



A WORD FROM MRS J BUTTERWORTH - HEAD OF SCHOOL

When we welcomed students back to Lostock Hall Academy in September, we invited them to reflect on the personal narrative they are crafting, one that is uniquely theirs. We reminded them that each new academic year is like opening a fresh book: a blank page full of possibility, ready to be filled with ambition, growth, and achievement. We encouraged them to dream big, to hold the pen in their own hand, and to write a story they can be proud of. And already, they have begun to do just that.

Our new Year 7 students have embraced their Key Stage 3 learning journey with energy and curiosity. Their inquisitive minds bring joy to our classrooms, and we are proud of the resilience, independence, and positivity they have shown in facing new challenges. Their story, this half term, reads like an adventure, with a brave protagonist navigating unfamiliar terrain, forming new friendships, and discovering the power of teamwork.

I am also delighted to report that across the entire Academy, students are writing stories of success, compassion, and connection. Each Academy House has democratically chosen a charity to support, and the thoughtful conversations around how we can care for others, both within our local community and beyond, fill us with hope for society's future. These moments remind us that belonging to Lostock Hall Academy is not just about being present; it's about contributing, caring, and lifting others up.

Furthermore, we are especially grateful to the many young citizens who have stepped forward to take on roles that strengthen our school community. We would like to say a huge thank you to our Anti-bullying Ambassadors, Reading Buddies, Sports Leaders, School Council members, House Council members, Subject Ambassadors, Prefects and Learning Mentors. You make our school a wonderful, exciting and caring place to be.

Our Year 11 students have also shown remarkable dedication to their future story. Attendance at revision support sessions has been excellent, and their sense of ownership over their learning is evident as they prepare for the December trial exams. Staff are fully committed to walking alongside them during this important chapter, offering guidance and encouragement every step of the way.

Whether your child is new to our school or have been part of it for years, the pages ahead in their book remain blank. Let's encourage them to dream big, write boldly, live fully and know that they belong to a community where we are writing something truly special.



OPEN EVENING – INSPIRATIONAL DIVERSITY AT LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

A huge thank you to all our staff and students who helped make our September Open Evening such a wonderful success!

This year's theme, "Inspirational Diversity," celebrated local people who have overcome challenges to achieve amazing things — a reflection of the values we hope to inspire in every child who come to Lostock Hall Academy.

At LHA, we believe every student is full of potential. Our mission is to build confidence, celebrate individuality, and inspire ambition, no matter a child's background or personal journey.

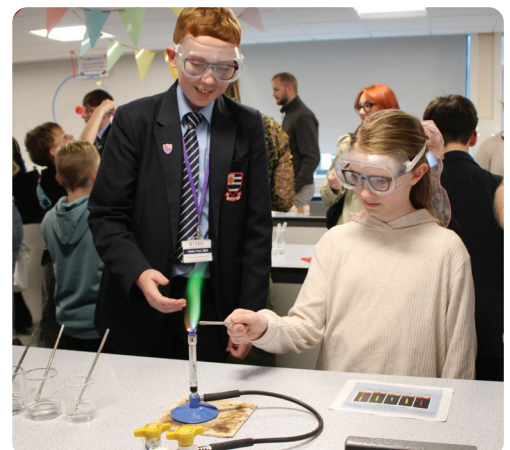
Every visiting pupil received a bright yellow notebook and pen, encouraging them to doodle, dream, and

capture their hopes for the future.

Mrs Butterworth, Head of School, gave a warm welcome, and our head students spoke beautifully about their own memorable experiences at LHA — highlighting the encouragement and inspiration they continue to receive from our dedicated staff.

The school was buzzing with energy as student tour guides proudly led families through classrooms, sports areas, and hands-on activities.

Finally, to all our visitors — thank you for joining us! We look forward to welcoming you back soon as your child takes their next big step towards realising their dreams.



YEAR 7 ADVENTURE DAY AT THE ANDERTON CENTRE

To kick off the term, Year 7 students enjoyed an exciting day at the Anderton Centre, packed with team-building activities and outdoor challenges. From open rafted canoeing to problem-solving tasks, the day was all about working together and having fun. A highlight was the Tree Climb, where students bravely scaled tall trees, pushing past fears and stepping out of their comfort zones. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow throughout the day. The trip was a great way to build friendships and start the year with energy and enthusiasm!



