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Lordswood News

A Letter From The Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The final newsletter of the year provides an opportunity to recall the various highlights of this year and to look back over the events of the summer term. There have been outstanding performances by students in drama, music and sport. Our Plantastic and Stabiz, mini-enterprise students have developed entrepreneurial skills that would make Lord Sugar proud. A stunning exhibition of examination work by art and design students showcased their fantastic skills and imagination and the Heart of Lordswood evening encapsulated so much of what makes our students exceptional. Students have excelled in so many ways and have also acted as superb ambassadors for the school through their participation in trips and visits and their contribution to community events. Well done to all students on their efforts and achievements this year and a heartfelt thanks to all staff for their hard work and to parents for their continuing support.

At the end of June we received the wonderful news that our bid to the Academies Capital Fund had once more been successful and that we were being given £1,200,000 to replace all the original windows and concrete cladding. This will improve heating and lighting conditions within the school whilst at the same time improving our energy efficiency and the overall appearance of the building. As with the science extension, work will start at the end of October with completion by the end of March. Once more we are hoping for a mild winter!

This week we welcome back Mrs Faulkner and

Mrs O'Shaughnessy from maternity leave and bid farewell to Mr Langford who has covered Mrs Faulkner's classes during her absence. We thank him for his work and wish him all the best in his new post. Miss Gough will be starting her maternity leave in August and we wish her well and look forward to welcoming her back next year. This term we also say goodbye to Mrs Miller. Mrs Miller leaves us to take up the post of Head of Music at Bishop Perowne. She has been an inspirational teacher of music and we thank her for all that she has done during her time at Lordswood and wish her every success and happiness in her new post.

The summer term ends at 12 noon on Friday 20th July and the school resumes for year 7 students on Tuesday 4th September and for students in years 8-11 on Wednesday 5th. Further information about the start of term is contained in this newsletter. In the meantime, I should like to wish you all an enjoyable summer (in spite of the rain!).

With all good wishes

Mrs Jane Götschel
Headteacher

Basketball

Academy Update

Coach Guppy reports on how our boys have fared this season

As another year of the Lordswood Basketball Academy comes to a close, all of the players can feel a huge amount of pride and satisfaction after a very successful season once again.

Girls basketball started with an after school club for all years, which will be continuing in September. The Under 19 college team again proved to be one of the best in the West Midlands region finishing with an 11 win – two loss record and making it to the England Basketball National Schools Quarter-Final.

In the West Midlands Men's Premier Division, a difficult start to the season (losing 4 of the first 5 games in a very difficult division) with a number of new players to the team this season only added to the desire, determination and effort shown by all of the players, which in turn showed as the performances gradually improved. Lordswood finished the season in joint fourth place with a 9 win – 9 loss record, but claiming the accolade of being the only team in the division to beat each of the other teams – including the penultimate game of the season beating the champions Lasers.

To go along with the success in the league, the Basketball Academy completed the season in real style by winning the Men's division knockout shield and Summer League. Both of these successes are small rewards for the amount of hours training, gym work and dedication that the players put in on a daily basis. We are very proud to say that the Basketball Academy has now won 10 trophies in the last five years....with absolutely no doubt that the desire for continued success will be as strong as ever when pre-season training starts at the beginning of August.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to contribute towards the achievements and successes that the team has managed this year – both on the basketball court and in the classroom!

Please keep an eye on the school website at www.lordswoodbasketball.co.uk next year for up

to date news, fixtures, results and pictures!



Coach Guppy and our amazing basketball lads

Community Life At Lordswood

Miss Gough sums up the last few months' activities in school

The school has been a hub of activity over the last few months during evenings and weekends. The Black Belt Academy hold classes for all ages every evening as well as grading sessions and tournaments and will soon be holding some fundraising activities to fund five of their members to travel to the ICO World Championships in Disneyland, Paris in November.

Lordswood Cricket Club continue to play every Saturday and Sunday (when the rain holds off for long enough) and also fit in some midweek matches on a Wednesday. Zumba classes are taking place every Monday and Wednesday evening and the L.A.D Children's Football group train every Tuesday.

We will be hosting some cake decorating workshops on Saturday 18th August and Saturday 8th September, look out for more details at www.carolinescakecompany.co.uk. We will also have yoga classes running on Tuesday evenings for those of you looking for relaxation tips.

Further to this, we have been holding Open University tutorials, the Kumon Awards ceremony and Church Central meetings. It's

fantastic to see so many people passing through the doors outside of school time.

Please see details below if you wish to find out more about any of the above:

Antonio Santorelli Black Belt Academy
www.asbba.co.uk

Zumba with Rachael Edwards
www.rachaeledwardsdance.co.uk

Yoga with Pramila
email p_sashidharan@hotmail.com
or call 07977 471467

Students Volunteer At Queen Alexandra College

Miss Gough with thanks to our students who helped out at a recent community event

Many thanks to the students below who gave up their time on Saturday 7th July to help out at the Community Sports and Fun Day at Queen Alexandra College.

Students helped with supervising the games, craft activities and Olympic themed races. The organisers were really grateful for the support from the school so thanks to Ed Silverton who ran the sound on the day and Mia Howard, Amrita Kaur, Abigail Higgins, Sana Hussain, Rift Bibi, Tamara Palmer, Hannah Shioleftou, Chenika Desch Bailey, Nancy Inman, Sakina Rajabali, Simranjit Dubb, Kiran Chana and Leah Thompson.

Lordswood Learns Latin!

Miss Gough on our linguistic success

Well done to Vrindavani Dasa, Alisha Alqab, Sharon Ariathas and India Purewal who all attended the 7 day Latin School led by the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies.

The girls showed fantastic commitment and dedication during the week, even attending on our staff training day! These students gained an insight into Latin through tutorials, seminars, listening to guest speakers and local trips. India also played a clarinet piece during the group production.

