

# **LEALANDS** *news*

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## **Upcoming Events:**

**12th February - Y9 Parents Evening**

**13th February - Valentines Disco**

**13th February - End of Spring Term 1**

**19th March - Y11 Parents Evening**

# Headteacher's Introduction

**From John Burridge, Headteacher**

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a great joy to return to our wonderful school recently. All of the students have been amazingly compassionate, kind and welcoming – I'm so proud of them and have missed them all enormously. My return is temporary at this stage as I will be having an operation in the near future, but I am pleased to see that everything has continued very well at Lealands and I know it is in safe hands when I am not able to be here in person.



I have been catching up with staff and students and it has been a particular joy to meet with individual Year 11 students to discuss how their year is going, their preparation for GCSEs and their future plans. They know they are well supported by excellent teachers and that it's now down to them to put in the effort with learning and revision. They are taking their next set of mock examinations currently and are demonstrating a studious and mature attitude towards these.

I was thrilled to see the most recent behaviour data in the school which demonstrates that this is the best it has been and that is absolutely evident in all our classes around the school. Students have really taken on board all that we have been teaching them through the Behaviour Curriculum and it continues to make a marked difference. Not only do students behave well, they go the extra mile to be kind and caring to others and exceptions to this are rare.

As you know, we are always keen to give our students as many opportunities as possible to develop and experience. The recent trips to Italy, with over 90 participants, Norfolk and The Tate Gallery are just a small selection of the enormous range of opportunities and experiences that staff provide. We are now looking forward to theatre trips, more sporting success, the upcoming performance of Mary Poppins, our annual Careers Fair, work experience week and literacy week among many others!

As we start to prepare for the changes to the curriculum from 2028, we are confident that we have never compromised the rounded and broad nature of the education we provide which is always designed in the best interests of students. I am reading and hearing about schools that have 'squeezed out' subjects like drama, music, technology

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# Headteacher's Introduction

**From John Burridge, Headteacher (Cont'd)...**

and art which is hard to reconcile when we see the direct impact of the learning in these areas and the impact they have on the development of real skills for life.

Also in the news recently has been much discussion and new guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools. We are currently reviewing our policies in light of this, but I am pleased that Lealands has always had a clear line that phones should not be used in school and that this is widely understood and accepted. We want our students to be fully focused on their learning and positive social interaction when they are here so that they fully benefit from their daily school life. There is now a much clearer acceptance of the damage that social media and the over-use of mobile phones can do to children and young people; particularly affecting their mental health and wellbeing. We know that parents sometimes struggle to manage their children's use, but this is so important and we have a range of resources and information in this regard available on our website to both protect children from harm and to encourage healthy behaviours.

As ever, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership with us as we work together to do the best we can for every one of our students.



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# Key dates for your diary:



- **Year 10 Work Experience Begins:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams Begin:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Year 9 Parents Evening:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Valentines Disco:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Half Term Begins:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams Continue:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026
- **Year 11 Parents Evening (Online):** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Mary Poppins Production:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Term dates:

- **Spring Term:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Half-Term:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Summer Term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- **Half-Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Term Dates:

Full academic term dates for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 can be found on the school website:

<https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/termdates>

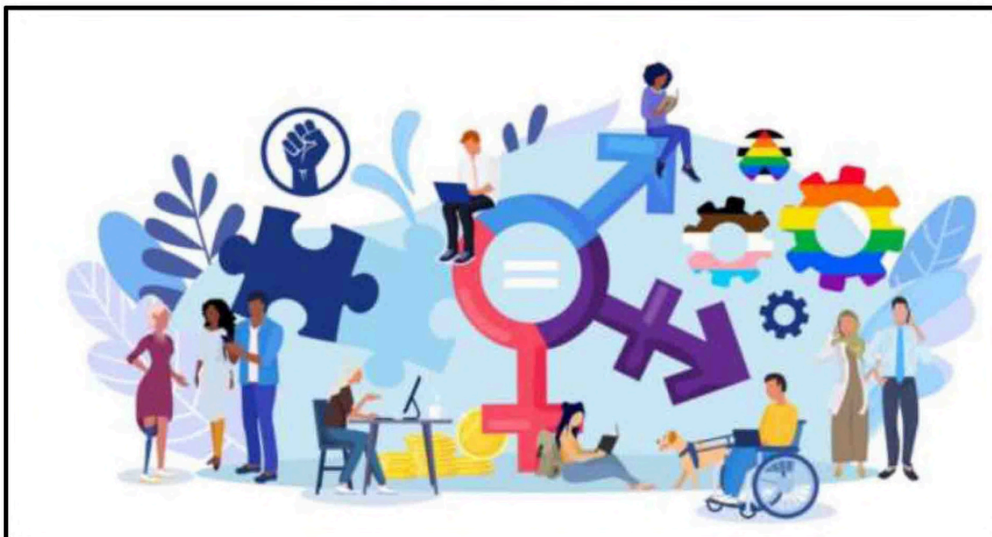
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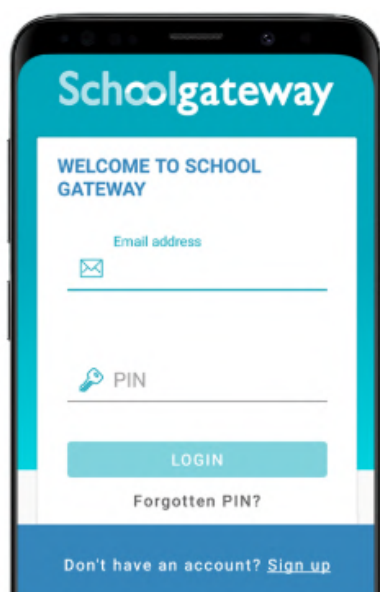
"Equality "



