

# Lealands News

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**Lealands**  
High School  
A Specialist Sports College

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## Coming Up

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### Autumn Term 2012:

#### Weds 5th Sept - Fri 21st Dec

(Please note, on Weds 5th September, the new Year 7 start at 8.45am. The rest of the school start at 11.30am and must report to their Form Tutor)

### Autumn Half Term Holiday

Friday 26th October (staff training day) -  
until Fri 2nd November  
(Back to school Monday 5th November)

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*Believe*

*Achieve*

## Introduction from Headteacher - Mr Burridge

Dear parents/carers,

As we come towards the end of the academic year, there is much to celebrate at Lealands. Firstly, in our recent inspection from Ofsted, the school was graded as good in all aspects. The focus of the inspection was ICT and included all areas of the school. We are particularly pleased with how glowing the inspection was about our students:



**“Students’ behaviour is excellent; they respond very well to adults and to each other, working together and supporting each other to achieve. They are keen to contribute to lessons and clearly enjoy what they are doing.” Ofsted, July 2012**

There were many other positive comments to celebrate as well as, of course, a couple of areas for us to further develop.

The rest of this issue of the newsletter is full of examples of our students making a fantastic contribution to the life of the school and wider community. I hope you enjoy reading it and join us in celebrating their many successes.

Our new achievement points, explained in the last edition, have really taken off and I am looking forward to my first Headteacher’s lunch with students from each year group who have the highest number of points this term. I am also looking forward to August when students leaving us this year will get their GCSE results. All indications suggest that this should be another record breaking year.

Next term is exciting for all of us, as the next phase of building work will be completed over the summer holiday giving us back our new English, humanities and art departments as well as our new student support area. That will leave the final phase to be completed by January. This year we will see the fully completed new school finished before Easter.

We will have our new heads of years taking over from September, increased tutor time and the new school day. Please can you ensure that students arrive on time (perhaps taking advantage of the free breakfast from 8:00-8:30) and dressed in full correct uniform in the new academic year.

Finally, can I personally thank you all – parents, carers, students and staff for the way in which you have welcomed me to the school over the past year. It has been exhausting, rewarding and, at times, challenging, but I have loved every minute of my time at Lealands. I am looking forward to year two and our continued journey to excellence in all areas.

Please have an enjoyable and safe summer (hopefully we will get some sun!).

John Burridge—Headteacher

## Term times and important information

### End of Term

On Friday 20th July, the last day of the Summer Term, school will end for students at 12:30pm. If parents/carers require supervision for their children until the normal end of the school day, please contact the appropriate Pastoral Support Manager.

### Arrangements for the day

8.45-9.00am	Registration
9.00-9.45am	Period 1 & Y7 Assembly
9.45-10.30am	Period 2 & Y8 Assembly
10.30-11.00am	Break
11.00-11.45am	Form Time & Y10 Assembly
11.45-12.30pm	Form Time & Y9 Assembly
12.30pm	School Closes

### Governor Vacancies

If you would like to apply to become a Governor of the school, we currently have 3 vacancies for parent Governors and one vacancy for a staff Governor. If you are interested in applying, please contact Lynne Caseley Austin—Chair of the Governors c/o Lealands High School  
**01582 611600**

### Form Group Changes

Current	Sept 2012	Tutor
7CA	82BK	Mr J Birkett
8AE	91GP	Mrs G Pattern
8AK	92MH	Mr M Hart
8FH	94AP	Miss A Plaideau
8KS	95SS	Mrs S Sutton
9KA	105HR	Mrs H Rock
9WP	107DF	Mr D Furkins
10JG	113CH	Mrs C Hastings
10JS	114MG	Mrs M Grace
10SC	115EA	Mrs E Abbey

### Beginning of Term

#### Students return on Wednesday 5th September

Please note, the new Year 7 start at 8.45am.

The rest of the school start at 11.30am and must report to their Form Tutor.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome the following new staff to the school:

**Mrs M Grace** (Head of MFL) - joining in September

**Miss A Plaideau** (MFL)

*We look forward to seeing you in the new academic year*

### Farewell

We would like to wish the following members of staff, who are leaving at the end of term, good luck and best wishes for the future:

**Mrs E Harvey** (English); **Miss F Heads** (MFL); **Mr A Ender** (PE);  
**Mr A Hide** (PE Technician); **Mr M Chamberlain** (Science)

## British Cycling Competition

On Thursday 14th June, Lealands hosted the first British Cycling Inter-school cycling competition. Twelve schools attended the event which ran all day. Students from LHS who had previously undertaken the Cycling Young Volunteer Award made sure proceedings ran like clockwork. All the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly and our leaders were magnificent. Well done to all who took part: Darren Kay, Siani Bugtti, Karol Augustyn, Michael Bevan, Luke Chambers, Holly Coleman, Luke Davis, Laura Murastauskas, Katie Pye, Bethany Ruck and Carl Wray.



