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## School Newsletter | October 2019









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## Introduction from Headteacher Mr Burridge



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year.

Who could have imagined that one of the first events of the year would be a visit from Prince Harry? It was such an exciting day for Lealands and the wider community of schools in Luton. Although it was unfortunate that not all our students were able to be directly involved in the visit, everyone was able to feel proud of

our school that day. All of Year 7 and our student leaders made us feel very proud and were widely praised by all the dignitaries and visitors.

We have had a great start to the term with a number of excellent new staff joining us and students showing great respect and excellence. Our new year 7 students settled in very quickly and are doing very well. The introduction of Epraise towards the end of last term has proved an excellent and well liked addition to our range of online tools and resources. So far this term a whopping 64,000 Step Points have been awarded - 22% of these are for maximising effort and 15% for contribution to school life. I hope that parents are finding the real-time information they are receiving about rewards, demerits, attendance and homework to be a useful tool in our home/school partnership.

The school is very full with almost all year groups now at capacity and Year 7 slightly over our standard number. I am pleased that students are showing great respect moving around the school as corridors and stairs have become a little more crowded.

As you know, we no longer have learning diaries as we move with the times and homework is all set online as well as much of this being completed via some of our online platforms such as Hegarty and Educake. Most students have managed extremely well and the money we have been able to invest from the cost of Learning Diaries into online resources and Epraise has been well received. A few students are struggling to keep track of timetables and logon

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details and so we are producing cards that students can easily carry in their blazer pockets for this purpose.

On page 6 you will see this year's school development priorities which have been approved by our governors. You will see that these priorities fit with our desire to be increasingly excellent in all aspect of school life - curriculum, teaching, behaviour/character and achievement. We are doing a lot of work, this year, on meta-cognition so that our teachers support learning by understanding how the brain works most effectively.

Throughout this year, we are challenging and encouraging all our students to get involved and take up opportunities. I recently did an assembly on this theme and we are continually developing the wider opportunities we provide students. During 2019-20, we are looking forward to two languages trips abroad as well as the many STEM and other curriculum trips and clubs provided by our fantastic staff.

This first term is always a very busy one and we have already had our first major charity event - a very successful Macmillan coffee morning organised by Year 7. We will shortly be hosting our Open Evening and this is followed by the prestigious awards evening to celebrate even more excellence.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events for parents throughout the year.

Mr J Burridge

Headteacher

## **Dates For Your Diary**

Open Evening: Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Open Morning: Thursday 3rd October 9.30am - 12.30pm (by

appointment only)

**Presentation Evening:** Wednesday 9th October 2019

Year 7 Tutor Evening: Wednesday 16th October 2019, 4-7pm

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 30th October 2019, 4-7pm

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 13th November 2019, 4-7pm

Year 10 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 27th November 2019, 4-7pm

**Christmas Concert:** Thursday 12th December 2019

#### **Term Dates**

#### **Autumn Term:**

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 20th December 2019

#### Half-Term:

Monday 21st October 2019 - Friday 25th October 2019

#### **Spring Term:**

Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

#### **Staff Training Days**

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.

## Whole School Improvement Priorities 2019–2020

#### **Priority 1**

Ensure the whole school curriculum is appropriately challenging for all students and is well sequenced to ensure all students achieve their potential.

Includes the development of:-

- Departments Schemes Of Work
- Extra curricular clubs, experiences, trips & enrichment
- STEM
- Tutor time

#### **Priority 2**

Ensure consistently challenging lessons which lead to high quality work from students and strong gains in long term knowledge acquisition.

#### **Priority 3**

Develop students' behaviour and character so that they continue to build positive relationships, are resilient and independently strive for excellence to

- become model citizens making a positive contribution to society
- foster and create a sense of pride in high expectations and engagement
- improve mental health and wellbeing/resilience of students

#### **Priority 4**

Ensure a rigorous and relentless focus on Year 11 progress and outcomes in all subjects/courses so that all students achieve in line with their target/expected outcomes and the school achieves a positive Progress 8.

## On Sale From The School Finance Office

Lealands' Reusable Water Bottles	£1.30
School Ties	£6.00
*Payment for lockers is not available online and can only be made to the Finance Office accompanied by a locker form signed by a parent/carer.  Locker forms can be obtained from form tutors or the Finance Office.	£5.00

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

October 2019

"Kindness"



"When words are both true and kind, they can change the world."

