



# LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

## Newsletter

### Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter for the academic year 2022/23.

This week we saw our new Yr7 students complete their very first half term at LHA. What a great start they have made to their 5-year journey with us. They are all working hard to ensure that they gain as many CAP points towards their Bronze certificate.

I know, after meeting parents on Wednesday night, that not only are the students feeling a part of the LHA family, but that parents are too. It was a pleasure to hear so many parents talking about just how much their child has settled in at the academy.



Thank you to all the staff and students across the year groups who have helped to make the Yr 7 students experience such a positive one.

At the other end of the 5 years at LHA, we have our newly appointed Head Students, Becky and Harry, who have kindly shared a little about themselves as a way of introduction, see article on page 4.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term.

Mrs Gorman  
Principal

# CITIZENSHIP

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## Lostock Hall Academy Vision 2022-23

LHA will be the local secondary provider of choice. We will equip all our learners with the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to achieve their full potential in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. Educating the future, Academy students will be proud to achieve a successful career path through transition into work or training in all walks of adult life.



## Student's at LHA awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag



Students at Lostock Hall Academy have earned an international accreditation this academic year, recognising their amazing work in making their school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow students.

Eco-Schools is an international education programme that prompts young people to explore sustainability and climate change and take action.

Students at LHA collaborated with Mrs Semple - Geography Teacher, to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly our school is. They reviewed everything from the school's recycling practices, to energy usage, to how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the students and Mrs Semple planned a year of activities that would increase their green-credentials.

The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: Biodiversity, School Grounds and Waste.

Activities included planting fruit trees in the school allotment, planting wildflower seeds and meeting with the Principal, Mrs Gorman to discuss plans for improving recycling.

Being part of Eco-Schools makes students more aware of their impact on the planet. This is what a parent of a student involved in Eco Schools said of the group 'She looks forwards to Eco Council meetings and really enjoys championing the cause.

Eco School has benefitted her in many ways. From an environmental perspective it has made her more aware of the School environment and the need to protect and recycle. This has in return made her more conscious to recycle at home and empathetic of her surroundings. She realises that every little bit counts in helping to reduce the carbon footprint, from recycling, reducing food waste to using reusable straws, bottles and making conscious choices with food packaging. Eco Council has given her a positive platform to develop many skills. She has created presentations, she has grown in confidence as a speaker. She has worked in groups and also learnt to understand different perspectives. She has had the opportunity to make friends in other years groups with like minded peers who are all wanting to make a difference to the environment.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Students should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)



# SAVE THE DATE

**We are looking for Community  
Volunteers to help the LHA Eco Club  
plant hedges and trees on  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Can you spare an hour of your time to help us?  
Students (past, present and future), parents,  
carers, grandparents, friends, Cubs, Scouts,  
Brownies, Guides - everyone welcome!  
Refreshments provided.

**Please register your  
interest by emailing  
Mrs Semple**

**[f.semple@lostockhallacademy.org](mailto:f.semple@lostockhallacademy.org)**





## Introducing Our Head Students



Hi everyone, I'm Becky Parker, one of your Head Students here at Lostock Hall Academy! One thing I love, is playing football. I have played since I was 4 and have been a member of a mixed team and a girls' squad and also help to coach an U10s girls' and U8s boys' team. It's great to see the smile on their faces as they play. I love the game and always have - football has been a huge part of my life for years! Another thing that interests me is music, TV, and Film. I want to work behind the scenes in the TV and Film industry, as I love the idea of bringing stories to life. I am particularly interested in the idea of being a Director, a job I am working towards for the future.

Hi, I'm Harry Ford, the other Head Student here at LHA. One of my passions is playing and watching football. Alongside Becky, I also help to coach an U8s boys' team and an under 10s girls' football team. I absolutely love seeing the players grow and improve whilst playing a game they all enjoy. Another one of my interests is playing badminton in PE lessons and with my dad outside of school. In the future, I would love to be a marine biologist. The thought of studying the wonders of the sea and the unknown and being able to protect sea life has always fascinated me.

Being Head Student is an amazing opportunity, and we have loved our time in this role so far! Recently, we delivered a speech at the school's open evening and despite being nervous we challenged ourselves and it went down really well!

We, alongside the other Senior Prefects, are enjoying working together and have had the privilege of being able to use the new Senior Prefect room for the first time.