Summer Activities

Goings on over the summer holidays

This summer we have 120 of our new Year 7 students attending our Transition Activity days – these students will spend the days doing curriculum based activities, giving them an opportunity to meet staff and fellow students and also get to know their way around school before September.

Cineclub will also be holding some Olympic themed film workshops during the second week of the holidays.

The Challenge will be running some of their summer programme here again this year. This involves Year 11 students from all over Birmingham who are set personal, team and community challenges. We should see over 100 students taking part here.

Students Impress Headteachers At The Belfry

Mr Bayliss reports from the Headteachers' Conference at the Belfry Hotel

On 5th July a team consisting of representatives from the Learning Technologies Policy and Practice group and three year ten pupils went to the Secondary Headteachers' Conference at the Belfry Conference Centre.

They were there to deliver workshops about using technology in the classroom. Mrs Finucane spoke about the use of free movie making software and the impact of its use on achievement at key stage three; Mrs Waraich discussed the use of the visualiser and the trial of the use of smartphones in sixth form lessons; Mr

Bayliss demonstrated how the VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) has been used to enhance and expand learning opportunities for the pupils of Lordswood.

The real stars of the show were our digital ambassadors, Louise Melvin, Amelia Wilkinson and Radhika Ganesan. Louise showcased the work done so far on the virtual tour of the school, Amelia highlighted the work of the digital ambassadors and Radhika demonstrated the mathematics tutorial videos that she had been involved in making.

All of the delegates were immensely impressed with how confident, knowledgeable and professional our girls were. Once again Lordswood pupils were showing just why we are an outstanding school.

Our thanks go to all of the digital ambassadors for the many excellent materials that they have helped to produce and for assisting in staff training sessions.

A Message From Ghana.....

An Email From Miss Tooley... From Ghana With Love!

Hello from Ghana! Myself, Anna, Abi and Qasim arrived in Ghana a few days ago and have already settled straight into life out here.



Anna and Abi get creative with some of the children

We are all volunteering at Future Leaders UCC, a centre for children from underprivileged

backgrounds. School starts at 8.45am with assembly and then between 9am and 11am all the classes learn maths and English. We've all been doing one to one teaching during this time, helping the nursery children to learn their numbers and alphabet. After break we read stories and play number/letter games. Our lunch break is at 1pm and then afternoon school starts at 2pm where we do creative arts activities. It is a lot of fun working with the children and some are showing really good progress after only a few days!

I'll do a full update in September once back in the UK. Have a great summer!



Qasim plays word games with one of the students

An Update From The School Council

Miss Lomas reflects on another successful year for the Council

Yet again, Lordswood Girls' School Council has had an immensely successful year and feedback from the Reps indicates that Lordswood finishes the year with a pretty happy student body!

Feedback from the Council has meant that Year 11 Review Groups will be reverting back to the old system from September; Reps have been involved in updating and amending the uniform list; have had important input with regard to the amended Home School Agreement; members of the Council helped to introduce and advertise the first Lordswood Girls' School Healthy Eating Week; they have been involved in the opening of the new science block by our local MP, Gisela

Stuart; the Council has helped solve problems with issues such as homework projects, classroom set up, break times and lunchtimes and have also represented the school flawlessly at all times including during events involving external visitors such as the teachers from Romania. This list shows just how much the Council have done in a short space of time!

One achievement, which we feel deserves special recognition, is the work that the Council has done in order to help the school raise money for charitable causes throughout the year. The Year Councils came up with so many amazing fundraising ideas and helped the school to raise over £2200 for charities such as Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Children in Need, Marie Curie, CLIC Sargent, Young at Heart, Teenage Cancer Trust, St. Basils and Kids, not to mention participating in the Sport Relief Mile which raised over £2000 alone! The School Council Fundraising Week was a massive success and the Reps' hard work has meant that Lordswood Girls' School has been able to help people from all around the world. As ever, everyone at Lordswood should feel immense pride in their generosity and willingness to help others.

Looking forward to 2012 - 2013, the Council is planning to raise money for benches which will be placed around the grounds for students to use in fine weather. We also intend to introduce a blog which will help Reps feedback more effectively to their peers about what the Council has been up to.

Lordswood really wouldn't be the school that it is without the hard work of our School Council Reps and so I would like to say an enormous thank you to them all for all their hard work and dedication this year.

Here's to another success filled year starting in September!

Successes In Maths

Mr Slack update us on the students' success in the Maths department

This term has seen many students being presented with national awards in mathematics.

In April, sixty of our year seven and eight students took part in the UKMT Junior

Mathematics Challenge. The challenge is aimed at the top third of students aged 13 and below across the UK and involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour. The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate.

The following students achieved certificates:

Year 8:

- Paige Smallman (Best in school)
- Olivia McComb
- Alicia Beerjeraz
- Samina Hussain
- Shaida Ekhlay
- Ayesha Maqsood
- Maisie Malcolm

Year 7:

- Lily Atchinson
- Kyra Byrne
- Emily Baines
- Juvayriyah Razaq
- Sophie Todd

Congratulations to all who took part!

On the 26th April, four of our year 12 AS Mathematics students attended the Engineering in Education award presentation and celebration following a major project into "The implications of living longer". During the 100 hour project, Aneesah Jawed, Jaspreet Kalsi, Govindpreet Kaur and Yin Li explored the needs and implications of an aging population as they worked with Galliford Try Construction.

The students performed exceptionally well as they presented their project alongside approximately 100 other schools from the Midlands. Judges were impressed by their well presented report, confident presentation and good understanding of the product they were researching. In addition, there is evidence to suggest that the company Extracare (responsible for the retirement village being constructed on Hagley Road) believes there may be potential to continue work on the students' ideas. Some of these ideas have made a valuable contribution to the company! Furthermore, all four students achieved the Gold Crest award for their hard work over the year.