Buddha

## £££ Online Payments

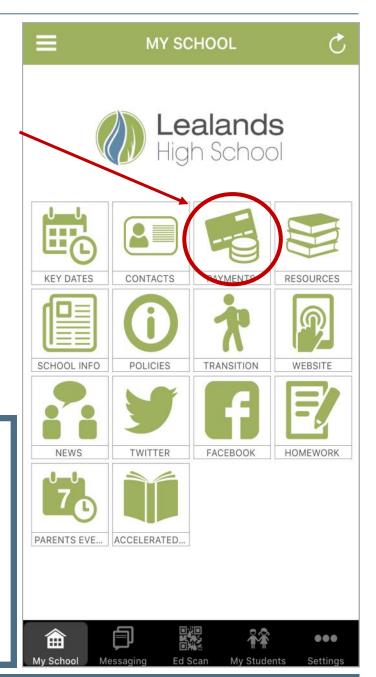
You can pay for school dinners, trips, events, music lessons and school ties on our online payments system. This can be accessed by clicking the **PAYMENTS** button on our school app.

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).



IMPORTANT REMINDER: The school is unable to provide change to students for the catering cash terminals.

Ideally all payments should be made online and we strongly discourage students from bringing cash into school. In the instances where cash is used, please can you ensure you provide your child with the correct change before they come to school. Thank you.

## 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. In order to access the Epraise and MyEd systems you will need to have provided us with an up to date email address and mobile telephone number.

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.

### Connect With Lealands On Social Media

#### Follow Lealands High School on Facebook and Twitter.

Lealands is very active on social media, through our Facebook and Twitter pages. They are an excellent resource to engage with our community; sharing positive news stories, achievements, information, updates, events and photographs.

Our Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/lealandshighschool and our Twitter handle is @LealandsHigh.

We encourage parents, carers and students to 'Like' our Facebook page and 'Follow' us on Twitter. As well as posting news, updates and information about the school, we use them as a tool for communication; sometimes sending urgent alerts at short notice such as school closures due to snow.

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

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

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







## 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.



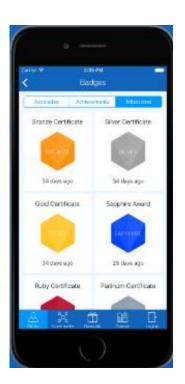
#### **Rewards and Achievement**

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 STEP 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.

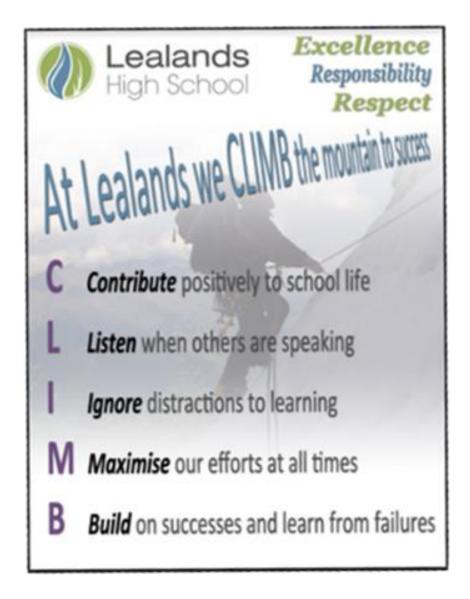






## New Rewards System - Epraise

Lealands High School has a new rewards system. Students can now earn Striving Towards Excellence Points (STEPs) for showing an outstanding attitude to learning and across the school. STEPs can be rewarded to students for following CLIMB in lessons, as well as showing excellence in literacy, numeracy and STEM. There are also 2 additional STEPs available each week for students who achieve 100% attendance, zero lates and zero behaviour points (demerits).



STEPs are recorded on epraise, and can be monitored by teachers, students and parents on their app, found at **www.epraise.co.uk**.

We have created a new rewards system to help recognise student achievement, which is an incredibly powerful way of motivating students. As students collect STEPs, they will be rewarded with digital badges for reaching various milestones, which can be viewed on a student's epraise profile. Higher milestones are also rewarded with a certificate and an experience, as outlined in the table opposite.

## New Rewards System - Epraise

Milestone			Experience
Bronze	90 STEPS	50 STEPs	Digital Badge
Silver	100 STEPS	200 STEPs	Digital Badge
Gold	GOID STEPS	400 STEPs	Digital Badge & Tutor phone call home Lunch queue jump for a week
Sapphire		600 STEPs	Digital Badge & Certificate  Non-school uniform day at the end of the half term
Ruby		800 STEPs	Digital Badge & Certificate Year Leader phone call home Non-school uniform day at the end of the half term
Emerald	SMERALD	1000 STEPs	Digital Badge & Certificate Year Leader phone call home End of Year Picnic

In addition to this, once students have obtained STEPs for their hard work, they are able to spend them in "The Shop". Students will be able to cash in their STEPs for experiences that we will offer, both to individuals and to groups of students. This will encourage both personal and group responsibility in managing their attitude to learning. The Shop will be open for business from Monday 28th October. Shop items are available to be viewed on Epraise from this date.