At the moment we are all working on how we can ensure the students of Lostock Hall Academy remember and honour those who died for our freedom, recognising the sacrifice that they all made for us, in preparation for the 11th November. We hope as many students and parents as possible show their support and buy a poppy from school when we return.

Thank you to all the students for a great start to the new academic year and please remember that we're always here to help. So feel free to come and find us around school if you need any support, or just want to chat.

Becky and Harry  
Head Students

Find us on



@lostockacademy

# dfm

Well done to all the students and the Maths Department.  
LHA are currently ranked 3rd in the world  
with 4,401,628 points (this year)

The top students in each year group:

Y 7 Taylor D	496 points
Y 8 Leo M	3321 points
Y 9 Isabella W	2810 points
Y10 Jessica C	10698 points
Y11 Rebecca P	2227 points

185,027

Teacher set questions

8,819

Independent work

532,664

LHA points since September



## South Ribbles Sports Award

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The annual **South Ribble Sports Awards** returned this year after a two-year gap due to the pandemic. The event once again enabled the local sporting community to once again gather together to celebrate the talent and dedication that is so evident within the district.

Lostock Hall Academy won the **'School of the year for PE and Sport'** for the fourth time in recent years which is an amazing achievement by any standard. The school was nominated for the award due to the ongoing provision of high quality opportunities for students to participate in sport, both within PE lessons and through extra-curricular opportunities. The Academy has also just received the **'School Games Mark' Gold Standard** pennant for commitment to school sport, resulting in cause for double celebration.

The PE Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for the time and effort that they give up for the Academy. This is the main reason why the Academy was nominated and ultimately won the award. The key factor in our success was due to our continued dedication to develop sport within the local and wider community.



An example of how we do this is through organizing and running primary school events. The athletics, football and netball events that ran over the course of last year involved many of our local schools and gave hundreds of younger students the opportunity to play sport.

None of this would be possible without the leadership skills of our dedicated students who give up countless hours to help out at these events! They really are superb examples of how the Academy Core Values such as **'Citizenship'**, **'Commitment'** and **'Teamwork'** are applied by our students in terms of helping others.

# TEAMWORK



# Open Event

What a pleasure it was to be able to open our doors fully this year for our Open Event. The academy was filled with prospective families and our students represented their school impeccably, conducting tours, taking part in classroom displays and performing on the stage. Mrs Gorman welcomed 4 large groups of visitors and she was ably supported by our head students who spoke candidly about their time at the school. They were an inspiration to all, and the staff were very proud of them and all the other students who volunteered to be an active part of the event.

## CITIZENSHIP



The showcase continued with 12 additional tours the following week lead by the leadership team. It was equally pleasing to be able to show the academy 'at work' with the confidence that LHA is a great place to be whether you work here, study here or just pop in occasionally to visit.

The closing date for applications for admission September 2023 is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If this applies to you or someone you know please complete the online application form <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> and share the link.

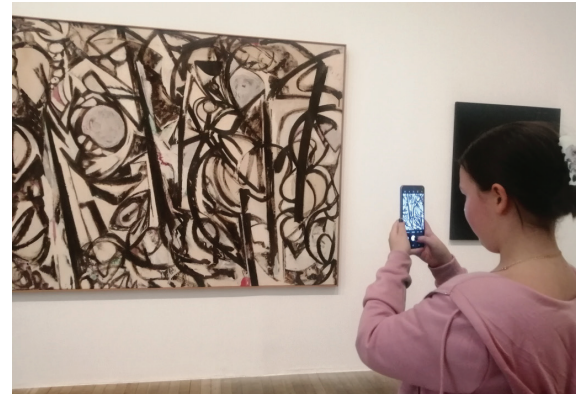
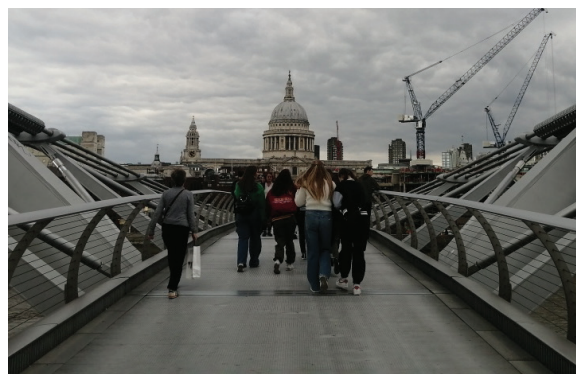




# Art and Performing Arts London Trip

On 20th September, 30 Art and Performing Arts students from year 10 and 11 travelled down to London to experience the capital's culture around these subjects, as well as seeing a few of the sights on the way. On the first day we experienced Covent Garden, visited the Tate Modern, walked across the Millenium Bridge and experienced the London Underground! In the evening we travelled to the Lyceum Theatre to watch the amazing 'Lion King Musical'. It was truly a spectacle and students were astounded by the amazing costumes, set and fabulous performances.