ROB EASTAWAY, AUTHOR VISIT

As part of our Student Aspire Programme we were delighted to welcome Rob Eastaway, a highly respected author and speaker as part of the national Much Ado About Numbers tour. Rob is widely known for his engaging talks that reveal the fascinating connections between Maths, English, History and Music. He has over 30 years' experience presenting on maths to audiences of all ages, including as a keynote speaker at educational conferences and as a regular guest on BBC Radio. The event at Lostock Hall Academy was an enriching and memorable experience for all of our Year 10 students. Our students positively engaged with Rob's quiz and a number of students volunteered to do maths calculations and play music to support the fascinating theories around Shakespearean mathematics. Rob also kindly signed some of his books 'Much Ado About Nothing' and 'Maths on the back of an Envelope.' These can be borrowed from the school Learning Resource Centre.

Much Ado About Numbers Quiz

1. Which were the four "maths" subjects that were studied at university in Shakespeare's time?
2. Instead of saying "sixty" Shakespeare sometimes says what?
3. Which planet is associated with Tuesday?
4. Why did Isaac Newton put a letter next to each colour in the rainbow?
5. What was the name of the 'Arithmetician' in the play Othello?

ANSWERS AT THE BACK



NATURAL HIGH: DAVID GRAHAM INSPIRES YEAR 7

This month, our Year 7 students were treated to an uplifting and energetic performance by David Graham, the creator of the Natural High Schools Programme. Based on his original song Natural High, David's show delivered a powerful message about self-motivation, positivity, and making healthy life choices. The programme encourages young people to reject negative behaviours—such as drug use—and instead find their "natural high" through their own talents and passions, whether in music, sports, academics, or other creative pursuits. David's approach combines music, storytelling, and interactive competitions



to make learning fun while reinforcing a serious and important message. Our students were fully engaged throughout the show, singing along with enthusiasm and sharing their own ideas about what gives them a natural high. The atmosphere was electric, and it was clear that David's message resonated deeply with the audience. A huge thank you to David Graham for once again delivering a memorable and meaningful experience. The show was very well received by our current Year 7 cohort, and we look forward to welcoming him back in the future!

ART STUDENTS INSPIRED BY JOHN MOORES PAINTING PRIZE

Our art students recently enjoyed a fantastic day exploring both fine art and contemporary works at the prestigious John Moores Painting Prize exhibition. The visit offered a rich opportunity to engage with a wide range of artworks—from medieval pieces to modern masterpieces. Students investigated artistic techniques and the historical context behind the works, deepening their understanding and sparking fresh ideas for their own projects. Their sketchbooks are now filled with inspiration, ready to fuel future creativity. It was a brilliant day with mature, focused students who represented the school with pride. Well done to all involved!



LIVERPOOL WITH THE YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHERS

A fantastic day was spent on a location photoshoot in Liverpool with the year 10 photographers. The students were split into groups and given the challenge of taking shots that showed visual element or rule of composition. The area around the Albert Dock and Liver Building proved a great location for such a task. The students then visited the Open Eye Photography Gallery and the Walker Art gallery. Well done year 10 Photographers, great work and excellent attitude.



MR SLOAN REPRESENTS IRELAND AT EUROPEAN TOUCH RUGBY CUP

We're proud to share that Mr Sloan was selected to represent Ireland at the European Seniors Touch Rugby Cup this summer, held in Scotland. Touch Rugby is a rapidly growing sport, with the 2024 World Cup featuring 39 nations and 187 teams across all age groups.

Mr Sloan competed as part of the Ireland Men's 45s team, showcasing incredible skill and determination. After a thrilling final against a strong England side, the team earned a silver medal, marking a fantastic achievement on the international stage.

With the European Championships in France next summer and the 2028 World Cup in New Zealand on the horizon, Mr Sloan's journey is a powerful reminder of the importance of staying active and engaged in sport—at any age. He continues to be a brilliant role model for our students.

Congratulations, Mr Sloan!



MR DOYLE PERFORMS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On 11th October, Mr Doyle performed with the **Leyland Band** at the world-famous **Royal Albert Hall** in London, representing the North West of England in the **National Brass Band Finals**. The band achieved an impressive 9th place among all English bands—a fantastic result for a local town band from Lancashire. Mr Doyle's dedication to music and performance is a wonderful example of passion and excellence beyond the classroom. Well done, Mr Doyle!



YEAR 8 AND 9 STEM TRIP TO LONDON AND BLETCHLEY PARK

We've had a fantastic experience raising the profile of STEM careers for our Year 8 and 9 girls, supported by the Computer Science and Maths departments.

Day 1 – London Highlights

Students began their trip with a visit to the Bank of England, followed by a ride on the London Eye and a short walk to take in some of the city's iconic landmarks. They then enjoyed a meal at Pizza Express before heading to the Novello Theatre for a performance of Mamma Mia!.