Congratulations to you all!

Birmingham University Poetry Competition

Budding poets in the English department

Last term over fifty girls entered a poetry competition run by the University of Birmingham which was based around the Olympics. The girls had to write a poem based on London 2012 and three of our budding poets beat off tough competition to be shortlisted, earning themselves a place at a poetry café where they listened to award winning poet Jackie Kay read some of her work and took part in creative workshops. Here are two of the shortlisted entries:

Sporting Heroes

by Joanna Van Zeller (year 11)

I want to be Andy Murray,
And be British when I play,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
I'll be Scottish by the end of the day.
I want to be Zara Philips,
I'll fill the judges with dread,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
Like the Queen I'll scream "Off with their heads!"
I want to be Tom Daley,
With my tucks and twists and pikes,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
I'm so handsome I'll always be liked.
I want to be Paula Radcliffe,
Mother, Runner, Friend,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
I'll go on maternity leave again.
I want to be Sir Steve Redgrave,
With medals of glimmering gold,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
I'll blame it on getting old.
I want to be Joanna Van Zeller,
Who is really not sporty – let's agree,
Because then when I lose it won't matter,
I'll only be watching it on TV.

The Olympics

by Charlotte McCabe (year 8)

It's time to get your shirt, trainers and shorts.
it's time to come together from all the airports.
Because it's time to get ready to do some sports.
Carry the torch with pride.

Run side by side.
Race and embrace.
The Olympics were Greek.
We made it unique.
Because now we do all sorts of sports.
Manchester is the place to be so let's get united,
Before the torch gets lighted.
Picture the five rings and the ray it brings,
It's time to celebrate,
Not long to wait for the 2012 Olympics.

The Times Spelling Bee

A sterling effort from Lordswood students

Last term, four year seven students from Lordswood Girls' School entered The Times Spelling Bee competition. Aman Gill, Sana Hussain, Sukhman Sangha and Lydia Metson worked hard to practise their spelling in preparation for the online heats which took place in April. The standard set by the competition was extremely high and the girls worked hard to learn the spelling of difficult words such as 'tabernacle' 'abysmal' and 'ecclesiastical'. The students did an impressive job in the online heats, but unfortunately they did not make it through to the final round of the competition which was eventually won by Colchester County High School. The students' names and the name of the school were listed in a June edition of The Times newspaper. The students should be extremely proud of themselves for working hard to represent Lordswood Girls' School in this prestigious competition.

Mr Bayliss En Guarde!

Information on a new member of the PE department....

The physical education department would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Mr Bayliss after he successfully passed his Level 1 Fencing Coaching course on 13th June 2012. He is now fully qualified to coach fencing club on a Friday after school and will continue to nurture the talent of the young fencers who attend the club

on a regular basis.

We would therefore like to welcome you as an honorary member to the Physical Education department.



Mr Bayiss ready for the next bout

Year 8 Pupils Are World Record Holders!

Miss Tooley shares news of an amazing achievement

As part of their Year 8 art project, students created several self portraits inspired by different artists. A giant grid of the work has been displayed for the past few months in the school hall but some of the students wanted their work to be part of a much larger exhibition!

As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the Prince's Trust set the children of Britain a challenge to break the Guinness World record for 'Most artists working on the same art installation' and asked them to submit their portraits to an online gallery. The portraits were then compiled and projected in the shape of the Queen's face on Buckingham palace during the jubilee celebrations. The challenge was well and truly met and a grand total of 201,948 portraits were entered and used to smash the previous

World record of 28,267 pieces of artwork!

Many congratulations to all of the Year 8 students who submitted their work as part of this nation wide project – you are World record holders!!!

The projection of the Queen's portrait can be found on The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts website.

Lordswood Students Blast Off!

Mr Summerfield reports from the National Space Centre in Leicester

On Monday 2nd July, Mr Summerfield and Mrs Gillett accompanied 28 year 10 students to the National Space Centre in Leicester. The theme of the day was Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects and the careers available in these sectors.



During the day, students attended five talks delivered by representatives from EADs Astrium, a space engineering company, Rolls-Royce, leading jet engine manufacturers, RAF Fylingdales, a radar station monitoring the thousands of objects in Earth's orbit, The Met Office, who use satellites to forecast the weather and monitor climate change, and The University of Leicester. Students were given an idea of what it is like to work in the STEM sector, what career opportunities are available and the qualifications needed to apply for each job.

As part of their visit, the year 10 students were able to explore the Space Centre's galleries while it was shut to the public, handle fragments of meteorite worth hundreds of pounds and view the award winning planetarium show 'We are Astronomers'.

The day finished with a very interesting keynote talk on 'Storms from the Sun' by Dr Chris Davis, the Project Scientist for NASA's STEREO mission. The talk discussed the generation of sunspots, solar flares, coronal mass ejections and their consequences on Earth.

A Busy Year For The Geography Department

Mr Sami with tales of the exploits of the Geography department

As we come to the end of another year, the Geography department has been as busy as ever and has clocked up some serious mileage on numerous school trips!

Year 7 visited the Tropical House at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to study how plants adapt to different environments. Students also took part in a competition to design a rainforest animal and we had some fantastic, not to mention colourful, entries! Year 8 went on a tour of Birmingham City Centre and were astonished to find out that billions of pounds have been spent on regenerating the city in recent years. Their subsequent homework project was to design an advertising campaign to promote Birmingham and we will be announcing winners before the end of term. Keep your eyes peeled! Year 9 were lucky enough to go on two trips, the first of which was to the Natural History Museum in London in order to study the power of earthquakes and volcanoes in the museum's Red Zone. More recently, Year 9 visited the Lickey Hills for an introduction to GCSE Geography and, despite the soggy conditions, they all thoroughly enjoyed the team building and orienteering activities! Finally, our Year 11 Geographers were given the chance to compare the quality of life between inner city Northfield and rural Barnt Green as part of their controlled assessment. Students made insightful observations about the

fact that the distance of a few miles really can drastically affect how people live and we're sure this will stand them in good stead for their examinations.

