilst we realise that some of these are unavoidable, please try and book appointments before or after school and ensure proof is supplied to ensure a two hour appointment time is authorised. Students should not be taking the whole day off school to attend appointments.

For longer appointments (ie London hospitals), please speak to Matron direct as a longer absence can be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Matron

Contact Information

Please can we remind you that it is extremely important that we have up to date contact information for all students. If there are any changes to a student's address, parental contact telephone numbers or email addresses, please can you inform Mrs Lawes in the Finance Office as soon as possible on **01582 611600** or email

admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk

We may need to contact home at short notice, plus, important information is sent home via these methods and if contact details are incorrect, unfortunately, important information may not get passed on.

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

Category	Activity	When	Contact	Location or Room
Computing	ICT Homework and Study Centre (Years 8-11)	Monday Lunch	Mrs Fergus	ICT 2
		Tuesday Lunch	Mr Little	ICT1
	E-Cadets (Selected Students)	Thursday PM	Mrs Fergus	ICT 3
	ICT Homework and Study Centre (Year 7)	Friday Lunch	Mrs Alani	ICT2
English	BBC School Report	Thursday PM	Mr Furkins	English 1
History	History Geek Club Year 8-11	Wednesday Lunch	Miss Young	Humanities 4
Homework	Homework club	Tuesday PM Wednesday PM Thursday PM	Learning Support	Learning Resource Centre
Languages	Foreign Cinema Club - Year 7	Tuesday Lunch	Mrs Grace Mrs Whybrow	Voc 2
	Languages Homework Club (All Years)	Wednesday PM	Miss Plaideau Mr McCracken Mrs Grace Mrs Whybrow Mr Pugsley	Languages 2
	Language Leaders (Year 8)	Thursday Lunch	Mr McCracken Miss Plaideau	Languages 2
Maths	Logic Games and Activities Club (Year7)	Thursday Lunch	Miss Chowdhury	Maths 4
Performing Arts - Music/Drama	Orchestra (Years 8-11)	Monday Lunch	Mr Patterson	PA Dept
	Choir Years 8 and 9	Tuesday Lunch	Mr Patterson Mr Hart Mrs Patterson	
	Key Stage 4 Drama Intervention	Tuesday and Wednesday PM		
	Key Stage 4 Music Intervention	Thursday PM		
	Year 7 Samba	Friday Lunch		
	Key Stage 4 Choir	Friday PM		
Performing Arts - Dance	Open Dance Space (Years 8-11)	Tuesday Lunch		Miss Miller
	Open Dance Space (All Years)	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday PM		
	Jazz/Commercial Dance Club (Year 8 and 9)	Friday Lunch		

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

Category	Activity	When	Contact	Location or Room
SFL	Schools Fantasy League (All Years)	Monday Lunch	Mr McCracken	ICT3
Strategic Card Games	Strategic Card Games (Year 10)	Monday, Tuesday and Friday Lunch	Miss Zafar	Humanities 5
PE & Sports	Trampolining (Years 8-11)	Monday Lunch	Mr Ashby	PE
	Table Tennis (Years 8 - 11)	Monday Lunch		
	Sky Sports - by invitation only (Years 8-11)	Monday Lunch	Mr Payne	
	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - when requested	Tuesday Lunch	Mr Payne Mr Morris	
	Netball Training	Tuesday PM	Miss Wilkinson Miss Hambleton Mrs Hyland	
	Boys Basketball		Mr Chin	
	Football Fixtures		PE Dept	
	Basketball Fixtures			
	Table Tennis (Year 7)	Wednesday Lunch	Mr Ashby	
	Trampolining (Year 7)		Mr Didlick	
	Sky Sports - by invitation only (Years 8-11)		Mr Payne	
	Girls Basketball Training	Wednesday PM	Miss Hambleton Miss Wilkinson	
	Netball Fixtures		Miss Wilkinson Miss Hambleton Mrs Hyland	
	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football		Mr Ashby Mr Didlick	
	Table Tennis (Years 8 and 9)	Thursday Lunch	Mr Ashby Mr Didlick	
	Trampolining (Years 8 and 9)		Miss Wilkinson Miss Hambleton	
	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award - when requested		Mr Payne Mr Morris	
	Trampolining Training		Miss Hambleton Miss Wilkinson	
	Girls Football	Thursday PM	Miss Markland	
	Gymnastics (By Invitation Only)		Mrs Hyland	
Fitness Training	Friday PM	Mrs Hyland		

Sports News and Results

Throughout December and January, we have had some fantastic sports results. Well done to all of our teams for their hard work and determination.