Race, religion, gender, sexuality, we are  
all people and that's it. We're all people.  
We are all equal.

# New School Communication System

## School Gateway



From the start of the the Spring Term, we moved to a new communication system called School Gateway. This easy-to-use app streamlines how we share important updates, letters, messages, and attendance information with you.

School Gateway allows parents and carers to receive school communications instantly on their phones or devices—making it quicker and more convenient to stay up to date with everything happening in school.

We encourage all families to join us on School Gateway so we can continue to improve how we connect with our school community. This new app replaces the MyED app which ceased to be used on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. You can download the app now and set up your logins via the Google Play/Apple App store.

Further information is available on the school website.

Thank you for your support as we make this positive change!

## School Gateway: Activate your Account

You can access School Gateway via a smartphone app or the website.

### 1. Download the Android or iOS App

- iPhone/iPad: [Click here for the Apple App Store](#)
- Android: [Click here for Google Play](#).

### 2. Visit the web version of School Gateway

- If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, [visit the web version of School Gateway here](#)

## Registration Process

Once you are at the website or in the app, click the NEW USER tab.

You will be asked to:

- Enter the email address and mobile number that your school has on record.
- Press "Send PIN".
- You will receive a text message with your unique PIN.
- Enter the PIN on the screen to log in and start using School Gateway!

### ⚠ Important Note

If you are having trouble logging in, it may be because we do not have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please contact the school office as soon as possible to update your details on our system.

# Sports Successes & Updates

By The PE Department

## Cross Country



Our cross country teams delivered an outstanding performance this January, showcasing incredible talent and determination across the board. We are thrilled to celebrate two individual medalists: Year 7 Ruby, who secured a phenomenal 1st place finish out of all Luton Schools, and Year 9 Lucian, who claimed a fantastic 2nd place.

Beyond these podium finishes, several of our runners placed in the top ten, successfully qualifying for the county competition. Our teams also dominated the overall standings, with the Year 8/9 boys taking 2nd place, while both the Year 7 and Year 10/11 boys secured 3rd place finishes.

A huge well done to everyone involved for such an excellent start to the year!





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## Netball

The Year 7 girls' netball team celebrated a fantastic achievement after winning the league in a nail-biting final against Cardinal Newman. The closely fought match ended 3-3 at full time, sending both teams into extra time with everything still to play for.

Showing incredible determination and teamwork, the girls pushed on and secured the winning goal, sealing a dramatic 4-3 victory. Their hard work, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the season paid off, making this a memorable and well-deserved triumph for the team.

Our Year 9 team also put in a stellar performance to reach the finals. Although they lost out to an excellent Cardinal Newman team, they still secured a well deserved 2nd place in Luton.

We are super proud of both teams for their excellent hardwork and effort. Well done girls!



## Basketball

Our Year 8 girls competed in the county basketball competition this January, playing brilliantly throughout the tournament. Their hard work was rewarded with a fantastic 3rd place finish! It was an excellent effort from the whole team, well done, girls!





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## Football

A great start to the year eight football season with a commanding 7-2 victory away vs Icknield.

This was the boys' first game of the season with 3 more fixtures remaining.

There will be more to come from this great team in the next newsletter!



The year 9 boys' football team have made a great start to their district football fixtures, securing 3 wins from their first 3 games as they look to book their place in the finals next term and defend the title they won in Year 8.

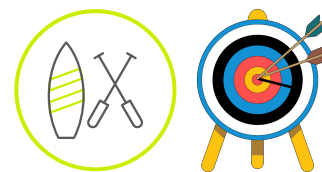
The boys have also been in County Cup action recently, beating Samuel Whitbread for the 2nd time this year in the quarter finals - where they now look forward to the semi-final and take another step to retaining their trophy.

Another milestone from this fantastic group of boys is that they have now scored 250 goals since their first school game in Year 7!