Next year our GCSE groups will be visiting Stansfeld Outdoor Education Centre just outside Oxford to study rivers and we're hoping to run a joint trip with the Science department to Iceland in order for A Level students to study plate tectonics!

We know that our students always get an awful lot out of our curriculum trips and so we would like to thank them all for their enthusiasm and participation!

Students Get A Taste for Jane Austen

Mrs Brookes and Miss Jackson reflect on a recent theatre trip

A group from Year 10 went to see 'Pride and Prejudice' at the Crescent Theatre recently, to help them with their understanding of the English literature course they are currently studying. They had previously read the book in class, however, the play was able to give them a greater insight into the roles and emotions felt by the characters, which will help them greatly when writing their controlled assessment.

The tale is about two infamous lovers who are consumed in a world preoccupied with social hierarchy and class conflict between families; the play was able to sum this English classic up in an emotional and entertaining, two-hour performance with an extremely talented cast.

The play, overall, developed students' understanding not only of the novel, but of the time period when the book was created. The play was thoroughly enjoyable and anyone studying this book in the future must definitely go and watch the play for further acknowledgement and appreciation.

Lydia Silverton commented that:

"The play was immensely entertaining. All of us were particularly amused by the performance"

delivered by the actor who played the obsequious Mr Collins, whilst others showed an admiration for the talents of Mr Darcy! Other notable performances were that of the sneering Caroline Bingley and the infamous Mrs Bennet, who was certainly modelled on Brenda Blethyn's interpretation of the role."

Overall: a great way to spend a rainy Thursday evening.

Year 8 Take On Boulogne!

Year 8 students report on their recent excursion abroad

Year 8 went on a trip to Boulogne, France on the 5th of July by coach. It took us about six hours to get to Dover (we got there 4:30 in the morning, so some of us were really tired). When we arrived in Dover we drove onto the ferry which was huge. Once our teachers had counted us they let us go shopping to buy souvenirs. Some people bought hot food because they were hungry after the really long journey, whilst others decided to take pictures. After an hour and a half it was time to get off the ferry as we had finally arrived in Calais. We were all really excited. It only took an hour to get to Boulogne.

Once we had got off the coach we made our way to a posh, French restaurant which served us with delicious food: croissants, Nutella, jam, butter and hot chocolate. As soon as everyone had finished eating we headed to the centre of Boulogne which had lots of shops and cafes. Whilst we were there we had to complete a town trail in French. When everyone finished we had permission from our teachers to buy souvenirs for friends and families.

Then our teachers took us to see some castles and old buildings in France. After a while everyone started to get hungry so we went to have our lunch. Unfortunately, it was raining so we had to eat on the coach. Once we had finished eating it became really hot and sunny (which pleased everyone). After lunch we went to the sea life centre, where we saw really interesting animals: sharks, turtles and strange fish we had a really good time there!

Finally we went shopping in a local mall! We all bought lots of things and French souvenirs.

Unfortunately, at about 4pm we had to return to the coach where we looked at what each other had bought and talked about what a good day we had had. On the ferry we all had some chips and met some French students that we tried to talk to in French (it took quite a while for them to understand what we were trying to say!). Then we got off the ferry and went to the coach again. We finally came back to school where our parents picked us up.

We had a really good time and we would definitely go again!



Our Year 8 students enjoying their trip to France

Year 10 Take A Trip To Winterbourne Gardens

Mrs Stevens brings news of a recent RE trip to one of our partners

In preparation for our visit to Winterbourne Gardens, we each created a collage that was based on a specific theme. Themes included stewardship, awe and wonder. Research into these themes helped us with the activities we carried out on our day at Winterbourne. Also, in previous lessons we had explored religious attitudes to planet earth and creation.

When we arrived at Winterbourne Gardens, we participated in two main activities which were photography and sketching. The aims of these activities was to reflect on our specific themes in a more creative way.

Our experiences and observations of nature enabled us to reflect on the creation stories we had studied in lessons. It enabled us to appreciate the experience of a believer who sees God in all creation and gains a connection with the transcendent when they appreciate the world around them. At one point a person in the group, who was completing her sketches, said that "People believe that God created the earth so we have to conserve it."

Some of our most memorable moments of the day are being able to experience new surroundings and the serenity that nature brings to human beings.

Reflections written by Sandeep Kalsi and Farah Mohammad,

At the end of the day, the students participated in a third workshop which involved writing Haiku poems. Students were asked to focus on one specific experience of nature from their day.

Here are a few examples of the Haikus that were written:

Elegant flower
Mesmerising still water
Exquisite beauty
By Ruqayah Sarwar

A vital life source
Displayed as nature intends
As sparkling diamonds
By Amelia Wilkinson

Falling from the sky
Shiny crystals glittering
On vibrant green leaves
By Yusra Ahmed

Well done to the year 10 full course students.

Talk RE

News of a new group launched by the RE department

This term the RE department launched 'Talk RE,' a group of students who are keen to debate and discuss current religious and moral issues. Students were invited to suggest discussion topics that they were interested in. They chose:

- Can we trust the media?

- Should we help someone who is suffering to end their life?
- Is sexism still an issue today?
- Is the Hijab a source of oppression?
- Can war ever be considered just?

A variety of activities were organised including watching videos, debates, interpreting pictures and word association games.