We are also looking to rewards students who go above and beyond within the school community and wider. Students can receive digital achievement badges for successes such as being the top earner of STEPs in their tutor group or year group, as well as being in the top 100 in the whole school.

Students can also receive digital accolade badges, issued by staff to individual students for extra-curriculum achievements such as taking part in leadership activities or sports events. If we hear of outstanding achievement in any field from outside of school, an accolade badge can also be issued. Both accolade and achievement badges can be viewed on a student's Epraise profile.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

#### Mr P. White

## A Royal Visit

On Thursday 12th September,
Lealands was immensely privileged
to welcome HRH the Duke of Sussex
to the school to celebrate Lealands
becoming the 750th school to join
the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) All
Schools Programme. In 2013 The
Duke of Sussex became a Patron for
the All Schools programme and a
Patron for the RFU in 2017.

The All Schools programme was introduced by the RFU to increase the number of state schools playing rugby union. As well as Lealands, students and staff from Challney Boys School, Lea Manor, Stopsley High School and The Chiltern Academy; who are also members of the programme; took part in touch rugby sessions delivered by coaches from the RFU. Lucky Year 7 students and Student Leaders were extremely fortunate to meet and speak to the Duke during his visit. One even got a hug!

Headteacher, Mr Burridge said,"It's fantastic for the whole school, local rugby and the local community that The Duke of Sussex has visited Luton today to celebrate Lealands High School becoming the 750th school to join the RFU's All Schools Programme.



I believe that rugby is a sport for all and that participating in the RFU's rugby programme will provide positive benefits to our students.

It's been a wonderful day for Lealands and Luton."

It was a privilege to welcome The Duke of Sussex to our school. We cannot thank him

## A Royal Visit





enough for the time he spent engaging with our young people. It was a day that Lealands' students and staff will remember forever!

Year 7 student Zara-Jess said, "It was an amazing opportunity to meet Prince Harry. Out of the 12 Year 7s picked to take part in the event, I was one of 3 picked to actually meet Prince Harry. I got to shake his had and have a conversation with him".

Following the visit, our students benefited from some extra tuition from RFU coaches and got to experience the media interest that comes with such a high profile event.



## GCSE Results Day 2019

Through hard work and determination, the class of 2019 have completed their Lealands journey and achieved some excellent GCSE results. Many students achieved great success across their GCSEs.



#### **Special congratulations go to:**

- Nitin who achieved 4 grades 9s, including English and science and 3 grade 8s, including maths.
- Rhys who achieved grade 9s in both maths and science.
- Abigail who achieved a grade 9 in science and a grade 8 in English.
- Mahmood and Aaliyah who both made excellent progress.

Mr Burridge, Headteacher, said "We are immensely proud of the achievements of all our students this year. It is hugely challenging for students facing their GCSE examinations and it is, therefore, extremely pleasing to see them rewarded for their hard work and determination. The results achieved reflect the commitment and dedication of the students and staff and the on-going support of our parents. Myself and the staff at Lealands wish them every success in the future."

## GCSE Results Day 2019



## Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

## **Numeracy @Lealands - Activity**

## What number am I?

#### How many am I?

- 1. I am a three digit number.
- 2. I am an odd number.
- 3. I am divisible by 5.
- 4. Each of my digits is different.
- 5. My digits add up to 8.
- The tens digit is smaller than the hundreds digit.
- 7. I am less than 300.
- 8. I have only one even digit.

Answer and explanation opposite. No cheating!

STEM Trips this term:			
Year 8 Bletchley Park Museum	Friday 27th September		
Year 7 Science Museum	Tuesday 8th October		
Years 9, 10 and 11 Women in Engineering Event at Vauxhall	Wednesday 16th October		
Year 9 London Transport Museum Engineering Day	Thursday 7th November		
Year 10 MBDA Glider Challenge	Friday 6th December		
Year 8 Vet Skills at the Royal	Wednesday 11th December		

## STEM Careers

## **Cybersecurity Specialist**

Cybersecurity specialists work with organisations to keep their computer information systems secure. They determine who requires access to which bits of information, and then plan, coordinate and implement information security programs.