7th Dec - Year 8 Netball Finals Ashcroft Won 32-6

7th Dec - Year 7 Boys Basketball Finals Ashcroft Won 16-15

8th Dec - Year 8 Girls Basketball Finals Cardinal Newman Won 46-8

13th Dec - Year 7 Girls Basketball Finals Stopsley Won 24-6

14th Dec - Year 7 Football Bedford Academy Lost 3-2

10 Jan - Year 7 Football Cardinal Newman Won 3-0

11 Jan - Year 9 Football Challney Won 8-2

16 Jan 10 Football Cardinal Newman Lost 5-2

17 Jan 8 Football Chalk Hills Won 5-1

Year 7 and 8 Basketball County Finals

On the 12th January the Year 7 and 8 girls basketball teams attended the county tournament after qualifying last year from the Luton competition. The year 7 girls worked tirelessly during the 5 games that they played. They demonstrated skills learnt in training that have also improved from the start of the year. The year 7 team finished in 4th place after winning 2, drawing 2 and losing one.

Competition Results:

Brooklands Drew 6-6

Lincroft drew 6-6

Stopsley Won 10-4

Goldington Lost 8-10

Robert Bloomfield Lost 4-12

The Year 8 team demonstrated true determination throughout all of their games. The last game to qualify for the final was a nail biter, with the girls winning by one basket. In the final we played against a very strong team that had trained together since Year 5. I have never seen the girls have the desire to win so much. The girls battled through the game and were up against a very tight defence. The girls lost in the final and finished in a very deserving second place.

Competition Results:

Daubeney Won 4-6

Robert Bloomfield Lost 14-12

Semi Final - Lincroft Won 10-8 Golden goal

Final - Robert Bloomfield Lost 10-15

Sports News and Results

On the 13th January, it was the turn of the Year 7 boys basketball team to attend the county tournament as they had won the Luton based competition. The boys played their first game and won 20-6. This was a fantastic game to start and the boys were able to demonstrate perfect lay up techniques and set shots.

The second game played was a lower scoring game due to the tighter defence. Luckily, the boys won 10-2,

putting them through to the play offs for the final. In the play offs, the boys had to play the runners up from pool B winning 19-16. The final game was tight all the way through, where we went ahead and then fell behind. In the final 2 minutes, Farouq scored a 3 pointer putting us back ahead to win the game 19-17.

Competition Results:

Robert Bloomfield Won 20-6

Ashcroft Won 10-2

Semi Final - Lincroft Won 19-16

Final - Margaret Beaufort 19-17



Year 8 Girls Basketball Team



Year 7 Boys Basketball Team

Well done to all three teams. We are extremely proud of the students for their fantastic successes at this tournament.

Year 7 Girls: Ciana, Cheqade, Denisa, Rejonte, Shannon, Ashleigh and Keisha.

Year 8 Girls: Kenya, Saruna, Charlotte, Shanice, Abigail, Ruaa and Molly.

Year 7 Boys: Kyle, Joell, Kamali, Farouq, Noah, Jayden and Daniel.

Year 8 Trip To France

Between 9th and 12th December a group of Year 8 students and 4 staff went on a residential trip to France staying in a château outside Paris. The purpose of the trip was to experience the culture of France and of course, have fun. Activities included a visit to a mediaeval walled town, a trip up the Eiffel Tower and a day in Disneyland Paris.

