

# Lealands News

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Sports Day, Prom, Summer Concert,  
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# *Introduction from Headteacher Mr Burridge*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your wonderful support during this academic year. We are all looking forward to a well earned break from a very hectic but productive year.

Our Year 11 students left us in style at their fantastic prom this year. We will really miss them, but are looking forward to some great results in August that we all hope to celebrate together.

Our Sports Day was absolutely spectacular this year and all our students conducted themselves amazingly well throughout this highlight in the Lealands year.

This edition of the newsletter is packed full of examples of the wonderful opportunities our students have and the amazing achievements they have gained; including some with national recognition!

As we look forward to next academic year, there will be a few changes for students to get used to. We have already enhanced our response to defiant behaviour in school with more rigorous approaches to ensure that this does not become an increasing problem. This is in response to the surveys we carried out recently. As always, the vast majority of our students meet our very high expectations all the time, but for those who do not, we are working hard to avoid them having a detrimental effect on others. The early signs of this work are very promising.

We are also looking forward to our new catering contractors (more details inside this edition) and some rooms and departments will be moving in the school.

In addition, we will be promoting very widely, our newly formed core values of Excellence, Responsibility and Respect as well as our mission statement, 'Supporting everyone to climb the mountain to success'. Our Expedition Day on the 17th July should be both fun and an opportunity to get everyone on board with understanding what this is all about.

I wish you a very enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming our students back in September along with the class of 2023!

**John Burridge**

**Headteacher**



# Dates For Your Diary

**Expedition Day** - Tuesday 17th July 2018

**Experience Day** - Wednesday 18th July 2018

**Summer Term Ends** - Friday 20th July 2018

**GCSE Results Day** - Thursday 23rd August 2018 (10.00am - 12noon from the Main Hall)

**Autumn Term Begins** - Tuesday 4th September 2018

*(Year 7 start at 8.40am. All other year groups should arrive at 11.25am)*

## Term Dates

**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 4th September 2018 - Friday 21st December 2018

**Half-Term:** Monday 22nd October 2018 - Monday 29th October 2018

## Staff Training Dates 2018

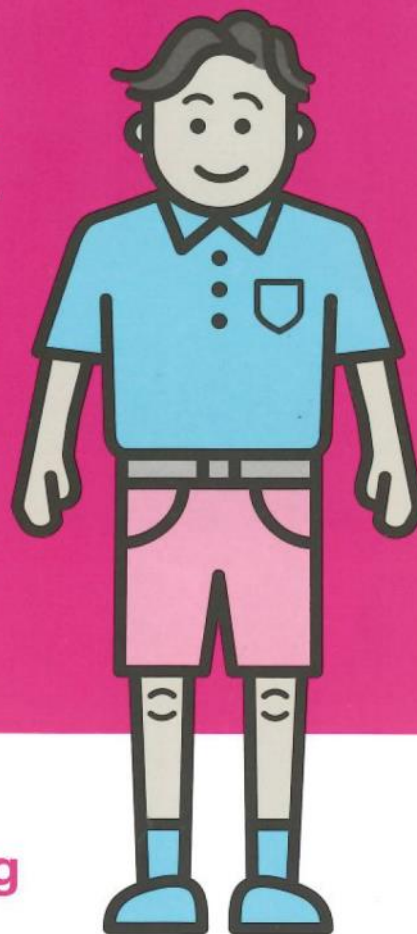
Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 29th October 2018

*The full term dates for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018 -2019 are available to download from our website [www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/termdates](http://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/termdates)*

## UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Swap school uniform you have finished with for uniform you need - all for free!

Plus, come and speak to us for help, advice and support.



07480 753 905

[www.leveltrust.org](http://www.leveltrust.org)

**Uniform Exchange: Upstairs in The Mall next to the Children's Centre.**

**Summer opening hours: 11am - 3pm Tuesday - Friday**

# VALUE OF THE MONTH

July 2018

**"Thankfulness"**



**"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough"**

**— Oprah Winfrey**

# £ £ £ 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](http://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk).

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

Events, Trips and Visits	Other
Blue Peris Nov 2018 Duke of Edinburgh Morocco	Music Lessons School Ties Revision Books Art Equipment

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](http://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk) under the '**Parents' Information**' section.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

***Please can we remind parents and carers that the school is unable to provide change to students for the catering cash terminals.***

***Wherever possible, please can you ensure you provide your child with the correct change before they come to school. Ideally all payments should be made online and we discourage strongly students from bringing cash into school.***

## School Ties

School ties can be purchased for £6.00 using our online payments system. Once paid for, they will be available for your child to collect from the school's Finance Office.



We have recently received some concerns from local residents regarding parking around the school. There can be a lot of congestion at the start and end of the school day, causing safety issues to pedestrians, residents and other drivers.

We understand that it can be difficult to find safe parking near the school, especially at peak times, but please remember to park and drive considerately and with due regard for the safety of others.

Your support on this matter is much appreciated.

