LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY



A WORD FROM MRS J BUTTERWORTH - PRINCIPAL

Let's get engaged! Yes, this is a proposal - a proposal that we all support our young people to find their club, their place, their passion and their potential!

One of the greatest joys of school life is seeing young people discover where they belong. While academic success is important, we know that students thrive when they are fully involved in the wider life of the school. Whether through sport, music, drama, art, leadership, volunteering, reading or one of our many enrichment opportunities, these experiences build confidence, character and a sense of belonging.

This half term has been full of opportunities for students to get involved. From fundraising and sporting success to Forest School, Duke of Edinburgh, educational visits and cultural experiences, it has been wonderful to see so many young people embracing life beyond the classroom. Across the Academy, there is a real sense of participation, ambition and community. Is your child part of this buzz?

Strong school communities are built through partnership, so I would like to thank the parents who supported our recent Year 11 Speed Networking Event. By sharing your experiences and career journeys, you helped our students broaden their horizons and think positively about their futures. You joined us in inspiring ambitions for all!

I would also like to thank everyone who completed our summer parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable and helps shape our priorities. We have listened carefully and, in response, will be launching a new reporting system this year to provide clearer and more accessible information about your child's progress.

As we continue our mission of Inspiring Aspirations for All, we would love more parents to get involved. Do you have a career, skill, hobby or area of expertise



that could inspire our students? Whether you could support a careers event, speak to students, or help run an enrichment club, your contribution could make a lasting difference. We are particularly keen to hear from parents if there is an area of interest that you feel our students would enjoy or benefit from but is not currently available to them.

We also currently have two Parent Governor vacancies. We welcome applications from all parents, but we are particularly interested in hearing from those with experience in the financial sector or the arts and cultural sector. Please contact admin@lostockhallacademy.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued support. When schools and families work together, young people flourish. If you can help with careers education, enrichment activities, governance, or simply have an idea to share, please get in touch. Together, we can ensure every child feels connected, inspired and able to thrive.

Let's get engaged and help every student find their place, their passion and their potential.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AT OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE OPEN EVENING

September's Open Evening was a particularly special occasion as we welcomed hundreds of families to Lostock Hall Academy during our Diamond Jubilee year. With a theme centred around "60 Years Of...", the 1960s and diamonds, subject areas across the academy created a wide range of engaging activities and displays that celebrated both our history and our future.

The exceptional attendance on the evening was a powerful reminder of our vision that "Lostock Hall Academy is a school at the heart of its community." It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students, parents and carers into our school and to showcase the vibrant culture, high expectations and strong sense of belonging that define academy life.

A particular highlight of the evening was the remarkable contribution made by our students. More than 240 students volunteered to support the event, assisting within subject areas, helping with activities or leading tours around the academy. Their enthusiasm, commitment and pride in their school were evident throughout.

Our student tour guides were especially impressive, confidently escorting families around the site, sharing their experiences and answering questions with maturity and professionalism. They helped visitors gain a genuine insight into life at Lostock Hall Academy and exemplified the values we strive to nurture every day.

We have since received many wonderful comments from visitors praising the confidence, courtesy and knowledge of our students. Such feedback reflects the strength of our school community and the positive relationships that exist across the academy.

We are immensely proud of every student who gave their time to support the event. Their willingness to contribute not only helped create a memorable experience for our visitors but also demonstrated the many benefits that come from participating in enrichment opportunities. Through experiences such as these, students develop valuable communication, leadership and teamwork skills, build confidence and strengthen their connection to both school and community.

As we continue our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the success of the Open Evening stands as a fitting reflection of the values that have shaped Lostock Hall Academy for 60 years and of the outstanding young people who continue to make our academy such a special place.