The next day we split into two groups and the Performing Arts students experienced a 'West End' workshop at Danceworks in Mayfair - we even had the opportunity to question one of the cast members of the Lion King and gain further insight into production. The Art students were able to experience the fabulous work at the National Gallery and learn about the work of professional artists. We met up at Trafalgar Square and took the opportunity to walk down the Mall to Buckingham Palace, just two days after the state funeral of the Queen. After a short walk through Westminster it was time to head back to the train station. A fantastic time was had by all...even if there were some very tired feet by the end of it!



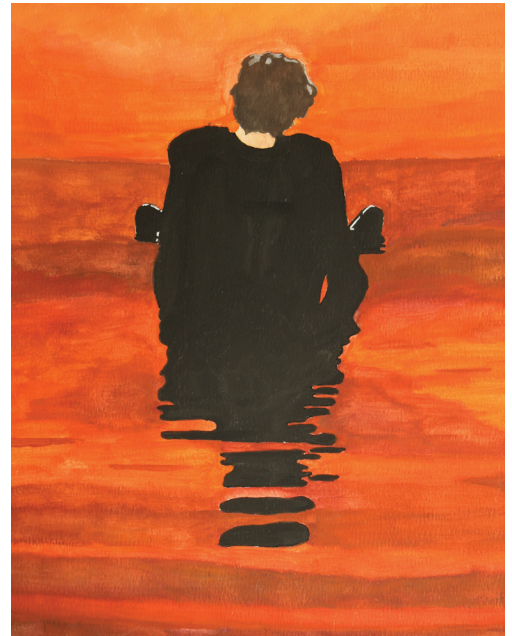


## GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

The art department would like to present this fantastic Art and Photography GCSE exhibition from our 2022 leavers. Please admire the variety, self-expression, skilful techniques and processes developed to create the final artworks. Students have helped to create this exhibition by selecting their favourite pieces to share. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements with LHA attaining well above the National average grades, yet again! Well done all!

To view please click here [https://youtu.be/C2WGCddF\\_Go](https://youtu.be/C2WGCddF_Go)

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## Year 7 Visit to Borwick Hall September 2022

During their first half term at Lostock Hall Academy, our Year 7 students have enjoyed an activity-filled day at Borwick Hall. The visit was split over two days, with students in 7L, 7S and 7T taking part on the 12th September and students in 7C, 7K and 7H on the 30th September.

Both days were filled with exciting team building activities, including indoor wall climbing and caving, high ropes and obstacle courses and the infamous leap of faith.

Team work was the theme of the day, and despite the very wet weather conditions, all students worked together and persevered to overcome challenges and complete the activities with a smile on their faces. An excellent demonstration of one of our core values "commitment".

Well done Year 7, you should be very proud of yourselves.

# TEAMWORK



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## Streetwise Road Safety Performance

Road safety is an ongoing concern for all, so we were delighted when our Year 7 students were given the opportunity to watch Streetwise, a pedestrian road safety theatre presentation, on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

The engaging performance focused on the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and high-risk behaviour around roads, including distractions such as using phones and listening to music, as well as 'messaging about' with friends. The performance which is designed to change unsafe behaviours and attitudes, highlighted the importance of paying full attention on the roads at all times. A reminder to all students that they should wear a helmet when cycling to school.



The students watched the performance with maturity and took part in the workshop that followed with confidence. Well done Year 7 and always remember to take care on the roads.

## BAE Systems Roadshow

This September year 7 and year 8 were proud to welcome BAE systems, in conjunction with the Army and the Navy, to entertain us with their informative presentation about magnetism and electromagnetism. It was a highly informative, exciting and fun presentation where all the year groups learnt lots of new information linked to the national curriculum, that will hopefully help them in their science projects in years to come. I think both year groups will agree that they were engaged by and were entertained by this brilliant presentation and the way that it was presented and I, myself was super proud of the year groups and the volunteers that got up on stage. However I was disappointed in one thing..... that I did not get to go on their electric scooters or get picked up by their super strong electromagnet! Mr Hardman, Science Teacher





## Reading Plus News

Reading Plus is an adaptive online reading platform, which provides a personalised reading comprehension experience for our KS3 students. Already this half-term we have seen fantastic reading progress because Year 8 and Year 9 students have worked hard in their Reading Plus lessons and on their homework. Well done!