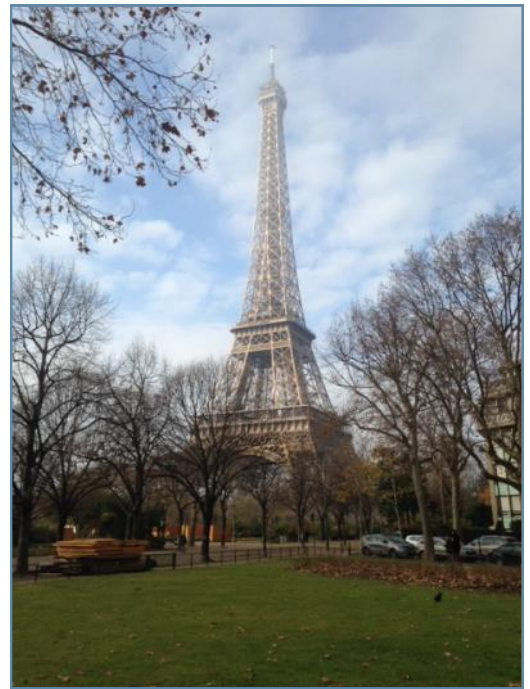
On Friday 9th December 2016, Year 8 students had the opportunity to go to France. We had to be at school by 6:15 am with all our luggage. We then said goodbye to our families and set off for Dover. It took us 4 hours to get there and once we were there, we drove onto the ferry. It then took an hour and a half until we arrived in Calais, France.

Once we had got off the ferry, it took another 4 hour journey to get to our hotel in Lésigny. By the time we got there it was night. Our tour guides took us for a tour and then we went to have dinner.

After we had dinner, we got into groups and made our own crepes out of flour, sugar, milk and eggs. Then we fried them and added our own toppings.

The next morning, we got up and got ready to go to the Eiffel Tower. When we got there, we walked up almost 2,000 steps to the 2nd floor and brought some souvenirs from there. Afterwards, we went on a tour around Paris. A few hours later, we went to the Hard Rock Café to have our meal. When we had finished, we saw some of the lights in Paris and then went back to the hotel for dinner.

At dinner we had the opportunity to try snails! As it was my first time I found them disgusting!



Year 8 Trip To France

The following morning, we went to Disneyland Paris and went on some of the best rides in France. We spent endless hours going on rollercoasters and having fun. At the end of the day, we came back to the hotel and it was almost the end of our stay in France.

On the 12th December, we packed our bags and got on our coach and set off back to Lealands.

By Shanika, 83WS



All of the photos from the trip to France can be viewed on the Gallery Page of our website:

www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/gallery

Christmas Concerts 2016

On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December 2016, Lealands' Performing Arts Department put on another wonderful Christmas concert, titled 'A Celebration for Christmas'. The concert included performances from Key Stage 3 and 4 music and drama students.

As always, the evenings were a fantastic success, showcasing what incredible talent we have here at Lealands. Well done to everyone who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes and thank you to everyone who came to support.

Photographs courtesy of Snickerty Feet Photography.



Christmas Concerts 2016



Year 7 Student Voice

This year, the Year 7 Student Voice has chosen three ideas to work on as our topic for this year: Inter-form quizzes, afterschool clubs and ways to reduce bullying. We decided upon these ideas in our previous meeting.

During our meeting, Bethany, Summer and Mia agreed that they would be preparing a fun educational quiz that would be introduced to all Year 7 tutor groups. These quizzes would be competitive but would also allow fun. The three girls are still working on the quizzes and they will hopefully be ready soon.

Additionally, your tutor group's Student Voice representatives will be holding a survey for everyone to complete. The survey would be on lunchtime and afterschool clubs. These clubs could be anything that is achievable, from sports clubs to an English club.

Finally, Ellis, Lauren, Keisha, Reece, Ciana and I, will be working to help upcoming Lealands students feel more welcome and less nervous. In addition, we will be informing them of our school rules and tell them what is right and what is wrong. By doing this we would hopefully stop bullying and welcome everyone.

These are the Year 7s Student Voice targets for this year and by the end of this year we will have confidently achieved our targets.

By Jack, Year 7 Student Voice

Year 9 Student Voice

Year 9 Student Voice has three main projects this year:

- Year 9 Charity Week
- We will be on a working party to discuss catering at Lealands
- New signs in our toilets

I think charity week at Lealands would be a good idea because it ensures that students have fun and it's all for a good cause. Year 9 could do a bake sale or a fun game.