Day 2 – From London to Bletchley Park

After breakfast at the hotel, students explored the fascinating history of Bletchley Park, learning about wartime codebreaking and its impact. They also visited the Age of AI exhibition, which offered insights into how artificial intelligence is shaping our world today and in the future. The day concluded with a visit to the National Museum of Computing before returning home.

The girls were a credit to both the Academy and themselves. Many members of the public complimented their enthusiasm and also praised the school's decision to run such an inspiring and forward-thinking trip. It was an enriching experience, celebrating curiosity, innovation, and the future of STEM.





CHARITY BAKE SALE RAISES OVER £600

Lostock Hall Academy is proud to celebrate the incredible success of its recent bake sales, held on Friday and Monday, which raised nearly £600 in support of Arni's life-changing surgery.

The event was organised by a dedicated group of girls from Tutor Group 8L, with enthusiastic support from fellow students and staff across the Academy. Their teamwork and compassion turned a simple idea into a powerful act of kindness.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of students, families, and the wider community — including local businesses [Gayle's Cakes](#), [Danielle's Bakes](#), and Jo-licious Bakes — the bake sale was a sweet success. Students who donated cakes earned house points for their kindness and community spirit, reinforcing the Academy's values of empathy and service.

All proceeds will go directly to Arni's fundraising campaign. To learn more or contribute, please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/arni-get-his-surgery>



Bakesale

Fundraising event

Fundraising event for a special and good cause

This bake sale was for a little baby boy, called Arni. Arni has been suffering with urology, heart and hearing problems.. This has resulted into going private with his surgeries instead of the NHS. Thanks to the Bake Sale we are many steps closer to those surgeries. Arni will have his surgeries as soon as possible. More updates of his journey will be on the GoFundMe page. The bake sale has also spread lots of awareness and the community has come together.



House competition

Everyone that volunteered and donated bakes will be rewarded house points. The house that won the most house points was Ribble. All houses got points for the bake sale and a big thank you to the people that provided bakes. It has been really nice seeing so many people ask about Arni. He shares a big thank you to everyone.



How much raised?

Thanks to all of the donations and we raised a spectacular amount!

After counting up everything we had totalled to £620! This will be donated to the GoFundMe and will go towards his surgeries. Big thank you to everyone that helped out, baked and donated money, house points will be rewarded to those volunteers and people that donated bakes.

£620

YEAR 7 GIRLS GO BEYOND THE LAB

A group of enthusiastic Year 7 girls recently took their learning beyond the classroom by conducting a science experiment and presenting their findings in a creative and informative poster. Mrs Simmons was thoroughly impressed by their initiative and passion for science, praising their decision to explore the subject further and share their work with others. It's fantastic to see students showing such a keen interest in learning and going the extra mile. Keep up the great work and curiosity—your attitude is truly inspiring!



PAIRED READING TRAINING: DEVELOPING FUTURE MENTORS

Well done to our Year 9 students who completed 'Paired Reading' training last week with Mrs Barlow. The training is designed to enable support to be provided to younger students in order to build up their reading ability and confidence. It is another example of how we aim to provide the knowledge and skills for our students to become young leaders and indeed mentors.

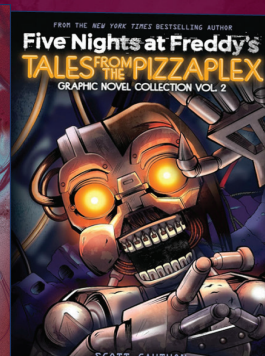
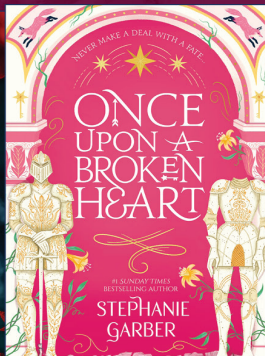


THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO TOWN!

The fair is running from 12th November - 25th November 2025 and the perfect opportunity to treat someone to the gift of reading this Christmas!

Come to the
BOOK FAIR
Read the books everyone's talking about!

**FREE
BOOKS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL**



HOUSE SYSTEM - END OF HALF TERM SCORES

On the final day of the half term, Mrs Butterworth, joined by the entire Senior Leadership Team, hosted a whole school assembly via Microsoft Teams to reveal the eagerly awaited house system scores. All tutor groups tuned in to hear the results, marking a celebratory moment for students across the school.