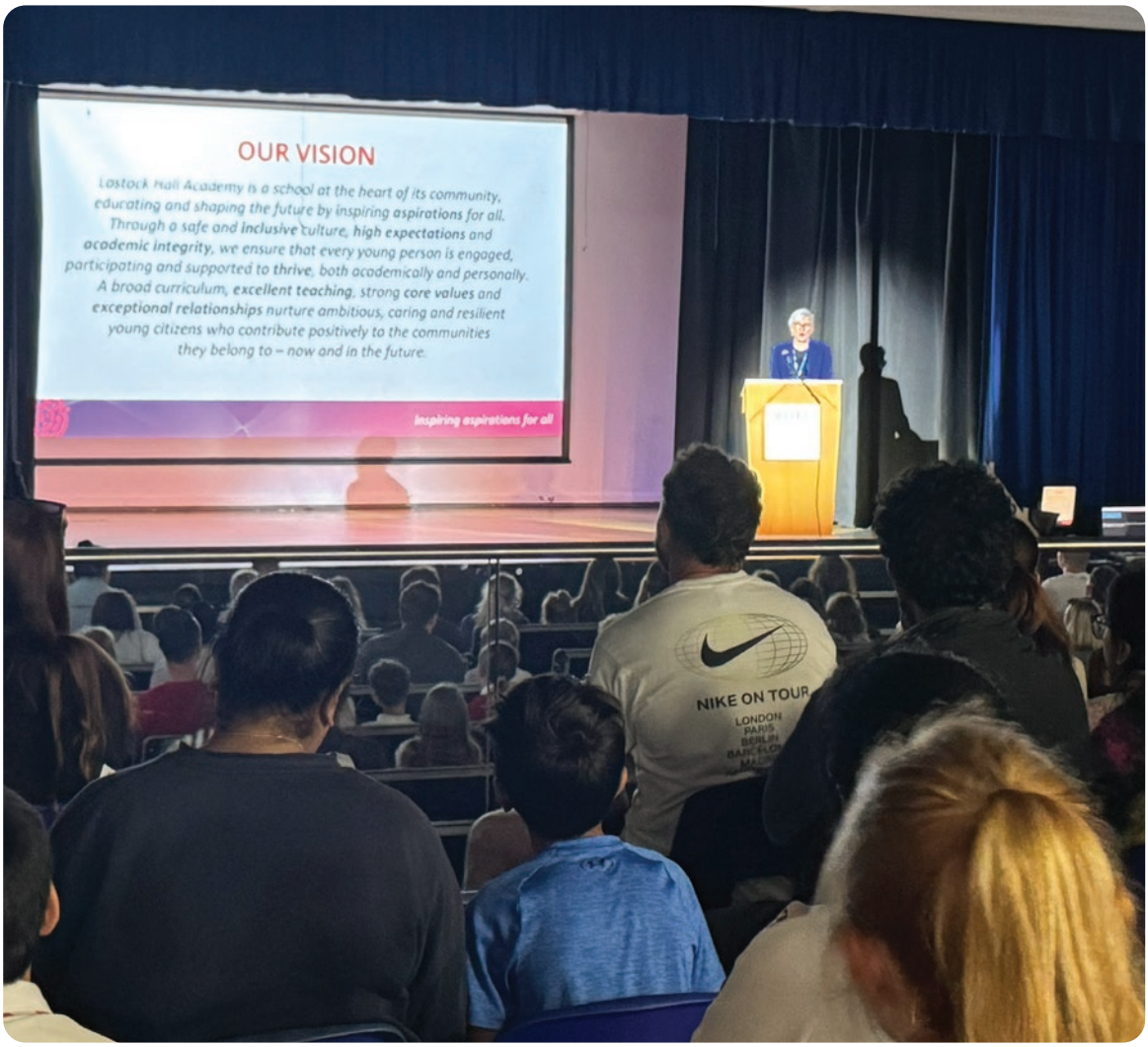











OUR VISION
Lostock Hall Academy is a school at the heart of its community, educating and shaping the future by inspiring aspirations for all. Through a safe and inclusive culture, high expectations and academic integrity, we ensure that every young person is engaged, participating and supported to thrive, both academically and personally. A broad curriculum, excellent teaching, strong core values and exceptional relationships nurture ambitious, caring and resilient young citizens who contribute positively to the communities they belong to – now and in the future.
Inspiring aspirations for all
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YARROW HOUSE HALLOWEEN HOUSE CHARITY EVENT

On Wednesday lunchtime, students and staff from Yarrow House came togethe for a spooktacular fundraising event in aid of Cancer Research UK.

The event featured a popular Halloween Bake Sale, packed with delicious homemade treats, alongside the much-anticipated Pie the Teacher and Senior Student challenge. Both activities proved to be a huge hit, attracting plenty of support and laughter throughout lunchtime.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the event, whether by baking at home, purchasing cakes, making donations, or cheering on the brave volunteers who took part in the pie challenge. Special thanks go to Matthew in Year 11, Mr Walker, Mr Goodwin, Mr Hardman, and Mr Galbraith, who were all great sports and helped make the event such a memorable occasion.

