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MYLES SMITH VISIT - MARCH 2026

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27th March - End of Spring Term

13th April - Start of Summer Term

23rd April - Y8 Parents Evening

5th May - Y11 GCSE Exams Begin

7th May - Y7 Parents Evening

Headteacher's Introduction

From Sam Ward, Acting Headteacher

Before I write about some of our highlights for this half-term I want to start by highlighting the fact that in the past week we have received the latest report from the Department for Education recognising our success in improving our attendance and once again being 1st out of 20 similar schools for student attendance. We all know that excellent attendance gives students the best possible opportunity for success at school and we thank you for supporting us in our drive to improve this area of school further.

It has been another busy half-term at Lealands, with a wealth of exciting events taking place across all year groups.

We started this half-term with the Year 11s starting their second week of mock exams. I remember what it was like at this time of year when I was a student a 'few' years ago - teachers relentlessly going on about the GCSEs approaching but the exams not quite being near enough. It is a challenging time for Year 11 but they are doing really well and we expect some excellent performances when the exams finally arrive. One of my personal highlights this term has been seeing my class of Year 11s complete their final practical exam in hospitality and catering. They did extremely well and should be really pleased with their progress and their finished products. They did themselves proud.

Year 10s have also had an eventful half-term with the vast majority going out on their work experience week. The feedback from local employers was excellent and it was great to hear all their stories when they returned to school.

There have been a number of highlights which I would also like to mention. Our sporting achievements continue with more and more students getting involved in a wide range of sports. A special mention must go to the Year 10 boys football team for reaching the Luton Schools Plate final and to the Year 9 and 10 boys who claimed gold medals in the indoor athletic competition. Also, congratulations, to the Year 8, 9 and 10 girls who qualified for the county competition.

This term, our trips have included students gaining experience of university life with a trip to the University of Bedfordshire and students taking part in the Rotary Club technology competition in which our Year 10 engineers came second in the intermediate division.

Many of our students have been fasting during the month of Ramadan, culminating with the festival of Eid Ul Fitr at the end of the month. We were delighted to hold our second Iftar celebration in the Drama Studio earlier in the month, supporting Luton Foodbank to raise funds to help those in need. Thank you to Mr Ali and his team of staff for organising this event and also to the students who took part during the evening.

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Headteacher's Introduction

From Sam Ward, Acting Headteacher (Cont'd)...

Another highlight of the term has been our Literacy week which included a number of activities in classes around the school during the week and ended with our annual World Book Day dressing up. A big thank you to Miss Rezaei for all her organisation to make the week a real success.

I know a number of our students and staff follow the career progress of Myles Smith who left Lealands in 2014 and spent his Year 11 as Deputy Head Boy. We were really excited to welcome him back to Lealands for an impromptu concert and question and answer session. He gave students a heartfelt message to make the most of their opportunities at school and if they work hard they will achieve success in whatever field of work they choose. Myles' love of music at school has led him to Brit award success and he has just announced his latest UK tour which starts in November.

Over the final weeks of the term, it has been great to witness students across all year groups dedicating themselves to Mary Poppins Jr. rehearsals. Their hard work is culminating in two matinee performances for local primary schools and three spectacular evening performances for parents and students. It is so rewarding to see our students progress and truly come alive on stage, performing with such confidence and flair.

Next term the momentum will only pick up as Year 11 dive into their long awaited GCSE exams. Far from the summer wind-down some might expect, the Summer Term is actually our busiest period. From educational trips and awards ceremonies to the milestone celebrations of the Leavers' Ceremony and Year 11 Prom, the term is one that truly enriches the student experience.

A big thank you for all your support this term and I hope you all have a restful holiday and enjoy the slightly longer evenings and hopefully a bit of sun over Easter.

Sam Ward
Acting Headteacher



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Key dates for your diary:



- **End of Spring Term:** Friday 27th March 2026
- **Start of Summer Term:** Monday 13th April 2026
- **Year 8 HPV Vaccinations:** Thursday 16th April 2026
 - [Guide to the HPV vaccination](#)
- **Year 8 Parents Evening (F2F):** Thursday 23rd April 2026
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May 2026
- **Year 11 GCSE Summer Exams Begin:** Tuesday 5th May 2026
- **Year 7 Parents Evening (Online):** Thursday 7th May 2026
- **Year 10 Information Evening:** Thursday 14th May 2026

Term dates:

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

Value of the Month

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"Perseverance"

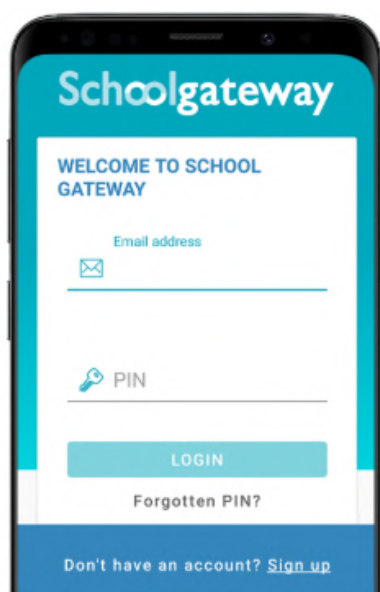


Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.