The school toilets should have signs in which show when they were last cleaned. We will be trying to help make sure this happens.

By Abdul, Year 9 Student Voice

Year 10 Student Voice

As part of student voice for year 10, we have decided on some specific targets for us to focus on this year. These are the things that as a group we want to be able to achieve by the end of year 10. For this year we came up with: a Christmas toy appeal for children in hospital, toilet passes for girls on their period and year 10 toilets other than the ones in the main corridor. We each divided up the roles of who to focus on what so it is easier for us to complete our three targets quicker.

So far we have been quite successful and have already completed one of our three targets. This was to ask for toys to be able to donate to children in hospital over Christmas. Me, Henry and Kisima took the lead on this one and are very appreciative of all the presents everyone donated. I was able to deliver the presents to the hospital and they were very grateful with the response we got. We also have **the other two** projects in the works right now, with Marium and Shakeya working on year ten toilets and Jeneta working on toilet passes for girls in younger years.

Aside from our targets, soon we will be asking people of our year group for suggestions of what to do with the £590 raised from 'Fun in the Sun'. Any sensible suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

By Charlie, Year 10 Student Voice

Year 11 Student Voice

Our aim for Year 11 Student Voice is to raise money for our July prom – we plan to arrange a bake sale for the whole school to enjoy on Valentine's Day. We are also planning a Lealands lip sync battle of the departments. These are just some of our aims to raise money.

We would also like to hold events for the whole school before we leave and in our future meetings we will discuss some more ideas which we may pursue in the future.

By Shauna – Chair of Student Voice for Year 11.

(At the time of publishing, our Year 8 students were still busy finalising their targets).

Year 11 Update

The students received their mock results at the beginning of the term and there were the usual full range of reactions. Tears of joy and upset, shock, confusion and a realisation that things are getting very serious very quickly. At the time of writing their first exams are only 10 weeks away and in the case of Religious Studies only 10 lessons away.

Students should now be actively revising on a daily basis and preparing for a second mock paper during the March mock examinations. They are being continually reminded to organise themselves and use their time effectively; I would recommend as a guideline that all students should now be revising on average for two to three hours per day in a structured well organised routine. Sample revision timetables will be available at the upcoming parents evening.

The school has a wealth of resources available in the Learning Resource Centre as well as three exciting online revision apps. All students have access to them: the PIXL maths app, PIXL Literature app and Tassomai science app.

In addition, the school subscribe to GCSEpod - many podcasts explaining topics in all subjects.

Please ask your child to show you these fantastic revision tools.

Advice will be available at the parents evening on how to get the best from each of these apps.

The screenshot shows the PiXLit Quotation Learning interface. At the top, it says 'PiXLit partners in excellence' and 'Copyright © 2015-2017 The PiXL Club. All rights reserved. Authors: Rachel Johnson and Matthew Woodfine. Version 1.5.' There are 'Back to menu' and 'Mark all' buttons. The main heading is 'Quotation Learning'. Below it, 'Choose an activity:' has three buttons: 'Fill in the gaps', 'Start it', and 'End it'. The instruction is 'Complete the following quotation by replacing ... with the correct missing word:'. The quotation is: 'There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not, I dare say'. There is a 'Reset quotation' button. Below the quotation, 'Who is this quotation about?' has a grid of names: Bob Cratchit, Christmas, Goodness, Fan, Fezziwig, and Fred.

The screenshot shows the Tassomai app interface. At the top, it says 'TASSOMAI The Learning Program' with navigation links: 'How It Works', 'At Home', 'At School', 'What We Are', 'Sign Up', 'Sign In'. The main heading is 'THE SMART WAY TO LEARN SCIENCE THE SIMPLE WAY TO STUDY'. Below that, it says 'Tassomai is an intelligent learning tool for GCSEs'. A sub-heading reads: 'Through daily quizzing, Tassomai adapts itself to each user, detecting strengths and weaknesses to construct a bespoke learning program that evolves with use.' There are three icons: 'For Students & Parents' (Targeted repetition builds memory and improves knowledge), 'Improving Exam Results Nationwide' (Tailored for all major British exam boards), and 'For Teachers & Schools' (Provides detailed progress reports, making teachers' lives easier).