The department would like to thank the students who showed great commitment to the group, particularly students in Year 10, and we hope to launch a similar club from September 2012, so look out for posters and information!

Spirited Arts 2012

Mrs Stevens congratulates those students involved in this year's competition

The department has been overwhelmed by the response to our Spirited Arts competition this year. This year students were invited to think about the question 'Where is God Today?' Psalm 42 asks this question, and different people answer it in different ways. Many students have their own answers. Agnostics and atheists may say 'we don't know' or 'nowhere'. Winning work in this area will mix strong and artistic images with theology, seeking, sensing or listening to God creatively. Argumentative work is as powerful as personal and reflective work. Pupils' own views, and the answers of religion, both have a place.

The department will be choosing our top ten to be sent to NATRE (the subject teacher association for RE professionals in primary and secondary schools) and these will be judged alongside entries from hundreds of other schools' entries nationwide.

Winners will be announced in September and prizes will be awarded. Thank you to every student who has submitted an entry.

Celebrating Success

Lordswood students do us proud

At this time every year as we come to the end of the summer term staff are asked to nominate students from each year group in school for

particular praise. This can be for academic achievement, services to the school and community, for overcoming specific difficulties or making particular progress and exceeding expectations. We celebrated their achievements along with members of their family at a 'Celebration of Success' evening held on Thursday 12th July.

The prize winners this year were:

Year 7

Emily Montgomerie, Sophie Todd, Fuxian Slowik, Kyra Azure-Byrne, Gabrielle Redmond, Naea Liverpool, Thea Clifford, Nashita Haque, Sana Hussain, Kiran Ahmed, Emily Parker, Amrita Kaur

Year 8

Alisha Riaz, Guneet Aneja, Olivia McComb, Jasmin Kang, Amanpreet Bhopal, Meghan Wright, Damesha Heath, Priya Malhi, Samantha Wilson Walker, Saylah Hussain, Benita Kellay, Maariyah Shaheen

Year 9

Shannon Grocott, Sophie Bullock, Alisha Alqab, Amrit Sohal, Letitia Treacy, Zahra Khan, Nancy Inman, Sharanjeet Kaur, Anousha Shaikh, Tanveer Hundal, Racheal Lau, Tanya Tambwanaye

Year 10

Sophie Neale, Renee Squire, Leesa Ali, Gursimran Kaur, Kameka Davies, Meriam Nouma, Aalyah Malcolm, Shanita Purewal, Radhika Ganesan, Chelsea Mann, Jaskeert Birring, Amelia Wilkinson.

Year 12

Anisha Gill, Hareen Sanghera, Sirmad Mahmood, Yin Li, Saira Parveen, Simrun Thandi, Farrah Hussain, Amro Khan, Kiranpreet Kaur, Jodie West

Year 11 and Year 13 students had their achievements acknowledged in separate leavers' assemblies which took part earlier this term before they left for study leave.

Year 11

Shelter Atunde, Adelina Banduri, Sade Cooke, Kirandeep Gill, Alana Herbert, Aneeka Lal, Kanwal Parveen, Iksa Rashid, Naomi Robertson, Alaina Shafiq

Year 13

Isra Ahmed, Rosina Begum, Eleanor Clarke, Philip Herbert, Elizabeth Holder, Marie Kamara, Nyla Razzaq, Abigail Robertson, Vicky Rowlands, Nayib Sufi

Advantage Lordswood... Wimbledon 2012

Game, set and match, with Miss Thomas and Mr Guppy

On Monday 25th June 2012, eight students in Years 8 and 10 travelled to London to attend the first day of the Wimbledon Championships. The girls had been rewarded with tickets for court number 2 due to all of the hard work in lessons and their regular attendance at extracurricular clubs this year.



Miss Thomas and the group wait excitedly on the steps of Murray Mount

It was a glorious day and the girls got to witness the tennis in true Wimbledon style. As well as seeing players warming up, battle it out on courts around the grounds and sampling the strawberries and cream, they eventually settled down in the sunshine on court number two to watch the first round match between Venus Williams and Elena Vesnina.

Despite the fact that Venus was knocked out of the tournament after losing 2 sets, it was an incredible experience and a thoroughly enjoyable day!



Venus Williams plays on Court Number 2

LGS Celebrates Another Successful Year of Let's Get Cooking

Miss Clarke reflects on our culinary club

This year Let's Get Cooking had a continuous membership base of students from Year 7 through to Year 11 who attended the four month programme of cooking sessions and community events. Students learnt and developed their practical making skills as well as learning how to make healthier choices in a relaxed environment.

The club was originally funded by the Big Lottery and focused on healthy eating for students, families and the wider community. The current funding is now from the Health Lottery and the new programme is aimed at men between the ages of 20 – 40 years of age. It is not exclusively for this age range but I would like to encourage fathers and carers to join and cook with their daughters and sons.

If you are interested or would like any further information, please contact me by email at d.clarke@lordswoodgirls.co.uk

Year 12 Go Bananas at Birmingham University

Lucy Jackson, Govindpreet Kaur, Hira Khan, Maysoona Raja, Navneet Kaur, Simran Lallie, Iman Jassim and Sirmad Mahmood with details of their trip to the University

On the 11th July the AS Chemistry class spent the day at Birmingham University. Our aim for the day was to prepare and analyse an ester which helps us in our current studies. We were joined by two other schools and friendly lecturers and technicians from the School of Chemistry.

When we arrived we listened to a presentation about the routes into chemistry degrees and the possible careers that would be available. We were amazed to see the range of jobs that could be obtained after doing a chemistry degree such as Law! We then moved to the labs and started to synthesise banana oil, (which smelt pleasant!).