The enthusiasm and generosity shown by our school community once again demonstrated the difference we can make when we work together for a worthwhile cause.

Thanks to everyone's support, the event raised a fantastic £176.84 for Cancer Research UK. Well done to all involved for helping to make the event such a great success.









HOUSE POINT UPDATE

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CALDER 58468

YARROW 54426

HODDER 54026

DOUGLAS 51983

RIBBLE 49525

PANATHLON BOWLING

On 21st October, Mrs Burgess and her Panathlon Bowling Team won the South Ribble School Games bowling competition with their mixed-age boys' team. They will now progress to the regional finals. Congratulations and good luck!



CELEBRATING NATIONAL POETRY DAY WITH NATHAN PARKER



The English Department was delighted to welcome acclaimed North West poet Nathan Parker to school as part of our celebrations for National Poetry Day.

Nathan began the day by delivering an inspiring assembly to Year 7 students, sharing his journey from a young writer with a passion for words to becoming an established poet. Students were fascinated to learn about his career, the power of language and the opportunities that creativity and perseverance can offer. His enthusiasm for poetry and storytelling quickly captured the attention of his audience, encouraging students to think differently about writing and self-expression.

Throughout the day, Nathan worked with both Year 7 and Year 8 students in a series of interactive workshops during their English lessons. Focusing on important themes such as social media and bullying, he guided students through the creative process, enabling them to explore their own experiences, viewpoints and emotions through poetry. Working collaboratively, students produced thoughtful and inspirational class poems, gaining confidence in expressing their ideas and developing their understanding of poetic techniques.

One of the key messages from the workshops was that poetry can be both rewarding and therapeutic. Nathan encouraged students to see writing as a powerful outlet for reflection, creativity and personal growth. Students embraced the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences, demonstrating maturity, empathy and imagination throughout the sessions.

At lunchtime, Nathan generously gave his time to meet students with a particular interest in creative writing. Aspiring writers were able to discuss their own work, ask questions and seek advice on developing their skills, whether in poetry or story writing. This proved to be a valuable and inspiring experience for many students who are passionate about writing beyond the classroom.

The visit was a tremendous success and a memorable way to celebrate National Poetry Day. As the first poet invited to work with students at the school, Nathan's visit made a lasting impact on both students and staff. His engaging approach, enthusiasm and expertise ensured that students were fully immersed in the experience, leaving many feeling inspired to read, write and share poetry with greater confidence.

The English Department would like to thank Nathan Parker for an enriching and unforgettable day, and we look forward to building on the enthusiasm for poetry that his visit has sparked across the school.











DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD CELEBRATION



Mrs Butterworth, Miss Lomax, our Duke of Edinburgh leader, and the wider team were thrilled to welcome our Bronze Award students, along with their families and friends, to celebrate their achievements.

We were incredibly proud to recognise the dedication, resilience and commitment shown by all our students throughout their Duke of Edinburgh journey. During the evening, students shared information about their individual achievements and reflected on the many challenges they had overcome.

As part of the award, students gave their time to a wide range of volunteering opportunities, including becoming weekly reading buddies, helping at Brownies and Cubs, supporting the local food bank, assisting children and older members of the community, and raising money for charitable causes.

Alongside their volunteering commitments, students took part in training days where they developed valuable skills including map reading, expedition planning, cooking, tent building, teamwork and leadership. Students successfully completed both their practice and final expeditions, battling through difficult weather conditions and proving their resilience, commitment and ability to work together to achieve their goal.

It was a fantastic evening filled with pride and celebration. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends attend to recognise the achievements of these resilient young people and celebrate the skills, confidence and experiences they have gained through the Duke of Edinburgh Award.






Bouldering
Swimming
Cycling


Bouldering
Swimming
Cycling




Night time


Brownies/Cubs
After-school clubs with Year 7s
Food Bank
Helping Children / Older People


Tents and Food




Tents and Food

YEAR 7S MAKE A SPLASH AT ANDERTON CENTRE!

Our new Year 7 students made a real splash when they took part in their exciting activity day at the Anderton Centre.

Students enjoyed a full day of land and water-based activities, taking part in a variety of challenges that tested their teamwork, problem-solving skills and determination. Throughout the day, they impressed staff with their enthusiasm, resilience and bravery.

It was fantastic to see so many students stepping out of their comfort zones and trying new experiences for the very first time. Equally impressive were those students who confidently took the lead, encouraging others and demonstrating excellent leadership qualities. Every student approached the day with a positive attitude and a willingness to get involved.

