



# LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

## Newsletter

### Principal's Welcome

As we finish for the first half term of the academic year, looking back over the last few weeks reminds us of just how quickly time flies.

Year 7 students are settling in and have already made an excellent contribution towards the community of LHA by volunteering to help out at our very successful Open Evening. They weren't the only year group to help out that night. Students from across the years took pride in sharing their experiences of being a student here at LHA with potential new students and parents. We were overwhelmed by the number of thank you messages from our visitors, who without exception, couldn't say enough about how impressed they were with our students. In a world where teenagers often get a bad name, it was extremely gratifying to hear that others saw what we see on a daily basis.

Well done to all!

September also saw the formal launch of our new Head Students and Senior Prefects. Daisy and Harry have well and truly begun their term of



office making their first speech at Open Evening and helping to coordinate prefect duties.

As a way of an introduction to the Head Students enjoy finding out a little more about them on page 2.

**School reopens on Monday 30th October.**

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## Lostock Hall Academy Vision 2023-24

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.



## Meet the Head Students

Hi, my name is Daisy Alty, and I am one of the Head Students at LHA. My hobbies include kickboxing and musical theatre and I have performed in several shows both inside and outside of school. I'm also very passionate about Girlguiding; I have been a part of it since I was five years old, and I continue to volunteer there now. Girlguiding has been and will continue to be a huge part of my life for years to come. It's amazing to see how organizations such as Girlguiding and the Scout movement help young people to develop and flourish. In the future I am hoping to become a neuroscientist and study the way the brain develops as it is extremely interesting to me, and I hope to learn much more about it when I go on to college and university.

Hello everyone, I'm Harry Hobin one of the Head Students here at Lostock Hall Academy. The main thing that I love is football as I play and referee games. I just can't get enough of it. Football is huge part of my life as I have played since the age of 5 and will continue for years to come. Another thing that I find interesting is Engineering and how people fix things. I love to take things apart and put them back together without a clue how to put it back together. I am particularly interested in the detail and intricate puzzle that is an F1 car and how they know even if the slightest thing is wrong.

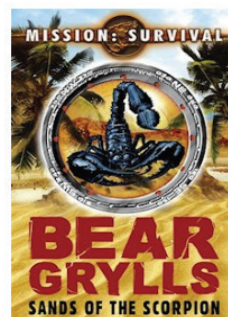
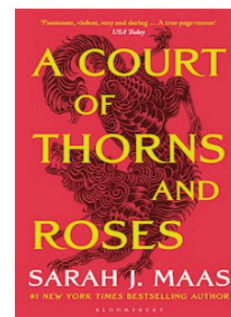
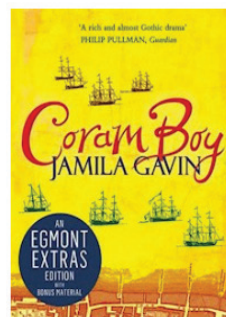
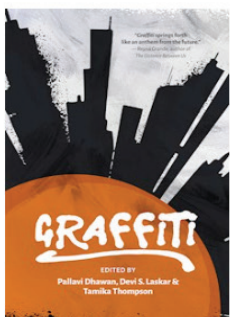
We are both extremely grateful for the opportunity to be Head Students and we are very excited to tackle the duties of a Head Student this year. Recently, we delivered our speeches at open evening, and we have received lots of positive feedback. We are immensely looking forward to the rest of the year and the opportunities it will bring to work closely alongside our team of Senior Prefects, Emma, Josh, Dotun, Millie and Maddie. We would like to add that the Senior Prefect team are always around to support you, and should you need anything we will always be on hand to help. Thank you to all the students who made our first half term enjoyable and very successful!



## Holiday Reading on E-Library

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

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





# Brindle Gregson Lane Primary Visits

The half term we have had the pleasure of welcoming Brindle Gregson Lane Primary School each week to take part in a science programme. The students have been excited to experience the secondary school laboratories and equipment. It is a wonderful opportunity for both schools to collaborate in this way and we have a programme of activities scheduled with other partner primaries over the course of the year.