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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 31st 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

Netball

Well done to all the Year 8 players for their hard work and dedication. The experience gained at the county level will no doubt help the team continue to grow and succeed in future competitions.



A huge well done to our Y7 school netball team for their brilliant performance at the County Netball Tournament. The team showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition and played some excellent netball against strong oppositions.

After a series of competitive matches, the team secured an impressive second place in the County Plate. This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the hard work and dedication the players have shown in training and during matches. Congratulations to all the players involved — we are very proud of you!

Year 7 Football

Double delight for Year 7 boys and girls football versus Lea Manor.

Boys winning 3-1 in a great game of football with some great attacking play and solid defensive work as team.



Sports Successes & Updates

By The PE Department

Year 7 Football (cont'd)

The girls won 6-0 with a great team performance. They have now won all their league games including against Challney and Chalk Hill too. They will play Putteridge in the final on Weds 25th March.



Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 boys football team recently showcased impressive skill and character in their fixtures against Icknield and Putteridge. In a fantastic league performance against Icknield, the squad secured a well-deserved win; showing great teamwork and a collective effort from every player on the pitch. This victory was a testament to their hard work and a result the entire team should be incredibly proud of.

In the match against Putteridge, the boys faced a more difficult result but maintained the same high standards of determination. Despite the defeat, they showed great resilience by competing right up until the final whistle. Both games highlighted the team's consistent work ethic and unity, leaving the players with plenty of positive momentum to build on.



Year 10 Football

The boys have gone undefeated this seasons with 5 wins, meaning they will get the chance to compete for the Luton Schools Plate. Well done to the boys for their superb team efforts and good luck to them in the plate final next week.



Sports Successes & Updates

By The PE Department

Cross Country

Outstanding efforts from these 6 competing against the best in Bedfordshire at the County Cross Country Championships at a cold, chilly and very hilly Ampthill Park!

Lucian 15th (reserve national qualifier for English schools in Liverpool!), Isabella 33rd, Ruby 36th, Wiktor 41st, Caleb 38th, Bartoz 33rd.



Indoor Athletics

Our athletics squads recently represented the school at Indoor Athletics. The standout performance came from the Year 9/10 Boys, who dominated every event to deservedly claim Gold Medals as county champions.

Our Year 7 and 8 boys performed brilliantly against schools from across the county, with the Year 8s finishing 5th and the Year 7s in 7th place. Our Year 8 and Year 9/10 girls also qualified for the county competition, showcasing fantastic individual talent to secure 8th and 5th place respectively.

Across all year groups, the students demonstrated incredible teamwork and determination. Congratulations to everyone involved on these impressive achievements!



From Lealands to Brit Award Winner

Myles Smith Comes Back To Visit

It's not every day a Brit Award winner strolls back through our corridors, but last week was pretty special. We were absolutely buzzing to welcome back one of our own, Myles Smith!

For those who don't know the history, Myles was our Deputy Head Boy back in 2014. Fast forward to today, and he's taking over the global music scene. He took a break from his busy schedule to come to school and perform his 2 most popular hits, "Stargazing" and "Nice to Meet You."

Following the performances, he chatted about his journey from our classrooms to the world stage, giving our students a real look at what it takes to make it. Plus engaged in an informal Q&A session where students got to ask him various questions about how he became successful. As a final "thank you," he even donated three guitars to help the next generation of Lealands musicians get their start.

Because Myles was on a bit of a whirlwind tour, visiting several spots across Luton, this was a short drop-in visit. We know many of you were gutted to miss him, and unfortunately, not everyone could get into the room to see him live.

Don't worry, though, the performance and Q&A were recorded. We'll be circulating the footage very soon to ensure everyone gets to experience his powerful message and incredible performance.

Thanks again for coming home to see us, Myles. You're welcome back anytime!