The Anderton Centre activity day is an important part of the transition into Year 7, giving students the opportunity to mix with different groups, make new friends, create lasting memories and build positive relationships with the staff supporting them throughout the day.

A huge well done to all our Year 7 students. You represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of your achievements. Mrs Abram is incredibly proud of every one of you and looks forward to seeing you continue to grow in confidence and overcome new challenges in the months ahead. We can't wait to see what you achieve next!
































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ART AND PHOTOGRAPY VISIT TO LIVERPOOL

Year 10 Art and Photography students had a fantastic time on their trip to Liverpool. The art students were inspired by the brilliant collection at the Walker Art Gallery. Mean while the photography students managed to dodge the rain during their Liverpool Dock photoshoot.









CERAMIC TOAD WORKSHOP

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been working hard making their ceramic toads. The amphibians are now drying out in the art department before they can be fired and then glazed.

If you missed out on this terms art workshop, keep an eye peeled for the next session when it is advertised on the student bulletin







PEER MENTOR TRAINING



Mrs Tucker was delighted by the overwhelming response from students wishing to become Peer Mentors. Students from all year groups have come together to form a dedicated Peer Mentoring Team and recently took part in training to prepare them for their important role within the school community.

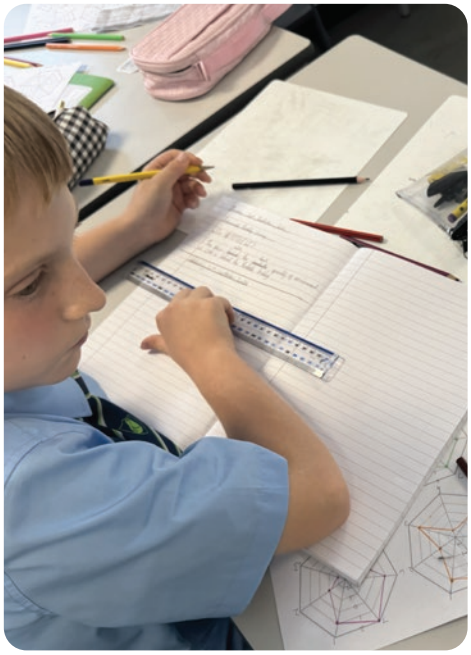
During the training, students worked through a range of realistic scenarios and explored the most effective ways to support their peers. They also learned about the importance of recognising when an issue requires additional support from a member of staff, ensuring that students receive the help they need.

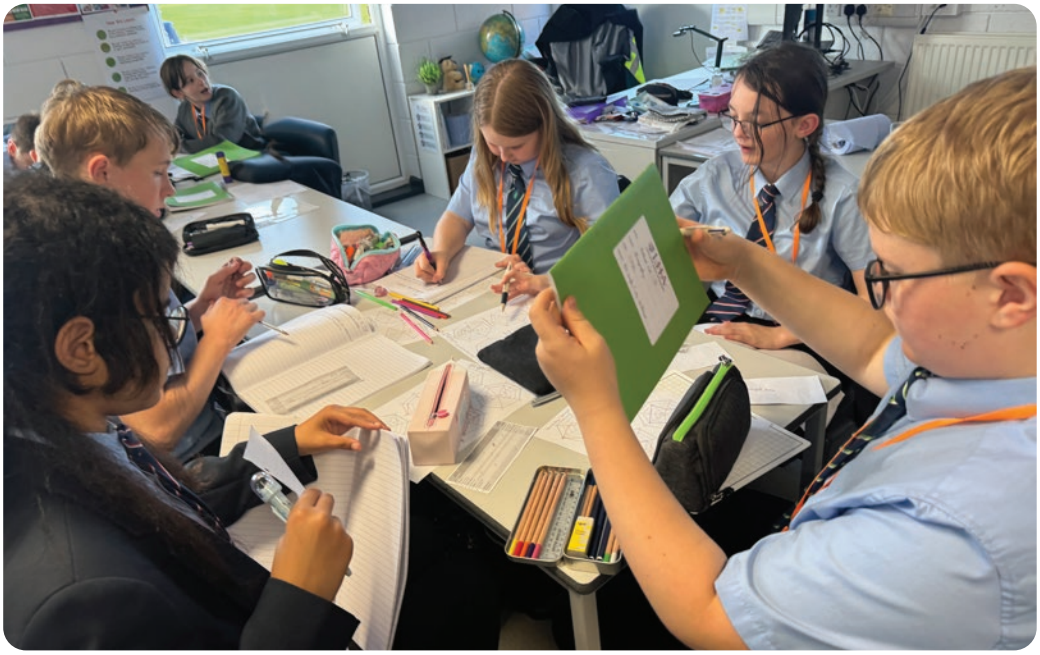
The Peer Mentors are led by a team of Senior Prefects, who have organised a rota to staff the six House Friendship Benches. These benches provide a welcoming place where students can seek support, friendship or simply someone to talk to.

