

Lealands News

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High School

...Notices, News & Updates,
Sports Day, Morocco,
Summer Concert, Prom...

...Plus much more

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Introduction from Headteacher Mr Burridge



Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy Summer term we have had! We have seen our Year 11 students come to the end of their time with us, following a successful exam season. Their leavers' Prom was a spectacular event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Supercars seemed to be a theme this year and many of our staff looked on in envy at the array of sports cars. There was a great deal of creativity too, and one of my particular favourites was an old fashioned fire engine. But beyond all the glitz and fast cars, the real joy was seeing these young people having grown and developed over the years, having worked hard at their exams and finally letting their hair down, enjoying celebrating all that they have worked for and achieved.

Our annual Sports Day was a highlight of the year with so many of our students competing and trying their best. We saw some school records broken and some exceptional talent. Along with this, there was some fantastic teamwork and a great deal of cheering and supporting fellow students. It was great to see so many students having a go and making sure that their tutor group got some points towards the grand total. They all really demonstrated our school mission - 'worth the climb'.

We saw more great talent at the recent Lealands Summer Concert. There was lots of fantastic singing, acting and dancing, including two numbers featuring mountains - keeping that theme going. And on the mountain theme, we all enjoyed hearing about the adventures of our lucky students who visited the Atlas Mountains in Morocco this term. What an amazing experience and opportunity for these young people! I am really pleased at the wide range of trips we have been developing and another group are due to arrive back from Berlin this week. During this year, we have been developing what we will be calling the 'Lealands Journey' which will outline a range of trips and opportunities that will take place every year, allowing parents and students to plan ahead. Part of this will be ensuring that students have opportunities that they might otherwise not get to experience such as seeing a live theatre production, visiting a gallery or watching an international sporting event.

During the course of this year, we have seen a massive increase in the amount of trips and visits for students and many of these have been related to careers and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Miss Cole, our STEM coordinator, along with Miss Griffiths, our Careers Coordinator, has been working hard to raise the profile of STEM

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careers amongst students and parents. We have also been working with employers locally who say there is a real skills gap in these areas where there are fantastic opportunities. We are hoping to inspire some of our students to find out more about careers in STEM areas and pursue the wide range of opportunities for fantastic jobs that these industries offer.

Thank you to parents who completed our recent survey. We are pleased that all our efforts this year to continually improve the school, and particularly the behaviour of a minority of students, have been well recognised. At the end of last academic year, we introduced enhanced systems to really tackle persistent issues from a small minority of students. These have been very successful in reducing the number of behaviour issues recorded in school and all of our data supports the impact of the changes we have made. Recently, we have been raising standards even higher with daily uniform checks carried out by senior leaders during period 1 lessons. This has ensured that all students are being treated equally and fairly with regards to uniform infringements.

During this year, we have also enhanced the provision for students who struggle to meet expectations in school. Our aim is to work with these students in order to improve their ability to manage their own behaviour more effectively, whilst enhancing support for their learning. Miss Watson is now heading up our unit for Alternative Provision which we hope will move, temporarily, into the former Elearning Centre building at the front of the school (the Council have agreed to give us a temporary lease). We have also been successful in securing funding to build our own provision, which should be ready for September 2020.

During this term we have also been getting to know our new Year 7 students, who will start with us in September. We are again, very full in September and have been pleased with the high level of popularity we enjoy locally. Mr Dummett will be the Head of Year 7 in September and he and Miss Lawrence (Pastoral Support Manager) have been spending a lot of time visiting primary schools and welcoming Year 6 students into Lealands.

Finally, I would like to thank the many parents for their kind wishes, support and gifts. Our staff have really appreciated knowing how much parents and students value the amount of work, care and effort they put in. I hope that you all have an enjoyable holiday period and we look forward to another year of our Lealands journey.

Mr J Burridge

Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

Experience Day: Wednesday 17th July 2019

End of Summer Term: Friday 19th July 2019 - 12.30pm

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22nd August (Results will be available to collect from the Main Hall from 10am - 12noon).

Autumn Term Begins: Wednesday 4th September 2019
(Year 7 start at 8.40am. All other year groups should arrive at 11.25am)

School Photographs: Tuesday 17th September 2019

Open Evening: Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Year 7 Tutor Evening: Wednesday 16th October 2019

Term Dates

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 20th December 2019

Half-Term:

Monday 21st October 2019 - Friday 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Friday 15th November 2019

Friday 3rd January 2020

Monday 6th January 2020

Full term dates for 2019 - 2020 are available on the MyEd app or can be downloaded from our website.

A Message From The School Governors

What the governing body aspires to do this year

The governing body of Lealands High School is responsible and accountable for all the major decisions about the school and its future. We have a legal responsibility to make sure the school promotes high standards of educational achievement. We are responsible for appointing and reviewing the performance of the Headteacher, and are usually involved in other staff appointments.

Together with our Headteacher we set the future direction for the school, decide how the school's budget should be spent, and monitor & evaluate the school's performance. In doing this we make decisions on things like performance targets, school policies, staffing, and the school's development plan. We provide the Headteacher with support and advice, drawing on our knowledge and experience from outside school. We ask searching questions whilst respecting his position as professional leader of the school, this is often compared to acting as a "critical friend". This year governors have continued to read and submit probing questions about the Headteacher's report before meetings. We have developed links between governors and departments and continue to encourage governor training either at the school or with the Local Education Authority.