## *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**

## *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](mailto: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.

# Summer Medical Update

## Coping With Hayfever

- Please ensure your child takes their medication **before** they come to school (e.g. antihistamines, eye drops, nasal sprays, etc).
- Spare medication may be left in the Medical Room for emergencies. All medicines held and dispensed by the medical room **must** be provided in their **original** packaging and must have a parent/carer's written consent.
- Please ensure that your child has ample supplies of tissues. A little pot of Vaseline is also useful – your child can dab a little under his/her nose to provide a lubricating barrier to the constant irritation from blowing and rubbing.



## Keep Hydrated

It is very important to ensure that we do not dehydrate. As well as keeping our bodies fit and healthy it will also help keep concentration levels higher and therefore improve performance at school.

Can you please ensure that your son/daughter brings a bottle of water with them to school – this can be re-filled at the water fountain. Any fizzy drinks or energy drinks **WILL BE CONFISCATED**.

Cups **will not** be available from the medical room and pupils will not be permitted to leave lessons to visit the medical room to get a drink.



## Asthma Inhalers

Inhalers for the relief of asthma must be immediately available and pupils with asthma are encouraged to carry their inhaler with them at all times. It is also very important that the school is provided with a spare inhaler in case the pupil's own inhaler runs out, is lost or forgotten. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name and should be left in the medical room in case of emergency.

**Many thanks, Miss A Maczugowska – Medical Officer**



Slip on protective clothing



Slap on a hat



# Stay Safe In The SUN

Slop on the sunscreen and reapply it all day  
(SPF 30 or higher)



Seek shade



Slide on sunglasses



## REHYDRATE

Drink water regularly throughout the day



# Download The My Ed School App

We recently launched a fantastic new way to communicate and share information with you. We want you to feel as much a part of your child's education as possible. With the increased use of smart phone technology we want to make best use of it.

My Ed is the free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at Lealands. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We are able to send you messages directly to the My Ed app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school.

You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for the messages you send to us.

The My Ed app is available now for both Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for My Ed.

Step 1 - Go to your App Store

Step 2 - Search for My Ed

Step 3 - Download the Free app

Once you have installed and opened My Ed, search for Lealands High School and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

We hope you enjoy using the app and find it a useful source of information. If you have any questions or concern, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you

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# Connect With Us On Social Media

## Follow Lealands High School on Facebook and Twitter.

Lealands' social media pages were introduced a couple of years ago and have successfully grown in followers over that period. They continue to be an excellent resource to engage with our community; sharing positive news stories, achievements, information, updates and photographs.

Our Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/lealandshighschool](http://www.facebook.com/lealandshighschool) and our Twitter handle is **@LealandsHigh**.

We would encourage parents and students to 'Like' our Facebook page and 'Follow' us on Twitter. We will use them as a tool for communication; sometimes sending urgent alerts at short notice such as school closures due to snow.

For our pages to continue to run successfully, we require the support of all users. We ask that the pages are not used to voice any concerns or grievances. If an occasion does arise during your child's time at Lealands where you wish to make a complaint, or raise a concern, you are advised to follow the school's complaints procedure which can be found on the 'School Policies' page of our website. We recommend that all parents and carers refrain from using our social networking sites to discuss sensitive issues about the school.

Posts which are deemed to be unsuitable for our pages will be deleted, the perpetrators may be blocked and where necessary appropriate action will be taken.

We thank you for your continued support and hope you find our pages helpful and informative.





# Governor's Update

The school Governors would like to wish everybody a lovely summer and a well-deserved break. It has been lovely to come to some events this year, like the Presentation Evening and to come into some of your lessons. We would also like to welcome Mr Davis to our team, our new Staff Governor.

Next year, you will see us becoming more involved with parental and staff engagement events, like coffee mornings where students, parents and staff can meet us face to face.

Thank you to many of our students, for the hard work throughout the year and for the parental support that we have been given. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you for the hard work of all of our staff throughout this academic year. Be sure to thank them as you leave school for your summer break! We look forward to September.

**Miss Sheridan**

**Foundation Governor**



## Sports News and Results

**Year 10/11 intermediate athletics cup** - 5th place overall. Notable results:

**Jennifer**- 1st in 200m and 3rd in triple jump

**Meghan** - 2nd in 1500m

**Nicole** - 2nd in discus

**Kaylyn** - 3rd in javelin

**Annalise** - 3rd in high jump

**David** - 3rd in 400m

**Kanu** - 2nd in 800m and 1500m

**Yaqub** - 2nd in 100m hurdles and 2nd in high jump

**Kai** - 2nd in javelin

**Tra** - 3rd long jump



## County Athletics (students representing Luton):

**Terry** - 200m (1st) - Terry is now being considered for selection to compete at the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham in July

**Terry** - 100m (2nd)

**Shanice** - high jump (1st)

**Shanice** - long jump (2nd)

**Shanice** - 200m (2nd)

**Chinwendu** - 1500m (3rd)

**Jennifer** - 200m (3rd)

**Nicole** - discus (6th)

**Meghan** - 200m (6th)



## Year 7 and 8 Rounders

The girls in the Year 7 and 8 rounders teams worked extremely hard this season winning all of their Luton league games. To get to this point the girls trained every week focusing on applying tactics in the game and developing their backhand hits. Their hard work paid off, not only winning the Luton league but qualifying for County. The girls attended the County Finals late last month playing the winning schools from the other leagues. We are so proud of the girls and their enthusiasm and determination throughout the day. Both teams played 5 matches some of which were extremely hard and pushed the girls tactical thinking to come out on top. Both teams finished in 5th place.