The screenshot shows the PiXLmaths app interface. At the top, it says 'PiXLmaths partners in excellence. Copyright © 2009-2017 The PiXL Club. Version 1.49'. There are 'Back to menu' and 'Mark all' buttons. The main heading is 'Rounding and related calculations'. Below it, 'Therapy videos' and 'Therapy PowerPoints' are listed. The question is: 'If you know that $43 \times 67 = 2881$, what should the following equal?'. There are four questions: 1. $4.3 \times 670 =$ (input box), 2. $288.1 \div 670 =$ (input box), 3. Calculate the value of the following: $6 \div 2 + 3 \times (5 + 4)^2$ (input box), 4. Round the following to the specified degree of accuracy: 2.9171300 , to 4 d.p. (input box), 0.0057066204 , to 4 s.f. (input box). A calculator icon and 'Question 1 of 1' are also visible.

This term, in the world of maths at Lealands High School, we have various mathematical competitions running throughout the school!

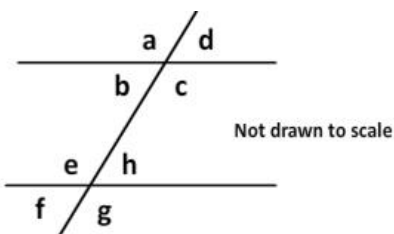
Numeracy Ninjas

If you're a Key Stage 3 student, we don't have to tell you what Numeracy Ninjas is, but for those of you who aren't in the know: in all Year 7, 8 and 9 maths classes, students are partaking in a fast-paced, mathematical, ninja challenge!



Twice a week, students are completing 30 maths questions in *under* five minutes, with the aims of earning the prestigious black belt. The "ninja" aspect of the challenge is that the number of questions answered correctly correlates to a ninja belt ranking, black being the almighty 30 out of 30 correct questions.

By the end of the term, students who have made immense progress and who have earned the highest total number of points will be rewarded!



PIXL

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Key Stage 3 students may have their ninjas, but Key Stage 4 students' PIXL competition is nothing to sneeze at. Year 11s can vouch for how helpful PIXL has been in preparation for their looming GCSEs.

That being said, a lush bounty of prizes does not hinder students' desire to practise maths in and outside of school. Prizes include £20 gift vouchers, a £50 gift voucher, and even a chance to win a brand new iPad!

Look at the diagram: 4

Which letter is alternate to angle c?

If angle a is 59 degrees, what is angle h?

Some keys to winning these prizes are to be the first to cross a success line, in any category, and to have a high 'engagement' time on PIXL, a.k.a. a high time spent practising activities.

What is the number complement of -21 to 100?

2

Whether you are preparing for GCSEs or simply practising old arithmetic skills, we here in the world of maths wish you the best of luck and remind you to always show your work!

Christmas Foodbank Appeal

In December we organised a food collection for Luton Foodbank. We asked every tutor group to bring in something to donate. Cathal and I helped Miss Feane and Mr Morris to



take the food down to the Foodbank in High Town in the school mini bus. There were lots of boxes which means we helped several families over Christmas time.

Thank you to everyone who supported this collection.

By Corey, Year 8

Instrumental Exam Results

Congratulations to the following students who recently passed their instrumental exams:

ABRSM		
Alice Nurse	Grade 1 Violin	MERIT
Sarah Kevan	Grade 1 Violin	PASS
Clare Frost	Grade 2 Violin	PASS
Kieran Newport	Grade 6 Drums	DISTINCTION

ROCKSCHOOL		
Anais Howard	Debut Bass Guitar	MERIT
Max Karasz	Debut Bass Guitar	DISTINCTION
Shania Mohit	Grade 2 Bass Guitar	DISTINCTION

'The Great Big Dance Off' Competition

On Monday 16th January 2017, twenty-seven of our talented Year 8 and 9 students represented Lealands High School at the regional finals of 'The Great Big Dance Off' in London. This is a very popular national dance competition, open to schools across England and Wales. It is the only national dance competition aimed solely at schools. Lealands was shortlisted for the finals following a successful video submission of their performance in December.