Well done to all who have been part of the selected squads so far.

# Year 7 Rise To The Challenge At Manor Adventure

By Miss Walker, Head of Year 7



In December, Year 7 students headed to Norfolk for an unforgettable residential trip to Manor Adventure, packed with excitement, teamwork, and new challenges.

Students threw themselves into a wide range of activities, including archery, rock climbing, paddle boarding, caving, shooting, and tackling the thrilling high ropes course.

Throughout the trip, students showed fantastic enthusiasm and resilience as they stepped outside their comfort zones, supported one another, and built lasting friendships. Laughter and smiles filled the days as everyone embraced the adventure and made memories to last a lifetime.

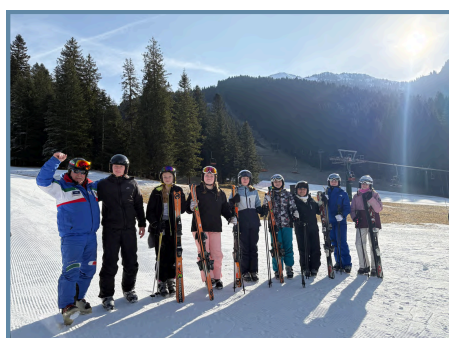
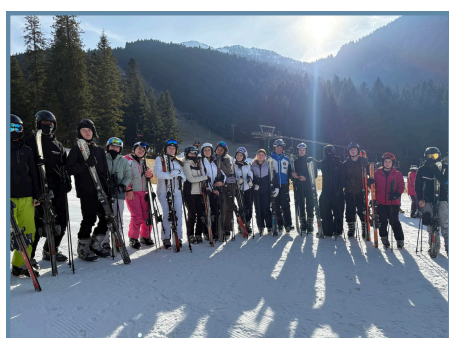
The Norfolk trip was a huge success and one of many highlights of the school year for all involved!







# Slopes, Snowcats, and Success: Our Unforgettable Ski Trip to Italy!



While most were tucked up in bed at 2.30am on Sunday, 18th January, the long awaited departure for our school ski trip was finally getting underway. The Lealands car park was buzzing with excitement as we prepared for our 3.00am departure to Heathrow, heading for a British Airways flight to Milan Linate in Italy. After a scenic 90 minute coach transfer on the other side, we arrived at our home for the week, the Hotel Vittoria in Spiazzi Di Gromo.

We spent our first afternoon getting kitted out with ski boots, skis, poles, and helmets before finally settling into our rooms to prepare for a busy week ahead.

Monday began promptly at 9.00am for the first of our four hour daily ski lessons. The students showed great determination from the very first minute and after a busy day on the snow, we headed up the road for an evening of ice skating before a well earned sleep.

Tuesday brought even more adventure; after another full day of lessons, we travelled to the very top of the mountain by chair lift to take in the spectacular views. This provided the perfect backdrop for photos, hot chocolates and snowball fights. The journey back down the mountain was one of the week's highlights, as we took our seats in a "snowcat" for a bumpy, hilarious, and completely unforgettable ride that everyone navigated safely.

Wednesday came and we did it all again out on the slopes, refining our skiing technique. After three full on days, the students enjoyed some much-needed downtime in the evening to relax and spend time with their friends.

Thursday marked our final day on the snow, and it was great to see every single student move off the nursery slopes and head up the main mountain. Seeing their progress and the immense pride they felt in their own achievements was a highlight for all the staff.