Star of the Month is awarded to students who have shown great effort and progress with Reading Plus.

In recognition of their achievements in September the following students were awarded a certificate: Alfie Donnely, Holly Brentley, Ellie Waite, Kane Dawson-Newsham, Harry Catterall, Lilly Bunting, Joel Saville, Lily Turner, Emmi-Lou Sanders, Greg Ellman- Montaner, Gabriella Aspden and Olivia Smith. Well done!

In recognition of their achievements in October the following students were awarded a certificate: Anthony Ball, Leo McDermott, Hollie Brentley, Bradley Price, Erika Regan, Lexi Colquhoun, Sam Aspey, Ella Anderton, Leo McDermott, Ethan Hamilton, William Maw and Antony Lazarus-Bhatti. Well done!

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### Beyond Careers Newsletter

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to see our latest Beyond careers newsletter from the very end of the summer term you can view this here: - it can be found by following the link <https://www.lostockhallacademy.org/news/2022-08-12-beyond-careers-newsletter>

If you have any ideas or requests for specific content for future newsletters, please do let Mrs Tucker know. If you are a past student, we would love to hear from you and hope you might consider being one of our featured Alumni.

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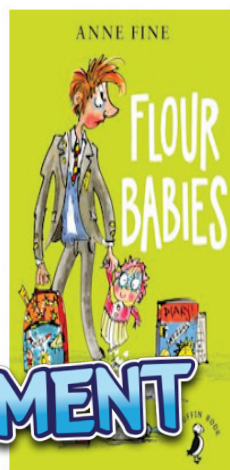
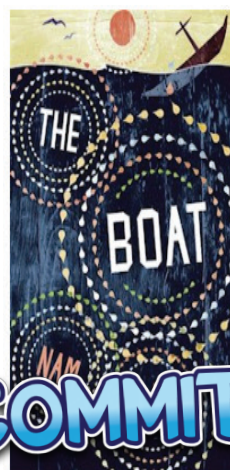
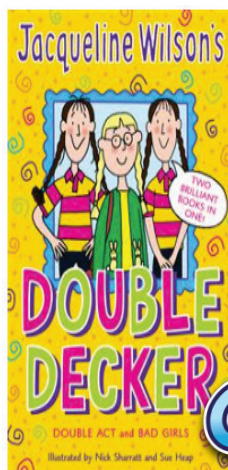
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### Reading on E-Library

Find time to read over the half term break check out the E-Library online.

<https://lostockhallacademy.eplatform.co/>



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## No Summer Rest for the Facilities Team at LHA!

Creating great spaces for our students to learn in and our staff to work in underpins everything the facilities team at LHA do.

This Summer was no exception. Whilst the school was, for the most time, empty of staff and students the team were painting, fixing and supervising contractors on site. We have now completed the refurbishment to the IT department. All three classrooms now present a very modern, state of the art format. The IT office has been overhauled and now boasts a student and staff support desk at the IT Hub.

The Behaviour for Learning Zone has had new carpet and reflects a bright, positive environment to support those students that need additional pastoral support and the Careers Centre has some new furniture.

We have also replaced some of our very old outdoor seating with new for students to enjoy a social space together at breaks and lunch times. And our senior students are now able to enjoy a new meeting space in the Sports Hall entrance and



this will also be enjoyed by our many community groups who use the Academy's facilities on a daily basis too.

The Academy is looking great, and we will have more good facilities news to report in future newsletters so watch this space!

# RESPECT





## Forest School

Over the course of this half term we have had a small group of Year 7 students taking part in Forest School. They have developed their teamwork, communication and resilience skills each week and have impressed the staff with their work ethic. The students have been cooking, foraging and building throughout the sessions. All of the group had a fantastic experience.