Most Able: Year 9 Explore University Life

Year 9 Most Able Students Visit the University of Bedfordshire



Last week, our Year 9 most able students enjoyed an inspiring day at the University of Bedfordshire, giving them an exciting first glimpse into what university life might look like for them in the future.

After a quick icebreaker activity, students took part in a quiz to test how much they already knew about university life. This was followed by an engaging session on memory, where they learned useful techniques to help improve memory and support their learning.

Following lunch in the Student Union, it was time for a campus tour. Highlights included visiting the impressive new £40 million STEM building, where students explored high-tech science laboratories, hospital ward and theatre simulations, and even a police custody suite. They also had the chance to see the seven-storey library and take a look at the student accommodation.

Our students were joined by University of Bedfordshire student ambassadors, who shared their experiences of university life and answered lots of thoughtful questions. It was a fantastic and thought-provoking day. Although they are only in Year 9, our students are already beginning to think about their journeys beyond Lealands and the many opportunities that could lie ahead.

More Most Able To Come...

We have the Brilliant Club starting again this week in association with Wadham College, Oxford and the Scholars Programme. Fourteen Year 9 students will have the opportunity to learn from a PHD student studying at the University of London. The students will study 'The impact of Language' and then complete a university style final assignment later in the year with the hope to graduate by the end of the summer term.

Lastly we have a number of our top scientists heading to the Royal Veterinary College in London on the 25th April. This is a fantastic opportunity for the selected students to explore the world leading veterinary college and experience a day as a RVC student.

From Classrooms to Workplaces : Year 10 Take on the Working World

By The Year 10 Pastoral Team

Last month, the corridors of the Year 10 classrooms fell silent as our students traded their school blazers for office lanyards, high-vis vests, and aprons. Work Experience Week had finally arrived, giving the Class of 2027 a firsthand look at life beyond the school gates.

From bustling local hospitals to high-tech engineering firms, students headed out across Luton and the surrounding areas to test-drive their dream careers. For many, it was a week of "firsts": the first time navigating a morning commute, the first time making professional phone calls, and perhaps most importantly, the first time realising that adults actually drink a lot of coffee!

More Than Just a Week Off

While it's tempting to see work experience as just a break from lessons, the benefits go much deeper. Students developed "soft skills" that can't be taught in a textbook, for example; punctuality, professional communication, and problem-solving.

For some, the week confirmed a lifelong passion. For others, it was a helpful realisation that a certain career might not be for them, which is just as valuable.

A Final Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to the local businesses and organisations that hosted our students; opening your doors to young people is an investment in the future of our community.

To Year 10: welcome back! You might be tired and your feet might ache, but you've returned with a clearer vision of where your hard work can take you. You have exemplified our school values beyond the school gates and we are very proud of you!



From Classrooms to Workplaces : Year 10 Take on the Working World

By The Year 10 Pastoral Team (Cont'd)...



Celebrating Our ActiveLearners!

By The Languages Department

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

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During February and March (10% or more completed)

Year 7

Abinaa S	Dennis A	Keya S	Naa Amerley A
Adrian X	Dion S	Khalil L	Nabiha B
Aidan C	Efe Sophia O	Lena W	Nia M
Aleah R	Emma P	Louis S	Niyah W
Alex M	Erika Maria D	Lucas D	Nobuntu Boitumelo Atipa N
Alexia S	Esmail G	Lucia H	Oscar L
Amelia J	Finley S	Lydia Joan F	Romario T
Amira I	Freddy A	Maariya R	Ruby S
Anaelle H	Freya Rose B	Marcelina L	Safia N
Antonia M	Grace Nyenasha G	Maria N	Serenay A
Archie P	Gracie-May C	Marimar D	Siaana K
Aubree H	Haifa A	Marwa Leina M	Siahm K
Avleen Kaur G	Henry S	Mason M	Sofia I
Bethany J	Hiba A	Maya M	Sophia P
Brielle B	Inaaya H	Michael T	Summer P
Charlie Jack Ellis M	Indi Kathryn B	Michel A	Tobi C
Cian O	Isabel I	Miycah B	Yaqub M
Claudia B	Joseph W	Mohammad Ashar M	Yeshiah J
Daniel B	Kamil D	Mohammed Ibrahim U	Zoha I
Daniel G	Keanu V	Mouksdeep S	Zuzanna K
Deborah S	Kennedy W		

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During February and March (10% or more completed)

Year 8

Alfie R	Ella R	Kai H	Nemat S
Alyssia P	Erika R	Kailo S	Poppy R
Amelia N	Gajenthy G	Khloe S	Precious Charmaine E
Amina D	Halimah S	Lliyana S	Preston F
Andreea-Alessia I	Ifrah A	Louis M	Rishikesh R
Angel S	Isaac P	Mahdiali R	Russana S
Ava P	Isabella M	Maryam R	Sara Isabel D
Ayana M	Jayden G	Mason O	Sean-Douglas E
Bevirlyn O	Jean A	Muizz S	Tyler B
Caitlyn B	Jessica B	Mya S	Vivienne G
Cian J	Jimmy O	Myiesha H	Zuzanna B
Claye H	Julianna P		

Celebrating Our ActiveLearners!