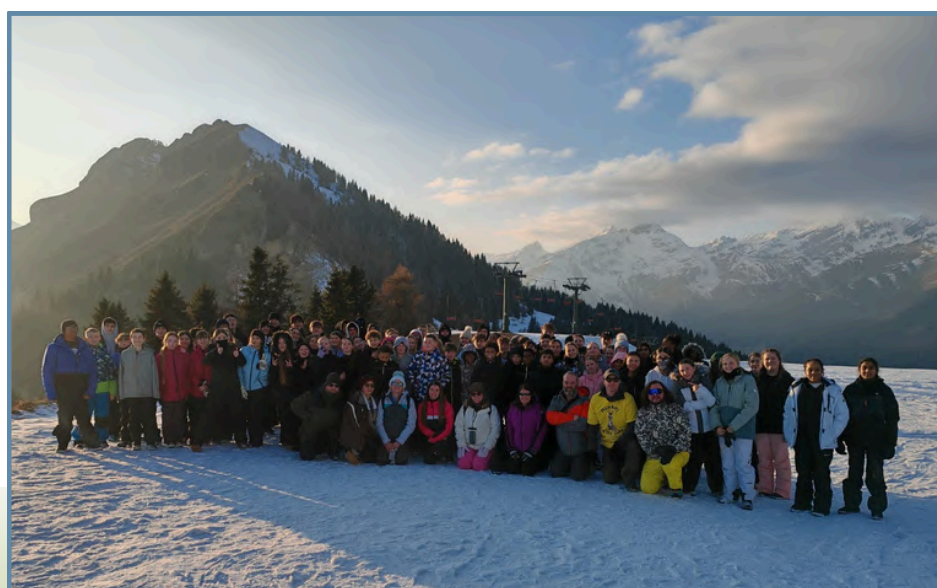
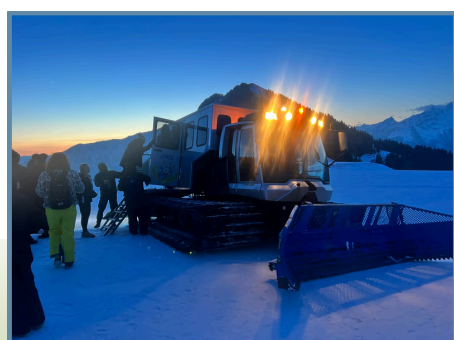
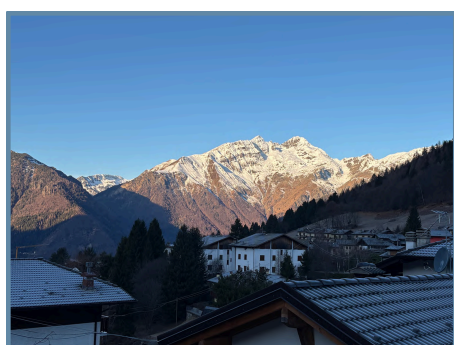
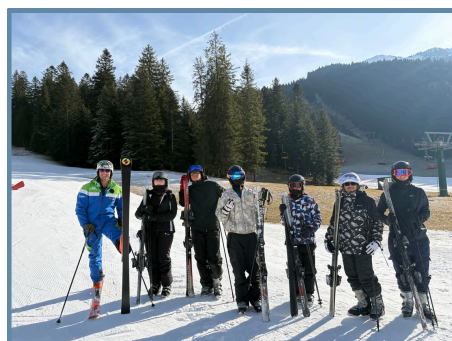
Once the kit was returned on Thursday afternoon, we were joined by the ski instructors for a special medal ceremony to recognise the incredible resilience and skill shown by our students throughout the week. There was just enough time for a visit to the local souvenir shop to pick up gifts for family back home before our Friday departure. We headed back to the airport for our flight to Heathrow, exhausted but buzzing from the experience.

It was a fabulous week in Italy, filled with unforgettable memories and new friendships, and every student should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.



# Slopes, Snowcats, and Success: Our Unforgettable Ski Trip to Italy!

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More photos from the trip are available to view on the Gallery  
page of our website:

<https://www.lealands.luton.sch.uk/italy-2026>



# Celebrating Our ActiveLearners!

By The Languages Department

The Languages Department would like to congratulate the following students for great effort on ActiveLearn during December and January.

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During December and January (10% or more completed)					
Year 7					
Aaliyah A	Armela D	Efe Sophia O	Jade O	Marvellous Joshua E	Rachel Elisabeth P
Aarav G	Aubree H	Emily G	Jayden P	Marwa Leina M	Ridaibir G
Aarohee K	Avleen Kaur G	Emma P	Jemima N	Mason M	Romario T
Aaron Junior G	Ayaan Ahmed Q	Enxhi D	Joshua C	Matthew D	Ruby S
Abdalrahmen A	Ayesha A	Esmail G	Justice K	Maya M	Safi R
Abinaa S	Bethany J	Farhan T	Kamil D	Meredith S	Safia N
Adrian X	Bethany L	Farid U	Karam F	Michael T	Serenay A
Adrina B	Brielle B	Faridah U	Keanu V	Michel A	Shanice W
Aidan C	Brielle F	Finley S	Keya S	Miycah B	Slaana K
Alayah H	Chace-Pierre S	Freddy A	Khalil L	Mohammad Ashar M	Siahm K
Aleah R	Charlie Jack Ellis M	Freya Rose B	Leah S	Mohammed Abdul Rahman K	Sofia I
Alex M	Cian O	Geovanni P	Leila B	Mohammed Ibrahim U	Sophia P
Alfie W	Claudia B	Gracie-May C	Lena W	Muhammed Sirraaj A	Sumaiyah A
Ali A	Dania Aiman M	Haifa A	Lillie W	Nabiha B	Summer P
Alonso T	Daniel G	Henry S	Lily K	Nathan C	Taliyah T
Amana N	David Edward P	Hiba A	Liyla-Rose M	Nevaeh G	Tobi C
Amelia H	David I	Inaaya H	Louis S	Nia M	Urfa K
Amelia J	Deborah S	Indi Kathryn B	Lucas D	Nina M	Yaseen G
Amira I	Demetrius V	Isabel I	Lucia H	Niyah W	Yasmine T
Anaelle H	Dennis A	Isla-Mai S	Lydia Joan F	Nobuntu Boitumelo Atipa N	Yeshiah J
Anayah L	Dion S	Ismael Y	Maariya R	Oscar L	Zahara N
Antonia M	Eben-Ezer K	Jacob Anesu M	Marcelina L	Princess A	Zuzanna K
Archie P	Edis R	Jacob G	Maria N	Quinn-Shira Safoa T	

