

# LPS NEWSLETTER



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## A message from the Head

Although it has been a relatively short Spring Term you will see that it has been packed with lots of activities and events. In February we had a visit from Darryl Laycock, who talked to our students about his experiences of being involved in crime and gangs in Manchester. In March we held a Red Nose Day event where staff and students raised money by holding a coffee morning and selling cakes. Our Key Stage 4 Team delivered Gifts of Kindness to the families of some of our students. We have also had some staff changes and we will be welcoming some new staff team members after the Easter Holidays. Some of our Key Stage 3 and 4 students have already achieved some qualifications and our GCSE students are working hard in preparation for their examinations next term.

I would like to wish you all a happy & relaxing Easter break.

Shaun Whittingham  
[Head Teacher]

### Dates for your Diary:-

**We break up for the Easter holidays on**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Students return to school, following the Easter Holidays, on**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



# School News

## Staffing Matters



## KS4 Maths .....

In December 2022 our Key Stage 4 Maths Teacher left us to move on to pastures new. Since this time Seb has taken over the teaching of our Key Stage 4 maths lessons. Seb has done a great job of keeping students on track and working hard towards their maths examinations.

We are pleased to welcome our new Key Stage 4 Maths Teacher, Harvey Singh. Harvey will be joining us in the Summer Term. It is great to have Harvey on-board, as he is a very experienced maths teacher and is full of enthusiasm and great ideas!

## These are Challenging Times .....

It has been a very challenging term for our staff team, as we have been experiencing very high levels of staff absence, while at the same time having to cope with a very high number of new student referrals. This has put additional pressure on staff who have been covering for staff who have been absent. I would like to thank those staff who have battled on and continued to deliver a high quality education experience to our students. I know that our students really appreciate this and, on-behalf of the Leadership Team, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for all the hard work.

# RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we held a Coffee morning to raise money for Red Nose Day. Staff & students donated cakes and refreshments and we invited some friends and family to join us. The coffee morning was a great success and we managed to raise a grand total of £181. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and refreshments and who supported us on the day.



Lots of cakes were donated & staff, students and visitors had a good time.



# Good Sports !

## FLAG FOOTBALL

KS4 students have been accessing a range of sports including American Football that is delivered by an organisation called 'Dallaglio Rugby Works'. Emma from the organisation comes in and delivers sports and leadership workshops with the KS4 students to improve their interpersonal skills through sport. We hope that it will also encourage some of our KS4 students to become interested in Rugby and similar sports outside of school.



KS4 Students Accessing a Flag Football Session



## IT WAS ALL A BIT DODGEY!

Some of our KS4 students decided to have a dodgeball tournament [They also invited some students from the OAK Group to take part] The session went really well and students demonstrated high levels of motivation and their behaviour was great with around 12-15 students taking part in the whole tournament.

Andy Buckle [Sports Teacher]



Some of our KS4 & OAK Students & Staff Playing Dodge Ball

## Carlton Proves that he is Fighting Fit ....

As part of one of our student's [Carlton] timetable, myself and Kelso organised a weekly gym and boxing session for him (delivered by both of us). The boxing / gym session takes place at TAB24 gym where Carlton has been shown how to use the equipment and complete an exercise session. We hope that Carlton will develop his interest in boxing and fitness in general and get more involved in structured exercise and sports both in and outside of school.

Andy Buckle [Sports Teacher]



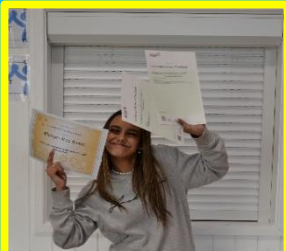
Carlton being congratulated by Kelso at one of his Boxing Gym sessions





# News Catch Up !

## WE HAVE SOME BRIGHT SPARKS



One of our KS3 Students – Allisya – showing off some of the certificates that she has achieved.

Some of our KS3 Students have already gained AQA Unit Awards in Drama, Cooking & Art and some have achieved Functional Skills Qualifications in English & Maths

## APT UPDATES

### WELCOME ON BOARD TOBY & GOOD LUCK LAURA

Laura Hunt, our APT Team Project Coordinator, is leaving to have a baby. We are pleased that we have been able to appoint Toby Jeffreys, who will cover for Laura while she is on maternity leave.

Welcome on board Toby & good luck Laura!

### NEW TEAM MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome Lauren Nelson to our APT Team. Lauren joins our team as our new Youth Justice Worker. Lauren replaces Niamh Finnegan, who left the team last year. We would like to welcome Lauren into our staff team..

### IT'S GREAT NEWS !

In February we were informed by the Department for Education [DfE] that the funding for our APT Team will now continue for a further 2 years [Until March 2025]. This is great news, as we have received very positive feedback and provided some much appreciated and valued support to some of our students and their families.

## KNIFE CRIME & GANG AWARENESS



DARRYL LAYCOK – SPOKE TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES OF BEING INVOLVED IN KNIFE CRIME AND CRIMINAL GANGS

As part of our Knife Crime & Gang Awareness programme, in February, Darryl Laycock visited our students to discuss his life, his decisions and how it has affected him and the people around him.

Darryl spent more than 12 years in custody. He began offending from his early teens but as he got older his offending became more serious.

Throughout the time he was involved in criminal activity he lost over 30 friends and family to violence. Darryl himself has survived being shot on 3 occasions and being stabbed 7 times.

During his visit Darryl shared his story with our students and this had a huge impact on our students and staff alike, opening their eyes to the real life consequences of associating with gangs and knife crime.

Tom Liney [Personal Development Lead]

# Key Stage 4 News

## Key Stage 4 The Gift of Kindness Programme



Some of the food items that our KS4 Team distributed to families



Our KS4 Education Team and students decided that they wanted to support some of our students and their families by providing them with a few essential household and food items. The programme used Pupil Premium funding and staff donations to create useful household food, personal hygiene and cleaning product boxes.

The programme provided families meaningful household products to help fight the cost of living crisis at the end of every half term.

A massive thank you to all staff members who donated items and also to Mick and Carl who hand delivered the boxes. A special thank you to Suni, who helped us to order all the gift items. We received some very positive feedback from parents ....

*"This is really helpful as everything is so expensive."*

*"Thank you for your kindness."*

*"This is a really good idea, thank you so much."*

Drew Barrett [Assistant Head of School]

## WELL DONE LAUREN!



A picture of Lauren with her brand new boots

Congratulations to LPS student Lauren O'Rourke (Yr 11) who has made huge steps forward on her Alternative Provision courses over the last year.

Lauren was awarded with a pair of brand new boots for her to keep after being nominated by her Tutors at Enstruct Training for the Most Improved Student in terms of attendance, engagement, Work Output and Lauren's Personal Development on her Construction Course.

Pran Pancholi  
[Vocational Manager]

## Progress Update

The large majority of our KS4 students are making expected or better than expected progress in their Functional Skills examination courses. A significant number are making very good progress and we are expecting them to do well in their end of year examinations. The vast majority of our GCSE students are on course to achieve a qualification at their expected level or above.