



LUTTERWORTH COLLEGE
ENABLING EVERY YOUNG PERSON TO LEARN, FLOURISH AND SUCCEED



COLLEGE NEWSLETTER – 12TH JULY 2019

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

Welcome to the school's weekly newsletter.

This is the last parent newsletter of the 2018-19 academic year. I hope you have enjoyed receiving this weekly communication and I thank you for all the positive comments received about it.

It has been another interesting year at Lutterworth College. It is the year in which we sadly said goodbye to our partner school, Sir Frank Whittle Studio School. It was an establishment that was founded on solid altruistic principles and an excellent curriculum but unfortunately was never able to recruit the students necessary to make it financially viable going forward; and the Trust could no longer afford to take the project further. The future of the actual building is still undecided but, for the time being at least, it will temporarily house our English Faculty whilst their teaching block receives a new roof. This year was also the year in which the College had their long overdue inspection from the Church of England (SIAMS) and we were very pleased to receive a 'Good' grade – the full report now a matter of public record on our school's website. We also saw our last 'legacy cohort' of students through their GCSE examinations. Next year's Year 11 will be an eclectic mix of those students that joined the College (when I did) back in September 2015, those that have joined us along the way and students transferring from the Studio School's Year 10 cohort. Our Senior Deputy Head (Academic) Dom Lane will be responsible for ensuring the very best progress & outcomes for these students as we adjust our Year 11 cohort size from 88 students this year to 250+ students next year.

To update you on improvements to the school over the summer:

- A new roof will be put onto L Block (this is the block that faces the bus lanes at the front of school). The new roof will incorporate fire compartmentalisation in line with new safety regulations and although the work is due to commence this weekend it is not expected to be finished until well into the Autumn term – hence the temporary move of the English Faculty to the Studio School building.
- A new covered area (Canopy) will be built on the ATP seating area (next to 'the shed') allowing an outside area that students can occupy during break and lunch times sheltered from the weather.
- New seating will go into both the main dining areas in D & S – allowing these spaces to become more flexible for hirers and easier to clean.
- New student lockers will be based in and around S Block dining allowing the replacement of the old broken ones in the maths corridor – also creating more space for 'student traffic.'
- The Maths Faculty will get a new coat of paint in all the classrooms and shared areas – it is desperately in need of it!
- New displays of old school photos will be proudly displayed in the Laurels and we will move our trophy cabinet to the heritage room in the Laurels.

I assure you that the school has not come into the money; far from it I'm afraid. All of the above is being achieved through a combination of bidding for improvement funds to central government, the 'little extras' capital fund and fundraising by the Friends of Lutterworth College (FOLC). Unfortunately the funding crisis for schools does extend into the heart of Lutterworth College – especially with our complex and dynamic estate – and it is challenging to see how these challenges will be met over the coming years. I have to take decisions daily

about where we can spend our limited resources and they are often unhealthy decisions between spending it on student resources, staff recruitment & retention, estate investment and the IT infrastructure. It is a challenge for all schools but for ours especially; it leaves me feeling extremely frustrated that there is just not enough money to put the investment where it is needed most – supporting student learning.

Nevertheless, I am extremely positive about the future of the school. We have been inspected twice, once by the government (OFSTED) and once by the church, (SIAMS) in the last two years and since I became headteacher. Both experiences have been very positive and recognised that the school is on a journey to excellence and being outstanding. For the last two years we have also been in the top three attaining schools in Leicestershire. In September we welcome another full cohort of 240 students into Year 7 from over 40 different primary schools. We have developed our Be CHRIST characteristics this year as we want all of our students to be: Courageous, Hardworking, Reflective, Inspiring, Supportive and Tenacious. The development of these key characteristics will be led, in the new year, by our Deputy Head (Pastoral) Stewart Shovlin.

As we look forward to next year we also will be celebrating the 140th year of educating young people at Lutterworth College in 2020. We will be marking this anniversary with some special events and activities. As always we look to our parents to get fully involved and support the school as much as possible. Educating young people today remains an absolute privilege – it is made so much easier when the school is supported by the parent body – we make a far more effective and formidable team when we work in partnership.

Enjoy the summer.

Nick Summers

Headteacher – Lutterworth College

PS. Follow me on twitter at @LCheadteacher – I will be keeping you up to date on the developments at the school over the summer.