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During December and January (10% or more completed)			
Year 8			
Abel P	Davide S	Jayden C	Nazirah I
Abigail B	Deen-Junior H	Jayden G	Nemat S
Ahmad K	Drita D	Jean A	Oluwasemilore Mary A
Alfie R	Eimaan A	Jessica B	Poppy R
Amara R	Eli K	Kadesha B	Precious Charmaine E
Amelia N	Elize G	Kailo S	Preston F
Amilia M	Ella A	Katie J	Princess O
Anaya M	Elliot C	Kobi W	Rehmat S
Andreea-Alessia I	Emmanuel O	Lana M	Rishikesh R
Angel S	Erika R	Lana S	Rohan A
Anne A	Famia U	Lisa O	Russana S
Antoinette A	Filip M	Lliyana S	Sara Isabel D
Antoni G	Franklin B	Louis M	Scarlett-Angel K
Ariana I	Gabriela M	Madison D	Seyon V
Ayoub M	Gajenthly G	Mahdiali R	Siena B
Baheer G	Gurnoor S	Maisie M	Stevie L
Caitlyn B	Hamida K	Maryam R	Teddie H
Calisee H	Harley W	Mason O	Tyler B
Chanice M	Harry W	Mia G	Viviane S
Cian J	Hayden B	Mikael B	Vivienne G
Coby S	Inioluwa T	Mya S	Zachary A
Corey J	James P	Myiesha H	Zuzanna B
David B	Jasdeep S	Nabiha C	

# Celebrating Our ActiveLearners!

By The Languages Department (Continued...)

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During December and January (10% or more completed)						
Year 9			Year 10		Year 11	
Aaron G	Corey T	Jaden W	Nazifa B	Aasiyah K	Lithushan C	Aleesa A
Abigail M	Cyanne N	Jameela M	Nemaih S	Abbie A	Lucy C	Chloe B
Abigail O	Daniel G	Janae F	Noah H	Aida-Iulia J	Maha Iman A	Daria N
Acilay A	Danny B	Juanita S	Noah Y	Aiyanna W	Mariya M	Denis-Cristian G
Aditya A	Dillan B	Kayla V	Noor I	Alexa S	Neresa D	Rahela C
Aiden C	Elena V	Keioni S	Qismat B	Amiyah I	Paula E	Tristan B
Albert K	Elisa I	Lailuma K	Ramani S	Chloe O	Ruby B	Youssef B
Aleesha A	Ellis M	Lexi C	Rebeca S	Diana K	Ruth P	
Amelia T	Ephraim A	Lexie A	Riley F	Edith T	Sabrina O	
Amoya C	Evie S	Maham S	Sama K	Edward B	Samiha B	
Andie H	Evie W	Maia G	Sami R	Esther O	Senen T	
Aswin R	Faheem D	Maia P	Sean M	Gurmanjoot S	Serene-Zuriel A	
Aya M	Gabriel I	Malachy J	Sophia D	Harisha M	Sophie B	
Bethel O	Gabriela S	Marigold K	Sophie R	Kamila O	Szymon R	
Bianca H	Harjot C	Markayda A	Theo M	Khadija M	Thenuli T	
Brooke D	Harleen K	Mary O	Thomas P	Lamiyah F	Zenat N	
Brooklyn N	Ibrahim A	Milana A	Tulisa T			
Cara K	Ihsan-Yusuf H	Naeem A	Zane M			
Chloe G	Inayah I	Natasha P	Zoe J			
Chloe R						

There are also several students who achieved Epraise badges this month for their overall progress, with a total of 820 badges given since the start of the year. Well done to everyone mentioned!

Remember, students can get badges at the following points -

- 25% - Bronze Badge - 5 extra STEPs
- 50% - Silver Badge - 10 extra STEPs
- 75% - Gold Badge - 15 extra STEPs
- 100% - Platinum Badge - 20 extra STEPs
- Extra tasks - Extra Badge - 25 extra STEPs.

Languages teachers have given everyone 1 STEP for every 2% completed and Mr McCracken has added the badges already.