Anyone over 18 with an interest in education can be a governor. We are all volunteers who spend about 3 hours each month attending meetings and working to further the school's development. Our governing body is drawn from the school's community, and includes; parents, school staff, representatives of the Local Education Authority and foundation governors. Governors are not paid, our work is voluntary, although we may receive expenses. Across England there are around 350,000 Governors, making us the largest volunteer workforce in the country.

If you need to contact a governor this can be done through the school office, whilst we are always happy to hear from and talk with parents, the headteacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school, so initially most queries and specific issues should be addressed to Mr. Burrige. Because we have a specific responsibility for reviewing complaints and exclusions, it is sometimes important that we don't get involved in the first instance.

In most cases, the way we want the school to operate is set out in the various policies (such as the behaviour policy, uniform policy, complaints policy, etc) which we review on an annual or bi-annual basis.

The current policies are always available on the website. If you don't think a policy is being

A Message From The School Governors

followed, or it is unclear, or even simply that it is wrong, then that should be brought to the school's attention.

The Governors and Staff are all committed to making Lealands High School the best possible learning and development environment for the children, and we are always happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

Paul Troughton

Chair of Governors

Value of the Month

VALUE OF THE MONTH

July 2019

"Celebrate success"



**"The more you praise and celebrate your life,
the more there is in life to celebrate."**

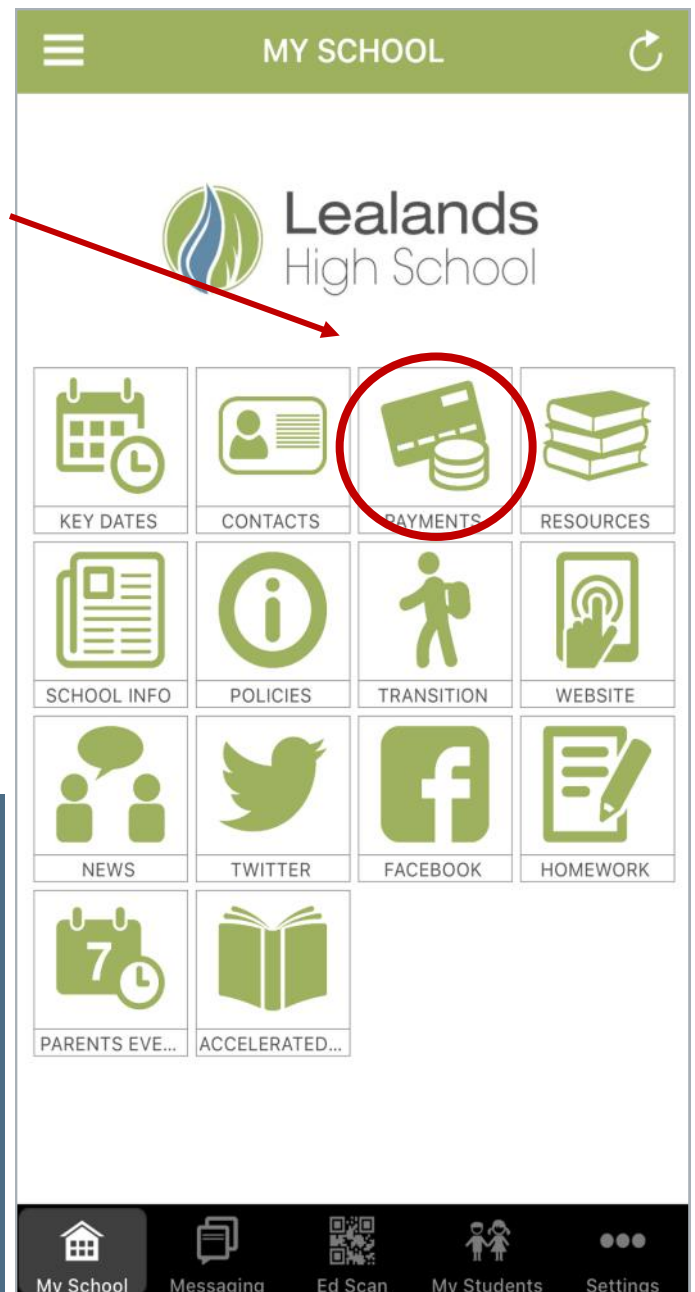
Oprah Winfrey.

£ £ £ Online Payments

You can pay for school dinners, trips, events, music lessons and school ties on our online payments system. This can be accessed by clicking the **PAYMENTS** button on our school app.

The school 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 under the **'Parents' Information'** section.



To set up online payments, you will require a link code.

To get yours, contact the school Finance Office on 01582 611600 (option 2).

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 strongly discourage students from bringing cash into school.

Important Contact Information

It is extremely important that we have up to date contact information for all students. 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.

If there are any changes to a student's address, parental contact telephone numbers or email addresses, etc. please can you inform Mrs Lawes in the School Office as soon as possible on **01582 611600** or email admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk. Many thanks for your support.

School Reception

The school reception is open between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

If you need to contact the school outside of these hours, or the reception line is busy when you call, we do have an answerphone service. Alternatively, you can email your query to admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk, or message us through our Parent App. These are checked regularly during school hours and your message will be passed to the relevant member of staff/department and dealt with as soon as possible.

Please remember that staff will telephone to respond and email responses are not usually made other than to acknowledge receipt. This is primarily to support staff workload issues so they can focus on planning and teaching.

Collecting Students

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.

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 endeavour to park and drive considerately and with due regard for the safety of others. Your support on this matter is much appreciated.