### **Radiation Protector**

Radiation protectors are scientists and technicians who work to protect people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation. This could involve occupational radiation protection - protecting those whose work involves exposure to radiation - the protection of patients exposed to radiation as part of their diagnosis or treatment, and the protection of members of the public.

https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/careers/stem-careers/

#### Numeracy @Lealands - Activity Answer

#### **How Did You Do?**

1. 3 digit number: any three digit number

2. Odd number: so the last digit must be 1,3,5,7 or 9

3. Divisible by 5: so last digit must be 5 (as it is also odd)

4. Each digit different:

5. Digits add up to 8: as the last digit is 5, the hundreds and

tens must add up to 3. They could be 3

and 0 or 2 and 1.

6. Tens digit smaller than hundreds digit: so it must be 305 or 215

7. Less than 300: the number must be 215

## Lealands Welcomes New Year 7s

On Wednesday 4th September, the journey began for our newest group of students, a group of students that the school had been looking forward to welcoming for a very long time. After much planning and preparation, the school was ready to welcome our new Year 7s. When the Year 7s walked through the school gates for the first time as Lealands students, a wide range of emotions could be seen across their faces. Many of these students were beaming with excitement, whilst a few had a lot of worries when they turned up. Greeting students at the door was a really enjoyable start to the day, I heard lots of students saying 'Good morning Mr Dummett', I was glad to hear that already we had a group of extremely polite students.

The day began with an assembly which got us all thinking about how important a first impression is and what we can do to create the best one for ourselves in this new start. Students were eager in assembly and ready to contribute and discuss how they were going to make that positive impact straight away.

The day consisted of lots of tutor time activities where students were able to become more familiar with their tutor, fellow tutees and the school expectations. Students got to know the school better by going on a tour led by their tutor and Year 11 student leaders, checking their new timetables on the way. Lots of icebreaker activities also helped students to start to find out information about their new tutor group.

After a well deserved lunch, they went



## Lealands Welcomes New Year 7s



merrily on to their workshops where learning began. Students were given lots of information about our expectations for teaching and learning and also behaviour here at Lealands. By the end of the day, I watched them leave; along with all the other students in the school; and was delighted to see extremely large smiles and an exciting buzz surrounding them.

Since then, the excitement has continued for Year 7. They were extremely lucky that in only their 2nd week of high school, they got the privilege of meeting the Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry as Lealands hosted a special RFU celebration. Many of the students got to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity of speaking to the Duke, shaking his hand and even high fiving him. 12 extremely lucky Year 7s were selected to take part in the special rugby tournament that Prince Harry was there to watch. All of Year 7 represented the school and the community extremely well during this event. As their Head of Year, I couldn't have been prouder of them.

In lessons, Year 7 have been doing fantastic. They are the highest achieving year group in the school in terms of the number of STEPS that they have achieved. I do have to give special congratulations to 74NP who are the highest achieving tutor group in the school with 2143 STEPS after the first 3 weeks! Another special mention goes to Hannah Dordoe in 78CL who has already amassed 111 STEPS. The competition is really on for Year 7 tutor groups and individuals!

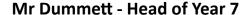
Year 7 have also participated in the schools

### Lealands Welcomes New Year 7s

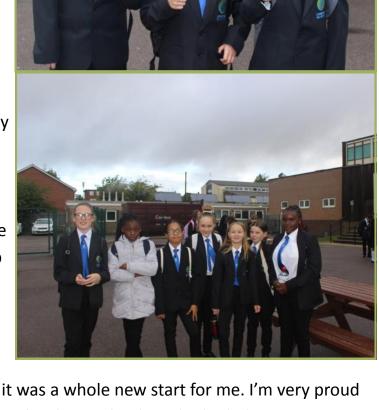
first Continent Competition, with 74NP coming out victorious in the dodgeball tournament. Well done all!

It has been a pleasure getting to know Year 7 during the first three weeks of school. They have all worked so hard and have all demonstrated the three core values of our school - Excellence, Responsibility and Respect.

Although it has not been long since we started our journey together, I am extremely confident that this Year 7 will be very successful during their time at Lealands. Parents and guardians, you should be very proud of how well they have settled and the positive start that they have made. Keep up the fantastic work Year 7!