After lunch we finished the ester preparation and used infrared spectroscopy to analyse the purity of the esters we had produced. At the end of the day we had a competition to see which group had the largest percentage yield of the pure ester. Two of our students, Govindpreet Kaur and Lucy Jackson WON! Overall, we had an educational and enjoyable experience and the trip opened our eyes to the wider world of chemistry.

An Update From The Drama Department

Mrs Swallow on a very busy year

Blood Brothers

As we look back over the year we can reflect on the successes of the Performing Arts students. They have been involved in three performance

projects this term, including a production of *Blood Brothers* at Lordswood Boys' School and a performed extract of *Our Country's Good* for Year 10 GCSE students.



The murder scene in Blood Brothers

Sarah Ryan, who directed *Blood Brothers*, commented:

"This year has been inspiring and a roller coaster of highs and lows – from long nights rehearsing to amazing performances, in particular the production of Blood Brothers. Our concept turned the play on its head and we used symbolism to project the underlying themes written by Russell."

Balisha Karra in Year 13 reflects on her work over the last term:

*"This year has been an amazing experience and my love of drama has grown even more. Although I started a new student to the school I have met some amazing people who share my passion for performing. I have really enjoyed the mixture of performances from the pantomime *Aladdin* to the whole school production of *Grease* to more intimate performances such as *Our Country's Good*. Each play has brought a new challenge and the relief of another production successfully completed. Bring on next year!"*

The performance of *Blood Brothers* was well received by the audience, proving an emotional experience and we would like to thank everyone who shared the experience with us.

Our Country's Good

The performance of extracts from *Our Country's Good* demonstrated the ability the students have



Vicky and Sam rehearse Our Country's Good

to apply their acting skills to a range of performance styles. They explored some of the ideas of performance advocated by Bertolt Brecht and incorporated these into their performances. The performance was a visually interesting one and demonstrated an excellent use of ensemble skills.

Theatre In Education At Abbey Primary

Year 10 drama students performed a Theatre in Education piece about the transition to Secondary School and led workshops with a Year 6 class at Abbey Primary School. The experience proved both useful for the pupils at Abbey and helped develop the leadership qualities of Lordswood students.



Hard at work at Abbey Primary School

Molly Jukes explains:

"We devised an exciting drama about transition. We had great fun and once the children became

used to us they got involved and told us what they thought. They trusted us and we were able to give them some advice."

Things To Look Out For In The Autumn Term

September sees the launch of Dance Quest project in partnership with the Birmingham Hippodrome and the Prince's Trust. We are looking for 50 Year 7 and 8 students to take part in the project which will involve workshops with dance practitioners, trips to the theatre and a final performance at Dance Xchange.

On 11th October 2012 students in Years 7 to 9, with some help from the sixth form will be performing their version of *Room 13* in the school hall. Tickets will be on sale in September priced at £3.

Year 7 Amaze In Food Technology

Congratulations from Miss Tosh

This has been another exciting year for Year 7 in food technology. Congratulations to my super chefs this term: Simarpreet Shoker, Michaela Maher, Klaudia Boguta, Kiran Ahmed, Simitra Chand, Symran Bhogal, Hajra Mahmood, Sophia Taylor, Florence Nelson Brewer and Asmita Goswani.



A group of Miss Tosh's super chefs

They have all demonstrated fantastic making skills, have had inspiration from their favourite chefs, demonstrated excellent maturity and have most of all enjoyed cooking (as well as eating

what they have made!)

Watch out Jamie Oliver, you have some stiff competition!



More proud super chefs from Miss Tosh's group

The Olympics Come To Lordswood

Mr Pearce recalls a recent visit from an Olympian

During the first week of July we were fortunate to have an Olympic medal winner visit us and speak to Years 7 to 10 in assemblies.



Harry Reynolds with students from Lordswood proudly showing his Olympic silver medal and original jersey from the games in 1956

Mr Harry Reynolds won a cycling silver medal in

Melbourne Australia in 1956. Not only was his talk enlightening from the point of view of competing in the games but also in highlighting the difference in geography 56 years has made. For example it took one week and eight refuelling stops to get to Melbourne by air. These days it would take 19 hours with generally one stop. Mr Reynolds is now 76 years old but still completes approximately 8000 miles per year on his bike with a typical trip being 70 miles. His story was truly inspirational.

Creative Arts Shine Week

Miss Tooley with news of a week long visit from Abbey Junior School

During the last week of June, more than 60 students from Abbey Junior School came to Lordswood Girls' School to take part in activities for Shine week. The Creative Arts department hosted the students and whilst one group of children mastered recipes from across the world, three other groups rotated between art, textiles and resistant materials. Delicious pizzas, fajitas, pasta salads and fruit smoothies were made and then eaten for lunch by the primary school chefs and Miss Tosh's and Mr Langford's groups made bridges and Olympic flags. Miss Clarke helped the children to use the sewing machines in order to make phone covers and Miss Westmore and Miss Tooley created mixed media artwork with their groups using mono-printing techniques and Photoshop.

All the children involved had a great time and produced some amazing work.

A Visit From Harborne Primary School

News of the Science department playing scientific hosts to 90 Year 5 students

On Monday 18th June, the science department welcomed 90 year 5 pupils from Harborne

Primary School for a fun day of experiments and investigations.

The day started with an explosive and energetic demonstration of burning fuels by Mr Summerfield to highlight the importance of safety in the science lab before pupils split up into their groups to take part in three workshops.

Mrs Farrah's workshop involved building model towers and testing them under earthquake conditions. Pupils constructed their model towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, resulting in a messy but fun packed laboratory! The towers were then shaken to destruction using jitterbug kits to see which were best at withstanding earthquakes.

Mr Summerfield's workshop was an investigation into the peculiar properties of polymers. Pupils mixed borax solution and PVA glue to make a strange, slimy substance that sometimes behaved like a liquid and sometimes behaved like a solid.