WAITROSE 'COMMUNITY MATTERS' SCHOOL LIBRARY

Throughout July you can contribute to our school library through the Green Token Scheme at Waitrose in Lutterworth. Our librarian, Rita Johnston, has done an excellent job in ensuring that we have been nominated for this and we will be very grateful for any contributions you can make via this scheme.



'Lutterworth College serves the local community and believes that every young person should be given the opportunity to learn, flourish and succeed. They are looking to develop and expand the reading area of the college and wish to purchase a new seating unit and increase the number of reading books available to pupils. Any money raised will be used for this.'

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION 2021

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Our World Challenge parents' presentation evening, held last week, attracted a great deal of interest for our expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia 2021. It was great to see the level of enthusiasm that our students have for this trip. Just a quick reminder that if you would like to apply for a place on the expedition, please hand in your completed application form to student reception, or complete the online application by Monday 15th July. Hard copy application packs are still available at student reception if required, or you can e mail Mr Bailey at C.Bailey@lutterworthcollege.com for an electronic copy.



EXAM RESULTS

WILL BE ISSUED TO STUDENTS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Thursday 15 August from 7:00am– A Level & BTEC Level 3
Thursday 22 August from 9:00am – GCSE & BTEC Levels 1 or 2

Results to be collected from the Main Hall at Lutterworth College

Any uncollected results will be posted out at the end of results day to the address held on our system.

Students will need to bring with them their school ID card as proof of who they are, and to then hand in to staff upon collection of their results.

If a student wants to nominate someone else to collect their results on their behalf then they must complete the permission form which has already been emailed out to them. The nominated person will then need to bring the completed form with them on results day with some form of ID e.g. passport, driving licence etc.

CHANGES TO SETTING

ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE

Next year, changes to the way in which we have timetabled our core subjects mean that some students' sets will have changed. We wanted to let you know how students are being set in each of the subjects to help clear up any confusion. If you have specific questions about the set into which your child has been placed, please contact their teacher(s) directly.

English and Science

In English and Science, students are taught in largely mixed-ability groups. There is some streaming by ability with particularly able students, and with those who we feel would benefit from smaller class sizes with additional support.

Maths

In Maths, students have been placed in groups with their peers who are working at similar levels. This has been based on target grades and the grades at which students are currently working following assessments that they have completed during the past year. Lessons in Maths are differentiated to ensure that students at all levels are stretched and challenged in their work to enable them to make progress.

YEAR 7 INDUCTION

On Monday and Tuesday of the final week of this term we welcomed our new Year 7 students. They had an enjoyable two days at the College, meeting each other and school staff, and being introduced to their new mentor groups.

On Monday the students had the opportunity to sample a typical Maths, English and Science lesson. Also, students were invited to a talk by Mr Jeremy Dry from Maximise, a

guest speaker who gave the students some tips on how best to prepare for life at secondary school. I think the students found this extremely enjoyable as it was both amusing and helpful.

On Tuesday the new students were able to spend time in their Mentor groups sampling some of the activities that take place during Mentor period. This included a personal reading session which is a regular feature of these sessions. This was followed by a mini sports day and, because the weather was nice, a picnic on the field at lunchtime.

Mrs Knight and Mrs Bird, the Year 7 Pastoral managers, then said their farewells to the students as parents came to collect them at the end of two busy days.

All staff and students look forward to greeting the new Year 7 at the beginning of the new academic year.

SUMMER SHOW SPECTACULAR! MUSIC DEPT

The Music Department held its Summer Festival last Wednesday, with both an outdoor and indoor stage for students to perform on! The show was to showcase the great work and progress of our students in Music this year, and the audience were treated to a wide range of amazing performances; from classical piano pieces to Barbershop songs, Musical Theatre through to classic Rock, and they loved it all! Even before the show started, students were singing karaoke style on the outdoor stage and the whole night had a real party atmosphere – it just goes to show how lucky we are to have such a great team atmosphere within the Department!

The night was well attended, with great support from parents on the refreshment stand, making and selling cakes, muffins, brownies, tea, coffee and soft drinks – thanks to Gail Draper and Adam Durning for leading the team with that – an amazing show of support for both our students and our staff.

Thanks also to Mr Rolfe, the Deputy Head of the PE & Arts Faculty, for manning the tickets and front of house roles – these events really benefit from staff and leadership support, so it was great that he was there to help out!