# GCSE Revision Techniques For Parents

## Using Flashcards, Retrieval Practice, and Exam Papers Effectively for GCSE Revision

Many Year 11 students spend hours revising without seeing the results they hope for. This is often because their methods feel productive but don't actually strengthen memory or exam performance. Three of the most powerful, research-backed techniques for GCSE revision are effective flashcards, retrieval practice through quizzing, and systematic use of exam papers. When used correctly, these approaches significantly improve understanding, recall, and confidence.

Parents don't need subject knowledge to support these methods — just an understanding of how they work and how to encourage their consistent use.

### Effective Use of Flashcards

Flashcards are often misunderstood. When used passively — reading them over and over — they offer little benefit. Used properly, however, they are a highly effective tool for active recall.

#### What Makes a Good Flashcard?

A great flashcard should:

- Contain one clear question or prompt
- Require the student to retrieve information from memory
- Be concise and focused

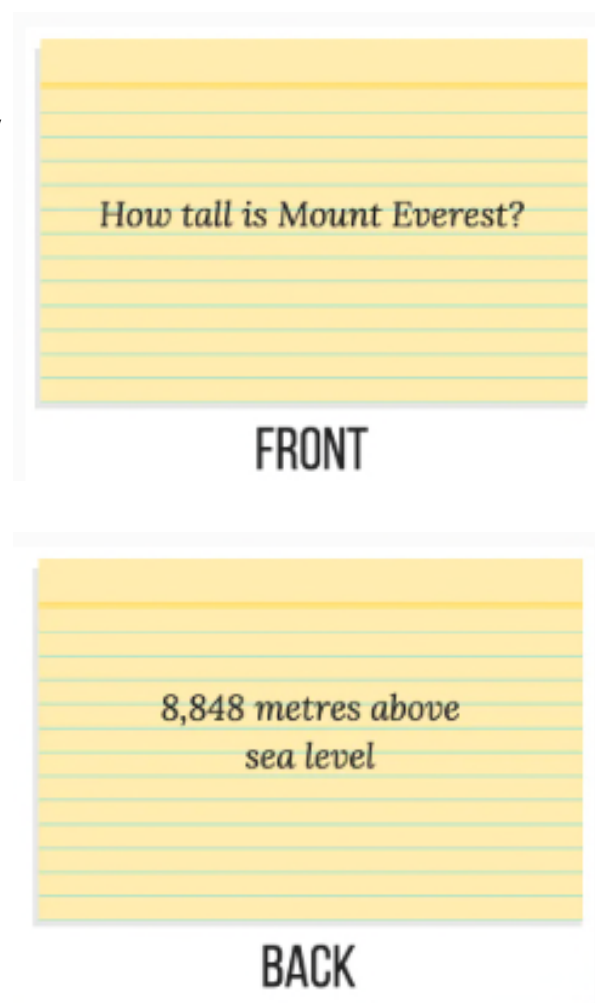
Examples of effective flashcards:

- “State two effects of the Treaty of Versailles”
- “What is the formula for acceleration?”
- “Give one quote that shows Macbeth’s ambition”
- “Define osmosis”

Flashcards should be used actively:

- Say the answer out loud or write it down before checking
- Separate cards into “secure” and “needs work” piles
- Focus more time on weaker cards

[Video from the Learning Scientists on effective use of flash cards](#)



# GCSE Revision Techniques For Parents

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## Retrieval Practice Through Quizzing

Retrieval practice strengthens learning by forcing the brain to recall information without support. Quizzing is one of the most effective retrieval methods.

Parents can support quizzing by:

- Asking questions from revision guides or flashcards
- Reading out pre-written questions
- Encouraging children to quiz parents and correct answers

Types of quizzing include:

- Low-stakes quizzes
- Cumulative quizzes
- Written retrieval such as brain dumps

After quizzing, students should always:

- Check answers carefully
- Correct mistakes
- Turn gaps into flashcards or questions

## Effective Use Of Exam Papers

Exam papers help students learn how to apply knowledge. They should be used regularly, not just at the end of revision.

Effective steps include:

1. Attempt questions without notes
2. Work under timed conditions
3. Check answers using mark schemes
4. Identify examiner requirements

Learning from mistakes is key:

- Keep a mistake log
- Rewrite weak answers
- Create flashcards from errors

## Final Thoughts

Effective revision is about quality, not quantity. Flashcards, retrieval practice, and exam papers work best when combined consistently. Parents play a vital role by encouraging effort, normalising mistakes, and supporting steady routines.

