

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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Back to school arrangements

School reopens on
Thursday 5th
November 2020
on Week A.

The amended
timetable we've
been following
since September
will still apply. The
staggered end
times will
continue.



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Lytham St Annes High School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed an amazing first half term back, in some of the most challenging circumstances possible. We have relied on risk assessments and processes that have allowed us to run the school safely and securely. Our main aim was to provide something for children that was as close to normal as we could.

To reassure parents, I am providing a little data. We have attended 140 calls in school for students with a Covid19 symptom. Of these, we have returned zero positive cases. From tests carried out externally we have 6 confirmed cases, but thanks to the conscientiousness of parents and students, the impact on others being traced has been minimal. We continue to follow guidelines tightly and speak to the Public Health team at Lancashire to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Before we try and make the best of a tier 3 half term, there is some information that we need to share to help us all return to school and hit the ground running:

1. We will continue to enforce high expectations around uniform.
2. School detentions for students disrupting the learning of others will start again after half term (see letter from Sara Cardno).
3. After school activities in PE will start slowly after half term (more info to follow).
4. Increased opportunities for subject tutoring after school (beyond the bell, subject intervention) will start next half term.

There is also a need to re-read the letter on remote learning so that if there are any forced isolations after half term, we can continue working. That letter can be found here <https://lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters-to-parents>

As reported in the press recently, the impact of Covid19 will be felt in many ways, but clearly there will be financial and social implications. If your circumstances have changed or you require support then please read the information provided by our pastoral team on the last page of the newsletter, it will also be on the website. The reality is that all of our situations are changing daily, so I would encourage us all to see if there is any support we can access.

Please can I end by asking us all to check for school based messages during the week beginning 2nd November, in case there are any changes to the way the term re-starts.

Have a great break and thank you again for your support.

Ray Baker
Headteacher

Online Safety at LSA

Children's online safety is emerging as a top concern in the new school year, 53% of teachers believe it is now more likely their pupils will experience issues as a result of lockdown (Internet Matters, 2020). Therefore, it is important that we have a collaborative approach as teachers and parents/carers to support the students of LSA. Online safety is embedded into our school curriculum and we are continuing to work on making our students equipped to handle the continuous advancement in technology.



Internet Matters have launched a campaign which is called stay switched on, this is to remind parents/carers about the issues their children may be facing including cyberbullying, screen time, peer pressure, online grooming and viewing inappropriate content.

Using technology is becoming part of the new normal when it comes to teaching, so it is important that parents/carers have a good understanding of their child's online learning policy. It is important that we take a joint approach in taking care of online safety. We would encourage parents to have open and honest conversations with their children about online safety and the potential pitfalls it can have. Talk to them about how to stay digitally safe and how to behave online versus real life. Also, set some clear boundaries with technology use at home and manage what they are doing online both inside and outside of schoolwork.

Please visit www.internetmatters.org and watch 'The Online Facts of Life' which features real parents in an unscripted TV ad where they reflect their real-life concerns, challenges and experiences when it comes to their child's online safety.

For guides and advice on how to support your child stay safe online please visit our webpage which includes various useful and supportive websites - <https://www.lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/parents/Online-Safety>

Please follow us on Twitter @LSAonlinesafety

Kind Online logo competition Online

In September I launched an online safety arts competition and the aim was for our students to design a logo with the caption 'Be Kind Online' we had a total of 53 entries. Congratulations to the winner - Charlotte who received a £20.00 voucher and her logo will be used on twitter and will be printed onto small badges for students to wear in school and the runner up Scarlett who received a £10.00 voucher.



Thank you for your ongoing support
Mrs Hoyle
(Online Safety Lead)



More Than Grades

We know that the best education takes place both inside and outside of the classroom. Each one of our pupils is more than a collection of grades; they are unique individuals each with different talents, skills and abilities, some of which they haven't even discovered yet.

In each year of school, the More than Grades Programme seeks to introduce every pupil to new experiences or events in each of the 6 areas out of the classroom.