#### What Our Year 7 Students Had To Say:



"I felt nervous starting at Lealands because it was a whole new start for me. I'm very proud of how many STEPS I have. I have worked very hard at Lealands and I think the more I stay here, the more I will like it. My favourite subject is drama because I want to be an actress when I'm older". Hannah Dordoe 78CL

"When I first arrived at Lealands I was very nervous, scared and didn't know what type of friends I would make. I was mostly scared because I didn't know where most of the classrooms were and I didn't want to be late to class. I have started football and I want to become a really good footballer. I'm hoping that in the future I can join the school team. I have really enjoyed PE and learning new things. I enjoyed the royal visit because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I have also enjoyed meeting all my new teachers". **Courtney** 

## Hammond 72CC

Personally, joining Lealands has been a wonderful experience so far, as I was one of the lucky students who got to meet Prince Harry! We do various subjects such as: Maths, English and Science etc. I am looking forward to going on school trips, as I have heard that Lealands organise many fun school trips! **Pritesh Jhurry 73EM** 

## Summer School 2019



From the 29th July to the 2nd August a group of Year 6 (now Year 7) students came to Summer School at Lealands as a part of their transition process. I was a Student Leader and helped to lead activities in music, team building and sport.

The students took part in a range of sports including; dodgeball, cricket, kickball, rounders and basketball; which I too thoroughly enjoyed. In dodgeball, everyone had to work

together in order to stop one secret person from going out otherwise they lost. The students learnt how to communicate with each other while still having lots of fun in the process.

They also had to work together as a team to overcome challenges such as getting a ball from one side of the room into a box at the other end using guttering. This took us a few tries but eventually we managed it!

On the Friday, they had to build a tent using certain equipment that would withstand the force of pouring water. After 15 minutes their time was up and Kerran (another Student Leader) and I unleashed the cascade of water. Everyone got absolutely drenched as the tent collapsed very quickly!

As a keen musician, I was very happy when Mr Knight asked me to lead a music session with one of the groups. They had to be creative and come up with a rhythm using a chair and anything else they could find to make a different sound. One pair of boys called Benjamin and David worked very well together and created a great rhythm with a steady pulse and variation of sounds.

Summer school was very enjoyable for me and for all the students that took part. I met many new people that approached me for advice which I believe is crucial when starting at a new school. The students and I learnt communication skills, leadership skills, teamwork and resilience during our week at Summer School. Some of skills that I have learnt I will carry for the rest of my life and I am very grateful for the tips given to me by all the teachers.

Thank you for this amazing experience!

By Hannah, 105YM

## My Experience Of Summer School

I really enjoyed my week at Lealands' Summer School because we got to do lots of fun activities and learn new things. It gave me a good idea about what the lessons and teachers would be like when I started at Lealands and I got to meet many of the other students who would be starting with me in September.

My favourite part of the week was making slime in science with Miss Cole and the water activities with Mr Morris; we got absolutely soaked!

I made lots of new friends and it made me feel a lot more confident about starting high

school.

By Ella, 77IM



## Introducing Lealands' Head Girl And Head Boy

We are delighted to introduce our new Head Girl, Saruna and Head Boy, Robbie. They will be supported in their roles by Deputy Head Girl, Shanice and Deputy Head Boy, Terry.

We would like to congratulate them on their appointments following a rigorous selection process and wish them every success in their new roles.



## Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is an internationally recognised qualification.

# The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is available at Lealands for students in Year 9







Over the next few weeks there will be more information about the award on the student bulletin and in assemblies.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please see Mr Payne in the school.

## Expedition Day - Summer 2019

During the Summer of 2018, we held our first Expedition Day to launch our new school vision; "Everyone achieves excellence, demonstrates respect for all and takes responsibility for their own actions, while helping others to be successful".

To celebrate the first anniversary of this fantastic event, in July, a special day was organised as a reminder. Students came to school in non-uniform; with prizes offered for the best dressed students who came in to school dressed related to the 'expedition' theme.

Lessons for the day were based around Lealands' journey and our mission of "Climbing the Mountain to Success".