The Lealands Dance team chose a routine based on the theme of War and Conflict, exploring a fusion of styles consisting of mainly street dance, contemporary and contact work. The students showed outstanding dedication and teamwork throughout the rehearsal process, working extremely hard participating in weekly rehearsals during lunchtimes and after school. Their hard work was rewarded with an outstanding fourth place finish; a fantastic achievement for which we are all very proud.

Well done to everyone who took part!

To view the Lealands' Dance Team performance in full, please visit:

www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/danceoff





In the months of December and January we distributed over 150 micro:bits to our keen Year 7 and Year 8 students to explore independently, referring back to the micro:bit website: <http://microbit.org>.

Micro:bits are “a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion

detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology” unveiled by the BBC in 2015 and given free to every child in Year 7 or equivalent across the UK.

Feedback from our young coders

“I really enjoy coding with my micro:bit, it really gets the creative juices flowing. Overall, it’s a really interesting piece of technology!” ~

Jake, Year 7

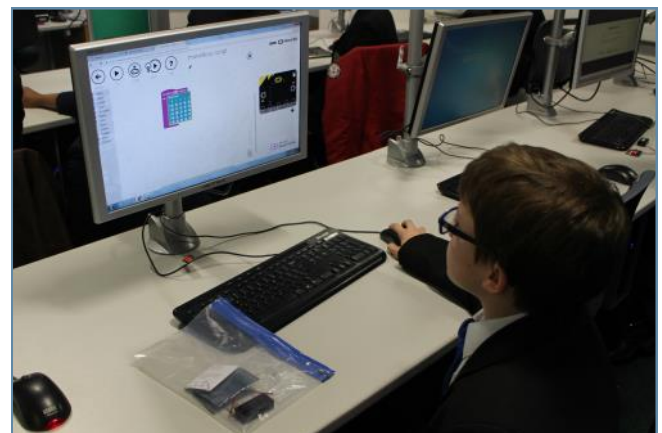
“Micro:bits are a cool and fun way to code and program. It also let’s you get creative and it let’s you code games, images and your name!

It’s awesome and cool!” ~ **Gabriela, Year 7**

“I have been using the micro:bit and learned to code the LED lights to say Hi. It takes just one block in the block editor to do

this.” ~ **Jamie, Year 8**

“I have been using the micro:bit to make and design different types of code. I have found it extremely easy to program the LED lights to display messages. It takes only 3 lines of code to make simple messages for example 'Hello world!' I have also managed to create a heart image. While coding on the micro:bit I have been using Python, a coding language. By plugging in the micro:bit to the computer through the USB I can download the files while displaying the message.” ~ **Robbie, Year 8**



Mensa Test Results

In November, approximately 50 of our students took a Mensa test to see if they could qualify for membership. Mensa is the oldest and largest high IQ society in the world and is open to anyone who scores in the top 2% of the population in an IQ test.

We are pleased to announce that 16 students in Years 7 and 8 qualified for Mensa membership.

Congratulations to Pranay Vaghjiani, Tennyson Morris, Alex Chalkley, Logan Brooks and Jake Reeves in Year 7 and Jeanette Sitauze, Demir Johnstone, Conall Islip, Abbie Chalkley, Nathan Carr, Molly Burton, William Abram, Bradleigh Basacombe, Jamie Harvey, Ruwanmi Jayasinghe and Meghan Scott-Simons in Year 8.

Well done to everyone who took part in the test. They all achieved very impressive scores.

Wadham College, Oxford University Trip



Towards the end of last term, 15 year 10 pupils were lucky enough to visit Wadham College which is one of the 38 colleges that make up the University of Oxford. During the morning pupils were introduced to what life might be like for them at University. They found out about the different degree courses that were on offer, how students were taught, and what the best universities were looking for when it came to qualifications and applications.

The group attended two taster sessions. One of the taster sessions was about Medicine, how bacteria spreads and evolves, and how best to tackle problems associated with this. The second was an introduction to philosophy exploring the merits of hypothetical ways of producing a new human being by copying parts of an existing one. There was also a tour of the campus to see the facilities on offer and talk about university life with some Student Ambassadors who are currently studying there.