## Zone Athletics



**Zone Athletics took place on Monday 25th June at Ferrers Junior school.** Sports Leaders from Lealands were on hand to ensure that the day ran smoothly. We received very positive comments from staff and parents about the quality of our leaders and in particular how well behaved and efficient they were. Well done.

Students who acted as sports leaders:  
Chantelle Johnson, Eavion Richardson, Rochelle Rose, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Percy Magaya, Ria Clark, Kasey Mead, Victoria Munro, Regan Cook, Kyle Perry, Karl Dearden, Jordan Boyce Fuller and Brittany Smith

## Sporticus

**The " I am Sporticus " girls visited Cheynes on Wednesday 4th July to deliver the infant school's annual sports morning.**

The event was a great success and our leaders were fantastic as usual. Even when rain threatened to put a dampener on proceedings, they managed to keep everyone's spirits high and deserve enormous praise for the work

they have done and the journey they have been on since the beginning of year 8. Well done girls:



Lisa Edmonds, Electra Dottin, Victoria Munro, Stephanie Carroll, Hannah Wright, Leah Gill, Sophie Maund, Lauren Dearden, Beccy Bonnar, Paige Colbert, Eavion Richardson, Chantelle Johnson, Brittany Murphy, Rochelle Rose, Jenna Bostle, Casey Mead and Percy Magaya.

## Race for Life

**For many weeks now a number of students from across the school have been training for the Race for Life which took place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Stockwood Park.**



Race for Life is the UK's biggest fight against cancer and the largest women-only fundraising event in the UK. In previous years, when Lealands students' have run, it has been extremely hot. This year, however, we had the opposite extreme where it was wet and windy.

Well done to those of you who trained hard and raced on the Sunday and big congratulations to Mrs Harley who came first again from the Lealands party and beat her Personal Best!

- Miss Watson

# Community Fun Day

**Lealands Community Fun Day on 23rd June raised in excess of £2000! - P Payne**

KK Stars raised £833 from their stalls and our combined raffle. Lealands made a further £1300 from stalls and donations received prior to the day itself. We still expect to collect a little more before we are finished but to date your efforts have raised £2133.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your support and to congratulate you on raising such a fantastic sum! It was a great day of fun with a serious intention to raise money for charity. The whole school community got involved and we plan to have another Fun Day next year. If you are able to help or support in any way, please get in touch with us.



# Community Cohesion Cup

In its second year running, the **Community Cohesion Cup football match final** was attended by **MP Kelvin Hopkins**. The Community Cohesion Cup is part of the Friday Night Project which was nominated for a TES award in July 2012.





**New school records were set and aspirations were reached on Wednesday 27 June, when students took part in an Olympic themed sports day.**

At the opening ceremony 35 white balloons were released in a symbol of peace and harmony, and the Samba band got everyone in the mood for a fun day of activity and sporting achievement. Students were encouraged to aspire to the Olympic and Paralympic Values:

**Respect, Friendship, Courage, Equality, Excellence, Determination and Inspiration.**

Students took part in track and field events on a rather dismal day, but this did not dampen spirits! New records were set in Shot Putt, Biathlon, Discus, Hammer and the 4x100m relay by Year 8, 9 and 10 students.

## NEW RECORDS SET

### Year 8

Tatiana Kamala: Shot Putt, 8.74 metres

### Year 9

Leone Crick: Biathlon, 4.16.22 minutes.  
Eavian Richardson: Discus, 19.89 metres  
4x100m relay, 1.01.44 minutes

### Year 10

Owen Walker: Discus, 27.61 metres.  
Ellis Baker: Hammer, 36.39 metres.

