



Lampton School News

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**December 19th
2019**

End of term newsletter

Christmas newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the end of the longest term of the school year, I am pleased to be able to introduce this edition of the Lampton newsletter. Within you will see just a snapshot of the many experiences and successes we have enjoyed together as a community over the last few months. I am, as always, grateful to my colleagues who make so many of these experiences possible, your support of the school and our students' active participation and engagement in our life as a community.

Some highlights this term have been:

Confirmation of our excellent Progress 8 score of +0.6 placing the school once again in the "well above average" progress category nationally for GCSE in 2019;

Our ALPS score for 'A' Level placing us in the top 25% category of providers nationally ;

The excellent feedback from our annual Challenge Partner Quality Assurance Review where once again we achieved the top grading in all areas;

And of course, the long awaited progress on the building of our new canteen!

All of our achievements are a credit to every member of our school community and their relentless pursuit of excellence in all areas – one of our Lampton values of excellence, respect and integrity.

It has been great to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evenings and thank you for your feedback from the surveys which were completed on those occasions – we will be giving results from these in the newsletter next term.

Thank you once again for your support of the school and on behalf of all the staff and Governors may I wish you and your families a happy festive period and every success for 2020.

Stephen Davis

Attendance phone numbers:

Year 7 – 11: 0208 538 4704

Year 12: 0208 538 1814

Year 13: 0208 538 4700

Key Dates

6th January 2020 return to school

13-17th January 2020 Year 12 and 13 pre-public exams

16th January 2020—Early finish 2.50

21st January 2020 Year 11 History trip

27th January 2020 Year 9 History trip

29th January 2020 Year 10 Parents evening

Finances:

We need to raise at least £50k to help fund the exciting Canteen project. We received about 95% of the funding but the school needs to come up with the rest. If you can help please contact the FinanceOffice@lampton.org.uk

Thank you

GDPR Update:

Our newsletter is a little sparse on photos as we are sorting out all the consents to comply with the new GDPR legislation.

Please help the school raise much needed funds. No cost to you or the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and search for Lampton School—Thank you

Lampton 6th form — top 25% of schools nationally

We were very excited to receive the

Alps certificate recognising outstanding progress over 3 years. Lampton has been placed in the top 25% of all schools nationally for sixth form progress over three years.

Congratulations to all our staff and students.



Jack Petchey Awards

Congratulations to the 3 winners for the Jack Petchey Award this term, all nominated for their contribution to the school and resilience; Jagdish, Nadine and Mishi

Inclusion Awards

Despite the strong winds and the rugby and voting traffic, more than 30 families attended the Inclusion Awards Evening last Thursday 12th December. Students and parents enjoyed the evening in a celebratory mood. Well done to all award winners!

New dining facility and catering at Lampton

After what seems like an eternity but that is more due to our excitement of moving into our new facility, the dining room is starting to take shape. We are hoping if everything goes to plan to start using the new building after Easter 2020. In the background we have been improving the food provision by working with CIS and our new Executive Chef David Darmanin. The students have taken well to the changes in the food which is wonderful to see as the emphasis is more about healthy eating and making the right choices when it comes to food. There have also been a number of exciting events that have been celebrated through food such as Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, Thanksgiving and we will be having a special Christmas Themed Menu. It allows the students to try food from different cultures and try something new. The new menu for the second term will be up on our website soon. There are some delicious new dishes coming up such as **Cheeky Peri Peri Meal**, **Turkey korma**, **Smoked pork ribs and Texas slaw**, **Veggie Biryani**, **Paneer Tikka and Chana Masala**. We are also working on improving the canteen tills to make things quicker and more efficient. All students need to be registered on the new tills to be able to eat in the canteen by either fingerprint or ID card. The new tills go live on the 6th of January.