This initiative is a fantastic example of our students demonstrating leadership, kindness and responsibility, while playing an active role in promoting positive wellbeing across the school.

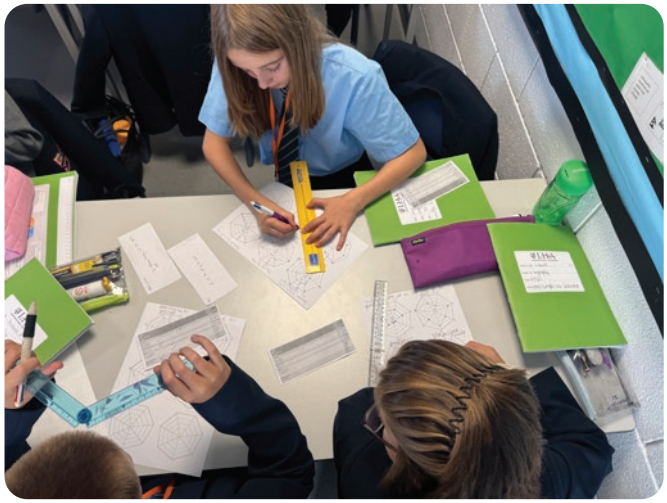
YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

The Year 7 Geography groups have made a great start this half term. They were given a task to evaluate the environmental quality of the school grounds in small groups. This included how much green space, noise, litter, chewing gum, graffiti and areas to sit. The students then wrote up their findings to identify which areas had the best environmental quality around LHA and which areas could be improved. Their findings could then be shared with the Student Council.









NO MORE COUNTY LINES PRESENTATION

On Friday 18th September, students in Years 7-10 had an excellent opportunity to take part in an interactive presentation entitled No More County Lines, delivered by The Message Trust.

Funded by Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw and delivered in collaboration with Lancashire Police, the production was designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to recognise and understand the dangers associated with drugs, gang culture, grooming and drug-related violence. It also encouraged students to make informed, safe and positive choices.

The event was a great success, with students actively engaging in discussions about the dangers of County Lines following the presentation. The session provided valuable information and raised awareness of the risks associated with criminal exploitation, helping students to better understand how to keep themselves and others safe.













YEAR 11 SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

On Monday 12th October, Year 11 students had the opportunity to meet 15 professionals to discuss their careers, qualifications and employment journeys. Students had a short amount of time with each professional, allowing them to gain an insight into a wide range of occupations before moving on to the next speaker.

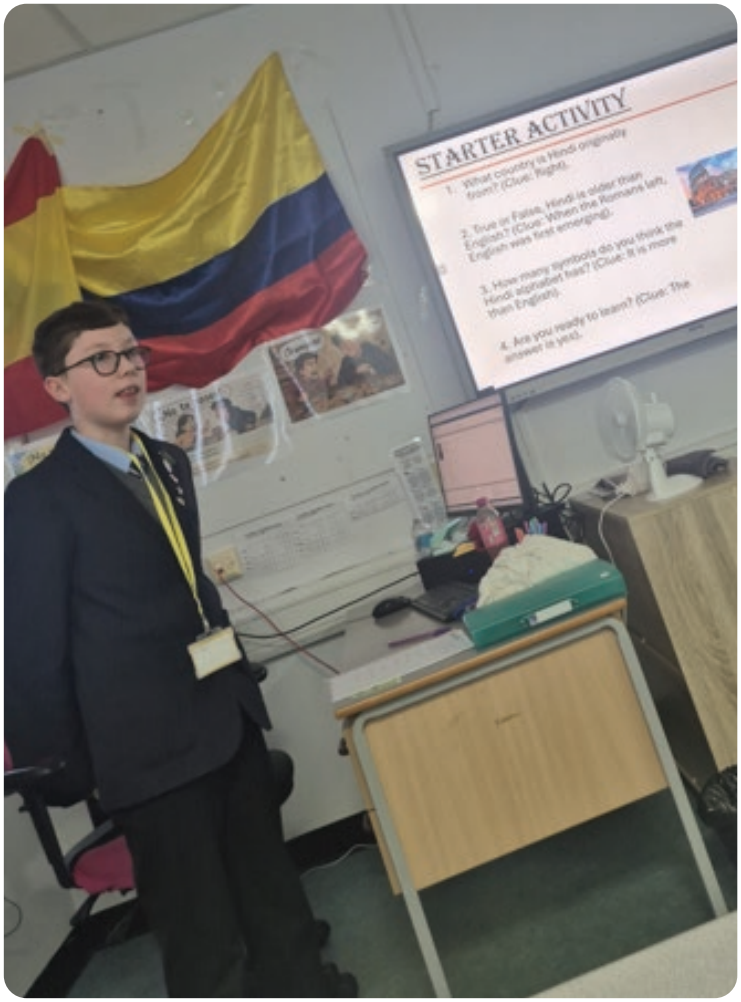
It was a highly informative and engaging afternoon, providing students with valuable advice and inspiration as they consider their future pathways. Our sincere thanks go to all the parents and volunteers who generously gave their time to support this event and share their experiences with Year 11.





EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Year 8 students lead our European Day of Languages celebrations this year. Several students led lunchtime sessions where they taught staff and students a different language that they either spoke, or had a keen interest in. Ethan Hatch: Hindi, Erin Rooke: Korean ,Sophia Haworth : German, Lily Kimmins , Betty Davies , Esme Greaves: French and Ivy He : Mandarin. All students were fantastic and had put in a lot of time and effort into their PowerPoints and activities. Well done on doing something different and courageous!









CORE VALUES

Citizenship
We care about our school and our community.

This means:
- Looking after our school environment
- Being kind, helpful and inclusive to others
- Getting involved in school life and activities
- Representing our school positively and with pride

Accountability
We take responsibility for our actions and our future.

This means:
- Owning your behaviour and learning from your mistakes
- Understanding that your choices shape your future
- Believing you can achieve great things, whatever your starting point
- Following school rules and using technology responsibly



Integrity
We do the right thing, even when it isn't easy.

This means:
- Thinking about your choices and how they affect others
- Standing up for people if something isn't fair
- Making good decisions that help you and others succeed

Respect
We treat everyone with kindness and value who they are.

This means:
- Using good manners and speaking politely
- Including others and listening to different ideas and opinions
- Celebrating differences and making everyone feel welcome

For yourself, it means:
- Being proud of who you are and how you present yourself
- Aiming high and celebrating your achievements
- Believing you can improve and get better (growth mindset)

Teamwork
We achieve more when we work together.

This means:
- Taking part and doing your best in group activities
- Supporting and encouraging others
- Valuing everyone's strengths and contributions
- Understanding that everyone belongs and plays an important role

Commitment
We work hard and stay focused on our goals.

This means:
- Taking pride in your appearance and representing the school well
- Aiming high and believing in your future
- Trying your best, even when things are difficult
- Being on time and in school every day, ready to learn

YEAR 7 HOUSE DODGEBALL COMPETITION



A huge well done to all our students who took part in the House Dodgeball event, hosted by Mr Galbraith and the PE department!

The behaviour and attitude on display were fantastic, with students working incredibly hard, showing great commitment, and demonstrating the importance of teamwork throughout the competition.

There was a brilliant underdog story, as Wyre House battled back from a slow start to defeat the previously unbeaten Douglas House in the semi-finals before going on to beat Ribble House in the final to claim the victory!

Huge congratulations to Wyre House and well done to all students who took part! You should all be proud of your effort, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Keep an eye out for more House events coming soon! Who will be next to claim the glory?













THUNDER NETBALL SUCCESS FOR MARTHA IN YEAR 7



Well done to Martha in year 7 who has been selected to play for the U12's Manchester Thunder Netball team. This is an exceptional achievement at such a young age! We look forward to seeing you grow as a player and hopefully one day being on the TV!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PE STUDENTS OF THE TERM

These awards recognise students who have shown outstanding performance, positive attitude and dedication in their PE lessons. We are proud of their commitment and the positive example they set for their peers.