The sports and activities which took place on the day included:

Sprints: (100m / 200m / 300m / 400m / 800m / 1000m 1500m)

Standard Long Jump

Penalty Shoot Out

Illinois Agility Run

Skipping race

Biathlon

Pairs Relay

Long Jump

Discus

Javelin

Shot Putt

Tug of War

Hammer

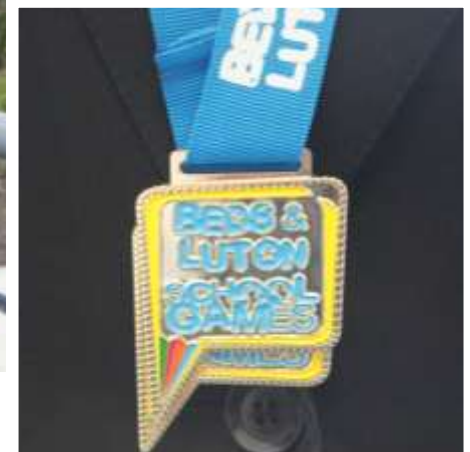
Triple Jump



# Sports Day Photos



## County Athletics Success!



**Year 9 sporting star Eavion Richardson competed in the County Athletics finals in Bedford on Wednesday 13th June.**

She won the 100m, 110m hurdles and jumped an impressive 5.01 metres in the long jump! She said “It was a great experience; it felt like a mini Olympics!”. Well done to Eavion on such a great sporting achievement

## Tae Kwon Do

**Tae Kwon Do is the Korean art of self defence** using your hands and feet. It first came to the UK in 1955. About 20 current Year 8 girls have started the martial art and will continue in Year 9. It aims to promote self confidence and build self esteem.—Miss Sheridan

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## Transition Day—PE department

**At the beginning of July students from local primary schools came to Lealands to experience lessons, meet staff and find their way around the facilities.**

Students took part in a range of activities including: Netball, Dance, Problem Solving, Multi-Skills, Boccia and New Age Kurling. A great time was had by all and the rain stayed away.



**Lealands' Friday Night Project was recognised recently at the prestigious TES Awards as one of the five best community projects in the country.** Staff from Lealands, Sundon Park Youth Centre and the Chair of Governors attended the event at London's Hilton Park Lane which was compered by comedian Rob Brydon. Although we did not come away with the trophy, we are enormously proud to have been shortlisted, for this in itself is a fantastic achievement. A massive thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed to the project since it began in October 2008.—Mr Payne



## Year 6 Prom Night

**Year 6 Leagrave Primary School students had a fantastic time at their Prom on Tuesday 3rd July, which was held in the Atrium.**

Lealands students greeted visitors, who were offered fruit punch before they sat down to their 'silver service' style dinner. The Year 6 students said they had an amazing evening and it was better than they ever imagined!

Anne Featherstone, Headteacher at Leagrave Primary School said, "I would like to say a very big thank you to all the students who helped to make the occasion the best yet and a special mention to the Business Manager and the Catering Manager at Lealands".



## Read All About It!

**Congratulations to Lianne Franklin (9WP) for winning Best Sports Article in a recent Luton-wide writing challenge; the 2012 Luton Sixth Form College High School Newspaper Competition.**

Lianne wins for writing a controversial article - entitled 'Grand National Banned?' - on the high death and injury rate for horses in some popular horse races. Well done, Lianne!

In all, four Lealands' students took part in the competition at Luton Sixth Form College to put a whole newspaper together in a day: Lianne, Alex Hilsdon, Nana Ntodi and Naa Ntodi. They researched, wrote, edited and designed their own newspaper (*The Lealands and Luton Post*) covering topics from local school, college and town news to global issues. They were in competition with other high schools across town and the finished issues were judged by journalists from The South Beds News Agency, who said that they were really impressed with the quality of the newspapers and writing – 'particularly impressive for high school students'.—Mrs E Harvey



## University Visit

### DfE DUX Awards (Department of Education) - University of Birmingham

Year 9 students, Lianne Franklin and Ryan O'Reilly attended Birmingham University at the Edgbaston Campus for a day full to the brim of historical and scientific facts, figures and interactive lectures.

They were given a whirlwind guided tour of the campus which is set in 250 acres of beautiful grounds. The clock tower that is visible from wherever you may be around the university is the largest in the United Kingdom, some 7 inches taller than Big Ben! The University has vastly extended its library and offers students the new and very impressive Bramall Music Building.

Both Lianne and Ryan thoroughly enjoyed their day at the university and were totally shattered - so much so that on the return journey both fell completely asleep!

- Mrs Chin



## THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



## Duke of Edinburgh—Silver Award



*“The DofE expedition was amazing! There were lots of challenges along the way like trying to work out which direction to go in next and continuing up steep hills with the rain pouring down but we learnt that working together as a team gets you through everything. It made the walk easier when we helped and encouraged each other and stayed positive. I've learnt so many skills such as pacing, using the compass, doing route cards and cooking with a traunge and have loved every moment of the experience!” - Jennifer Cooney*



**On Thurs 28th June, ten intrepid year 11 students set off for the Peak District trying to become Lealands' first ever Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award winners.**

They had to conquer the wind and the rain not to mention having to carry heavy rucksacks up some really steep climbs:

Three days and two nights that everyone present will never forget. A massive well done to the eight girls and two boys for what is a truly great achievement and a first for Lealands: Robyn Clerkin, Jen Cooney, Sophie Cowan, Rebecca Bright, Katie Bevan, Katie Fensome, Hemant Punni, Lina Shah, Sonam Kumar and Johnny Bywaters. Hope you all had a great time at Prom, you deserved it.