Well done girls!



# Accelerated Reader Update

What a year to round up on. I have just reflected on last year's newsletter update and I mentioned that a record was broken of a student reaching over 1000% of their target... this year, a few students have broken this record, and I'm hoping this will now become the norm! This is an amazing success and we reward these students with various treats, praise and good phone calls home to make you aware how proud we are of their achievements. We also keep you in the loop and write updates in their learning diary; this is a good way for you to understand their progress in Accelerated Reader. You can support us by ensuring their learning diaries are signed every week so we know that you are keeping track of their development.









The government recommends that children read 20 minutes a day for them to improve. A campaign which goes hand in hand with this is one launched by Booktrust and is called **Bath, Book, Bed**, which is a solution for children to have improved restful sleep. This routine of getting ready for bed and then reading for 20 minutes before sleeping, not only ensures that they are doing their 20 minutes a day reading homework, but they are then settled for sleep; a relaxing and peaceful way to end the day. More information about this could be found on <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/supporting-you/families/bath-book-bed/>

Highlights this year include inviting author and illustrator Richy K. Chandler into the school for Literacy Week, launching our Literacy Leaders initiative and taking them on a trip to the British Library and then to Waterstones to shop for books for our library, and of course the traditional Pizza Party, and we are hoping for good weather this year so we can celebrate reading by eating pizza in the sun.

Thank you for your support with Accelerated Reader. It has been a successful year and hopefully for the next update I will be reporting that most of our students have reached over 1000% of their targets!

**Ms Rezaei, Learning Resource Co-ordinator**

# Accelerated Reader Points Update

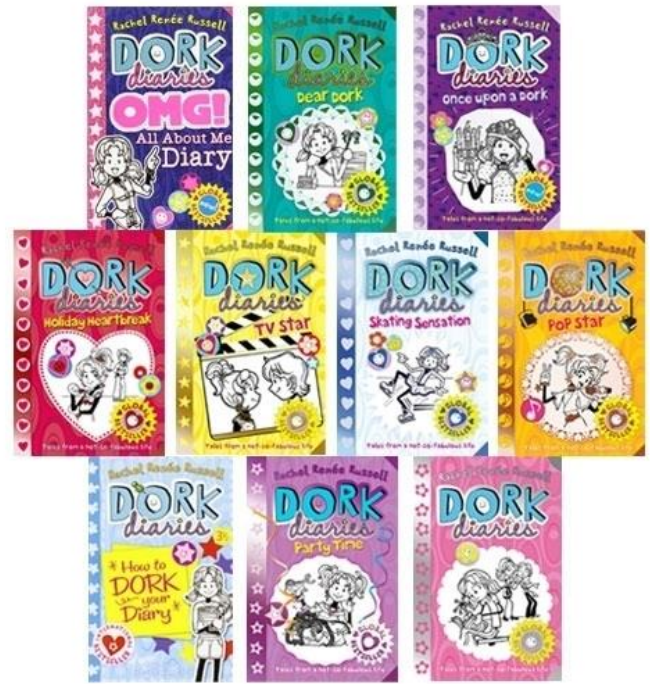
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76CL 	<b>199.7</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
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84LM 	<b>186.5</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>



# Book Review

## The Dork Diaries Series Review

The Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renee Russell is amazing and I would recommend this book for girls my age. I enjoyed reading the books and I felt there is a lesson to always be yourself, because everyone else is taken. There is no need to be someone that you are not. The main character, Nikki Maxwell, was bullied by Mackenzie Hollister. Mackenzie is popular, but Nikki is considered to be a 'dork'. Therefore, Nikki would always try to be like Mackenzie and then decided she does not want to be someone she is not



and she wants to be herself. In the end she stands up to the bullies. Nikki ended up feeling sorry for Mackenzie because she felt she had to bully people to be happy. The lesson I have learnt is to stand up to bullies and once again always be yourself!

