



Student Council Updates – Paddleboarding War Horse – Aerial Trekking – Diversity Week Mental Health Awareness – School Highlights



Shaun Whittingham, Head Teacher

Welcome to LPS's new-look newsletter! Not only does it have an innovative new design, but it also has a new name: The LPS LOOP. The name reflects its purpose—to share lots of information and keep everyone in the loop.

In this issue, you'll find articles covering a whole range of topics and events, including reports on some of our students who took part in REACH Rewards Trips and a visit to see the War Horse theatre production at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham.

Our students have also been involved in a variety of themed events, such as Mental Health Awareness Week, a poem writing competition, and an assembly celebrating Diversity Week.

Please make a note of the new term dates and our updated student uniform rules, which we've made much simpler to understand and follow.

I hope you're all able to enjoy a happy and relaxing summer break.





Autumn Term

Staff Training Days - Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Aug 2025

August Bank Holiday - Mon 25th Aug 2025

Staff Training Day - Tues 26th Aug 2025

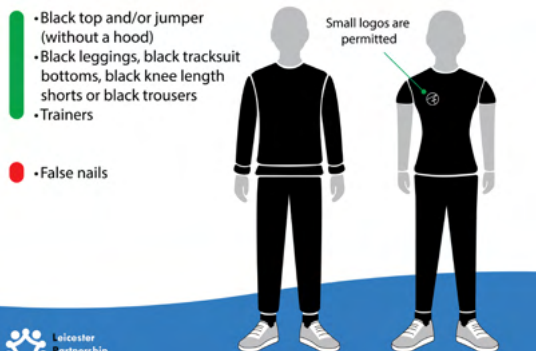
Students Start - Wed 27th Aug 2025

Mid-Term Break - Mon 20th Oct to Fri 24th Oct 2025

Staff Training Day - Mon 24th Nov 2025

School Closes - Fri 19th Dec 2025

STUDENT UNIFORM



Starting from the new academic year (25.26), our revised student uniform will take affect.

- Black top and/or jumper
- Black Leggings, black tracksuit bottoms, black knee length shorts or black trousers
- Trainers

- False nails

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We encourage students to share any concerns or worries they may have with us by using the Let It Go Helpline, available 24/7.

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REACH Trips

As part of our ongoing REACH Rewards initiative, we've been celebrating students who show great behaviour and a strong attitude to learning. To recognise their efforts, we took groups out for two amazing trips – one to tackle the aerial trekking course and another to try their hand at paddleboarding. Both days were full of fun, laughter, and a bit of adventure! Everyone, staff and students alike, had a brilliant time and came back with big smiles and great memories.



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War Horse

What a phenomenal show! War Horse took us all on an emotional rollercoaster, with its powerful depiction of the devastation of war brought to life through one of the most incredible stage productions I've ever seen. The puppetry was so convincing that it was easy to forget Joey, the mechanical horse, wasn't real—he had such presence and spirit. Gunshots echoed through the auditorium, and the entire audience was silent as soldiers lay lifeless on stage. Despite the heartbreak, the horses brought hope and kept everyone's spirits alive, moving many of us to tears.

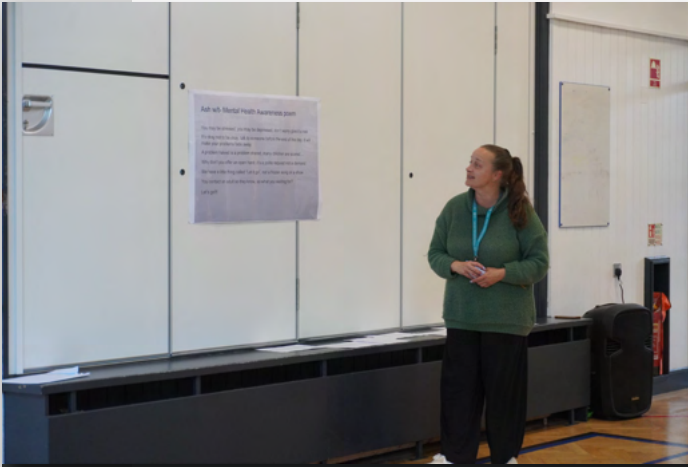
Every one of my students sat in absolute silence, completely captivated. I'll definitely be returning next year with more students!