# Year 11 Mock GCSE Timetable

Spring 2026

	PERIOD 1 9.00 - 10.00	PERIOD 2 10.00 - 11.00	BREAK 11.00 - 11.27	PERIOD 3 11.27 - 12.25	PERIOD 4 12.25 - 1.30	LUNCH 1.30 - 2.02	PERIOD 5 2.03 - 3.00	
MONDAY 9TH FEB	English Language 9.00 - 10.45			Engineering Design 11.30 - 12.45				
TUESDAY 10TH FEB	Spanish Listening, Reading 9.00 - 10.45			Child Development 11.30 - 12.45			PE 1 2.05 - 3.05	
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEB	Maths 1 9.00 - 10.30			Combined science - biology 11.30 - 12.45				
THURSDAY 12TH FEB	French Listening, Reading 9.00 - 10.45			History 11.30 - 12.50				
FRIDAY 13TH FEB	Combined science - chemistry 9.00 - 10.15			Computer science 1 11.30 - 1.00				
				Sociology 1 11.30 - 1.15				
				Further maths 11.30 - 1.15				
				Hospitality & Catering 11.30 - 12.50				
HALF TERM								
	PERIOD 1 9.00 - 10.00	PERIOD 2 10.00 - 11.00	BREAK 11.00 - 11.27	PERIOD 3 11.27 - 12.25	PERIOD 4 12.25 - 1.30	LUNCH 1.30 - 2.02	PERIOD 5 2.03 - 3.00	TUTOR 3.00 - 3.20
MONDAY 23RD FEB	National Reference Test			Geography 11.30 - 1.00				
TUESDAY 24TH FEB	BTEC Sport 9.00 - 10.30			Computer Science 2 11.30 - 1.00	Drama 12.25 - 1.30		Drama 2.05 - 3.05	
WEDNESDAY 25TH FEB	English Literature 9.00 - 10.45			Health & Soc Care 11.30 - 12.45			PE 2 2.05 - 3.05	
THURSDAY 26TH FEB	Maths 2 9.00 - 10.30			French Writing 11.30 - 12.45				
FRIDAY 27TH FEB	Combined science - physics 9.00 - 10.15			Spanish Writing 11.30 - 12.45				
	Maths 3 9.00 - 10.30			Music 11.30 - 12.45				
				Enterprise & Marketing 11.30 - 12.45				
				Mop up session (Medical evidence required)				

## Important Contact Information

If you have changed your address, mobile number or email address during the last year and think that you may not have informed us, please email the new details to [admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk) as soon as possible in order for us to ensure that you receive all necessary information. Many thanks.





# Literacy Week 2026

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

We are excited to launch **Literacy Week** at Lealands High School on Monday 2nd March through to Friday 6th March. This year's theme is all about getting involved, discovering great stories, and celebrating the joy of reading together.

We've taken inspiration from the 'Go All In' movement (<https://goallin.org.uk/>) whereby it encourages students to try a book outside your usual genre, read with friends or family and take on certain reading challenges. The 'Go All In' campaign states that reading involves much more than reading a book in the traditional sense and that we are reading much more than we think. It shows that our daily life involves so much reading without us being aware.

To celebrate students' participation with reading, we have created different activities that are suited to all. During the week, there are bingo cards available with varied reading activities that help broaden their reading habits - please encourage your child to take part. Members of staff here at Lealands are also encouraged to join in for prizes too!



A bingo card for Literacy Week 2026. The title 'Literacy Week 2026' is at the top in red. The card is a 4x4 grid with various reading activities. The left margin has a vertical column of small circles for marking.

Literacy Week 2026			
Read a classic	Read a review	Read in a new place	Read something written by a young author
Read an article online	Read something that inspires you	Read a non fiction book	Listen to a debate
Read a sports rules guide	Read about a topic you enjoy	Guess the book	Read an interview
Read about a role model	Read about overcoming adversity	Read a magazine	Read out loud to someone

We are holding several other competitions, including a challenge to see which tutor group can decorate the most bunting to display around the school, which year group can read the most books and of course, our traditional 'Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character Day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - more information will follow on this as we're hoping for some truly extravagant costumes!

Literacy Week has always been a great success here at Lealands High School and that is due to the support of parents and carers encouraging their child to get involved, so thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, please feel free to contact Ms Rezaei, Learning Resource Coordinator.

Our GCSE Art visit to:

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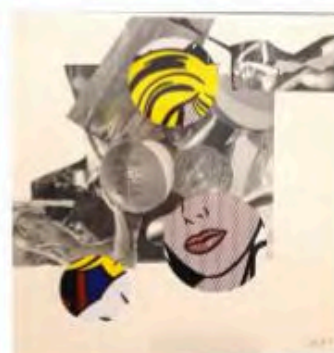


On a dark Tuesday morning in January the Art Team and Yr11 GCSE Art students battled Storm Chandra and left Lealands to visit the Tate Modern in London. We were brightened up (and saved from all day dampness!) by a last minute lift in the school minibus to the station (thank you to Mr Payne and Mrs Goslin!).