By Tammy Kennedy 84LM

**Have you read a book recently that you think others would enjoy?**

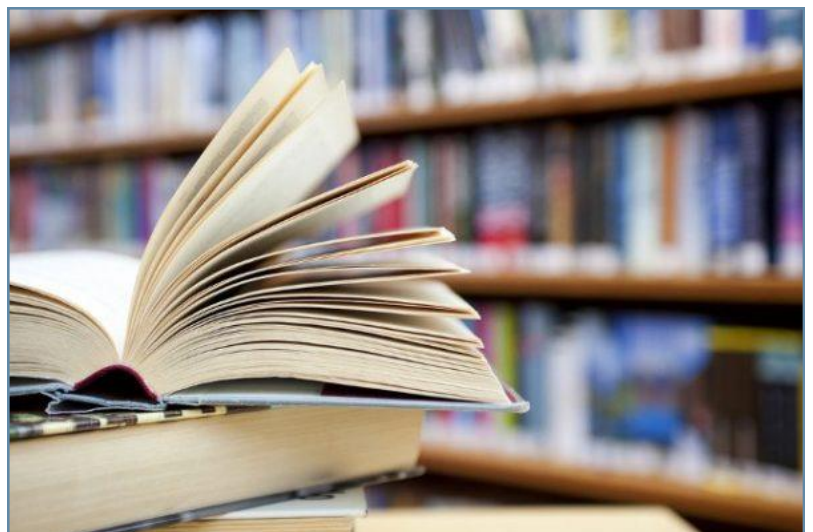
**Why not write your own book review? Hand it in to Miss Rezaei in the LRC and it might just appear in the next newsletter!**

## Library Books Reminder

Please can all books be returned to the Learning Resource Centre before the summer holidays.

Many Thanks

**Miss Rezaei,  
Learning Resource Co-ordinator**



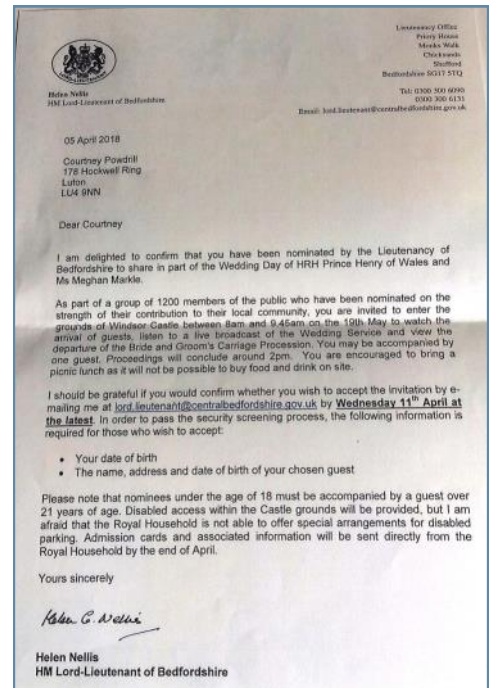
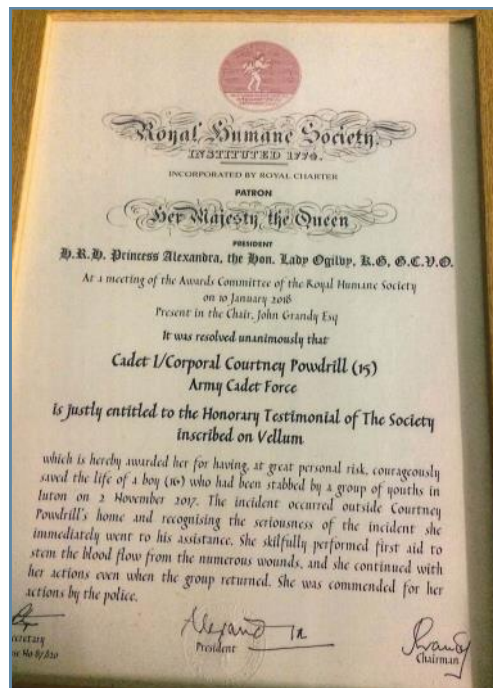


# A Royal Invitation

In November 2017, Lealands' Year 11 student Courtney helped save a boy using her first aid training from Cadets.

We would like to recognise her extreme bravery. Not only has she been nominated for an award from The Royal Humane Society, she was invited to the Royal Wedding on May 19th 2018.

After saving this boy, Courtney did an interview with Three Counties Radio and Heart Radio. She also went on to do her First Aid at Work Award with fellow students Leon and Bruin, this means they are all 3 star passed on first aid.



# Astro Resurfacing Work

We have some great news for the school and the wider community this Summer. We have decided to replace the playing carpet on our 3G football pitch. We have been saving money generated by third party lettings since the facility opened in October 2008 and after ten years we are now in this enviable position.

Work will start on July 30th and will be completed before the end of August. This decision will ensure the students at Lealands and the people of Sundon Park and beyond will benefit from the very best of facilities.

# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

On Tuesday 5th June, eleven worried Year 9 students set off on their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. They were fully loaded with everything required to rough it for two days and one night in the wilds of deepest darkest Cambridgeshire. Luckily the weather was set fair and the group were in good spirits when they finally got to camp after a long first day. Hot chocolate and marsh mallows by the camp fire signalled bedtime and lots of snoring ensued.

The early morning wakeup call coupled with all the sore feet and backs meant Wednesday was a little more subdued than the day before, but eventually the groups were ready to face the rigours of day two's hike. The hot sun was now beginning to be more of a hindrance than a help and lots of water was needed to get our intrepid adventurers through their ordeal. Eventually after a long day in the sun, all the walkers returned to camp. They were shattered and very grateful, that for now, at least, the walking was over.

In September, they will be back out again to complete their expedition proper and hopefully this will see them all attain their Bronze Award.