# LHA Open Event 2023

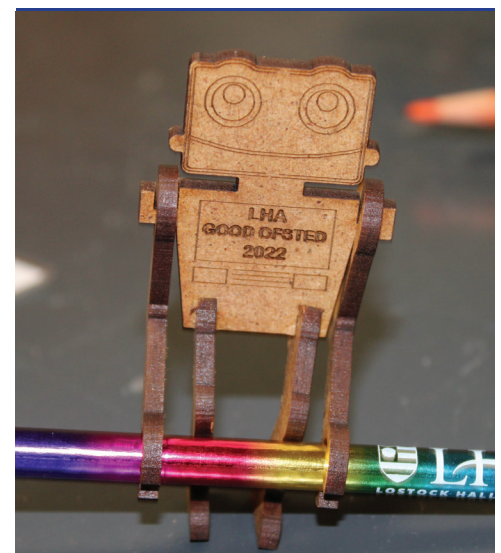
Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2023 Open Event a great evening. We were delighted to welcome so many families through the door and give our visitors opportunity to meet our staff and students and explore the school. The classrooms were full of exciting activities and the ambassadors in the classrooms and those who led guided tours were a credit to themselves and their families. It was a wonderful atmosphere and reinforced why Ofsted recently rated us a 'Good' school. Thank you also to the wonderful young people who visited. Your enthusiasm and energy was inspirational. We look forward to welcoming the young people who visited, in September, 2024.



**TEAMWORK**











# COMMITMENT



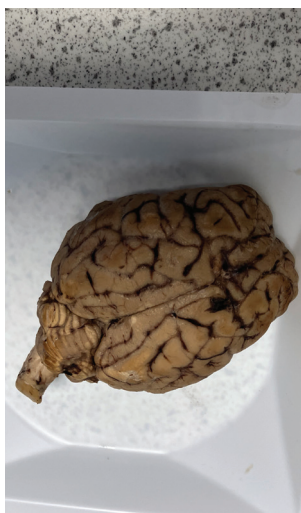
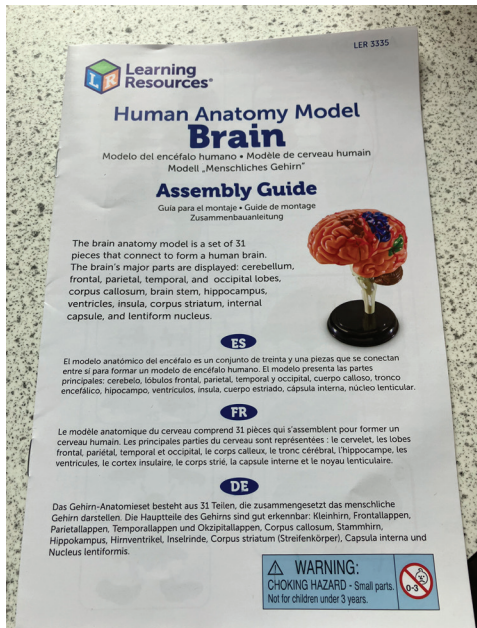
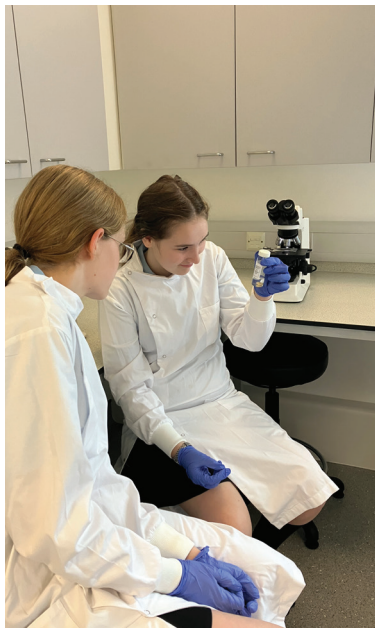