Sports News and Results

15th May	Year 7	Rounders v Cardinal Newman	Won 15 1/2 - 5 1/2
15th May	Year 8	Rounders v Cardinal Newman	Lost 8 1/2 - 11 1/2
15th May	Year 9	Rounders v Icknield	Won 9 1/2 v 3 1/2
15th May	Year 10	Rounders v Icknield	Won 10 - 9 1/2
16th May	Year 8 & 9	Athletics Overall	3rd Place
		Boys	4th Place
		Girls	3rd
23rd May	Year 10 & 11	Athletics Overall	1st Place
		Boys	2nd Place
20th June	Year 7	Rounders v Chalk Hills	Won 11 - 3
	Year 8	Rounders v Chalk Hills	Won 7 - 3 1/2



Sports News and Results

12th June - Year 8 & 9 County Athletics

Relay	Chin & Anna	3rd Place
Triple Jump	Osei Boffah	3rd Place
Shot Putt	Ellis Coffie	3rd Place
1500m	Chin Akurienne	4th Place
75m Hurdles	Anna Nyaongo	4th Place
800m	Richard Kusorgbor	5th Place
200m	Chin Akurienne	7th Place

12th June - Year 10 & 11 County Athletics

200m	Terry Offeh	1st Place
Relay	Terry & David	1st Place
High Jump	Terry Offeh	2nd Place
400m	David Ajolabi	4th Place
Long Jump	Shanice Thompson	6th Place

Congratulations to all who represented, these are fantastic results!

Sports Day



On Thursday 27th June, students and staff took to the school field in excitement and anticipation for our annual school Sports Day. The theme for this year's event was the World Athletics Championships which are taking place in Doha, this September. Tutor groups chose a country which they wanted to represent and created flags and banners to illustrate that country.

The day began with an opening ceremony, including speeches performed by Year 10 students, Saruna and Robbie. The event was then declared open by headteacher, Mr Burridge.

As soon as the opening ceremony was completed, the competitions began. Students from each tutor group competed against each other in events on the track including; skipping races, pairs relay, sprint races, relays and a new event for this year, the obstacle race. The field events included; javelin, long jump, shot putt and another new event, the ball throw. There was also a penalty shoot out competition on the astro and the tug of war which is always a very competitive affair!

Fellow students cheered on their peers from the sidelines as they competed; demonstrating fantastic determination, teamwork and competitive spirit.

It was a spectacular day, demonstrating what fantastically talented students we have at Lealands. Congratulations to all participants, winners and record breakers!

See results and record breakers on page 14.

Sports Day



More photos from the day are available to view on the Gallery Page of our school website.

Sports Day Results & Record Breakers

Year 7		
1st Place	71	159 points
2nd Place	75	149 points
3rd Place	77	143 points
Year 8		
1st Place	85	180 points
2nd Place	84	156 points
3rd Place	82	137 points
Year 9		
1st Place	93	194 points
2nd Place	95	157 points
3rd Place	91	143 points
Year 10		
1st Place	101	185 points
2nd Place	103	143 points
3rd Place	104	138 points

Congratulations to the following students who broke the school records in their events:

Shiane	71KA	Year 7 Girls 200m & 800m
Chantae	71KA	Year 7 Girls 100m
Madison	78RP	Year 7 Girls Biathlon
Girls Relay Team	84JT	Year 8 Girls Relay
Boys Relay Team	93WH	Year 9 Boys Relay
Lauren	97SP	Year 9 Girls 800m
Ciana	98AB	Year 9 Girls Shot Put
Terry	101LS	Year 10 Boys 100m & 200m

Parental Communication & Engagement

At Lealands, communication with parents and carers is a key priority. Effective and live communication ensures you are continually aware about activities, events and updates on your child.

Communication

To communicate with you we use My Ed, which is a free to download app to send you:

- important messages and updates
- send your child's/children's reports – keeping you updated on their progress

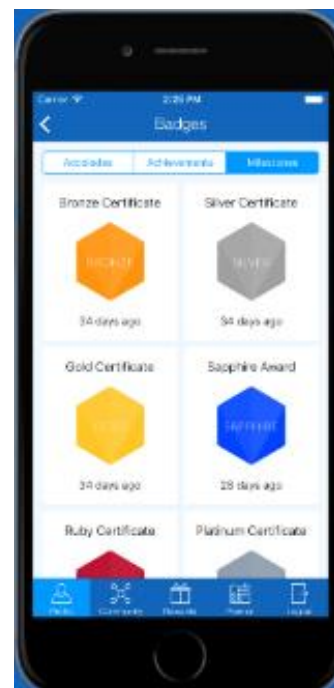
In addition to receiving information from us, you can use the free app to inform us of your child's/children's absences. You can also check on your child's attendance records and timetable and access all of the school's key dates, news updates as well as access to the Lealands High School website and social media accounts. All messages are sent via the app free of charge, enabling us to use our resources to support our students' education.



Rewards and Achievement

To continually inform you of your child's achievements, we have recently launched a new app called Epraise. Epraise gives you the opportunity for live updates on how your child/children are getting on and helps to keep you up-to-date with what's happening at the school. As with My Ed, this is a free app you can download or register online. As soon as you have an account set up, you can view how many achievement points your child/children have been awarded, register them for clubs and activities and see what intervention sessions may be available to them. Rewards can be converted into prizes and your child can choose what gift rewards are available in the Reward Shop.

Both apps can be downloaded for free and are available for IOS and Android smartphones. In order to download the Apps , please go to the App Store or Google Play.