**Well done: Zain, Phoebe, Max, Dawud, Danny, Angel, Sebastian, Georgia, Thomas, Morgan and Zoe.**





# *Sports Leaders - Summer Games*

The 27th June at Bedford International Athletics Stadium was the time and the place for one of the biggest Countywide sporting events of the year. Lealands High School students were there on two counts. Firstly, as reporters. We covered the event on social media and created a press release and secondly, as competitors in the Year 7 and 8 girls rounders competition (see report on page 13) .



**Well done to our reporters: Terry, Louie, Robbie, Saruna, Harmoni, Ruaa, Justine, Shanice and Daniel.**

# *Sports Leaders - Cheynes Sports Day*

Our Sports Leaders were busy again on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, attending our longest running leadership engagement at Cheynes. We have been supporting this event since 2008 and this year was very special. The whole school took part at the same time this year and not in two sessions as normal. This meant our leaders had a lot to cope with, double the competitors and double the parents!



Our fantastic leaders really did us proud and they received numerous compliments from staff and parents. Miss Brown who organises the event commented, “I really cannot thank you enough for bringing the young leaders to help us this morning. Every year they amaze us, but this year in particular every single one of them were confident, patient and willing. So many of the staff have passed on their thanks and said how amazing they were. The young leaders should be extremely proud of themselves and they are certainly a credit to Lealands”.

**Well done: Robbie, Kenan, Terry, Aaron, Louie, Daniel, Jaden, James, Danny, Saruna, Harmoni and Ruaa.**

# Alternative Curriculum Programme

After Easter, we started working with Miss Watson, partaking in an alternative curriculum where we were focusing on developing a more positive mindset; working on our behaviour and social skills.

One of the highlights of the programme was hosting an evening where our parents and carers enjoyed a three course meal which we had learnt to cook and prepared from scratch. Mr White, Mrs Chin and Mr Harris were also invited as they had been helping us throughout the course. We cooked a butternut squash soup to start, followed by a lemon and garlic chicken main. To finish,

we made fresh meringues with cream and summer fruits. The Main Hall was transformed into a restaurant where our parents were able to enjoy our newly found skills.

As part of our new curriculum, we attended a number of primary schools to develop our leadership which helped us gain our Young Leader Award. On Monday afternoons we have visited Sundon Park Juniors, where we have taken over the Year 5 class PE lessons. A number of us also went back throughout the week after school to help with the extra-curricular clubs which included netball and football sessions. As a group, we also helped at the towns Zone Sports event at Pirton Hill. This is where a large amount of primary schools compete in athletics events. We had to help run and referee the activities.

Throughout our course, we have been learning how to manage our behaviours with more positive strategies. A successful one, which we all think has helped, has been exploring nature whilst going for calming walks. During this time we have been able to talk to our teachers, but also





# Alternative Curriculum Programme

we have developed new skills, for example, map reading.

One activity we have all been proud to help with, was raising money for the Alzheimer's Charity. On the 14th June at break time, we invited the school to attend our bake sale. We made and decorated some cupcakes alongside a number of members of staff. A massive thank you to Mrs Morris who made 250! The sale was a success and we raised just over £150.



With the help and interventions received we now feel ready to enter Year 9 with a more positive mindset as we start our GCSE option subjects.

**Remee, Rejonte, Thomas, Dejarn, Nyell, Shane, Keisha, Melissa, Jazzell and Dean (Year 8)**

## Circus Skills Afternoon

On Monday 18th June, Lealands welcomed the new staff who are starting in September for their induction day. As part of the induction process, they were treated to a team building afternoon learning some basic circus skills.

As a reward for their excellent conduct throughout the year, some of our students were invited out on to the field in the sunshine to also learn some circus skills. It was a fantastic afternoon, full of fun activities and laughter, with the students showing lots of determination and perseverance.



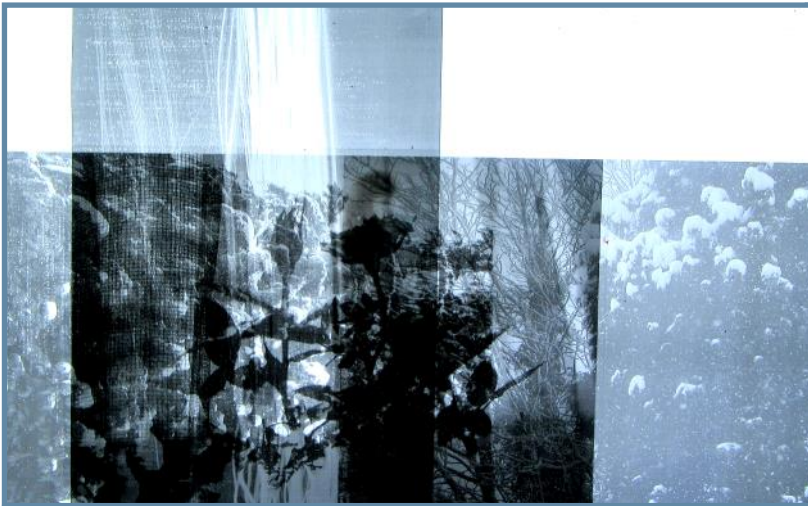
# Making A Mark In Art!