# UCLan Neuroscience Day with Year 10

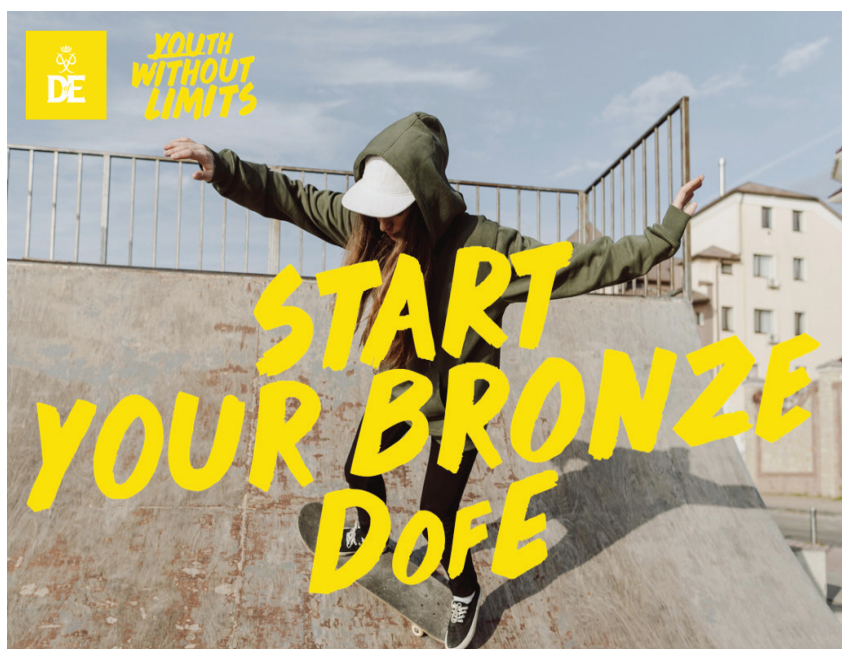
On Thursday we took a group of year 10 and 11 students out to UCLan for a Neuroscience day. Here we were able to get up close to fruit fly, mouse and sheep brains, look at our brainwaves using an electroencephalogram (EEG scan) and we extracted DNA from strawberries and kiwi. We experienced the state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment and overall had a brilliant scientific day!



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a charity that makes a difference to young people's lives and prepares them for life and work. Over 300,000 young people per year from every possible background take part in DofE programmes to broaden their horizons, develop their leadership skills, learn to work with others, volunteer in their local communities, increase their employability and prove to themselves they can succeed at a serious challenge.

Miss Moors has been appointed DofE Co-ordinator for the academy and she will be supporting students to achieve their Bronze Award. We will be tracking their progress in future newsletters.





## Sienna Conquers Snowdon for Mind

Congratulations to Sienna in Year 8 who climbed Snowdon the highest mountain in Wales, on Saturday 23rd September, via one of the most difficult routes (the Miners path).

Sienna along with her sister Riah led the team of 9 adults to the top, raising money for the charity 'Mind'. Well done all, we are so proud of their achievement.

When you're living with a mental health problem, having access to the right information is vital. follow the link to find out more.. <https://www.mind.org.uk/>



**CITIZENSHIP**



## Glow Green Sunrise Challenge - The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

A HUGE thank you to all for your kind donations. Team LHA raised over £2,600 for The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. A charity that has heartfelt significance to Mrs Archibald. Here's what she had to say... "So we may not have made it to the summit thanks to Hurricane Nigel but I can honestly say that was the toughest thing I have ever done. Pitch black, no sense of where you are, howling wind and driving rain. Our mountain squad made the decision that it was only safe to go to the halfway house and so we did. 168 walkers and over £50,000 for Clatterbridge. An amazing experience with a cracking group of people."





# Uniform Reminder

## From September 2023 all Year 7 students

- Blue shirt/blouse with a closed neck for all students
- Tie for all students wearing closed neck shirts
- There continues to be an option for all students to wear the LHA logo'd skirt or school uniform trousers, purchased from a uniform stockist – not a fashion outlet
- Students opting to wear the skirt are expected to wear 60/70 denier tights. An ankle sock may be worn as Summer concession after May half term

The sports kit has been simplified to include,

- New whole school PE top for all students

# RESPECT

**All current students in Year Groups 8-11 from September 2023 will be required to adopt the changes in full by September 2024**

School Tie for all students



Monogrammed blazer and jumper\* with plain cotton button up pale blue shirt



Black monogrammed training top and striped monogrammed sports shirt and polo tech shirt\*.