Lesley, Drama Teacher

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Mental Health Awareness

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, we held an assembly led by our very own

Lesley Crooks, Drama Teacher. The purpose of this assembly was to highlight the importance of mental health awareness and promote understanding. Some of our KS3 students took part in creating some amazing mental health focused poems such as this one from our Ash Wed/Thurs group. A couple of our staff members also took part in the ice bucket challenge. This particular social media sensation came about to raise awareness for ALS which is a form of Motor Neurone Disease.

Ash w/t- Mental Health Awareness poem

You may be stressed, you may be depressed, don't worry give it a rest
It's okay not to be okay, talk to someone before the end of the day, it will make your problems fade away
A problem halved is a problem shared, many children are scared...
Why don't you offer an open hand, it's a polite request not a demand
We have a little thing called "Let it go", not a frozen song or a show
You contact an adult so they know, so what you waiting for?
Let's go!!!



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Diversity

As part of our Diversity Week celebrations we held a special assembly led by our very own Lesley Crooks, Drama Teacher. The purpose of this assembly was to highlight the importance of diversity and being proud of our unique qualities. Lesley also took the time to touch upon some of the challenges and stereotypes that are usually associated with some groups/individuals.

The assembly included some very informative but also fun and engaging activities.



To top it all off, Lesley arranged for a variety of snacks, each from a different part of the world.



Student Council

Our student council plays an important role in giving students a real opportunity to have their voices heard within the school community. It also offers a fresh perspective on school life, while helping members develop valuable skills such as leadership, organisation, communication, and managing responsibility.



With two of our previous members having now moved on from LPS, we gave students another chance to get involved or vote for their representatives.

Congratulations to Ra'mae and Theo!



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Summer Celebrations

To finish half term 6 and end the term, staff at LPS organised a summer celebration — a day full of games, activities, sports, food, and, of course, almost everyone's favourite addition: the ice cream van!

This event was a great opportunity for both staff and students to come together, celebrate the end of another academic year, relax, and have fun.



A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success!



COMMANDO JOE'S



Commando Joe's support thousands of schools across the UK with their Character Education programmes. They give young people the building blocks to develop life skills, character traits, attributes and behaviours which have a positive impact on their wellbeing, confidence and life throughout school and beyond.

Here is a small glimpse of some of the activities our students have taken part in.

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Greece is renowned for its rich history and cultural heritage, often referred to as the "cradle of Western civilization". It's the birthplace of democracy, the Olympic Games, philosophy, and iconic landmarks like the Acropolis and the Parthenon.

Greek mythology encompasses the myths and legends of ancient Greece, which explored the origins of the world, the lives of gods and goddesses, and the actions of heroes and mythical creatures. These stories played a vital role in shaping Greek culture, religion, and artistic expression.

The most popular food in Greece is Souvlaki, which is grilled meat (often pork or chicken) served on a skewer, in pita bread, or on a plate with various toppings. It's a beloved street food and a common dish in restaurants and tavernas.

Greece is a popular destination due to its beautiful landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. It's considered the cradle of Western civilization, offering a unique blend of ancient history and modern attractions. Additionally, its stunning beaches, warm climate, and delicious cuisine contribute to its appeal.

Greece!

An amazing piece of work from one of our KS4 students, highlighting some facts about Greece

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We have recently added lots of resources and guides, especially around the subject of technology and safeguarding, to our website. These resources can be extremely helpful for both students and parents/carers.

Please scan the QR code to find out more, or head to the E-Safety section of our website.

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