Year 11 GCSE Art students sat their 10 hour practical exam in May and worked really hard to produce amazing, creative pieces in a range of materials and techniques.

They had a list of starting points set by the exam board, which included titles such as: 'Light and Dark', 'Personal Histories', 'In the News' and 'Human Figure'. They used lesson time to research and analyse their theme and artists related to it and experimented with materials and techniques to develop ideas for their final 10 hour outcome.

The exam board will release all artwork after 30th September and we will be in touch with arrangements for collection from school.

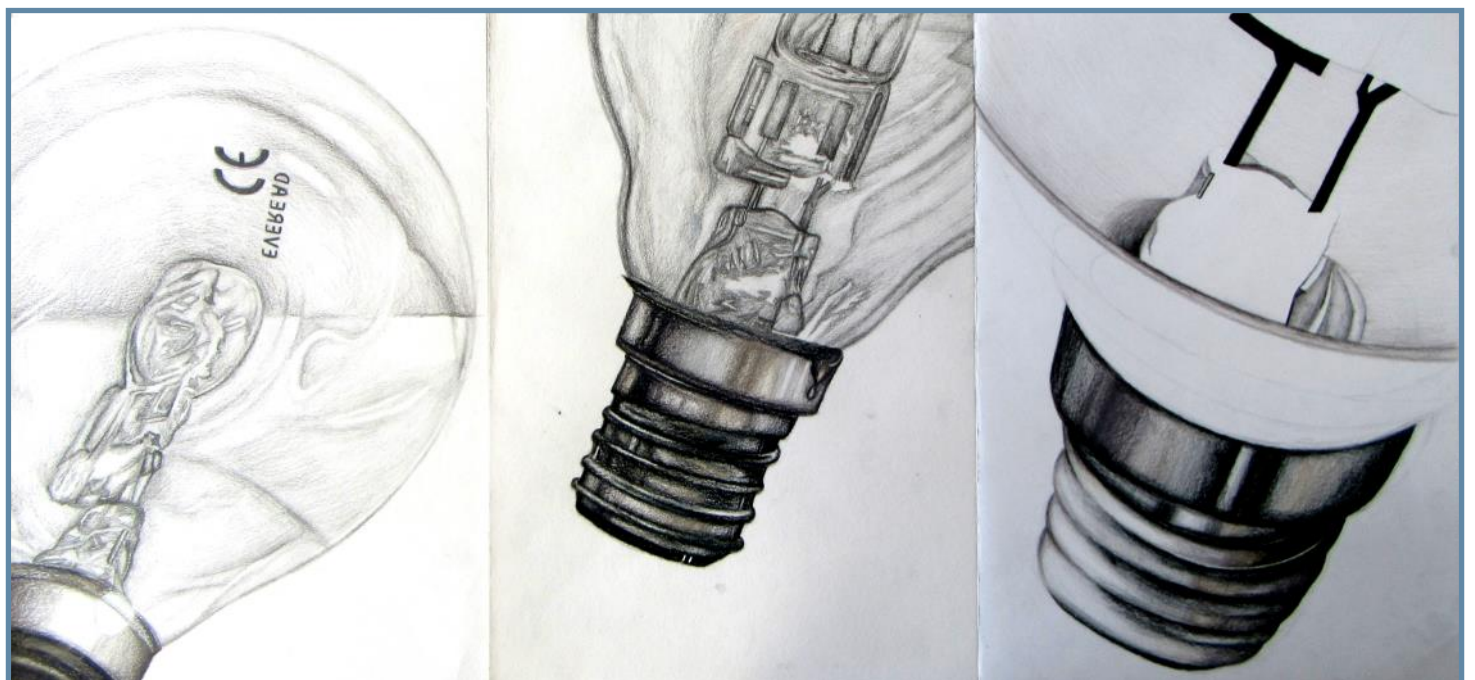
The art team would like to say a huge congratulations to all students and wish them every success in the future.



Melissa Walker - Photos and light box



Shania Mohit - Mixed media



Charlie Nelson - Pencil on paper



# Making A Mark In Art!



Katie Hill - 3D Mixed media



Kirstie Wilson - Mixed media

## Outstanding Achievement



Congratulations to Lealands' students Saruna and Kanu who have both made it into the England basketball team in their respective age groups. This is an outstanding achievement as selection is extremely tough. Everyone at the school is very proud of their success!



# *New Catering Contract*

The current contract for the catering services at Lealands High School is coming to an end at the end of this summer. We have been working hard to find a new catering contractor for September. In May, three potential companies presented their 'offer' of a new service to Mr Burridge, Mrs Goslin (School Business Manager) and Mr Knight (School Governor), along with a panel of six Student Voice representatives. There was lots of food tasting as well as presentations on how the companies would run the service for Lealands! We can now announce that Alliance In Partnership (AIP) have been awarded the contract and will be working with the school to get in place new branding, menu's and meal deals ready for September! If you have any ideas on what you want to see on the new menus email [admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk) with 'Menu' in the subject line. If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements you can email [allergens@ainp.co.uk](mailto:allergens@ainp.co.uk) with any queries.