Option of boys black school trousers, girls black school trousers or monogrammed black skirt



Skirt length 20" inch

Plain black shorts or monogrammed black skort, monogrammed training pants or monogrammed leggings.



Black ankle socks



Black tights – 60/70 denier. Short black ankle sock may be worn as a Summer concession after May half term



School branded red sports socks



Strong black shoes - No trainers, boots or sports branding.



Sports trainers with non-marking soles for indoor and outdoor court use, footwear that is suitable for use on the MUGA/Astro (moulded rubber soles or trainers are acceptable) and footwear that is suitable for activity on the grass field (studded boots)



## Lost Property

This term has seen an unprecedented amount of un-named lost property. Please make sure your child's uniform is clearly named so that they can identify their own item from the collection that is gathering. If your child has lost an item of clothing or equipment, they should first re-trace their steps, then go to the student reception (or PE office if the missing item is sports kit). If it is named we will notify you and your child that we have the item ready for collection.



# European Day of Languages Competition

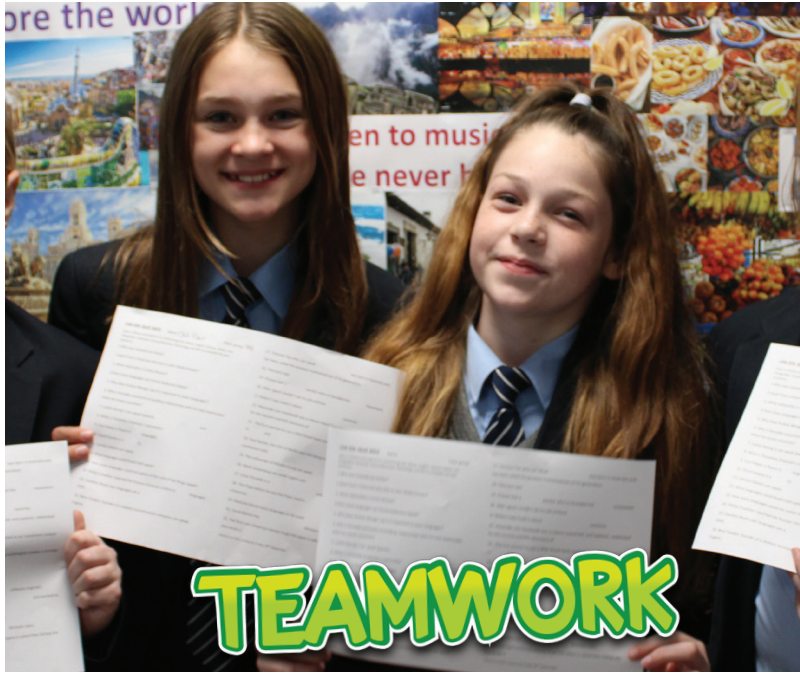


The MFL department ran a competition for students to celebrate European Day of Languages on the 26th September.

Students got involved with an activity learning about famous people who speak other languages related to all the subjects they study at school. We also had quizzes and puzzles for students to get involved with.

Students enjoyed the activities to celebrate all the different languages that are spoken around Europe.

Well done to all the students who helped and took part.