Outstanding Achievements

My England Basketball Experience

I have been in the basketball England process for 2 years running: I was in the final 12 for the U15's last year but I didn't go to the tournament under circumstances that were out of my control! This year came and I became captain of the National team!

We had 3 camps and 2 tournaments; January camp, March camp, May camp, Nottingham tournament and then the biggest one and the end goal, Copenhagen

Invitational Tournament (CIT)! There was a lot of pressure for me going into the CIT as I was captain thus having to keep driving the standards as we were to be professional throughout. Luckily, since I do take on leadership roles quite often, I thrived off the pressure and had a successful outcome.

The tournament itself was exhausting: 2 full games a day... I was literally dying!! First day we played Denmark and won by 22 points. Second game we lost unfortunately, but still had a chance to get in for 1st place. Second day we played Belgium, our rival team, and beat them! However, in the semi-finals we were faced against the reigning champs, Hungary, and lost so had to battle for 3rd and 4th. In the end we were faced against Denmark, the home team, to battle for 3rd and 4th. Me, being injury prone, got injured at the end of the last quarter and so wasn't able to continue in the game. We were left with 11 players for 3 quarters. We were resilient as a team despite the loss of one player and pulled through to take 3rd place! The best England have ever done in the CIT... EVER!

I was so proud to represent my country alongside my teammates that are now family and I will hold the memory of it for a very long time! Though the outcome is what we wanted, the process was the best part of it!

By Saruna, Year 10.



Outstanding Achievements

Five girls were chosen to represent the ACROBATIC dept, SALTO Gymnastics and of course representing our town and country at the 9th Turin Cup, Italy, July 2019.

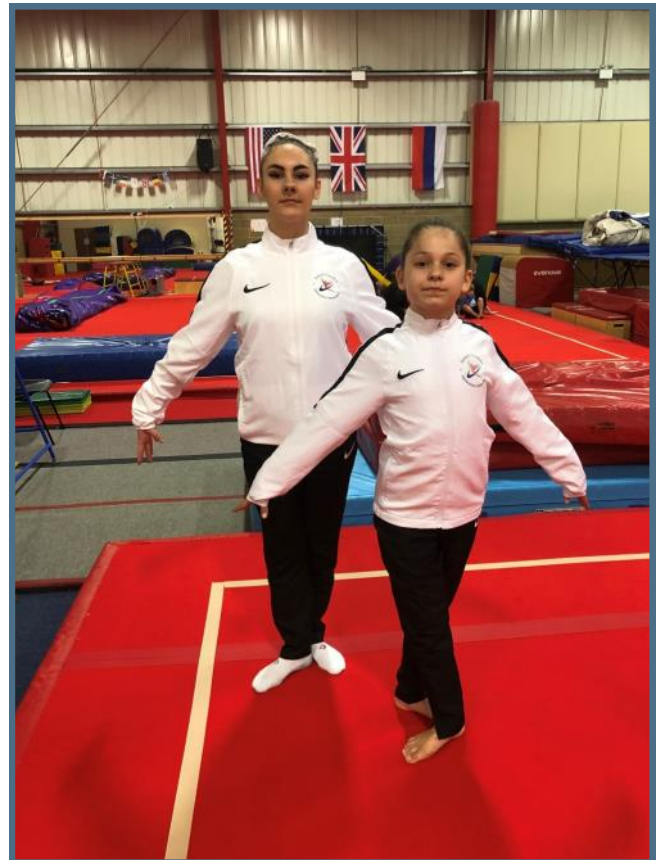
All five girls are on the FIG pathway (Federation of International Gymnastics), where the focus is on strength, poise and flexibility and includes throws, somersaults and catches.

The girls train with their squad over 4 days a week, totalling 11 hours – their programme includes strength training, tumbling, ballet and sports specific acrobatics. All girls are extremely hard working and dedicated to their sport, which shows within their results this season. Both Shannon's trio and Justine's pair competed in a series of competitions, placing to go on further to represent the East in two national competitions in May – this is a huge honour and shows that their hard work has paid off, along of course with the talent the five have for the sport itself.

It is very rare for gymnasts to be given the opportunity to be offered to compete internationally and I am confident they are going to make the most of every second of their trip and competitive experience. The girls deserve all the success to come.

By Kimberly May, Head of Acrobatic Gymnastics, SALTO.

Huge congratulations to the girls, who both finished in 4th place in their respective events. This is an outstanding achievement!



Shannon and Justine would like to thank Lealands for their very kind donation towards the fund raising for this unique opportunity.

Support from the school is much appreciated.

Year 10 Royal Veterinary College Trip

On Wednesday 22nd May, a group of Year 10 students took a trip to the Royal Veterinary College in Camden. We started our day travelling by train to the campus itself. When we finally got there, we were taken to a small canteen where we ate our lunch. We spent around 15 minutes in there before heading to the campus's museum. We were told what we would be doing for the rest of our time at the college and were split into two groups. One group went to do an activity which involved live cows, whilst the other group stayed in the museum. We were in the group which stayed in the museum.

We were given a sheet with some numbers on with a box next to them. The numbers correlated to the bones that were placed on the table and we had to find out what bone it was and as a bonus, what animal it would have come from. Whilst taking part in this activity, we had the opportunity to look around at some of the

animals and bones they have that weren't on the table. I got to hold a bird that had been covered in a substance that preserved the animal. We also had the opportunity to ask questions about the different bones and got to see them up close. When the task ended and we had been given the answers, it was time to swap with the other group.

