



LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Get to Know your Local MP
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Catherine McKinnell visited LHS on Friday the 29th of November 2024

We asked lots of questions about changes in our community and her role as an MP. For example:

- Do you think schools in the south get better exam results and why?
- How do you feel when you have to make such important decisions and cast a vote on serious issues, such as the recent assisted dying vote?
- Do you have any thoughts on getting rid of the Baccalaureate so that more students opt for Art subjects?

Catherine explained that her day to day role consists of a lot of travel to and from London and many interesting debates and discussions in the Houses of Parliament. We were interested to learn that one of her best achievements was using the levelling up fund to restore the West Denton swimming pool for the local community. This really proves her ability to listen and act on the people's voice as well as making ideas a reality. While growing up she always looked up to strong female role models who helped her build her self-belief. By the end we felt that she really wants to make positive changes to our community and to the education system. She wants to focus on the rising issue of climate change and take action. We were impressed!

SCHOOL NEWS



Autumn 2 has been a very busy half term with sporting successes, extra-curricular visits, inspire clubs and 'theme of the week' activities. The end of term also means success visits which this year included ice-skating and visiting the Sunderland Empire to watch the pantomime. These trips are for students who have embodied our KIDMAP values this term.



One of the highlights of this term was a visit from our local MP and Schools Minister Catherine McKinnell, who met our house captains and school council representatives. The visit marked the end of a week of activities focusing on what parliament does and the importance of democracy. Jess, Ethan and Maddie gave an excellent presentation on the work we have been doing in school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- HALF TERM 3 STARTS - MONDAY 6 JANUARY
- RESPECT DROP-DOWN DAY- TUESDAY 7 JANUARY
- Y11 PARENTS EVENING - WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY
- Y7 CAREERS BUILDER WORKSHOP - THURSDAY 23 JANUARY
- MATLIDA THE MUSICAL - MONDAY 27-WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY
- Y10 PARENT WORK EXPERIENCE MEETING -THURSDAY 30 JANUARY
- Y11 MOCK MFL SPEAKING EXAMS - MONDAY 3-FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY
- Y12 PARENTS EVENING - THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY
- Y8 CAREERS SPEED DATING WORKSHOP - THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY
- LAST DAY OF HT3 - FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY



Our 2minute Remembrance silence was beautifully marked by Ewan W playing a moving rendition of the Last Post. Our History department also delivered assemblies on the theme where students learned about modern veterans and the reasons why we commemorate on Armistice Day.



Football Success...

The Y7 boys 9 a side team reached the County Cup Quarter Finals with a 1-0 victory over Newminster. They also managed an emphatic 3-0 victory over Kings to help them progress into the League Cup Quarter Finals too.



Meanwhile the Y7 Girls team won 3 and drew 2 in their first Football festival of the year, and the Y7 7 a side team took part in their first CVL fixtures of the year.



Sporting Achievement

Well done to the Y7 girls Netball Team who played brilliantly in their first fixture against St Thomas Moore, Norham and John Spence. They won 2 and drew 1. They were a credit to themselves and LHS showing excellent values of sportsmanship and manners throughout the evening.

Year 7 also travelled to Marden Bridge for the indoor athletics. They demonstrated fantastic togetherness supporting each other, as well as LHS values in abundance!

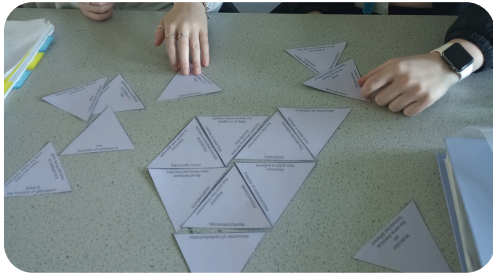


Inspire Clubs

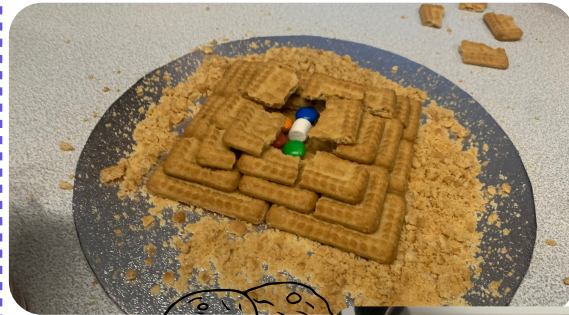
Throughout the year students are offered a varied range of extra-curricular activities which take place after school. This half term we have had Matilda rehearsals in preparation for our school show, as well as....



'Help a Hedgehog' enrichment



Medical Science carbohydrates revision with tarsia



Historical biscuit buildings in History Club - can you guess which buildings these are?



Geography club - combined their map reading skills with food tech and used butter icing, fondant and hand made flag cake toppers.



The Y10 French group visited La Petite Creperie at the Newcastle Christmas market for a French workshop where they ordered their crepes in French, using their skills in a real life scenario with a native speaker.

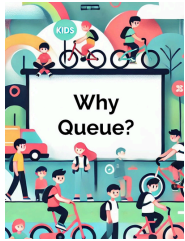


Y10 War Horse Theatre Trip

Year 10 students involved in the Villiers Park Leadership Programme visited Sunderland University for a day of STEM workshops. The Robot Wars was definitely the favourite activity for all involved!



In November Year 7 enjoyed the Theatre Space performance of "Why Queue?"; a fun, interactive performance which inspires students to engage with sustainable travel, exploring the benefits of choosing to travel sustainably and to understand what influences their behaviour and supporting them to make informed choices. Year 7 were a brilliant audience and were thoroughly engaged throughout the performance.



A group of year 9 students enjoyed an employability and speed dating careers workshop from EY Foundation. They explored what a superpower a leadership superhero would have!



LHS Festive Fun!

The final two weeks of school have involved Success Visits and success assemblies...



The Christmas Concert



...we also had our annual festive craft competition which this year saw students decorating their doors!



Christmas Cards for Care Homes and Amnesty International campaign letters...



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