Mr Baker's workshop was an explosive investigation into what makes a firework. Pupils tested different forms of iron to see how they reacted with oxygen and then experimented with different metal salts to achieve different coloured glows.

At the end of a fun, messy and tiring day, the Year 5 pupils left with a good understanding of how to carry out science experiments. Everyone involved had many positive comments about the school's new science labs and how good they were for the science experiments. The science department will be looking forward to inviting the pupils and staff from Harborne Primary School again in the future.

Salters' Festival of Chemistry 2012

Ms Bufton with news of our annual participation in the festival

On Tuesday 1st May four Year 8 students, Olivia McComb, Ayesha Maqsood, Maisie Malcolm and Priya Malhi, were invited to take part in the Salter's Festival of Chemistry at the University of Birmingham.

During the day the students worked in an

undergraduate chemistry laboratory to complete two challenges. The first challenge was written by the Salter's organisation and involved students solving a forensics problem using chromatography and precipitation tests. Although the deadline was tight, the team successfully handed in their verdict of who committed the crime with supporting evidence.

After lunch the students completed a second challenge written by the university. This challenge tested the team's creativity and planning skills as they needed to identify four unknown colourless liquids without using any other chemicals! The team had to determine which of the colourless liquids was a strong acid, a weak acid, water and phenolphthalein (an indicator). After deciding upon a method and recording their observations the team carefully analysed their results and decided upon the names of each liquid with time to spare!

At the end of the day the students visited one of the lecture theatres in the chemistry department to watch an entertaining lecture on 'Chemical Magic'. They witnessed a variety of chemical reactions that changed colour, produced cold light and exploded! Although the lecture was a great finish to an enjoyable day of chemistry the highlight of the day must have been the prize-giving ceremony where our team won 3rd prize in the Salter's Challenge! Congratulations to our budding chemists, Olivia McComb, Ayesha Maqsood, Maisie Malcolm and Priya Malhi!

Year 10 Go Camping

Mrs Baddams and Miss Atkinson report from a field in Shropshire

Ten year 10 Work Skills students took to the hills of Shropshire early this term. They camped out overnight and spent the following day in Church Stretton. A special thank you to the Cadets at Lordswood Boys' School for lending us tents. The girls earned the trip from their work with Plantastic!, the company that they set up to grow and sell plants at Winterbourne Gardens.

I am not sure that the girls had much sleep but they certainly had a great time and they are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and the way they represented the school. A credit to us all!



A happy, if slightly sleep deprived, group of campers at the end of their trip

Year 12 Students Get Financial

Mrs Waraich on a recent competition

Recently, students from Year 12 spent a whole day at Tally Ho in Edgbaston Birmingham participating in a very exciting, challenging and demanding day working out costing for promotions, marketing, human resources, and building costs for a public sector organisation. The students were mentored by the Government financial advisor for Leicester who gave an insight into the daily role of an employee of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA).



Lordswood's budding accountants

Year 9 Visit The Battlefields Of WW1

Members of the group, report on their visit to Belgium and France

On the 2nd July a group of Year 9 students went on a history residential trip to study the lives and deaths of trench soldiers of the First World War, a topic they had studied in great depth at the start of Year 9. The places visited included Wellington Quarry, Flanders Field Museum, Sactuary Wood, Tyne Cot Cemetary, Langemark Cemetary, Menin Gate and Vimmy. Throughout the trip there was a great deal of respect and philosophical thinking by both teachers and pupils, accompanied by talks from representatives of the places visited. A poppy wreath was presented at Menin Gate Memorial from Lordswood Girls' School by three pupils who stood out on this trip for their deep and respectful thinking; Francesca Ifratti, Nancy Inman and Amrit Sohal.

The trip also had a fun and energetic side to it as there were many spur of the moment activities such as karaoke for teachers on the coach, dancing and rugby games as well as shopping

trips and a visit to a chocolate factory.

Many of the students said it was the best trip, let alone residential that they had ever been on!

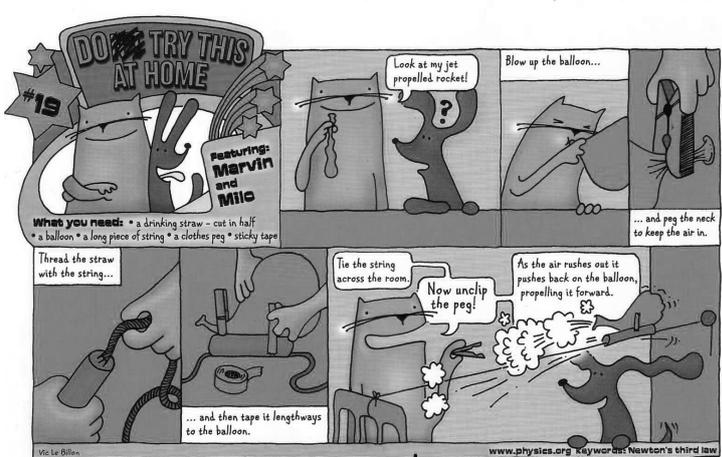
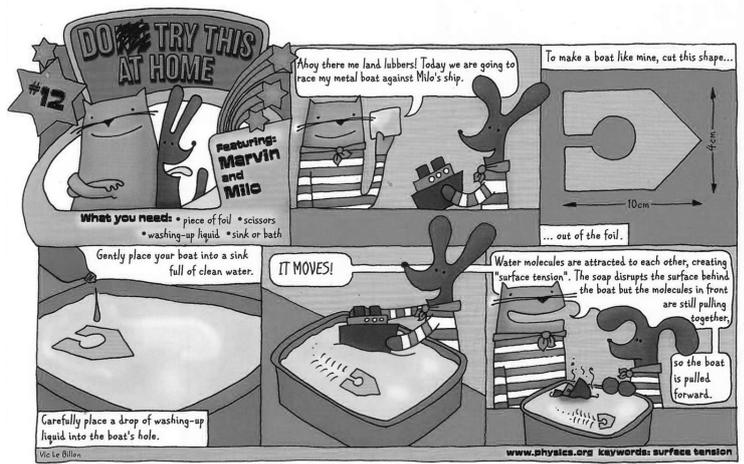
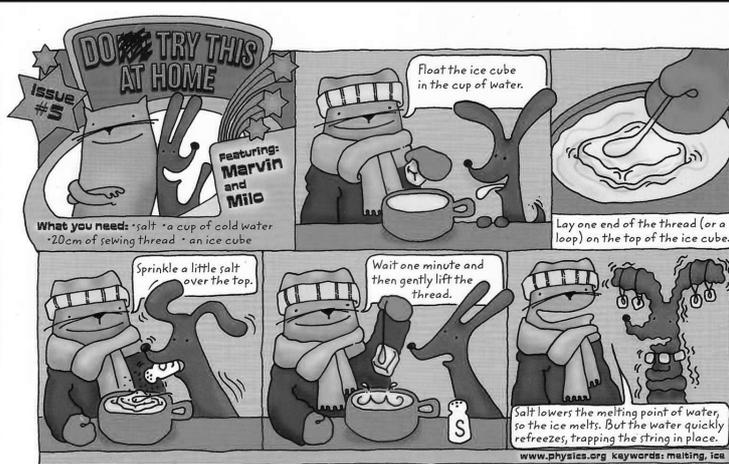
But in the end we all owe our thanks to Terry, the coach driver, who drove us round Belgium, France and Canadian owned land, even when we drove him up the wall!