In the afternoon pupils visited the Natural History Museum of Oxford University. They took part in a hands-on session which explored how researchers and students studied animals by looking at bones to examine the inside, preserved specimens to study the outside and live specimens to study movement and activity. They then had some time to explore the museum before the end of the visit.



Careers Fair 2017



On Wednesday 25th January 2017, Lealands hosted their third annual Careers Fair. Lealands invited local and national businesses along with local colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and the armed forces to come in to provide help, information and advice to students about their future and opportunities beyond

Lealands High School.

The School's Sports Hall was transformed into an exhibition centre, with displays from over twenty exhibitors. Students from Years 9-11 were encouraged to visit them all, asking questions and finding out information which they could use to make decisions about their future. There were course guides to collect, surveys to fill in, competitions to enter, leaflets and lots of interesting goodies to pick up.

The exhibitors included all of the local further education colleges, apprenticeship schemes, the British Forces, Luton and Dunstable University Hospital, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Vauxhall, Aldi, Active Luton and many more.

The Careers Fair also coincided with the Year 9 parents evening. This is a very important time for our Year 9s as they soon have to choose their options for Key Stage 4. Parents were given the opportunity to visit the Careers Fair with their child to help with their decisions which will need to be made in the next few months.



Careers Fair 2017



Coming Up In Literacy Week

Literacy Week is fast approaching! Here is a sneak peak of the activities that will be taking place from Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March 2017.

CELEBRATING
WORLD BOOK DAY

NON FICTION EDITION

MONDAY
Quiz in the LRC!
Compete in teams of 6 and answer the Bumper Book quiz!

TUESDAY
Swap unwanted books with each other!

WEDNESDAY
Last day of the Scholastic book sale!

THURSDAY
Master class With **JOSEPH POWELL!**

FRIDAY
Dress up as your favourite book character!

D.E.A.R.
Make sure you always have a book on you for
Drop Everything and Read!

£1 BOOK TOKEN

COMPETITION!
Best dressed student will win a goody bag!

WORLDBOOKDAY.COM #WORLDBOOKDAY

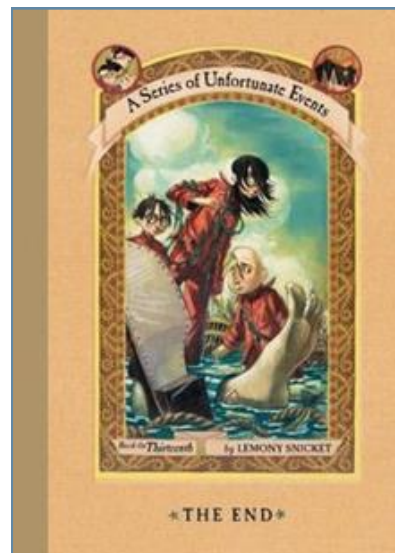
Book Review

A Series of Unfortunate Events: The End by Lemony Snicket

This is a really enjoyable book because you can't tell what will happen next. The author includes the definitions of words that you might not know of. Each book of the series makes you want to read the next book, what is going to happen next? It is about three children who go from one place to the next followed by unfortunate events, caused by the character Count Olaf.

By Sarah Kevan, 88RP




Want to try the Lemony Snicket series? Come to the LRC to loan out a copy!



Accelerated Reader Update

Congratulations to 73MP and 86MH who are currently in the lead for Accelerated Reader.