## *Student Voice Update - Catering Panel*



Lealands will have new caterers in September after the responsibility for supplying school lunches was put out to tender. Student Voice were asked to get involved by forming a tasting panel on Thursday 14th June; a difficult job I know but someone had to do it!

There were three companies in the running for the job and they all had lots of delicious food for us to try. The student panel had a very important

role as they were representing a thousand students that have access to school lunches.

All of our students did a great job and were very mature in the questions they asked. Throughout the process they filled in feedback forms and compared and contrasted all of the bids.

SV is a vital channel of communication for our students and also a great way to get involved in how our school is run. So please get involved in September when we begin our next chapter.

# Year 11 Leavers Assembly



On Wednesday 20th June, Lealands said farewell to our Year 11 students. The Leavers Assembly is always great fun and a fantastic opportunity for us to look back over their 5 years here. They are such a wonderful group of young people and it was great to see how much they have changed and developed during their time at Lealands. We would like to wish them every success in the future.

## Prom Night

Thursday 28th June was the day that many of our Year 11s would have been looking forward to the most in their final year - Prom Night! The night where they can get 'dressed to impress' and celebrate the completion of their GCSE exams and their 5 years of high school.

The venue this year was Pryzm in Watford. Students arrived in style, many coming in sports cars and limos. It was a wonderful evening and was great to see them enjoying themselves one last time as a year group all together.





# PE Trip To University of Bedfordshire

In June, our Year 10 GCSE PE students visited the University of Bedfordshire to experience different classes in their labs. Students got to take part in different experiments testing their vital capacity, nutrition and biomechanics.



# Year 7 Trip To Brighton

The trip to Brighton was a fantastic day. All the students behaved really well and made us super proud. They learnt lots about the coast of Brighton and tourism in that area. It was a fantastic day out which was enjoyed by all.

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On our trip to Brighton, we had many experiences to view the life of people in Brighton with our own eyes.



First, we went to the pier and experienced one of the major attractions, then when the weather became brighter, we went to Brighton beach and examined the pebbles and we completed a table about the risks and hazards at the beach.

After that, we made our way to the town centre and entered the mall. We asked locals some questions about the way of life in Brighton. We also had the chance to take a peek at the stores. At the end of the trip, we took our final stop to the beach to enjoy the view and finish off our booklets. **By Dominika, Year 7**



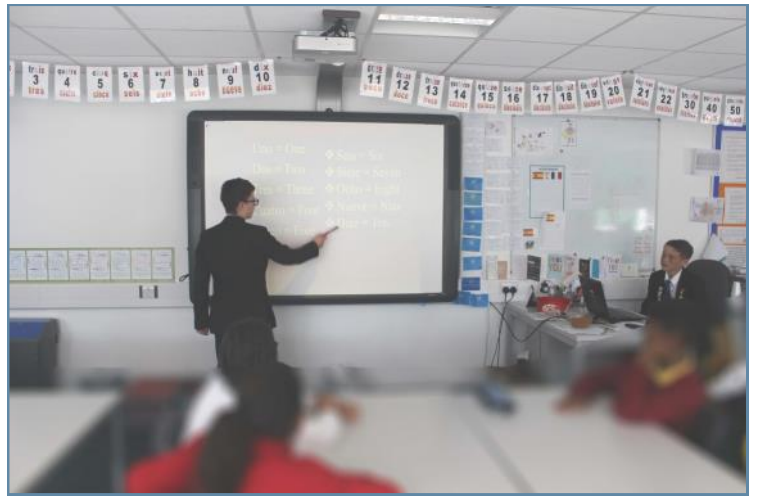
# Year 6 Transition Day

On Thursday 5th July, we welcomed the current Year 6 students who will be joining us as our new Year 7s in September.

On arrival they attended their first assembly where they had the chance to meet many of our staff and the students who they will be in a tutor group with. Following the assembly, the students spent the day partaking in lots of exciting lessons and activities, including some fun languages lessons which were facilitated by our Language Leader students. We hope the day gave them a great insight into what life at Lealands will be like.

There were some nerves and apprehension, which was to be expected, but throughout their transition we hope they will become more relaxed and excited about beginning their journey at Lealands.

We look forward to welcoming them in September.



# Summer Concert

On Friday 6th July, the school hall was buzzing with young talent across all year groups at the Performing Arts Summer Concert.

At 7pm the stage was lit, the hair was up, and the face paint on. The audience held their breath as Kany'e, Harry and Zidane, from Year 7, took to the stage and performed some breath taking lifts.

Parents, carers and teachers alike beamed with pride as soloist after soloist took to the stage for the first time. Joanne Short, accompanied by the amazing Mr Knight performed Summertime, while Jayden took us back to the 1960s with Cry to Me, a song that reminds me of watching Dirty Dancing in the late 80s. Katherine Davey mixed things up even further by giving the audience an excellent performance of Your Reality from Doki Doki Literature Club!