By The Languages Department (Continued...)

Super Effort with ActiveLearn During February and March (10% or more completed)		
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Aaron G	Aida-Iulia J	Chloe W
Aimee F	Aiyanna W	Giulia D
Angel B	Ami-Leigh R	Holly E
Filip P	Amiyah I	Morgan L
Franchesca D	Chloe O	Sabiha A
Janae F	Eduard S	Sonni M
Kayla V	Edward B	
Keioni S	Esther O	
Maia P	Kamila O	
Mary O	Kayra B	
Nael A	Lithushan C	
Noah P	Lucy C	
Noah Y	Maha Iman A	
Qismat B	Paula E	
Sean M	Ruth P	
Simra H	Sabrina O	
Sophie R	Samiha B	
Sumayyah A	Serene-Zuriel A	
Zoe J	Thenuli T	

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.

Celebrating this year's UKMT Maths Challenge results

By Mr Choudhury, Teacher of Maths

What is the Intermediate Maths Challenge?

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is a 60-minute multiple-choice assessment organised by the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust (UKMT). Just as a talented runner might compete in local, county, and national races, this challenge is designed for students who are talented at maths to test themselves on a larger stage.

The questions are designed to challenge students to solve a range of difficult problems within the 60-minute limit. While it is a multiple-choice assessment, points are deducted for incorrect answers after question 15. The top performers are awarded Bronze, Silver, and Gold certificates—usually in a 3:2:1 ratio among the top 50% of participants—while everyone else receives a certificate of participation. Just taking part in this competition is a huge achievement and something to be extremely proud of.

Students who achieve Gold can move on to the next round, the Pink Kangaroo. This puts them among the top 5,000–8,000 mathematicians in Years 9 and 10 across the country.

A huge congratulations to the following students, and an extra well done to Azriel, who achieved Gold and progresses to the Pink Kangaroo!

Year 9: Azriel P, Maham S, Mikaeel U, Abigail O, Jameela M, Noah H, Ethan C, Simra H, Theo M, Sarah S, Aya M, Juanita S, Sami R, Minahil S M, Gabriela S, Dawid M, Markayda A, Aleesha A.

Year 10: Esther O, Tianna T, Richmond B, Abbie A, Oumayma M, Jack S, Bilal G, Alekh L, Ashwin S, Renee S, Elijah A, Ayan M, Keron M, Sophie B, Husna K, Maccaiah G-L, Daniel W, Aida-Lulia J, Ruth P.



Celebrating this year's UKMT Maths Challenge results

By Mr Choudhury, Teacher of Maths (Cont'd)...

We've included a few questions from the paper below if you'd like to see the kind of problems the students were up against. Feel free to have a go yourself. Answers can be found on page 23.

1. Which of these has the largest value?

A $\frac{1+2}{2}$

B $\frac{1+2+3}{3}$

C $\frac{1+2+3+4}{4}$

D $\frac{1+2+3+4+5}{5}$

E $\frac{1+2+3+4+5+6}{6}$

2. What time will it be 2026 minutes after 20:26 on Monday?

A 06:12 on Tuesday

B 16:12 on Tuesday

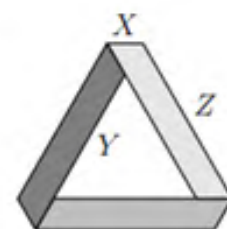
C 20:12 on Tuesday

D 06:12 on Wednesday

E 20:12 on Wednesday

15. The diagram shows the UKMT logo, which is comprised of three identical parallelograms enclosing an equilateral triangle of side length Y . The ratio of the lengths $X : Y : Z$ is $1 : 4 : 5$.

What is the ratio of the area of the enclosed triangle to the total area of the parallelograms?