JMA Basketball Trip

Esther and Coach Mike took a group of 12 boys from years 8, 9 and 10 to visit the basketball academy at JMA school in Reading. The boys met with Coach Keane (former Lampton Basketball Academy Director) for an inspirational session on how to balance academic work with a commitment to sport and also met with David Chive (former Lampton student and GB under 18 captain) and AJ Carr (Professional Player from the US) to hear their stories about overcoming challenges and making positive changes in their lives. The boys then had the opportunity to join the JMA academy players on court for a training session led by Coach Keane. Pupils said after the trip "The talk with Coach Keane showed me that you only get out as much as put in", "After Friday my mind-set has changed in many ways. It has motivated me and made me not only a better player but a better student".

Exhibition 24/7 at Somerset House & Covent Garden

Thirty year 10 & 11 pupils were given the opportunity to visit Somerset House and see the new exhibition 24/7. The staff there gave us a brief history of the venue and we learned that there are 2,500 artists and creative projects based there. The exhibition explored the non-stop nature of modern life and included interactive & multi-sensory art installations. We had lunch on the terrace overlooking the Thames and watched the ice skating before returning home through the Christmas market in Covent Garden. The pupils were a credit to the school & the feedback was excellent.

Year 8 trip to Cinderella

'The Lyric pantomime has long been one of the coolest seasonal shows in London. This year it's also one of the most heartfelt and joyous.' (Review from 'The Stage')

We invited the pupils who were part of the Support Centre 'Friends Youth' Groups and were lucky enough to book excellent seats near the stage in the stalls. The pupils enjoyed the performance which included lighting effects and showers of sweets & snow. "The best part was the music and joining in with the songs" – Monica.



Snow White Pantomime in Richmond Theatre

To enrich the cultural experience of our students, a group of Year 7 to Year 9 EAL students went to see the pantomime of the classical story "Snow White" last Friday 13th December. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the live performance and had lots of fun joining in all the cheering and jeering. The lovable characters performed singing, dancing and there were a lot of jokes in between. Of course the most magical moments were the magic mirror making predictions to the wicked Queen, with high-tech laser beams, flashing lights and smoke as the special effects!

EAL trip to the Science Museum

On the 27th November, a group of 20 students from Year 7 to Year 11 went on a trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington in Central London. This trip aimed at widening the cultural and scientific experience of the students and it was a huge success!

It was an action-packed day with an hour visit to the Wonderlab where students took part in various hands-on activities in finding out different rules of science. It was then followed by visits to many galleries including the Flight Lab where many students were overwhelmed by the real life models of planes. Students and staff also had an exciting ride in the Red Arrow simulator whilst some more adventurous students went on to the 360° ride as well. It was a fun day and all are looking forward to visit it again soon!

Christmas Carols and Music Showcase

On the 5th of December the Music and Modern Languages departments organised a Christmas Carols and Music Showcase event. Approximately 70 Year 7 Students beautifully sang Christmas Carols in French, German and Spanish. They also shared Christmas traditions from Germany, France and Spain with us and guests could try Stollen, Panettone or bûche de Noël.

Some Year 10 students also played musical numbers in bands to entertain all guests. The students were incredible performers and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert.

Well done to all students who performed and a special thank you to Ms Bowater and Mr Brown for practising with students in lessons and accompanying them on the piano and violin in the evening.

German Christmas markets

36 Year 8 students went to Germany to visit the Christmas Markets. After a choppy start on the ferry (the waves were huge!), we arrived in Germany and started our stay by exploring Boppard, the little town we stay in. Even though it is December we all enjoyed Spaghettieis on our first day, which is vanilla ice cream shaped like spaghetti. We then travelled to Koblenz and enjoyed our first Christmas market. The students enjoyed all the Christmas markets and tried

out different German foods like Reibekuchen (potato cakes with apple sauce). We also enjoyed a boat trip up the river Rhein to St. Goar where we visited Burg Rheinfels (an old castle on the side of a hill). On our final day we travelled to Cologne and visited the cathedral, went ice skating and looked around the Chocolate Museum. Students had a great time exploring Germany and its Christmas culture. A special thank you to Ms Henken, Mr Matsvai and Mr Waddington for accompanying us to Germany and helping us have the best time!