- Careers & Aspiration
- Love of Learning
- The Arts
- Sports
- STEM
- Leadership and Citizenship



(Event was before Covid-19)



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To ensure our pupils get the best experience possible during their time at LSA, every year all pupils must participate in at least one activity or event in each of the 6 areas and document it in their More Than Grades Logbook. Every Friday we publish our pupil bulletin, filled with the latest information, including school clubs and events. View the latest bulletin here:

<http://bit.ly/MoreThanGradesatLSA>

Alumni

A huge number of Alumni have volunteered to share their stories and inspire our students. It's not too late! If you are a former student (irrespective of when you left us) and you would like to share your story since leaving Lytham St Annes High School, please complete this short questionnaire <http://bit.ly/lsaalumniquestionnaire>



Lockdown Orchestra performance

Music is such an important part of school life for so many of our students at LSA so back in July, we virtually brought our orchestra together to produce a version of the Elton John classic 'I'm still Standing'. The video was released on Wednesday 15th July (on what would have been our Summer Concert), if you've not seen it yet [click here](#).



Student Council

Would you like to put your name forward to become a member of the Student Council? Do you have strong opinions and great ideas about how to improve school? Give your name to Form Tutors or to Mrs Clegg.

Existing members please check the Whatsapp chat for details of how to join the TEAMS meeting online (from home) and for times of the next meeting.

Becoming an eco school

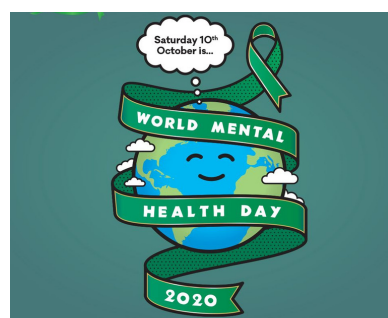
If one person recycles all their wastepaper in a year, seven trees are saved. This is why the eco council are delighted to announce that our application to Rotary Lytham has been successful, and we have received ten paper waste recycling bins. This will make recycling easier and will help our progress towards becoming an Eco School.



We have chosen accessible spots around school, avoiding corridors to prevent them from becoming contaminated with non-recyclables. Some teachers are planning to have a small container in their classroom to collect wastepaper, which can be easily transferred to a large recycling bin. We believe that the bins will be well used by both teachers and students and will contribute to reducing our waste output.

Mental health support and wellbeing for students

It was World Mental Health Day on Saturday 10th October but at LSA we have created a culture of wellness and kindness everyday! Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, our Wellness Warriors, Prefects, Form Tutors and Heads of Year are always available to listen and support.



United Utilities Vlogstars 2020 Competition Finalist

United Utilities asked over 500 schools across the North West to take part in their Vlogstar competition to find the next YouTube Vlogging sensation and to help to reduce blockages and sewer flooding to homes, gardens, rivers and beaches. They have shortlisted their favourite entries for the Vlogstars 2020 competition and Amelia in Year 8 is one of the fantastic finalists! We've all been voting for her to get the chance to be crowned the champion and win £1000 for our school! Good luck!



Additional support available in the area for families and students over half term

Children and Family Wellbeing Service Request for Support Form - Online Forms - Lancashire
https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/CFWS_Request_for_Support

Fylde

<https://fylde.foodbank.org.uk/about/>

St Annes United Reformed

St Georges Rd

St Annes

Tuesday and Thursday 11am -3pm

Wesley's Larder

Church rd Methodist Church

St Albans rd

St Annes

Fy8 3NQ

Tuesday and Thursday 11am-1pm

Blackpool

<https://amazinggraze.org/>

Bolton Street

Blackpool

Preston

<https://noorfoodbank.co.uk/>

Noor Hall

Noor street

Preston

Many referral agencies are presently closed due to the pandemic, but if you need help because you are in financial difficulty and are a resident of Fylde Borough please phone Fylde Council Customer Services on 01253 658658 (Monday to Friday 09:00 to 15:00) or visit their [website](#).

Your eligibility for a food bank voucher will be checked and if approved a voucher will be issued and forwarded to the Foodbank Centre at either St Annes or Kirkham.