Year 11 Easter Intervention Programme

Monday 30 th March 10.00 - 2.00	Monday 30 th March 10.00 - 12.00	Tuesday 31 st March 10.00 - 12.00	Wednesday 1 st April 11.30 - 1.00	Wednesday 1 st April 12.00 - 1.30	Thursday 2 nd April 11.00 - 1.00
Computer Science	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Geography

Tuesday 7 th April 11.00 - 1.00	Wednesday 8 th April 11.00 - 1.00	Thursday 9 th April 10.00 - 2.00	Thursday 9 th April 10.00 - 12.00	Thursday 9 th April 1.00 - 3.00	Friday 10 th April 10.00 - 12.00
History	History	PE Theory	Maths	Maths	Geography

Let's Eat Together: Our Second Annual Community Iftar

By Mr Ali, Director of Maths

On the evening of Thursday 12th March, we opened our doors for the second Lealands Iftar event. The 'Let's Eat Together' campaign, held in close partnership with Luton Foodbank, was a fantastic evening. It featured great speakers from the school and performances in both Arabic and English from our students. The food was delicious, and the dessert tables were a real highlight—there was more than enough for everyone to go back for a second serving!

Mr Ali opened the event alongside Year 11 student leader Sarah Vohra. We had Arabic recitations from Zainab Sajjad and Anisa Fatima (both in Year 11), while Hania Arfa (Year 10) performed a Ramadan poem and provided translations along with Aymma Hasham, a Year 11 Student Leader. Siraj Ar-Rehman from Year 7 performed the Adhaan (the call to prayer), and Raiyan Islam from Year 10 led the Maghrib prayer.

We hope you can join us next year for an event that will be even bigger and better. A massive thank you to the students mentioned, as well as Miss Dar from student support, who made the event look amazing. We would also like to thank Miss Begum, Mrs H Ahmed, Mr Choudhury, Mrs Sultana, Mrs Madona, Miss Hassan, Miss S Ahmed, and Mr Nadarajah, who all gave their time, effort, and financial support.

Should you wish to contribute to the food bank, please click the link below:

<https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/event/lets-eat-together-lealands-high-school-2026/>



Road Safety Update: Keeping Our Community Safe

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, we are writing to express our serious concerns regarding traffic safety during drop-off and collection times.

Recently, we have observed a rise in dangerous driving behaviours outside the school gates. Specifically, vehicles have been stopping in the middle of the road to let students out, reversing onto the busy main road, and parking on curbs clearly marked with "No Parking" restrictions.

Why This Matters

These actions aren't just a nuisance; they are putting our students and local pedestrians at significant risk. When cars double-park or block sightlines, it becomes nearly impossible for children to cross the road safely. We want every student to arrive and leave school unharmed, and we need your direct cooperation to make that happen.

Good News: Upcoming Road Improvements

We are pleased to share that the Highway Team at Luton Borough Council (LBC) is scheduled to carry out essential safety works outside the school during the Easter holidays. These improvements include:

- Installation of safety barriers to prevent students from stepping directly into traffic.
- A new Zebra Crossing to provide a dedicated, safe place for families to cross.
- Refreshed road markings to clearly highlight "No Parking" zones.

A Request for Your Help

While these physical changes will help, they only work if drivers use them correctly. We urge you to:

1. Plan ahead: Leave a few minutes earlier to find a safe, legal parking space further away from the school gates.
2. Respect the markings: Do not park on yellow lines or curbs, even for a "quick drop-off."
3. Think of others: Model the kind of road safety behavior we want our students to learn.



Let's work together to ensure the safety of all our children before and after the school day.

Literacy Week 2026 - 'Go All In'

By Miss Rezaei, Learning Resource Coordinator

Earlier this month we were delighted to celebrate Literacy Week at school, alongside World Book Day. The week centred around the 'Go All In' campaign (<https://goallin.org.uk/>), which encourages students to engage with a wide range of texts and to recognise the importance and enjoyment of reading in everyday life.

Throughout the week, students took part in a variety of activities and competitions designed to promote reading for pleasure and spark discussion about books and literature. Events such as Reading Bingo, The Masked Reader, and the bunting competition were extremely well received, and it was fantastic to see so many students getting involved.

A particular highlight of the week was our World Book Day dress-up event for Year 7 and Year 8; where students and staff members came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. The outfits were wonderful to see and helped generate lots of conversations about books across the school.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers of our Year 7 and 8 students for supporting the event and helping to ensure that costumes followed the guidance shared beforehand. Your support helped make the day enjoyable and successful for everyone involved.

We are keen to maintain the enthusiasm for reading that Literacy Week created. As part of this, we have recently launched Reading Plus, a programme designed to support students in developing their reading fluency, comprehension and confidence through regular, structured reading practice. Parents and carers were contacted directly about this launch with further information about the programme and how students will be using it in school.