We went and put our jackets on and went into the pen where they held the cows. In this



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task we learnt about the different parts of a cow and the insides of the large animal. We were also given stethoscopes to hear the heart of the cows. Whilst in there, the cows were very jumpy and didn't like to stay in one spot.

Overall, it was a fun experience and also very educational and we would recommend this college to anyone who is interested in becoming a vet.

By Leah and Ashleigh, Year 10

Big Bang Fair Eastern- University of Hertfordshire, Thursday 4th July

This was a fantastic day out with our Year 8 students. During the day they got the opportunity to visit exhibits from a range of different STEM organisations and watch interactive shows. One of the shows that was available for the students to watch was entitled 'A human guinea pig'. They tested Tom from Medical Mavericks, using a range of different scientific techniques. This included an internal camera where the audience got to see his vocal cords moving.

By Mrs Tarry
Senior Science Technician



Year 9 Woburn Safari Park

The Woburn Safari Park trip was a great experience for our students; they got to explore the foot safari before taking part in an interactive taught session on interdependence.

During this session, the keeper showed specimens that had been confiscated by the police to help explain the key points of adaptation. The day ended with a fantastic tour guided road safari, the students were able to ask one of the keepers lots of questions about the animals we saw.

Here is what the students said about their day:

“My favourite was the road tour as I learnt about the different animals and the ways the adapt”.

“My favourite thing today was watching the sea lions swim around; they looked so smooth and elegant”. **Amy**

“My favourite part of the day was the tour of the road safari”.

“My favourite part was watching the penguins and the sea lions. I also liked the tour guide as she explained things so clearly”. **Zara**

“My favourite part was seeing the bears”. **Hakim**

“My favourite part was the guided tour”. **Ismat**



STEM Trips For Next Year

Keep an eye out for details about the following STEM trips which will be available in the next academic year.

<p>Year 7</p> <p>Science Museum</p> <p>Big Bang Fair</p> <p>Escape Room</p>	<p>Year 8</p> <p>Bletchley Park Museum</p> <p>RVC Vet Skills</p> <p>Escape Room</p> <p>Big Bang Fair</p>
<p>Year 9</p> <p>London Transport Museum</p> <p>Natural History Museum</p> <p>Woburn Safari Park</p>	<p>Year 10</p> <p>Cambridge University Labs</p> <p>RVC Afternoon Anatomy</p> <p>Greenwich Observatory</p>

STEM Numeracy Activity

Can you solve this numeracy puzzle?

Solution is available at the bottom of page 30.

$$\text{Tractor} + \text{Tractor} + \text{Tractor} = 21$$

$$\text{Sailboat} + \text{Sailboat} \times \text{Tractor} = 64$$

$$\text{Sailboat} \times \text{Police Car} + \text{Sailboat} = 40$$

$$\text{Sailboat} + \text{Tractor} \times \text{Police Car} = ?$$

Our Morocco Experience By Halima, Year 10



Sitting on the north-western tip of Africa, Morocco is home to a cauldron of contrasting influences. From the moment the plane hit the runway, Morocco was filled with aesthetically pleasing attractions.

When we stepped foot into the airport, joy hit us all as we were overwhelmed that we had actually arrived. As a group we met one of the most amazing,

friendliest people; our tour guide, Hamza. Hamza then took us to our beautiful hotel, Hotel Oudaya, to unpack our bags and discover the pulchritudinous city of Marrakech.

Hamza showed us the most ancient mosque in the whole of Morocco before we set foot into the market. After visiting the mosque we arrived at Jemaa El-Fna Square, the market of Marrakech. So many vibrant, colourful stalls approached our eyes as we walked around. This first day for us honestly felt like a week, the amount of things we had done already was unbelievable!

Day 2 of Marrakech and we rose early and headed off to the ravishing city of Imli. This day was an incredible experience for us, as we had a cookery course. We learnt how to make the one and only traditional Moroccan food tagine. We all as one group tried our best to accomplish the scrumptious meal. Not only that, we learnt how to make our own bread from scratch, kneading, rolling and more.

For lunch, we had the most wonderful family create our food for us. We also tried their homemade tagine which was ten times better than ours.

Afterwards, we set off to our next hotel which was near the pleasing Atlas Mountains. The hotel served us dinner and we were off to sleep, for the next day.

Day 3, we were still in Imli, but we decided to trek to see the dazzling waterfalls. Oh if only I had words to describe the gorgeous waterfalls. After that we went on another journey to discover an elegant tourist attraction. It took us time to trek up, but when we did, it was all

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worth the wait. We took loads of photos and videos of the astonishing place. As a group we all headed back to our third hotel. Oh wow three hotels and it's only been three days, what a luxury we have been living. The hotel was absolutely ravishing. We stayed there overnight.

Day 4, time started to go so quick we were just having so much fun. We set out to trek even more to see more

attractions. We started to trek up a road which led to a tourist destination, where we took more photos and videos. We then returned back to the bottom and had lunch, then started our journey to a camping site. This camping site meant so much to us, as it was the place our tour guide, Hamza, grew up in. We were all being respectful as in Morocco it's very different to how we live in the UK. The tents were so colourful and nice to sleep in. After we had dinner, we watched a show of traditional music playing, singing and dancing which we joined in with, it was so much fun, I wish I could go back!