Year Group	Positive behaviour and attitude towards learning	Sports Performer
Year 7	Mia F	Martha F
Year 8	Fin A-G	Tilly G
Year 9	Oliver B	Martha F
Year 10	Lucie R	Ava W
Year 11	Imogen W	Freya De N

MRS WILLIAMS TAKES ON WINDERMERE END TO END

On the 5th September this year, Mrs Williams took on the Windermere End to End 11 mile Swim. After the success of Ullswater End to End in 2025 and Coniston during lockdown, encouraged by her triathlon coach and club, she took on the longest lake in England. After what seemed like nowhere near enough training the race began early on the Saturday.



The water was kind for the first 3 1/3 miles and was still, but then the wind picked up and the waves pitched and rolled. Fortunately, Mrs Williams doesn't suffer with sea sickness and the waves carried her forwards...until the 7 mile marker when the wind direction changed. With aching shoulders and energy reserves running low Mrs Williams powered through the last four miles of head winds and white horses (big waves) to reach the finish line in a respectable time of 6 hours 24 minutes.



The wetsuit has now been hung up for the winter and the trainers are now out as she prepares for Grizedale Marathon in February.

STREETWISE ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION



As part of our commitment to keeping students safe, Year 7 students recently took part in Streetwise, an engaging and thought-provoking theatre presentation focused on road safety.

Through a realistic and interactive performance, students explored the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and risk-taking behaviour around roads. The presentation highlighted common distractions such as using mobile phones, listening to music through headphones, and being distracted by friends while travelling to and from school.

Using relatable Year 7 characters and real-life scenarios, the programme encouraged students to reflect on their own behaviours and understand the importance of staying alert and focused near roads at all times. The session delivered some powerful messages about personal safety and responsibility, helping students understand that even a momentary lapse in concentration can have serious consequences. Most importantly, it reinforced simple habits that can help keep young people safe whenever they are walking near roads.

We would encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home by discussing safe road-use practices with your children. Together, we can help our young people develop safe habits that will stay with them for life.

OPEN EVENING COMPETITION WINNERS






Here are 3 of our 6 lucky winners from our Open Evening competition!

Visitors who completed our activity sheet were entered into a prize draw, with six winners selected at random to receive a LEGO set. All prizes have now been collected.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the competition and helped make our Open Evening such a success. Congratulations to all of our winners, and we hope you enjoy building your LEGO sets!

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY ONLINE WORKSHOP

Last week was the anniversary of the Battle of Hastings and to mark this Year 7 attended an online workshop with the British Museum about the Bayeux Tapestry. We were taken through the story that the tapestry tells of the death of Edward the Confession, William's preparations for the invasion of Britain, the Battle of Hastings and the death of Harold Godwinson. The workshop also explored its role as a primary source of information, compared it to other sources of information about the period and discussed how the art style is used to send messages to the viewer including potential bias

The Bayeux Tapestry is an iconic piece of British culture and LHA was pleased to give Yr7 a chance to engage with historians through the British Museum to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of our history.





FOREST SCHOOL BEGINS ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR



It has been fantastic to welcome our Forest School group back for another year of outdoor learning and adventure.

Over the summer, Rachel worked alongside our site team to expand and improve our Forest School camp area. Thanks to a successful grant, matched by the school, the site has undergone a significant upgrade that will benefit students for years to come.

At the heart of the development is a huge new canopy covering the campfire area, along with an upgraded outdoor kitchen and additional seating. These improvements provide the group with more space to learn and work together, as well as much-needed shelter when the British weather takes a turn for the worse!

Our new Year 7 students have been particularly excited to be among the first to enjoy the enhanced facilities. Forest School sessions have already been full of hands-on activities, with students learning how to use tools safely, relaxing in hammocks, and developing their skills through whittling, clay modelling and creating traditional whirligigs. Of course, no Forest School experience would be complete without cooking delicious campfire food together.

As well as learning new skills, students have enjoyed making new friends, working as a team and building confidence in a supportive outdoor environment. It has been wonderful to see them embracing the opportunities Forest School provides while developing friendships and creating lasting memories.

We look forward to another successful year of outdoor learning and seeing all that our students achieve in our fantastic Forest School setting.







YEAR 10 WORK Experience



SAVE THE DATE!

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Work experience is a fantastic opportunity to step into the world of work, develop valuable employability skills and explore careers that could inspire your future.

Start thinking now! Explore placement ideas and chat with family, friends and local employers about opportunities that interest you.

More information about arranging your placement, including key dates and deadlines, will be shared soon.

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