- Mr Payne



## KitAid Art Workshop

### Lealands High School donates football kits to developing countries

Mr Slatter organised a collection of used football kits to donate to KitAid, a registered charity which sends unwanted sports equipment to children and adults in developing countries who love football but can only dream of having their own kit. Students, parents, teachers, local businesses and football clubs Leighton Town FC and Aylesbury United FC, generously donated over 200 football shirts, and many pairs of boots, socks and caps over the past month. Derrick Williams, who set up KitAid collected the football equipment on Friday 6th July.

Before donating the kit, eight arty Year 7 students used the opportunity, in a workshop, to create some unique pieces of temporary art, denoting the 2012 Olympic logo, the Lealands High School logo, and the Olympic Torch in celebration of World Sports Day (27 June).



Mrs Sutton, Art Teacher said: "All of the year 7 students who took place were really honoured to take part in this workshop which helped our school to promote the great work that Kit Aid do. By working with this wide range of kits they realised just how many teams and individuals donate to this great cause.

The students worked really well as a team to create these temporary kit sculptural-drawings, demonstrating how Art can be a collaborative effort and not just something created independently. All of the year 7 students really enjoyed being able to celebrate World Sports Day in this innovative way. They all spoke about how much they enjoyed creating the work and how they preferred this hands-on approach to drawing".

## ???? Riddles ????

Can you solve these riddles? These riddles have been written by students working in L5. Answers can be found on the back page

A boat was traveling from France to England, midway the boat sinks. There are 600 passengers and 300 die. 125 of them are English, 125 are French, 75 are under the age of 16. 75 people are seriously injured. There were also 60 cars on board and 3 buses. 38 of the passengers were married. Where do you bury the survivors?

By Casey McGough

There is a water bottle that is half full in the desert. The desert is very hot and the water evaporates very quickly. A man comes to the desert and gets lost, he stumbles across the bottle and is very thirsty. How much of the water does he drink? By Cody White

*You visit your friend's bungalow as he has just moved in. The walls are red, the carpet is green, the curtains are yellow, the kitchen is blue. Outside the garden is 16ft long with 6ft trees all around and there are 4000 plants. What colour are the stairs?*

By Joe Smith

## Art Exhibition

**The recent Art Exhibition was a great success, and it attracted some media attention. A journalist from TV Bedfordshire came to film the exhibition and interview students.** Their report video is available to watch on the news page of our website: [www.lealands.luton.sch.uk](http://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk).

The evening of the 'Art Exhibition Private View' was a fantastic event. Alongside members of staff, school governors, news and press teams, most students and their families attended to celebrate their success. The exhibition itself consisted of all the work that the year 11 Art students have produced since they started the course in year 10. The range and quality of the work was outstanding and was a testament to all of the hard work that the Art students have been putting in. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these students and to wish them every success for their future.  
- Mrs Sutton (Subject Leader for Art).



Some students' work was showcased in the Luton Youth Festival at St Lukes Church, Leagrave, organised by the Leagrave Youth Work Action Group (LYWAG).

July 2012

Welcome to the Wates Construction Newsletter for Lealands High School.



### Project Update

Hello from the Wates Site Team at Lealands!

Phase 3 works are nearing completion with new English and Humanities classrooms, open plan Art and Design classrooms being created. Currently the rooms are being decorated and made ready for the furniture to be installed in time for the new school year.

The external façade of the Art and English Block has seen a colourful transformation. This can be seen from the main road.



Rendered Front elevation  
Block 5

The summer holidays will see the Sports Hall undergo work to replace the floor and install new sports equipment, providing an excellent sporting facility for the school.

Phase 4 will commence from July 2012 and is due to be completed in December 2012. The Science department will be transformed into modern working areas and classrooms. A new service road is also planned to be completed.



New English / Humanities Corridor  
Block 5



English Classroom  
Block 5

The removal of the temporary classrooms and associated hard landscaping will signal the end of the project, taking place in January 2013.

Every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience to you in these busy periods where possible, with trained operatives organising the various vehicle movement. These will be timed to avoid students' arrival and departure times.