A huge congratulations goes out to all students who have earned achievement points this term. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. While Wyre House currently holds the lead, the competition is far from over. With plenty of time left in the academic year, every house still has a chance to rise to the top. Mrs Jones, Head of Wyre House, was thrilled with the news and praised her students for their consistent effort and teamwork. "It's fantastic to see Wyre House leading the way," she said. "Let's keep pushing forward and supporting one another."

One of the standout moments came from Mrs Simmons' tutor group, who watched the results together. Their enthusiastic reaction upon hearing

In addition to the house scores, several students



received special recognition for their contributions this term. These students were acknowledged through messages sent home, celebrating their positive impact and achievements.

Stay tuned for more updates as the house competition continues. Let's keep the momentum going and aim high for the next half term!



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INTERNATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL VISITS INFORMATION

Students at Lostock Hall Academy are provided with many opportunities to develop socially and as fully rounded individuals and citizens. For many, their appetite for learning is further supported through UK based fieldwork and enrichment visits as well as international and residential visits.

In order to help with planning we wanted to share our current proposals regarding residential visits. These visits remain provisional until officially launched but hopefully this provides insight as to what opportunities are on the horizon.

Year 11 visit to Poland - Feb26

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 visit to Italy - May26

Year 8 visit to Belgium - July26

Year 8 visit to Barcelona - July26

Year 8 (current year 7) girls STEM visit to London - Oct26

Year 10 (current year 9) visit to Madrid - Oct26



EXPLORING THE BUSINESS OF SPORT: YEAR 10 VISIT ETIHAD STADIUM

On Tuesday 14th October, two Year 10 Sports Studies classes visited the Etihad Stadium, home of Manchester City Football Club. The trip included an educational session focused on understanding the club as a business, alongside a guided stadium tour. Students learned how the club generates revenue and how this translates into profit. During the tour, they explored key areas of the stadium including the press room, home and away changing rooms, VIP spectating and dining areas, and even had the chance to sit in the manager's chair. They also stood pitch-side and took in the impressive view of the stadium. All students fully engaged with the experience and represented the academy brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved — we hope you enjoyed the trip!



JOE TINSLEY SELECTED FOR LANCASHIRE SQUAD

Congratulations to Joe Tinsley in Year 9, who has been selected to play for Lancashire—a fantastic achievement! Joe is the only student from Year 9 to earn this honour, highlighting his dedication and talent in the sport. We're incredibly proud of Joe and wish him every success as he represents the county. Well done, Joe!



BECKY PARKER SCORES SUCCESS IN U.S.

Congratulations to former Head Student Becky Parker, now studying at Connors State College in Oklahoma on a sports scholarship. Becky plays centre midfield in NJCAA Division 1 football, balancing her studies with sport. She's currently completing a General Studies degree, with plans to choose her major after two years. Photos from the Media Day showed Becky in action at a Connors State home game. Her journey is a great example of how sport can open doors to international education. Well done, Becky!



YEAR 8 ROUNDERS TEAM EARNS THIRD PLACE



The Year 8 rounders team showed fantastic team spirit, with strong batting and fielding skills throughout the competition. Their hard work paid off as they secured third place in the South Ribble tournament. Well done, girls—a great achievement and a brilliant display of determination and teamwork!

GCSE RESULTS DAY - PRESS RELEASE

Lostock Hall Academy is thrilled to be celebrating the exceptional achievements of its students in this year's GCSE examinations. Despite starting their secondary school journey during a national pandemic, this year's leavers have attained even higher grades than previous years, including Maths and English. The Academy is extremely proud of this year's cohort who have embodied the school's core value of commitment to self and studies, in pursuit of future aspirations. Lostock Hall Academy students have been resilient and determined and thoroughly deserve their success.

This year, GCSE results in English, Computer Science and Engineering were notably above national standards, equipping students with the knowledge and skills for exciting future pathways and careers. In addition, the creative curriculum continues to shine at the Academy with very high achievement being consistent in Media Studies, Photography, Art & Design and Performing Arts. Furthermore, Sports Studies, RE and Geography have excelled again, showcasing the Academy's commitment to a broad curriculum and holistic education.

The Academy would like to express heartfelt thanks to both staff and parents for their unwavering support of its students. As a result of effective parent and teacher working relationships, LHA students have been able to aim high and thrive.

Lostock Hall Academy wishes this year's leavers every success with their future studies and careers and urge them to stay in touch.

The Academy looks forward to hearing of their future successes and celebrating their future achievements.



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 £1347.20 so far!



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

Fireworks, The Law and You



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October – 10th November

26th December – 31st December

3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.



THINK ABOUT IT.