Literacy Week 2026 - 'Go All In'

By Miss Rezaei, Learning Resource Coordinator (Cont'd)...

Parents and carers can continue to support this momentum at home by encouraging their child to read regularly, discussing books or articles they are reading, and helping them explore a variety of texts such as fiction, non-fiction, news articles or magazines. Even short conversations about what students are reading can make a significant difference in developing confidence and enjoyment in reading.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a strong reading culture within our school community.



The Mystery Sisters

Short story by Megan Colley-Evans Year 8

Niece and Ariana were two sisters who lived in a modest house with their mum Jenny.

Although they lived together they did not get along, Ariana was the popular girl with a pretty face and a career with singing and dancing at the age of 16, but Niece was the complete opposite.

Although talented, she was shy and a loner but very good in school. Ariana always thought she was better than her twin sister. Niece however had the voice of an angel that she showed online but with the camera off because she was scared how people would judge her based on what she looks like. Her sister was very cocky and not shy at all but she did not work on any of her jobs she was given because she thought that it wouldn't matter because she has a pretty face. When Ariana went to her gig to sing and dance for a competition called "Star Singer", but because she didn't practise she was quickly humbled by the raft of the director, Ariana stormed off in anger, Niece tried to comfort her but she wouldn't let her 'less of a sister' come anywhere near here.

Niece had a kind soul but was judged upon the way she looked. She was bullied by her peers at school and was too shy to stand up for herself. She ran home in tears and slammed her bedroom door closed. She went up to the window and made a wish, "I wish to trade places with my twin for 2 days". In denial anything would happen, she went to sleep. The next day something happened, she appeared to be lying in her sister's bed with Ariana's body, she screamed and ran to see her sister who was asleep in her body.

Ariana woke up to the shock of being in her sister's body. Niece explained what she did and explained to Ariana they need to work together to get through the next couple of days. They worked together to fall under the radar but Ariana noticed while being in Niece's body she was getting picked on and stood up to them. Niece made sure to work very hard at her sister's gigs to gain some confidence. The next day, they were surprisingly unhappy to be back in their own bodies because they preferred life in each other's lives. However, they started to notice what each sister did for the other and Niece got encouraged by her sister to stand up for her bullies and Ariana was taught the song and dance for her gig. Both their lives started getting better. When Niece was about to start to sing online, Ariana gave her the confidence to show her face while doing it and it made her so happy with all the support she was getting. The next day at school, she showed up to everyone, not letting anyone walk all over her anymore and Ariana got the lead role in her gig. Life was good and the sisters who once couldn't bear each other are now best friends.





Art Competition

Students at Lealands have been busy submitting their entries to the 'Greater than One' art competition run by Atte10tive. This is a project in Luton that celebrates students from dual nationality, mixed heritage and identity through art. These entries will be displayed in an exhibition at Chalk Hills Academy on 28th March 2026.

Here are some of our students entries:



Mrs. Ward Lindsay
Teacher of Art



UKMT Maths Question Answers
From Page 17

Q1. Answer E
Q.2 Answer D
Q.15 Answer 8:15

Another Summer, Another Challenge!

Mr Ward and Mr Hall 'Race the Sun' for Action medical Research for Children!

Following last year's Thames Challenge, Mr Ward and Mr Hall are at it again with another Summer charity challenge.

In July this year, they are taking on the 'Race the Sun' Challenge in Cheddar Gorge in Somerset with the aim of raising £1000 for Action Medical Research for Children - <https://action.org.uk>



The challenge consists of a 32 mile bike ride, a 9 mile hike and a 2 mile kayak paddle over 1 day.

Action Medical Research for Children has been funding medical breakthroughs for over 70 years helping to beat polios, fight meningitis, prevent stillbirths and develop ultrasound scanning in pregnancy, helping to save children's lives. It continues to tackle the challenges that disease and disability present by funding high quality research across the UK to save and change children's lives.

If anyone would like to donate, please click the QR code link to the fundraising page.



QR Code Link to
fundraising page

Help Lealands Win A Tesco Stronger Starts Grant!



Building a Stronger Start for Every Lealands Student

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Lealands has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts Programme.

Our Project will focus on a Study Breakfast Club for Students in KS4 preparing for their exams and mock exams at key periods throughout the year, particularly supporting those from a disadvantaged background. To help vote for our projects you need to visit one of two Tesco Express stores:

- **Sundon Park Tesco Express LU3 3BJ**
- **Limbury Tesco Express LU3 2SZ**

Each time a purchase is made at either of these stores please remember to pick up a blue token and vote for Lealands. Voting will commence in store from Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026.