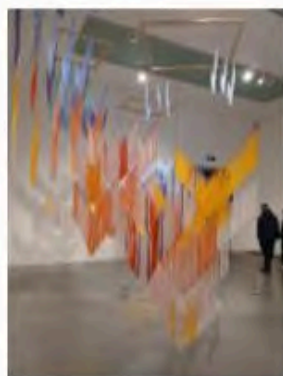
We arrived in London to spectacular views across the Thames of many iconic buildings. Students were amazed by sheer size of the Tate Modern gallery - formerly Bankside Power Station.



Rudolf Stingel  
Untitled 1993



Martin Kippenberger  
Pop Calendar 1991



Students spent the day viewing amazing contemporary art and making links between the artist's use of visual language and their chosen exam theme. The GCSE themes this year include: 'Lost and found', 'Isolation', 'Nature', 'Interior' and 'Time'. They have been working on their GCSE exam theme since the beginning of January and this visit will enable them to develop their creative ideas further and be influenced by outstanding practitioners in their final exam piece at the end of April.



*A selection of the hundreds of paintings, drawings, installations, prints and sculpture we saw.*



Ms Reason, our Director of Art said: 'We had a brilliant day despite the stormy weather!. I'm looking forward to seeing how our students use this experience to influence their own artwork for their exam project'.



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# Be A Friend! We Need You!

## Become part of Friends of Lealands PTA

The Friends of Lealands PTA is the perfect place to contribute to the school community and help enhance your child's educational experience. We're welcoming new members and fresh ideas!



# WE NEED YOU!

### How to Join or Learn More:

#### 1. Attend Our Next Meeting:

- **When:** Monday, 10th March 2026 at 5:00 PM
- **Where:** Lealands High School

#### 2. Join Virtually:

- Email us, and we'll send you a Google Meet link

#### 3. Simply Send an Email:

- Let us know you're interested!
- **Email:** friends@lealands.luton.sch.uk

## Raise Funds For Friends of Lealands PTA While You Shop!

Did you know the easiest way to support Friends Of Lealands is through easyfundraising? Shop online with over **8,000 retailers** and we receive a **FREE donation**—it costs you nothing!

### Christmas Shopping Bonus!

This month only, we can get an extra boost! Thanks to their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via the easyfundraising app, we'll receive a bonus £2 donation!

Please download the app and use it for all your Christmas shopping to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

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# Uniform Donations Needed!

**Has your child outgrown their uniform?**

Not sure what to do with it?

Please place items in the Uniform Bin at Main Reception at school and we will recycle it in our second hand uniform shop. This will help families to keep the cost of uniform down and also help the environment by reusing items donated.



**The Uniform Shop will be popping up again soon!**

Help us support students, families & the environment!

## UNIFORM BIN

Donate your unwanted uniform to sell at our pop up shop

**Next Pop Up Shop  
Coming Soon!**

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Lealands  
PTA

Happy



# Valentines Day Disco

Friday  
13th

February

LOVE



Table for two for first 20 couples tickets  
couples ticket admits 2 £9  
Single tickets £5

You can buy tickets from 4th of Feb at  
uniform swap shop at 3pm and outside  
compass building from 6th Feb at 3pm

6:00 PM til 9 PM

TUCK SHOP, DJ ,PHOTO BOOTH.



# Severe Weather Procedure

Occasionally during the year, particularly in Winter, we experience spells of very bad weather (e.g. snow). During these times we will always do our very best to keep the school open. However, there may be occasions that we have to make the decision to close based on:

- the safety and wellbeing of students and staff
- the number of teachers who are able to safely travel to school to determine if we have adequate numbers of teachers to take classes
- the severity of the weather, which impacts on whether the school grounds are safe for students, teachers and visitors

In the event that the school has to close, we will always endeavour to give as much notice as possible. The school will follow these procedures to notify parents/carers:

- **Update the school website** - a message will appear in red running across the top of the home screen, this should be your first point of reference.
- **App Message** - parents/carers who have downloaded our new School Gateway Parent App will receive a message directly to the app.
- **Text Message\*** - parents/carers who have not downloaded our Parent App, will receive a text message. \*Please ensure you inform us if any of your contact details change so we always have the most up to date information for you. Failure to do so may result in messages not being received.
- **Social Media Updates** - keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.
- **Inform Local Authority** - The school will inform Luton Borough Council, who have a page dedicated to school closures. This can be found on their website at <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>
- Local radio stations no longer update live lists on their websites (although they will read out lists on air).



# Careers Fair 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

This event is a fantastic opportunity to:

- ✓ Showcase your programs, courses, or employment pathways
- ✓ Connect directly with motivated students exploring post-16 and post-18 options
- ✓ Promote apprenticeships, training, internships, and future career opportunities
- ✓ Build relationships with our staff and careers team
- ✓ Increase visibility within the community

## Why attend?

Our students are eager to learn about the full range of education and career possibilities available to them. By attending, you'll play a key role in inspiring their future and helping them make informed decisions about their next steps.



1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026



9:00AM-1:00PM



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