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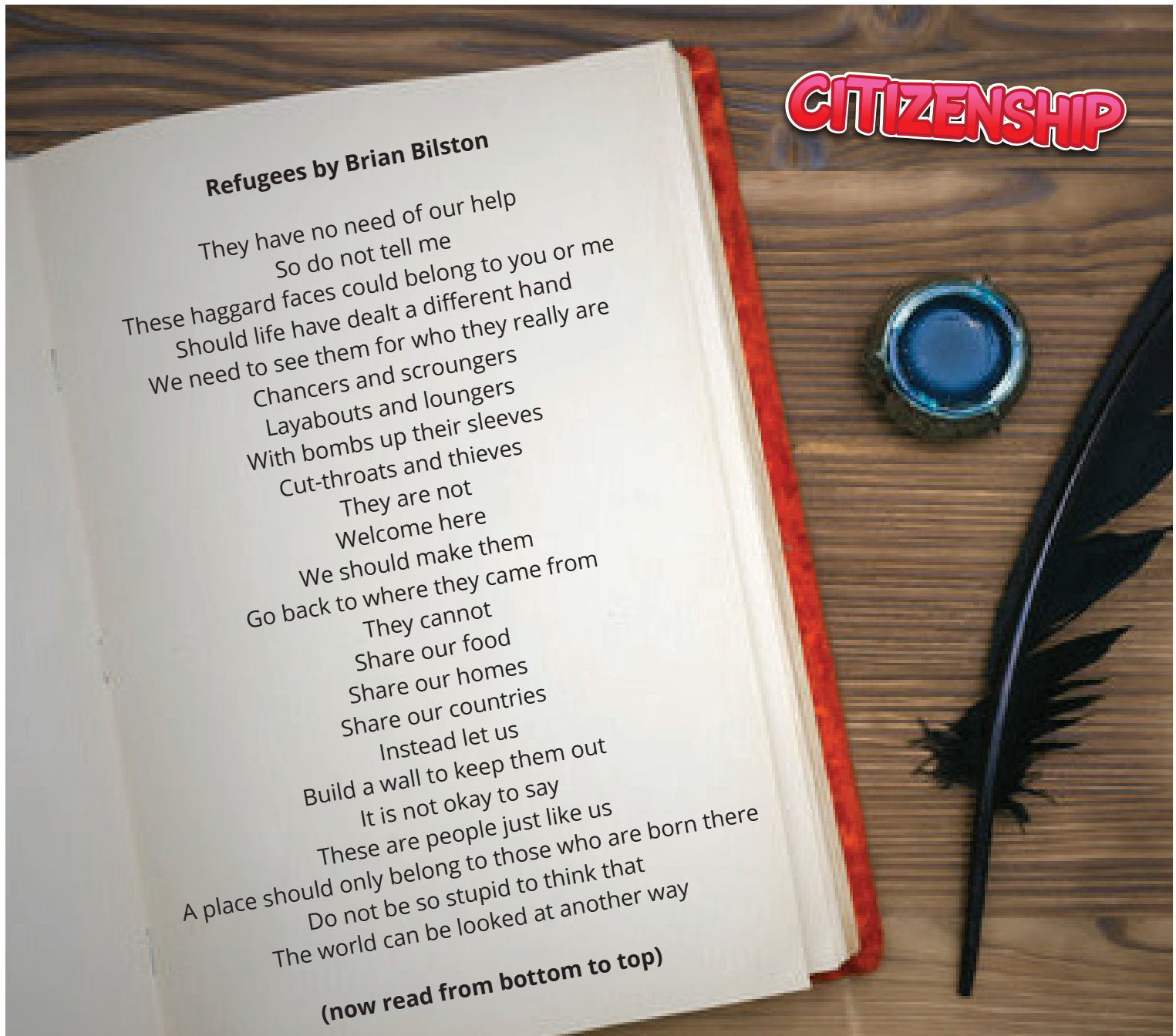


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## National Poetry Day

For National Poetry Day on 5th October students discussed the poem, Refugees by Brian Bilston in their tutor group.



### Refugees

Brian Bilston is often described as the "Poet Laureate of Twitter." He is a secretive figure. His true identity is hidden behind his twitter account. From fragments of information pulled together from various social media feeds, we know he likes cycling, Vimto and dislikes Jeremy Clarkson. He is a published writer in anthologies.

## INTEGRITY



## Art and Photography visit to the Walker Art Gallery Liverpool.

On Wed 18th Oct the art department took Y10 GCSE Art and Photography students to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool to view a wide collection of traditional and contemporary artworks.

The students engaged well with the art and architecture and explored art that will inspire and inform their future portfolio work. We were delighted with the effort and talent displayed throughout the day and students have a wealth of sketches and photographs to work from back in the classroom.