Thanks From Alzheimer's Research UK

Yet more fundraising by LGS students

Congratulations to the Year 11 Health and Social Care group who raised a magnificent £150 for Alzheimer's Research UK. The group received a lovely letter from the charity as well as a certificate to thank them for their efforts.

Don't Try This At Home!



Diary Dates

Thurs 19th July	Summer Fayre 1.30pm – 2.45pm	Thurs 4th October	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4–6.30pm
Fri 20th July	School breaks up 12noon	Mon 8th October	Year 7 start new timetable
Mon 3rd September	INSET day school closed to students	Thurs 11th October	KS3 Play Room 13 6.30–8pm
Tues 4th September	Only New Year 7 students in school	Fri 19th October	School breaks up 3pm
Weds 5th September	Staggered start for year groups Year 7 – 8.35am Year 8 – 9.15am Year 9 – 9.45am Year 10 – 10.15am Year 12 & Year 13 10.45am Year 11 – 11.15am	Mon 22nd – Friday 26th October	Half Term
Thurs 6th September	Normal school day	Mon 29th October	Normal school day
Fri 7th September	Year 7 Dudley Zoo Trip	Tues 30th October	Year 9 Geography Trip
Mon 10th & Tues 11th September	Year 11 Trip to Stansfeld	Thurs 1st November	Year 10, 12, & 13 Art & Photography trip
Tues 11th September	Year 11 Induction Day	Tues 13th November	Year 12 ICT visit
Tues 11th September	Year 8 Anti Bullying Slam project	Thurs 15th November	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4–6.30pm
Thurs 20th September	INSET day school closed to students	Fri 16th November	Year 11 Work Related Learning day
Thurs 20th September	New Intake Open Evening 6–8pm	Tues 20th November	Whole school PSHEE day
Fri 21st September	New Intake Open Morning 9–12noon	Tues 20th November	Year 13 Reviews (collect Profiles)
Tues 25th September	Year 8 Immunisations	Thurs 22nd November	6th Form Open Evening 6–8pm
Thurs 27th September	KS4 & KS5 Information Evening 6.30–8pm	Thurs 22nd November	Post 16 Taster day
		Friday 23rd November	Year 8 immunisations
		Thurs 29th November	Year 12 Parents' evening 4–6.30pm
		Tues 4th December	Christmas stalls 6–7pm
			Christmas Concert 7–8.30pm

Weeks commencing 10th & 17th December	Year 11 Mock Exams	Thurs 20th December	Year 7 Theatre Trip
Thurs 13th December	6th Form Media Trip to London	Fri 21st December	School breaks up
Weds 19th December	Year 9 Design Museum Trip	Mon 24th – Fri 4th January	Christmas Holidays
		Mon 7th January	Normal school day

Arrangements for the start of term, September 2012:

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Year 10	- 10.15am
Year 12 & 13	- 10.45am
Year 11	- 11.15am

On behalf of everyone at
Lordswood Girls' School and the
Sixth Form Centre, we would like to wish you a very

*Happy Summer
Holiday!*

Lordswood **News**

We MADE it Competition

What is the competition?



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WHAT is the competition?

The 'We Made It' competition is a new and exciting contest aimed at getting young people thinking about a career in manufacturing.

We're inviting young people aged between 13-16 to design something, anything in fact, and have the chance to make it yourself in a real high-tech factory. All you need to do is send us your design for a gadget, toy or game that doesn't already exist, and you could win a trip to one of our special 'Fab Labs' with your local MP, where you can make your ideas into reality.

All winners will also be invited to an awards reception in the Houses of Parliament, and the overall UK winner, as judged by our panel of manufacturing experts, will receive a special award which will be presented at the event.

Your entry may take any format, from paper to a presentation, video or even a prototype.

All entries should be handed to Mrs Waraich.

Timeline

Friday 7th September - Closing date

23rd November - Constituency winners announced

29th November - 6 national winners announced

w/c 3rd December - Fab Lab visit

w/c 20th January 2012 - Awards ceremony held

Submit my idea!