## Experience Day - Summer 2019

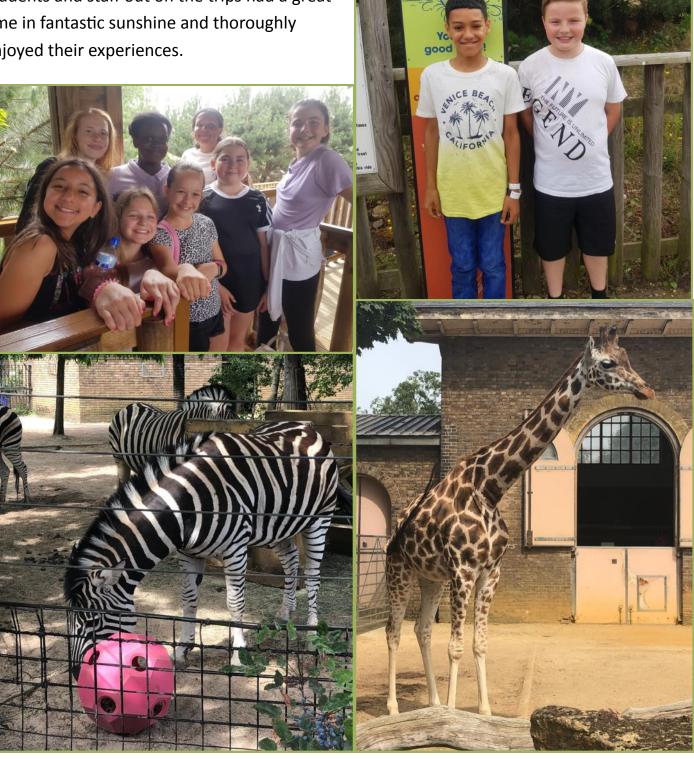
On Wednesday, 17th July 2019, we held our annual Experience Day for all our students. The aim of this day is to provide students with an opportunity to: learn; develop new skills; try something new; visit somewhere they haven't been before and have a memorable, enjoyable experience outside of our normal curriculum.

The trips available this year included; Wicksteed Park, Thorpe Park, Box End Agua Park, Willen

**ROCKY RIVER** 

Lake Aqua Park, London Zoo, Southend On Sea, Whipsnade Zoo, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Go Karting and Gravity MK Trampoline Park.

Students and staff out on the trips had a great time in fantastic sunshine and thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.



## Luton Hoo Experience

Today we went to Luton Hoo for some experience in the catering industry. When we got there, the scene was amazing. Not long after arriving, James, our tour guide took us around the mansion and told us about the history of Luton Hoo.



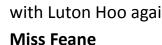
Then we went to the kitchen to

meet the Head Chef. After running through fire procedures, we got to work. I started by cleaning the vegetables. After that, I had to take the spine out of a smoked salmon. It was very messy and smelly! After that, I moved to the bakery where I made gluten free flapjacks, then I prepared afternoon tea by putting desserts on a fancy plate. This was a very good experience, but it's very expensive to go there! **By Morgan, 97LD** 

On the 15th July, I went to a hotel called Luton Hoo. When we got there, the staff showed us around the magnificent mansion. I got to do some work in the pastry kitchen, where I set out the desserts for afternoon tea. Then I made some desserts with granola and yoghurt. Everything had to be set out neatly, to a high standard.

Later, I moved to the main kitchen, which was more fun and challenging, where I had to do a mixed Royale and set out 152 pieces of bacon and cook it. It was a really good experience and I'm interested in working in the catering industry. **By Rejonte, 105YM** 

We are extremely grateful to Luton Hoo for accommodating our students for the day. It was an invaluable experience and we look forward to working with Luton Hoo again; to offer more experiences to our students.





## Sixth Form and College Open Days

College	Date	Time	Campus	
	Saturday 9th November 2019	10.00 - 14.00	St Albans Campus	
Oaklands	Tuesday 12th November 2019	17.00 - 20.00	Welwyn Garden City Campus	
Cardinal Newman	Thursday 14th November 2019	sday 14th November 2019 17.00 - 20.00 Cardinal Nev		
Luton 6th Form College	Tuesday 7th January 2020	17.30 - 20.00	Luton 6th Form College	
Bedford College	Thursday 7th November 2019	17.00 - 19.30	Bedford College	
	Tuesday 21st January 2020	17.00 - 19.30	Bedford College	
	Saturday 9th November 2019	09.30 - 12.30	Shuttleworth	
Shuttleworth	Saturday 25th January 2020	09.30 - 12.30	Shuttleworth	
Redborne Upper	Thursday 3th October 2019	17.00 - 19.30	Redborne Upper	
Harlington Upper	Wednesday 9th October 2019	18.00 - 20.30	Harlington Upper	
Shared Learning Trust	Thursday 14th November 2019	17.30 - 20.00	Chalk Hills Academy	
	Thursday 14th November 2019	17.30 - 20.00	Stockwood Park Academy	

<sup>\*</sup>Open Day dates for Barnfield College and Central Beds College were not available at the time of printing. These will be added to the careers page on the school website when we receive them.