## New School Synergy App

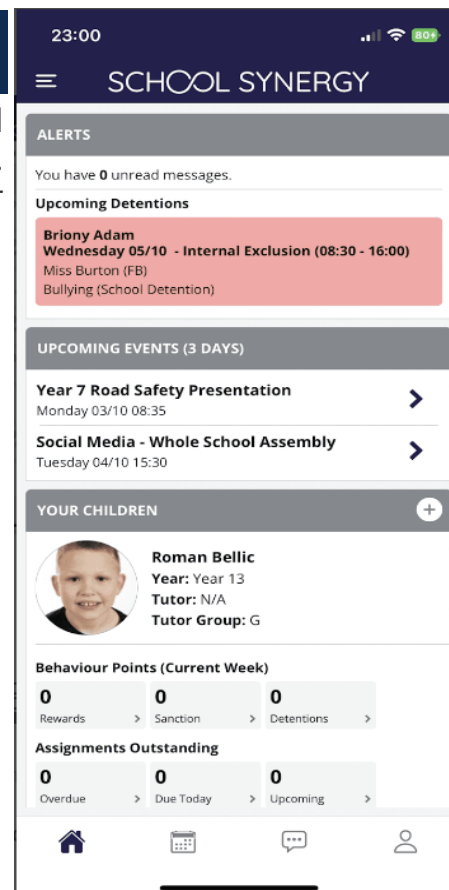
School Synergy, our school information partner, have been working hard in the background developing the system in response to user feedback. They have released a new App that can now be downloaded to your mobile device. Please log in to your Synergy account for more details.

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*We are aware that Synergy have sent you information regarding the Synergy App. If you choose to use the app and when you log in to it, please be aware that if a box appears asking for a student verification code, just click on the home icon at the bottom left of the screen and you should see your child/s information.*

*Many thanks*

*Lostock Hall Academy*



## Aspens Catering

This term we have welcomed Aspens to LHA. Aspens Services specialise in providing good food to staff and students as well as supporting school events. They run the kitchen!

We've had a great response from both staff and students about the menu and the presentation of the food.

Aspens were appointed not only for their great food and service but also their commitment to educating students and raising awareness about nutrition and food, and where it comes from, so they can make informed and mindful choices. They also share the academy's commitment to sustainability and climate change. There will be more to come on this.

However, since starting they have opened a third service point to speed up service and also introduced a drinks machine that allows students to fill their own water bottle with flavoured waters, hence in time, totally eliminating the need to sell single use plastic bottles.





# Join the school lottery

It's £1 a week and one of our supporters wins a cash prize every week.

Thank you to all our supporters who have raised £8,338.80 so far!



YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lostock-hall-academy>

Recent Winners are:

**Mr Pilkington**

**Miss B\*\*\***

**Ms L\*\*\*\*\***

**Ms A\*\*\*\*\***

**Mrs Jones**

**Mrs Gorman**

**Ms A\*\*\*\*\***

**Mrs Clifford**

**Mrs T\*\*\*\*\***

**Ms F\*\*\*\*\***

**Ms H\*\*\*\***



**WIN WIN**

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY**

**It's A WIN-WIN Situation!**

**BOOST School Funds**  
**WIN up to £25,000**

**BUY TICKETS** TICKETS £1 EACH

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

# Christmas Concert 2022

**Date for the Diary**  
**Wednesday**  
**21st December**



**EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

*Well done to you all!*

Cookies & Coke Winners

**KS3 - Mr Walker & 7T**

**KS4 - Mrs L Lomax & 10T**

Chocolates for 100% attendance  
5/9/22 - 21/10/22

**7K - Taylor Mackay-Woodier**

**8K - Beau Murray**

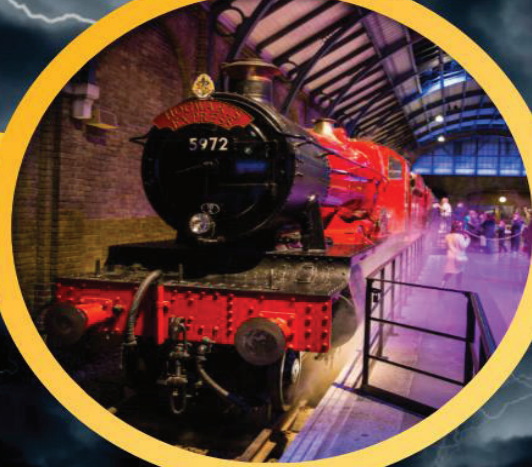
**9C - Elly Swarbrick**

**10L - Dotun Banigbe**

**11K - Declan Johnson**

# Calling All Wizards

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY & YOU COULD WIN:**



**Harry Potter  
& The Cursed Child  
Family Theatre Voucher**

**&**

**Harry Potter  
Warner Brothers Studio  
Family Tour Ticket**

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

**BUY TICKETS**



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website)