Sports Hall Floor has been removed  
and waiting a new surface



Hard Landscaping outside Block 5

On the right we have included some photos of our current phase 3.

## Safety First and Environment

As exciting as the new works to Lealands High School are, the construction site remains a very hazardous environment that is operated by professionals and trained construction workers only.

Our prime concern is to ensure the good health, safety and well – being of all those involved including members of the public and especially local children! For that reason, unauthorised access to the site is strictly prohibited.

Wates are committed to delivering 100% waste to landfill, reduce our carbon emissions as well as providing opportunities for local employment where possible.

## Supporting our local community in Luton

Lealands Site Staff support Keech Hospice in Luton, through out our time on site, we have arranged a number of events to raise funds for Keech Hospice, which include 5 a side, auction, raffles and more, we also take part in a monthly dress down day. The total so far which we have raised is £3205.64.

The Wates Site Team took part in the recent Lealands High School Sports Day, entering a team in the 4x100m relay and a one-sided Tug of War competition which the teachers came out victorious.

## Blood, Sweat and Lycra

A special mention to Site Quantity Surveyor Robby Olney and Site Manager Steve Cutler who have recently completed the London to Brighton bike ride on Sunday 17 June 2012 in 4 hours 30 minutes, raising an amazing total of £1460 all in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

If you would like to sponsor them please donate online at their just giving webpage at <http://www.justgiving.com/Steve-Cutler0>



## Contact Us:

We have an office located within the school grounds, access via Sundon Park Road.

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If you wish to contact us, please email Project Secretary Eleanor Marshall: [eleanor.marshall@wates.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.marshall@wates.co.uk), who will forward your queries / concerns onto the relevant person.

We aim to have a positive impact on the local community and to be a good neighbour at all times. We appreciate your understanding and thank you in advance for your patience during these works.

Regards

*David Bishop*  
Project Manager

If you would like to give us some feedback on what we are doing here at Lealands High School, please fill in the tear off slip below and hand in to our main reception (security hut) along Sundon Park Road or alternatively send an email to the above address.

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To Wates Project Manager

From:

Date:



## Stoke Mandeville Stadium

Over 3 days 40 students visited the Stoke Mandeville Stadium and experienced wheelchair basketball. The students were given free clappers and those that wanted to had their faces painted with the GB logo. The best game was the Great Britain V Germany, the score swung between the two teams but eventually Germany snatched a 4 point victory. GB eventually finished 4<sup>th</sup> and qualified for the World Championships in Turkey.



The students then had an opportunity to find out how difficult it is to play basketball in wheelchairs. They raced, did 360° turns, played stuck-in-the-mud and basketball.



Chris Rattenbury then demonstrated why he was Britain's record holder for powerlifting; he added more and more weights until he lifted 160kg, only 10kg short of his record lift. All of the groups had an experience that showed what great athletes can achieve even if they are disabled.

Ria Clark, Year 9 said: "When I went to Stoke Mandeville Stadium it was so inspiring. It made me think that anything is reachable, no matter your ability, no matter who you are or where you are from. All you need is determination and the mind-set and you will achieve".



# School Production—We Will Rock You



Galileo



Planet Mall



## School Production—We Will Rock You

Year 10 students certainly “Rocked” Lealands with their presentation of “We Will Rock You” presented by permission of [www.schoolswillrockyou.com](http://www.schoolswillrockyou.com). They wowed audiences of around 900 people over 4 nights with their impressive stage performances accompanied by fantastic execution of the musical score, well choreographed dances, lights and visual effects which could rival any professional theatre company. A huge well done to the performing arts students who showed great dedication, talent and determination over the weeks and weekends of rehearsals, with lots of late nights and preparation which paid off to create an absolutely fantastic performance. These performances are a credit to the teaching staff involved.



*Scaramouche*



KILLER  
QUEEN

Bohemians



# Eco-Savers



The Eco group are excited to be involved in a campaign called 'Waste Busters'. This programme allows Lealands High School to receive free sports equipment in exchange for any unwanted textiles.

The free sports equipment will widen the range of activities that students can participate in during PE lessons and extra-curricular activities at lunch time and after school. You can help by donating any unwanted materials, such as curtains, fabrics, clothing or any other textiles. The deadline date for any donations of textiles is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012**. The Eco-Savers team would appreciate your help. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask one of the Eco-Savers group through Miss Bews.



# Online Gallery

Unfortunately we cannot fit all the photos of our events and exhibitions into this newsletter, so go online and take a look at the gallery to see more ...

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



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**Riddles Answers—see page 17**  
 You don't bury survivors  
 None—the water has evaporated  
 There are no stairs, it's a bungalow