Day 5, we rose as early as 5:45am to see the sunrise on the mountains. Unfortunately, we couldn't make it in time but we still took loads of photos that still looked great. We started to head back to our first hotel, but before we got there, Hamza set us a mission. He wanted us to bargain with the locals for our lunch. Of course we set ourselves to achieve the goal and we had bought; 1 yellow Melon, peaches and bananas for 35 Moroccan Dirhams! That's about £3.50 or less, what a bargain. When we finished lunch we headed back to Marrakech leaving the beautiful Imli.

Day 6, our time was coming to an end. Hamza, our tour guide, decided we should go to the coast of Morocco! On the way to the coast we met FLYING GOATS! Yes, you read that right, who can imagine, flying goats? We held the goats in our arms, wishing we could take them home.

Another stop we had was an argon oil factory; it was an excellent place for



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those who live for argon. The polite lady was so caring towards us and showed us how they made argon oil. When we reached the coast, the food was absolutely delicious; we had fresh fish that tasted so delicious it was unbelievable. After the meal we took more photos and videos and most importantly had time to shop! We then strolled down to the fish market; you would not believe the amount of fish that were laying there. It was a good experience for us. Hamza then took us to a stunning synagogue. We arrived back to our hotel, sad that tomorrow was our last full day.



Day 7 our last day! Our last full day in this captivating country. We started off with camel riding in the morning. We got kitted out with head scarfs for our walk through the oasis. Camel riding was super cool! I wish we could do it again there was so many baby camels following us, it was adorable. So far, my favourite experience would have to be camel riding. It lasted for over 40 minutes, but it felt like

2 minutes, it went by so quick. When we finished camel riding, we entered the beautiful market again, to purchase our souvenirs.

After finishing all the activities we ate in an extravagant restaurant, with a scrumptious meal of cous cous and chicken. We then watched another show from a belly dancer, who had a tray on top of her head with candles. She was a professional. We stayed in the market till the night, and it looked absolutely exquisite.

Day 8, we woke up early to catch our flight back to Luton. We all were so upset, but it was an experience I am going to live to remember for the rest of my life. We were extremely sad to leave Hamza behind and hope that one day he can come and visit the UK and stop off at Lealands!

By Halima, Year 10

#WorthTheClimb

#ClimbTheMountainToSuccess

More photos from the trip are available to view on the Gallery Page of our school website.

Accelerated Reader Update

Year 7 & 8 Students enjoy AR Pizza Reward Party

Sun, pizza and laughs. I can't think of a better way to round up the Accelerated Reader year! We rewarded our top Year 7 and Year 8 readers with a pizza party and a film viewing for Period 5. Well done to those that were invited.

We wish to recognise those that have put vast amounts of effort into their reading, and wish to continue with more rewards next year. Ms Rezaei will be launching many more competitions, as we already have the 'Form Competition', 'Who Can Beat Ms Rezaei?' and of course, the competition to qualify for the Pizza Party. Next year we will be introducing a 'World Record' competition – we will be checking which past student has held the highest percentage EVER and see if anyone can beat them! Also, we battle out the top spot as forms, so why not as year groups? And see who can get the most points – Year 7 or Year 8!

Thank you all very much for your help with checking students' progress with Accelerated Reader. Many of our Year 8 students next year will not have Accelerated Reader, but we hope that despite this, they continue with their reading to ensure their reading age accelerates, and does not drop.



Please can all students return LRC books before the summer holidays.

CyberMe Event

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July, a group of Year 10 students took part in a CyberMe event held at the University of Bedfordshire alongside students from other local schools.

The course was a two-day, face-to-face event for secondary school students, imparting foundational Cyber Security skills through instructor-led workshops and practical challenges.

The aim of the course was to;

- Raise awareness of careers within the Cyber Security industry,
- Inspire students to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM),
- Equip students with the knowledge to participate in other Cyber challenges / competitions
- Reinforce GCSE Computer Science studies.



16 x 16 Programme

Lealands is working with Luton Council on the 16x16 programme to support students' transition from education to employment. On 21st June 2019, a group of Year 10 students visited the Town Hall.

Lealands High School Visit Luton Council - Report courtesy of Skills Builder Partnership website.

The day started off with the learners interviewing the volunteers to find out about their different roles, responsibilities and the Enterprise Skills required to do their jobs. The learners then went on a tour of the premises, which allowed the teams to see the great variety of jobs available in the world of Law. Taking on the role of lawyers, the learners were introduced to their clients: the Wigglestock Birdwatchers took on Top Trains to try and negotiate their proposed new train line, while Elmington Estate Residents' Association challenged Mega Movies, concerned about the impact of filming on the local community. Each team collected information about the case and prepared arguments. It was then time to use their presenting skills to persuade the opposing lawyers to agree to a compromise. Listening skills were put to the test and turned out to be fundamental in reaching a final solution through the negotiation.



LEAP PROG

We have been working with a group of Year 7 students to develop their leadership, communication and social skills. The group have planned and delivered a series of activities and games to practise these skills. The culmination of the project took place on Friday 28th June when our fabulous young leaders helped to run Cheynes Sports Morning. They all performed admirably in front of hundreds of excited spectators and very, very excited participants!



The event went without a hitch and the feedback we received from Cheynes staff was incredibly positive.

“The Young Leaders are fantastic role models and perfect ambassadors to represent their school. Our sports days would not run as smoothly without them.”

Tracey Brown, Year 1 Lead Teacher, Cheynes Infant School

“I found them to be polite, well-mannered and helpful. They tried hard to engage the children in their activities; offering clear instructions and demonstrations. As the morning progressed they grew in confidence and I know the children really enjoyed having them there, so thank you. Being Year 7s it was not an easy thing to do but they were fantastic.”