## Languages at Lealands

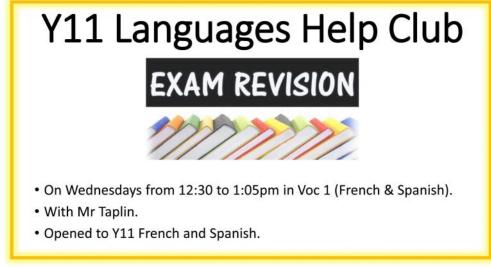
We would like to let you know about an extremely helpful website for students, known as Pearson Active Learn. We continually encourage all students who study French and Spanish in Key Stage 3 and 4 to use this on a regular basis, having seen fantastic levels of progress for those who have in the past. More details and logins will be given out in due course. (Year 7 French is not



available as yet, students will be notified once they are able to access it).

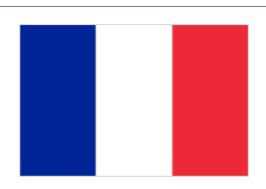
## Languages Clubs





## Languages at Lealands

Lealands' Languages Department has an exciting opportunity for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to visit either Normandy, in France or Valencia, in Spain. Details of the trips are outlined below. Places are limited and letters have already been distributed, so if you would like to attend, deposits must be made to the Finance Office as soon as possible, but no later than Monday 28th October 2019. If you would like to take part in the trip and do not have a letter, please visit the staff in the Languages Department.





#### **Normandy**

We are arranging a trip to Normandy in the North of France from Saturday 20th to Wednesday 24th June 2020.

The trip will include:

- Travel insurance
- The use of an executive coach throughout the trip
- Return Eurotunnel Channel Crossing
- Accommodation in a chalet-style, studentfriendly accommodation on a full-board basis.
- Various activities during the trip, which include - Visit to Honfleur, Workshop at Les Co-Pains Boulangerie, Visit to Cidrerie du Manoir d'Apreval, Visit to La Cite de la Mer Aquarium and Visit to Arromanches 360 Cinema.

#### Valencia

We are arranging a trip to Valencia in the East of Spain from Sunday 14th to Wednesday 17th June 2020.

The trip will include:

- Travel insurance
- Coach transfers to and from Luton Airport and Valencia Airport
- Flights to and from Valencia Airport with a 15kg hold bag allowance
- Accommodation in a 4-star hotel, on a full -board basis
- Coach transfers to and from the various activities during the trip, which include -Guided Visit to Mestalla FC Valencia stadium, Half Day Coach Excursion to Sant Josep Caves, including an underground river cruise, Visit to Valencia Old Town, Visit to Valencia Central Market, Visit to Valencia Beach, Visit to Valencia Cathedral & Museum, Visit to Fallas Museum, Visit to Aquarium Oceanographico and Visit to Valencia's Orange Grove.

### **Medical Information & Absences**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR VISITS TO THE MEDICAL ROOM**

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

#### **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

Prescription medicines <u>MUST</u> be supplied to the Medical Room in a container labelled by the pharmacist.

All other medicines must be provided in their original packaging.

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

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

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

#### **Asthma Inhalers**

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

## **Medical Information & Absences**

#### Paracetamol

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

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

#### **48 HOUR RULE**

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

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

#### ATTENDANCE – MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Whilst we realise that some of these are unavoidable, please try to book appointments outside school hours or during school holidays. If this is not possible, it is expected that students are only out of school for the actual appointment and are therefore able to attend before and/or after in order to allow minimum disruption to their lessons and attendance. Students should not be taking the whole day off school to attend appointments.

Where appointments are necessary in school hours, please ensure your child's absence is reported at least 48 hours before to Student Services together with the appropriate documents, e.g. an appointment card/letter to ensure the absence is authorised.

In the event of emergency appointments, can you please contact the school and report your child's absence and ensure supporting documentation is handed in when your child arrives late to school.

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

Parents/carers should be aware that if the school does not receive any official confirmation of a medical appointment during school time, their child will be given an unauthorised absence that will affect their attendance record. If attendance drops significantly as a result, cases will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer for investigation.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Miss A Maczugowska /Ms E Simpson
Matron & Attendance/Education Welfare Officer