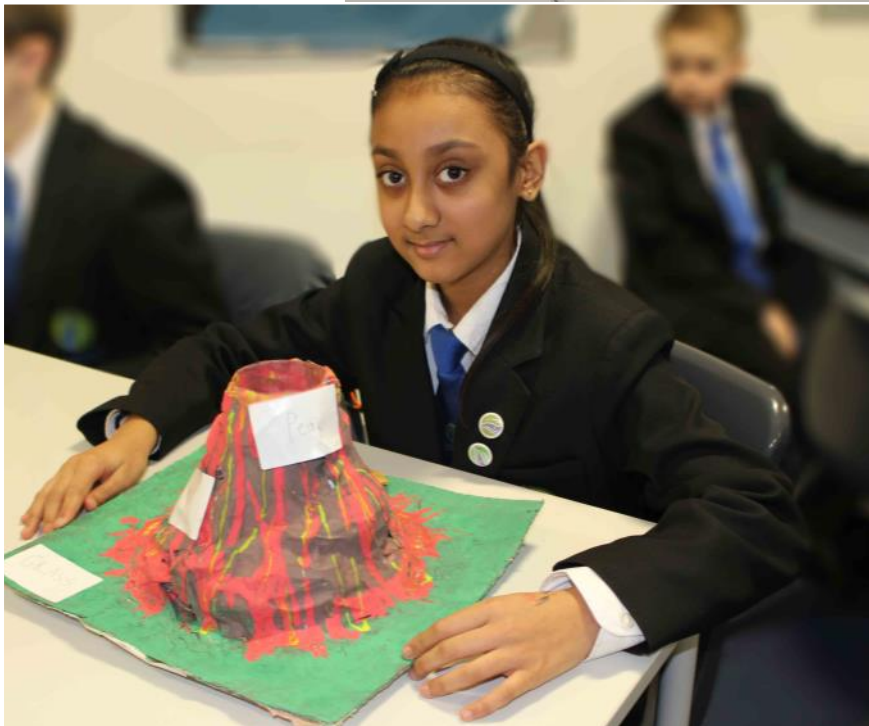
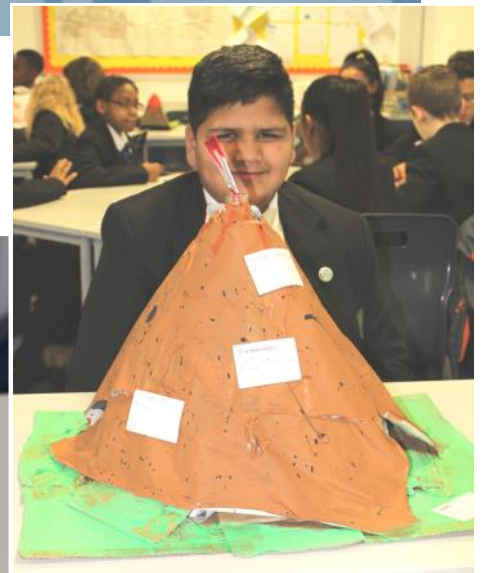
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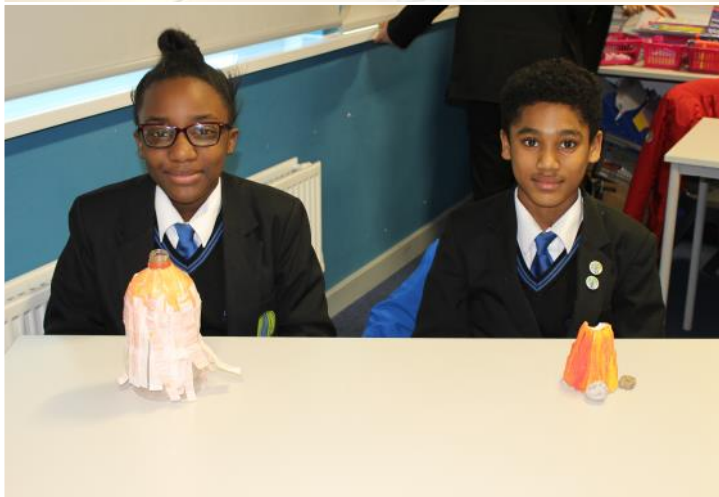
Year 7 Geography

As part of a Year 7 Geography homework, the students were tasked with creating a 3D volcano. The students spent time in class learning about the structure of a volcano and what happens when a volcano erupts.

The quality of work produced by 73MP was absolutely fantastic. The students really enjoyed this challenge and used it to show off their creative abilities.



Year 7 Geography



Sports & Community Facilities For Hire

***New Year Offers!**



Swimming Pool



Sports Hall



Dance Studio



Activity Studio



Netball/Tennis Courts



Community Rooms

Other facilities available for hire include:
3G Astro, Fitness Suite, Training Room and School Hall.

For full details, visit:

www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/facilities

*Offers are limited to new customers only for a maximum of 10 weeks.



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