Darren Ruffet, Year 2 Class Teacher and Sports Morning Organiser, Cheynes Infant School

We are very hopeful that this group of students will continue to represent the school with such success and pride throughout their remaining years at Lealands. We are already planning more exciting challenges for them as they move into Year 8 so watch this space for news of their exploits.

Congratulations: Asif, Joanna, Mahdi, Jayden, Ellie, Alfie, Ashley H, Wiktoria, Madison, Ashley R, Dyrell and Elijah.



Extra-Curricular Activities

In September Miss Watson and I are taking part in Relay for Life for Cancer Research UK. The event takes place at Stockwood Park athletics track and our team have to work together to make sure someone is walking on the track for 24 hours continuously. Safe to say it's going to be a tiring weekend! However, it's for a great cause as Cancer Research UK does vital research and produces drugs to treat cancer patients.

We have been doing some fundraising in school through our Staff Brunch Club and Popcorn Fridays. Staff Brunch is a great way for staff to get together at break time. We take orders in the morning and work with our Alternative Provision students to prepare brunch. As well as raising money, this is a great opportunity for students to work on a number of employability skills and boosts confidence.

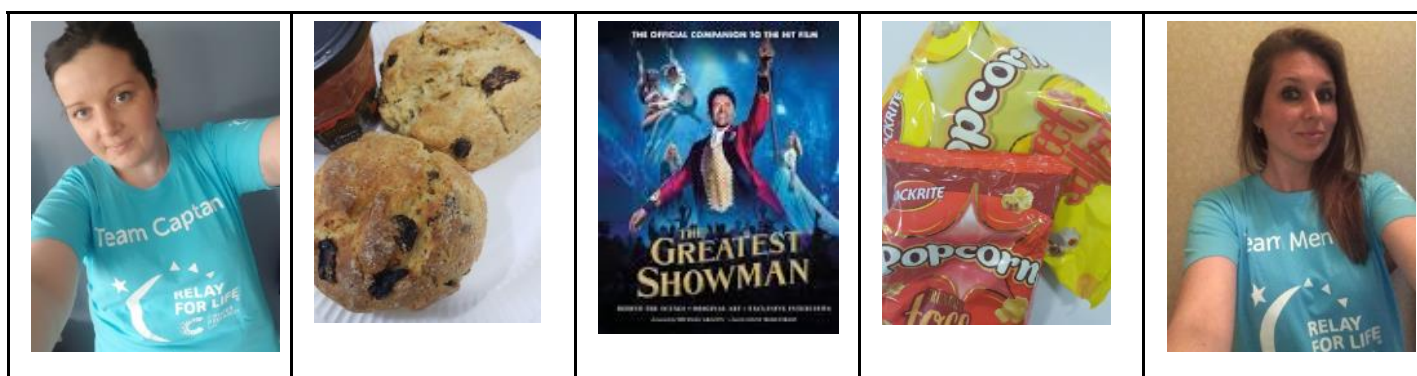
The Alternate Provision team also provide popcorn Friday which is a lunchtime film club open to all students. Entry is 50p which includes the film and popcorn. So far we have watched The Greatest Showman, Sing and we are currently watching Wonder. We have a regular group of students who come every Friday and seem to really enjoy the film club.

We are also fundraising in our own time outside of school and are hoping to reach our team target of £3000. The Relay for Life Event takes place on the 7th and 8th of September. There will be 35 music acts on throughout the day, various stalls and a Candle of Hope ceremony in the evening. This is a family event open to everyone so it would be great to see some of you there.

We have a team sponsorship page if anyone would like to sponsor us.

https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/General?team_id=12881&pg=team&fr_id=1905

**Thank you,
Miss Feane
Re Engagement Coordinator**



Duke of Edinburgh

On Thursday 20th June, ten intrepid adventurers left Lealands to embark on their DofE Qualifying expedition. Excitement and nervousness were present in equal measure on the journey to Bromham, where the adventure would take place over the next two days and one long night. Split into two groups our explorers set off on different routes, taking in both beautiful and challenging terrain. Our fantastic staff team were busy running from check point to check point to ensure the safety of the groups while maintaining the illusion that they were on their own in the wilds of deepest, darkest Bedfordshire.

Eventually all ten made it back to the sanctuary of the campsite. After a “Fat Nap” it was time to pitch their tents. It is worth pointing out that it took Tennyson, Jack and Felix longer to pitch their tent than any student ever in the history of DofE at Lealands!

The weather was not particularly kind to us as it rained on and off all evening but spirits remained high despite the inclement weather. The contentment of the group continued to rise after they had all prepared and eaten a “substantial meal”. There were lots of expedition ration packs this year but some students did opt for a more DIY approach. It was very funny to see all the various saucepans bubbling away and then seeing the realization that no-one had brought a sieve to drain the contents. The next five minutes was problem solving at its very best.

After dinner it was time to run in the fields and explore the woods, good old fashioned fun, with not a mobile device in sight and much fun was had by all. Lights out and everyone went straight to sleep of course...well actually they chatted...a lot! It is always great fun to wake them up really early in the morning after a night of late night chats. They were all suitably chipper at 6:30am when the first wake up calls started to be made.

After breakfast, the groups made an early start on their journeys and again were under the scrutiny of the DofE Dream Team. Six long, hot hours later and they were all once more sat in the minibus but this time heading home with the satisfaction of knowing that their expedition section was now complete.

Well done guys. The DofE is an internationally recognised qualification for a reason...it's hard and you need to show great effort and commitment to complete it.