10 a-side Rugby



On Thursday 7th of November, 14 year 10 boys represented Lampton School at a 10 a-side rugby tournament at Staines Rugby Club, hosted by the club Harlequins. Despite having limited rugby experience the boys played exceptionally well winning against Kingsley, drawing against The Green School for Boys and losing very close fought contests to Heathlands and the Winston Churchill School. The boys that represented Lampton were Prantu, Valdemar, Kawinlash, Ildis, Mario, Nicolas, Jatvinder, Jahrell, Mekai, Abdulhaseeb, Aarush, Rushane, Ben and Shaan.

Junior NBA Basketball teams



We are very excited to introduce our two Junior NBA teams for this year. This year there has been so much interest in basketball that we have been able to have two teams. Introducing new year 7 and year 8 Junior NBA basketball teams who are all excited and ready to go for the 2019-20 season.

This year is the first year we have a year 7 only team. Last year the year 7 mixed with the year 8 to form our Jr NBA team. The year 7s won the last Jr NBA game on the 20th of Nov at Lampton School against Queens School. The year 8 equally won their game against Park Academy 68-8. Well done teams !!

Safeguarding advice for the Christmas break

Parental Controls

There are so many connected devices on the market now, each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. Equally the functionality of these devices can be daunting with chat, game downloads, in-app purchases, third party apps on the devices (such as social media, Netflix) etc.

Firstly look up the device on YouTube using a simple 'how to' query, e.g. 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'. Secondly, the wonderful people at Internet Matters have a one-stop shop for setting up devices which can be found here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Advice by age

As well as devices, parents also need advice according to the age of their children. Again, Internet Matters has this covered for children 0-5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

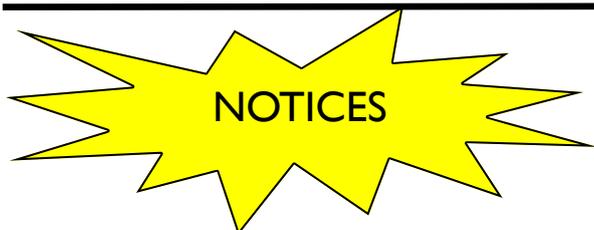
Gaming

Gaming is likely to be high on the agenda for many children this holiday period. CEOP have a nice, simple guide for parents

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Internet Matters also has a gaming hub which is really useful for parents; it was updated a couple of months ago and has invaluable information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>



Examinations

Certificates

The exam certificates from last summer's exams have now arrived. If you have a child is no longer in the school, they can come to the school to collect their certificates. They should ring the school, giving 48 hours notice, before coming to collect them.

Exams Summer 2020:

The written public exams next summer will start in May and the last possible exam will be on the 24th June. Holidays etc. should be planned for after that day. The exam results days are

GCE: 13th August 2020

GCSE: 20th August 2020

All students should be available to collect their results on these days.

Leave during term time

To help us keep the high attendance % at Lampton please be mindful of the school and local authority policy on term time leave.

Lettings at Lampton - We have a number of facilities at the school that can be hired for all occasions—sporting groups, tutor groups etc. please contact Lettings@lampton.org.uk if interested. Please see our website for further information.

New Canteen Tills

We are introducing new tills in the canteen on the 6th of January 2020. All students need to be registered with either their ID card or by fingerprint to buy food from the canteen. You can purchase a new ID card through Parent Pay and they are collected at Student Services.

Gentle reminder

Can you please help us out by contributing on parent pay to the Design and Technology annual contribution of £6.50 for all students in years 7 8 and 9. The funding we receive from the Government does not cover all the additional expenditure for these subjects. As a school we want to do as many projects as we can. If you can help please do.

Parent Pay

Please remember that you must pay for a trip to guarantee a place. A returned form alone does not guarantee the place. To all new parents please remember that we do not accept cash and all payments are made through Parent Pay. If you are having issues logging on please contact the FinanceOffice@lampton.org.uk



Drop off and pick ups

We kindly ask that parents please avoid Lampton Avenue where possible and please do not come into the Lampton School carpark. If you do need to come down Lampton Avenue then please be considerate of other drivers and the local residents.

Water bottles

Can you please ensure that your child has a reusable water bottle. We have many areas around the school that students can refill these.