Well done all,  
Mrs Murray and Mr Quinlan





## Action Packed Days at The Anderton Centre

During their first half term at Lostock Hall Academy, our Year 7 students enjoyed an action packed day at The Anderton Centre. The visit was split over two days, with students in 7L, 7S and 7T taking part on the 6th September and students in 7C, 7K and 7H on the 7th September. Both days were filled with both land and water team-building activities, including raft building, wall climbing, low ropes and abseiling. Students showed confidence and resilience throughout the challenges and completed 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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## Sport for all at LHA

With a recent survey by the Youth Sport Trust finding that only 59% of girls in secondary school enjoy PE compared to 84% of boys, down from 74% in 2016 we are proud at LHA that the uptake in sport by our girls is much higher. We pride ourselves in offering a wide range of sports that encourage all students to find a sport they enjoy and therefore create good habits for a healthy life. This approach is also supported by the fantastic facilities.



## Badminton Club

Badminton club is in every Thursday after school. All welcome to attend.

## Sports Studies Students

Year 10 sports studies students smash the Table Tennis challenge set this week. Keep up the excellent effort.



## Year 10 Netball Team

Fantastic win recently from our Year 10 netball girls. Brilliant netball skills shown throughout and superb team spirit! Congratulations to Charlotte for being awarded player of the match.







# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

SOUTH

## Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2024 and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at:  
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or call 01772 532109

**Closing date: 31 October 2023**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

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# EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE Well done to you all!

The following students have a tub of sweets for 100% attendance this half term

- Noah T 7T • Nathan H 8T
- Tiba N 9K • Jack W 10L
- Emma M 11C



## PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW



WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
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**PLAY NOW**



Draw date Saturday 28th October. See website for terms and conditions.



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## Learning Zone



**HOMework PILING UP?**  
**NEED SOMEWHERE QUIET TO WORK?**

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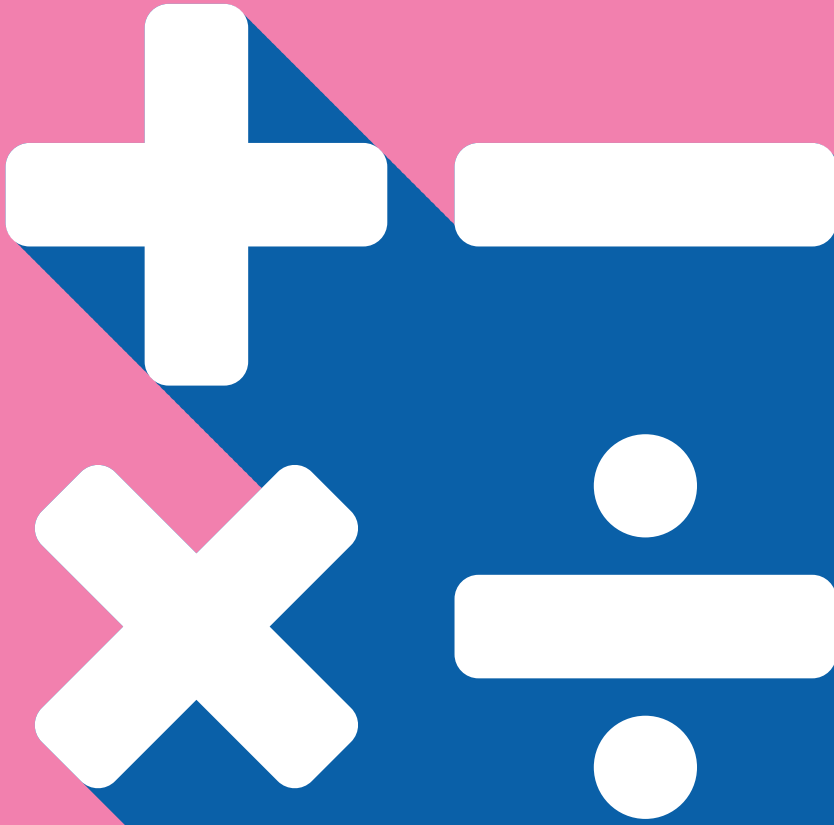
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# Halloween Hustle

## Trick or Treat Fun Run

Date: Tuesday 24th October 2023

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Distance: 5K or 1.5K

Location: UCLan Sports Arena

Scan the QR code for  
further information