Congratulations: Amelia, Denisa, Shannon, Millie, Kiera, Hannah, Jack, Tennyson, Wafa and Felix

Special thanks to Mr Morris, Miss Watson and Mr Purdy who made sure that the students had the very best experience possible.

Super, special thanks must go to Miss Cole who has been supporting our DofE delivery by running a STEM club just for our DofE cohort. We are all very grateful for this extra support and for her commitment to the Award.

Lealands' Talent Exhibiting at Luton Youth Festival

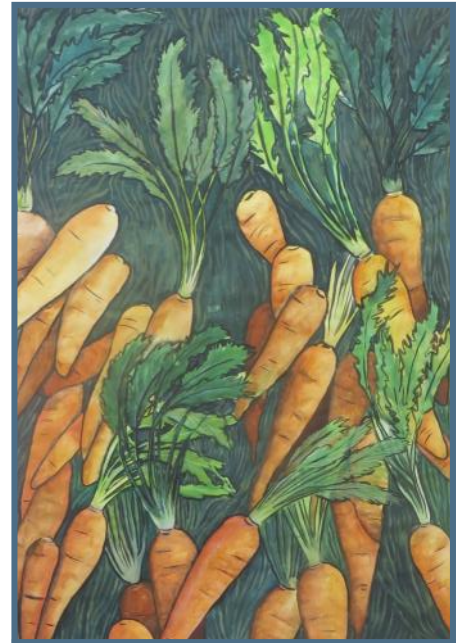
The Art Department was very proud to have GCSE Art students selected to exhibit at the Luton Youth Festival in July. The exhibition was part of an action packed day of live music and activities for the whole community in the grounds of St Lukes Church, Leagrave.

Congratulations to all students who were selected to exhibit:

Milosz Adamiak,
Daniel King-Lee, Jamie Hall,
Wiktoria Bobrek,
Viktoria Brazauskaite,
Thomas Dean-Brown,
Chelsea Mafuva, Holly O'Dell,
Emma Pye, Joshua Curl,
Rae Green,
Bakary Jabang
and Nicole Sousa.



Daniel King-Lee



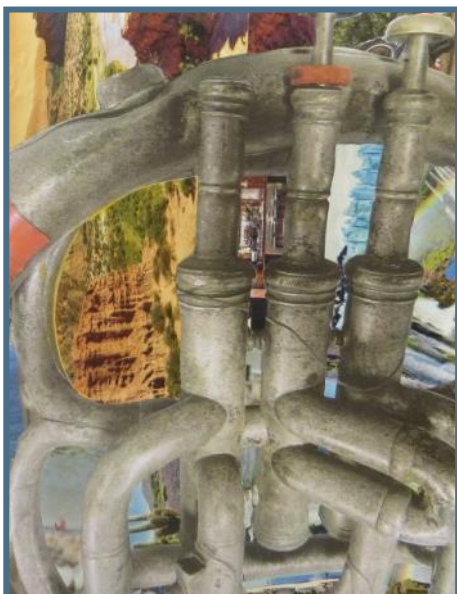
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Summer Concert

On Thursday 11th July, the talented students at Lealands showcased their skills for music, dance and drama at the annual Summer Concert.

There was a variety of individual and group performances by students from all year groups; many choreographed and composed by the students themselves.

On the day of the concert, students had a practice run with a matinee performance which was enjoyed by children from Cheynes Infant School and members of the Sundon Park Community Trust.

It proved to be a very popular show with some outstanding performances. Congratulations to all the students who took part and to the staff who helped put the show together. Thank you also to all the families and friends who were in the audience supporting. We are already looking forward to the next one!



Summer Concert



Year 6 Transition Day

On Thursday 4th July, we welcomed our future Year 7 students to Lealands for their Transition Day.

On arrival, they attended their first assembly where they met Mr Dummett, Head of Year 7, Miss Lawrence, PSM for Year 7 and the other students who they will be in a tutor group with.

Following the assembly, the students spent the day taking part in different lessons and activities, including; PE, art, science, English, humanities, music, technology, French and Spanish. We hope the day gave them a great insight into what life at Lealands will be like.

There were some nerves and apprehension at the beginning, which is to be expected, but the majority of students seemed to really enjoy the day and by the end said they were excited about beginning their journey at Lealands.

We are really looking forward to them joining us in September.



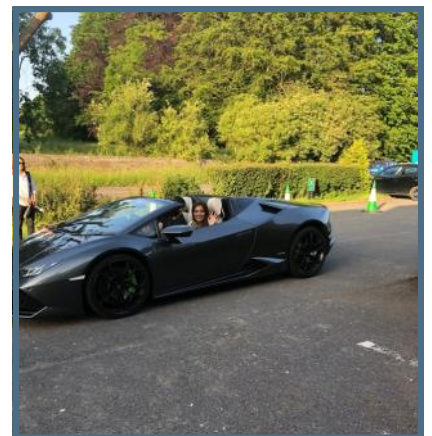
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Class of 2019 Prom

Thursday 27th June - the day that many of our Year 11 students would have been looking forward to most in their final year at Lealands - Prom Night! This is the night to celebrate the completion of their GCSE exams and their 5 years at Lealands High School.

The venue, this year, was Luton Rugby Club. Students arrived in style, many coming in high performance sports cars and other luxury rides. It was a wonderful evening and was great to see them enjoying themselves one last time as a year group all together.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success for the future.



More photos from the evening are available to view on the Gallery Page of our school website.



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