More great performances came from Madison, Jonathan, Aaliyah-Alice, Hannah, Jack and the Year 10 GCSE musicians didn't disappoint either with performances from Bethany, Rico, Alice and Isabelle. Lealands' Dance Company nailed their performance of How Far I'll Go from Moana and Lily and Rachel added further diversity with a Charleston.

Finally, it was great to have the Year 11s back for one last show supporting the band, flute group and providing live backing for the final number. In addition, I would like to thank

Temesken for helping out on sound and Katie for compering the evening. I am very proud of everyone who took part and I'm really looking forward to all of the events next year.

**Well done everyone and thank you. Mrs Shipp**





# Summer Concert





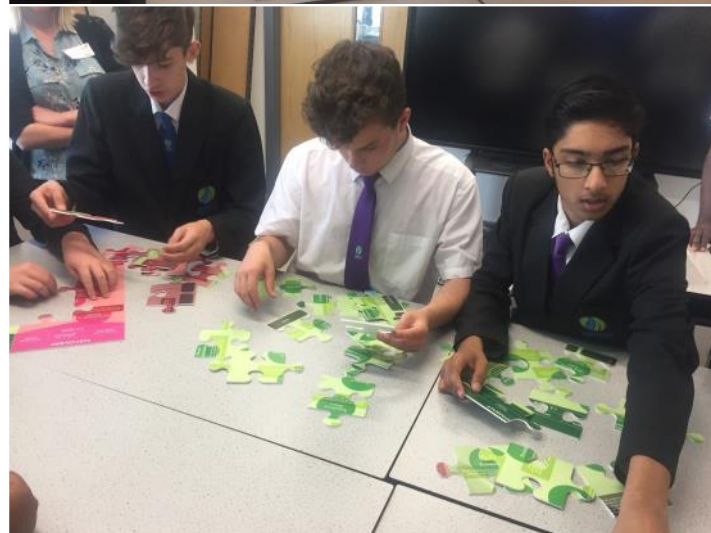
## Women In Engineering Event

To celebrate the 'Year of Engineering', 10 Year 9 girls were given the opportunity to attend a 'Women In Engineering' event organised by Connect. The day started with inspiring speeches from women currently working in the engineering sector. These gave the students an idea of what routes they can take and the kinds of job roles available. The event was attended by lots of engineering companies, including Philips and EDF, whom all had exhibits with interactive activities for the students to get involved in. A special mention needs to go to Paris who won the competition run by Philips, in which she built a dummy in the quickest time.



## STEM Conference Trip

On Friday 29th June, Year 10 Students were given the opportunity to attend a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths conference, hosted by Stopsley High School. The day was run by a company called STEM Champions in collaboration with Develop, a company specializing in career advice and training opportunities for young people. Luton schools all came together at the event to attend a number of workshops, designed to inform students of certain engineering jobs and fields that they could go into. The workshops also offered a number of different challenges and tasks that helped students to gain an understanding of the job role that fitted into the STEM bracket. The various tasks allowed



students, to not only develop an understanding of STEM, but to also develop essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, creativity and resilience.

Overall, the STEM trip was a huge success with many students enjoying the valuable experiences and knowledge gained from the event, in addition to acquiring advice on what routes to take into STEM careers.

**By Nitin, Year 10**

## The Big Bang Fair

The Big Bang Fair is a combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals.

On Thursday 5th July, Miss Griffiths and I took 14 Year 7 students to the local fair held at the University of Hertfordshire, which was a fantastic location for the event. Before we arrived the students had to plan which workshops, activities and exhibits they wanted to visit during the day.

The Students got involved in a magnitude of activities, including; making their own paper, changing tyres on an F1 car, resuscitating a mannequin, bandaging toy animals, making rockets and the lists goes on. All in all it was a day where the students were able to live and breathe STEM and an opportunity to see where it could take them in the future.

**Miss Cole, STEM coordinator**





# Sports Day 2018

On Wednesday 4th July, the much anticipated Lealands' Sports Day arrived. Unlike last year, there was no issue with rain, instead, the sun shone and so did our talented students.

In the morning, our excited students gathered on the field for the opening ceremony. Lealands' European Athletics Championships was opened by Year 10 student Kanu, Director of PE, Mr Ashby and Deputy Headteacher, Mr Ward.

As soon as the opening ceremony finished, the events began. Students from each tutor group competed in events on the track including; skipping race, pairs relay, sprint races and relays. The field events included; discus, shot putt, javelin, hammer, long jump and triple jump. There was also a penalty shoot out event, tug of war and the Illinois Agility run.

Fellow students cheered on their peers as they competed; demonstrating fantastic determination and competitive spirit. The day culminated with one of the most competitive events of all - the staff v students tug of war. Our staff came out winners for both girls and boys,

however, they were extremely close, hard fought ties.

A brilliant and memorable day was had by all. Congratulations to all our winners and participants!





# Sports Day 2018





# Blue Peris Photos

When the May edition of Lealands News was distributed, our Year 9 students had just returned from their trip to Blue Peris. As we mentioned in the report, we hadn't received the official photos from the trip, so as promised, here they are!

**More photos from the trip can be found on the Gallery Page of our website.**





# Blue Peris Photos







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