The evening finished with our award winning Show Choir singing Mr Lubkowski's arrangement of 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman' to a standing ovation from the audience, and the students then presented Mr Lubkowski with gifts and thank-you speeches as his last concert at the College came to an end – tears were shed and goodbyes were said, but the evening was a very special end to an amazing year.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday 9th July Sara Raywood and I had the task of interviewing the year 12 students who had been nominated for Head Boy and Head Girl. It was the largest number that we have ever had to interview and without exception each of the candidates was excellent. It was a real pleasure to watch their presentations and to hear their comments and suggestions. It will be an incredibly difficult job to pick just two students for these roles but we are hoping to let the successful applicants know by the end of term.

MR LUBKOWSKI SAYS GOODBYE...

I'm leaving Lutterworth College Music Department after 5 years teaching some of the most dedicated and talented students I've ever had the pleasure to meet. The highlights are many and varied, but our Show Choir being crowned Leicestershire School Choir of Year ranks highly, as does our students in the Quartet 'Neopolitan' becoming the National Youth Barbershop Quartet Champions, with them being invited to perform at the 'Show of Champions' at the National Barbershop convention in October in front of more than 2000 people. Writing 'The Orphan and the Elf' – a 2 hour Christmas musical with 30 original songs written with students, achieving record GCSE results of 63% A*-A and record numbers opting to study Music both at GCSE and Sixth Form, numerous concerts, events, external performances and so many other priceless moments for both myself and our students. And in that time I've seen literally thousands of young people learn, flourish and succeed in so many ways within Music lessons and extra-curricular activities – it has been a privilege to teach every one of them and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mr Lubkowski

HUMANITIES

It's been a really busy end to the year for the humanities team. We have taken lots of students out on a range of trips:

Year 8 have been to the peak District visiting various locations including Stanage Edge. Thankfully the weather was a lot better for the rescheduled visit!

Year 9 went to Leicester to explore changes over time.

Year 10 have been to Sheringham to look at sustainable communities and risk.

Staff accompanied the drop down day trips and our last trip is to Hampton Court with the Y12 historians.

Look out for our exciting new reward initiative next year focusing on KS3 students in History, Geography and RS. We will also be looking for eco champions - I'm sure you will agree that this is an important area of focus.

Thanks
Heidi Fitzgerald
Head of Humanities



DROPDOWN DAY

The annual Lutterworth College dropdown day saw nearly 40 intrepid literature students seize the chance to visit Stratford and engage in a range of activities. We were treated to glorious spring weather as we walked the banks of the Avon on our way to Shakespeare's final resting place Holy Trinity church. We then passed by Halls Croft and the King Edward VI grammar school. Today's curriculum is quite different from the one young William studied at King Edward's. Most lessons were in Latin and focused on the works of Seneca, Ovid, and Cicero with school days beginning at 7 am and continuing until 6 pm. We concluded our walking tour at his birthplace in Henley Street.

The staff at the birthplace introduced students to the life and times of Shakespeare, as well as affording them the opportunity to star in their own mini Shakespeare performance. The enthusiasm with which the lion 'roared', the pathos felt as our hero died and the vigour with which the wall dipped was a joy to behold.

Students then enjoyed a fascinating talk on Romeo and Juliet. Our students thoroughly enjoyed directing the staff and proved themselves a credit to the college.

We aim to visit again next year and would encourage any new year 10 or 12 students to join us.



COLLEGE QUIZ

THE BIG FAT LUTTERWORTH COLLEGE MENTOR GROUP QUIZ

On Monday, we held the first ever 'Big Fat Lutterworth College Quiz' for all of our mentor groups, from our incoming Year 7s through to our students about to begin the final year of their A Levels. Students tackled 9 fiendish rounds testing everything from grammar to the songs of Girls Aloud. Emerging victorious were a team from mentor group 12Q3, comprising Archie, Beth, Harry, Izzy and team captains Niamh and Emily (pictured). They won a bag of treats to take home. Very well done!



LUTTERWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

During the summer holidays, we are holding activity camps for the youngsters so they can stay active during their time off.

Camps will run 8am – 5pm on:

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August

Monday 5th – Friday 9th August

All the camps will be at a cost of £18.80 per day. If you have any questions about this, please contact our reception team on 01455 200 800 and we will be glad to help with this.

We look forward to seeing you!