Every vote counts and we could win up to £1500 to support our Breakfast Study Club.

Thank you for your support!



Not My Child: A parent's guide to exploitation, knife crime and county lines

Hosted By Bedfordshire Police & Bedfordshire Violence and Exploitation Prevention Partnership (VEPP)

Parents and carers across Bedfordshire are invited to a free, informative event to help families spot the signs of child criminal exploitation, county lines activity and knife crime.

Not My Child: A parent's guide to exploitation, knife crime and county lines returns to Luton next month, taking place on **Wednesday 15 April**, from **6pm to 9.15pm**, at **Lealands High School**.

[Book your place via Eventbrite](#)

Children and young people can be targeted by criminal gangs in ways that are subtle and not always easy to recognise. Not My Child aims to give parents and carers practical, realistic advice on what to look out for, how exploitation can begin, and where to turn for support if you're ever worried about a child in your life.

You will hear from frontline experts and people with lived experience, including:

- Ivison Trust - a national charity supporting families of children who have been exploited
- Everyone's Gang - a local youth organisation working to prevent young people becoming involved in crime
- A policing expert who specialises in knife crime and the influence of social media on gang activity

There will also be a market stall area where you can speak directly with support services and charities, pick up resources, and find out more about the help available locally and nationally.

Exploitation can happen to anyone, and the more alert we are as communities, the best chance we have of identifying concerns early and helping to keep young people safe.

Learn more about the work Beds Police are doing to tackle exploitation and county lines by [visiting the Lost Boys campaign page of their website](#).

NOT MY CHILD A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:
 * EXPLOITATION
 * KNIFE CRIME
 * COUNTY LINES

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!
 JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

6:00PM - 9:15PM
WEDS 15 APRIL 2026
LEALANDS HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDON PARK - LUTON

Bedfordshire Police
 VEPP BEDFORDSHIRE VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