## Autumn Term Clubs & Extra-Curricular Activities

Category	Activity		When	Contact	Location or Room
Art	GCSE Art Intervention		Wednesday PM	Ms Reason Mrs Hale	Art 1/2
Business Studies	Business Success Club (Year 11)	Tuesday Lunch Tuesday PM Wednesday PM	Miss Samudzimu	ICT 2	
	Google Business Club (	Years 7-10)	Friday Lunch	Mr Little	ICT 3
English	Public Speaking Club (Years 7-10)		Friday Lunch	Miss Boreham	E7
Environmental Ambassadors		Tuesday Lunch	Miss Murtagh	Hum 5	
Humanities	GCSE Geography Drop-In		Wednesday PM	Mr Davis	Hum 4
	GCSE Sociology Drop-In	1	Thursday PM	IVII Davis	Tiuiii 4
Homework	Homework Club		Tuesday PM Wednesday PM Thursday PM	Learning Support	LRC
Languages	Year 11 Lanuages Club		Wednesday Y11 Lunch	Mr Taplin	Voc 1
	Languages Club	International Club Revision Group	Thursday PM	All MFL Staff	MFL 1,2 & 3
	Maths Club		Tuesday Lunch	Mrs Jones	Maths 4
Maths	Hegarty Homework Club		Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8-8.30am	Maths Staff	ICT3/Ma8
Media	Media Film Club (Year 11)		Wednesday Lunch	Mr Little	ICT 3
	Philosophy & Debate Club		Tuesday PM	Mr Ralston	Maths 2
Other	<b>Film Club Friday</b> - We ask for a 50p donation towards Cancer Research and in return you get to watch the film and a bag of popcorn.		Friday Lunch	Miss Feane Mrs Rolls	Student Support 2
	Year 11 Health & Wellb Sessions		Friday PM	Mr Quail- Larsen	Astro
	Duke of Edinburgh Awa	ards	When requested	Mr Payne Mr Morris	
Science	Science Club (Years 7 and 8)		Thursday PM	Miss Grierson	Science

Category	Activity	When	Contact	Location	
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	Key Stage 3 Hub	Monday Lunch	PA Staff	PA4	
	Key Stage 4 Hub	Tuesday Lunch	PA Staff	PA4	
	Year 11 Aim Higher Dance	Tuesday Lunch	Mrs Heaslip	Dance Studio	
	Lealands Dance Company	Tuesday PM	Miss Heaslip	Dance Studio	
Performing	Dance Club	Wednesday Lunch	Miss Heaslip	Dance Studio	
Arts	Year 11 Aim Higher Drama	Wednesday Lunch	Mrs Woolmer- Brennan	PA4	
	Beauty and the Beast Rehearsals	Wednesday PM	PA Staff	PA4	
	Drama Club	Thursday Lunch	Mrs Woolmer- Brennan	PA4	
	Sing Out	Friday Lunch	Mrs Woolmer- Brennan	PA4	
	Year 7 and 8 Football		Mr Payne	Astro	
	Year 9 and 10 Basketball	Monday Lunch	Miss Wilkinson	PE	
	Year 9 and 10 Table Tennis		Mr Miller		
	Year 11 VCert Revision	Monday Y11 Lunch Miss Keefe Mr Purdy		PE1	
	Year 9 and 10 Football	Tuesday Lunch	Mr Payne	Astro	
	Year 11 Basketball	Tuesday Y11 Lunch	Mr Pearson Mr Welch		
	Year 11 Table Tennis	Tuesday Y11 Lunch Mr Dummett		_	
	Girls' Netball Training		Miss Johnson Miss Keefe Miss Wilkinson	PE -	
	Year 7 and 8 Boys' Rugby	<ul> <li>Tuesday PM</li> </ul>	Mr Miller Mr Welch		
	Year 9 Boys' Football		Mr Purdy		
PE & Sports	Year 7 and 8 Football		Mr Payne	Astro	
	Continents Cup	Wednesday Lunch	Mr Dummett	PE	
	VCert Revision		Miss Keefe Mr Purdy	PE1	
	Boys' Football Training		Mr Dummett Mr Purdy	Astro	
	Boys' Basketball Training	Wednesday PM	Mr Miller Mr Pearson	PE	
	Year 9 and 10 Football	Thursday 1	Mr Payne	Astro	
	Continents Cup	Thursday Lunch	Mr Dummett		
	Girls' Football Training	Thursday PM	Miss Keefe	PE	
	Girls' Basketball Training	Thursday Fivi	Miss Johnson		
	Year 7 and 8 Football		Mr Payne	Astro	
	Year 7 and 8 Basketball	Friday Lunch	Miss Johnson	PE	
	Year 7 and 8 Table Tennis		Miss Keefe		
	Fitness Friday	Friday PM	PE Staff (Rotation)		





Swimming Pool, Sports Hall, Dance/Activity Studios, 3G Astro, Netball Courts, Community Function Rooms and School Hall.