Daniel Brookin | Membership Consultant
Lutterworth Leisure Centre

GARDENING PROJECT

Last week three of our year 7 students, Jack-Valentino Harding, Amy Jensen and Chris Head started a gardening project on the Memorial Garden after contacting Mr Summers and offering their time to make a difference. They worked hard clearing and flattening the area ready for planting in phase 2 of the project.

One of the students said “We started work on the garden because we thought it was looking a bit messy so we made it look as good as we could. The Estates Team helped us providing tools and support.”



SPORTS DAY

On Thursday the 4th of July we held our annual sports day. We were treated to some glorious weather throughout the day, which kicked off with a fantastic performance from the cheer leading squad. After the opening ceremony, students took part in a series of eleven activities including water races, tug of war and a question of sport. This year students competed within their mentor groups. Mr Beaumont's 7B5 were Year 7 champions, 8B5 took the top prize in Year 8, Mrs Samaria's 9A2 were Year 9 winners and 10L6 were Year 10 champions. The overall winners on the day were 10L6 who scored more points across the activities than any other mentor group. Well done 10L6!



HAMPTON COURT

On Thursday 11th July, Year 12 historians visited Hampton Court near London to complement their A-Level work on the Tudors. Despite a 7.5-hour round trip to get there, spirits remained high and we had a good day. We enjoyed a guided tour focused on the life of Cardinal Wolsey for the first part of the day and then explored the palace after lunch, paying particular attention to the paintings and architecture, which also form part of our course. A couple of students ventured into the maze and fortunately made it out again! All in all, it was lovely to be immersed in the world of the Tudors for a day.



YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY

LEICESTER FIELD WORK

On Monday 29th June, the geography department took all of the Year 9 geographers into Leicester to complete their first day of GCSE field work.

For their exam pupils are required to study how different areas have changed over time, and how cycles and flows impact an area. Our trip to Leicester gave us the perfect opportunity to study these two elements and provided the pupils' with first-hand experience of collecting geographical data outside of the classroom. The day started with a visit to Belgrave to allow data to be collected on an area which has changed significantly over time, largely due to migration. The pupils were able to see how this has influenced the businesses, housing and services of this part of the city. After a short coach transfer, our next stop was the St Matthew's Estate, which provided a clear contrast to Belgrave and gave an insight into how government housing policies of the mid to late 20th century completely changed the landscape of city centre living. Our final study area was the central business district which has undergone huge change in recent years due to significant investment and changes in the retail sector. This area of the city also introduced pupils to the idea of flows, and how different movements of pedestrians, vehicles and goods impact an urban environment and how these flows can be managed.

Despite the threat of thunderstorms, the weather stayed fair and the pupils conducted themselves maturely, working hard throughout the day and gaining lots of valuable information which will undoubtedly have a huge positive impact on their future studies.

COMMEMORATION DAY 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

12TH JULY

Last day of the academic year – Finish 1.30pm

13TH AUGUST

Academy Uniform Shop (10am-1pm) in Small Sports hall

15TH AUGUST

A level & BTEC Results Day (7am)

22ND AUGUST

GCSE Results Day (9am)

29TH AUGUST

Autumn term starts (Year 7-11 & Y13)

2ND SEPTEMBER

Autumn term starts (Year 12)

11TH SEPTEMBER

Fatal Four (Year 12)

Student Travel 2019-20

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you thought about your child travelling to school by bus? If so we've got the perfect solution!

- Arriva Child Saver Tickets are available for children up to & including Year 11.
- Arriva Student Saver Tickets are valid for anyone 16+ in full time education.

For around £1.50 a day your child will get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus across all our routes in Leicester and Leicestershire.

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Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows parents or guardians to spread the cost of their child's ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole school year, without paying upfront.

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit please visit:

arrivabus.co.uk/ss-midlands

To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new school year, we recommend registering by the end of July.

Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your child's mobile phone. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email:

studenttickets.ams@arriva.co.uk

- Student Ticket Team, Arriva Midlands.



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AGED 13-21? JOIN OUR HERITAGE FESTIVAL GROUP AND...

- Explore what heritage and identity means to **you**
- Volunteer to get experience for a job /college /UCAS / DofE
- Help shape, design and host Leicestershire's first ever young people's heritage festival
- Create your own exhibition

WHEN:

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening
6pm-7.30pm, starting **31ST JULY 2019**

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