SUMMER GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE 2026

DATE	AM/PM		BOARD	PAPER	TITLE
7/5/2026	AM	1h 30m	Pearson	8503/01	BTEC Sport
7/5/2026	AM	45m	Pearson	17U0 1H	Turkish Listening Higher
7/5/2026	AM	1h 05m	Pearson	17U0 3H	Turkish Reading Higher
7/5/2026	PM	45m	AQA	8662/LH	German Listening Higher
7/5/2026	PM	1h	AQA	8662/RH	German Reading Higher
8/5/2026	AM	1h 45m	AQA	8192/1	Sociology Paper 1
8/5/2026	PM	1h 30m	WJEC	C690U30-1	Drama Written Paper
11/5/2026	AM	1h 45m	AQA	8702/1	English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare & the 19th Century Novel
12/5/2026	AM	1h 15m	OCR	8038/01	Engineering Design Written Paper
12/5/2026	PM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/R/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 Foundation/Higher
13/5/2026	AM	1h 30m	AQA	8035/1	Geography Paper 1
13/5/2026	PM	1h 30m	OCR	J277/01	Computer Science Paper 1
14/5/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/01	Mathematics 1: Calculator Foundation
14/5/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/04	Mathematics 4: Calculator Higher
14/5/2026	PM	1h 15m	AQA	8662/WH	German Writing Higher
15/5/2026	AM	1h 20m	Pearson	1H0 11	Paper 1: Medicine in Britain
15/5/2026	PM	1h 45m	AQA	8192/2	Sociology Paper 2
18/5/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/C/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 1 Foundation/Higher
18/5/2026	PM	45m	AQA	8648/LH	Urdu Listening Higher
18/5/2026	PM	1h	AQA	8648/RH	Urdu Reading Higher
19/5/2026	AM	2h 15m	AQA	8702/2	English Literature Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry
19/5/2026	PM	1h 15m	OCR	8057/01	Child Development: Health and well-being for child development
19/5/2026	PM	1h 30m	OCR	J277/02	Computer Science Paper 2
20/5/2026	AM	35m	AQA	8652/LF	French Listening Foundation
20/5/2026	AM	45m	AQA	8652/LH	French Listening Higher
20/5/2026	AM	45m	AQA	8652/RF	French Reading Foundation
20/5/2026	AM	1h	AQA	8652/RH	French Reading Higher
20/5/2026	PM	1h 15m	OCR	8067/01	Enterprise and marketing concepts (written)
21/5/2026	AM	1h 45m	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
22/5/2026	AM	45m	AQA	8633/LH	Italian Listening Higher
22/5/2026	AM	1h	AQA	8633/RH	Italian Reading Higher
22/5/2026	AM	1h	OCR	J587/01	PE Paper 1: Physical factors affecting performance
22/5/2026	AM	1h 25m	Pearson	17U0 4H	Turkish Writing Higher
1/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8633/WH	Italian Writing Higher
1/6/2026	AM	1h	OCR	J587/02	PE Paper 2: Socio-Cultural issues & sport
2/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/R/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 Foundation/Higher
2/6/2026	PM	35m	AQA	8688/LF	Polish Listening Foundation
2/6/2026	PM	45m	AQA	8688/LH	Polish Listening Higher
2/6/2026	PM	45m	AQA	8688/RF	Polish Reading Foundation
2/6/2026	PM	1h	AQA	8688/RH	Polish Reading Higher
2/6/2026	PM	45m	Pearson	1PG0 1H	Portuguese Listening Higher
2/6/2026	PM	1h	Pearson	1PG0 3H	Portuguese Reading Higher
2/6/2026	PM	35m	Pearson	1RU0 1F	Russian Listening Foundation
2/6/2026	PM	45m	Pearson	1RU0 1H	Russian Listening Higher
2/6/2026	PM	50m	Pearson	1RU0 3F	Russian Reading Foundation
2/6/2026	PM	1h 05m	Pearson	1RU0 3H	Russian Reading Higher
2/6/2026	PM	1h 15m	AQA	8648/WH	Urdu Writing Higher
3/6/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/02	Mathematics 2: Non Calculator Foundation
3/6/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/05	Mathematics 5: Non Calculator Higher
3/6/2026	PM	1h 30m	AQA	8035/2	Geography Paper 2
3/6/2026	PM	1h 15m	OCR	R032/01	Health & Social Care: Principles of care in health and social care settings
4/6/2026	AM	1h 50m	Pearson	1H0 81/P4	History Paper 2: Anglo-Saxon and Norman, Superpowers and Cold War
4/6/2026	PM	1h	AQA	8652/WF	French Writing Foundation
4/6/2026	PM	1h 15m	AQA	8652/WH	French Writing Higher
5/6/2026	AM	1h 45m	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
5/6/2026	PM	1h 15m	WJEC	C660U30-1	Music Written
8/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/R/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 Foundation/Higher
8/6/2026	PM	1h 45m	AQA	8365/1	Further Mathematics Paper 1
9/6/2026	AM	35m	AQA	8692/LF	Spanish Listening Foundation
9/6/2026	AM	45m	AQA	8692/LH	Spanish Listening Higher
9/6/2026	AM	45m	AQA	8692/RF	Spanish Reading Foundation
9/6/2026	AM	1h	AQA	8692/RH	Spanish Reading Higher
9/6/2026	PM	1h 30m	Pearson	1H0 11	History Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany
10/6/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/03	Mathematics 3: Calculator Foundation
10/6/2026	AM	1h 30m	OCR	J560/06	Mathematics 6: Calculator Higher
10/6/2026	PM	1h 20m	Pearson	1RU0 4F	Russian Writing Foundation
10/6/2026	PM	1h 25m	Pearson	1RU0 4H	Russian Writing Higher
11/6/2026	AM	1h 30m	AQA	8035/3	Geography Paper 3
12/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/C/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 Foundation/Higher
12/6/2026	PM	1h 20m	WJEC	5409/30-1	Hospitality and Catering Written
12/6/2026	PM	1h	AQA	8688/WF	Polish Writing Foundation
12/6/2026	PM	1h 15m	AQA	8688/WH	Polish Writing Higher
12/6/2026	PM	1h 20m	Pearson	1PG0 4H	Portuguese Writing Higher
15/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8464/R/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 Foundation/Higher
15/6/2026	PM	1h 45m	AQA	8365/2	Further Mathematics Paper 2
16/6/2026	AM	1h 10m	AQA	8692/WF	Spanish Writing Foundation
16/6/2026	AM	1h 15m	AQA	8692/WH	Spanish Writing Higher
24/6/2026	AM				Contingency Day
24/6/2026	PM				Contingency Day

**Luton**

Adult Learning

LUTON
ALL WOMEN'S
CENTRE

WOMEN'S ACADEMY

Adult Education & training

Location: Luton All Women's Centre**When:** 30th April**Time:** 1pm to 2.30pm

Boost your chances of employment with this expert-led adult education & training workshop;

- Discuss the benefits of adult education
- Learn what courses are on offer
- Understand the different levels & outcomes of each course

If you are interested or would like more information,
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