

Tercentenary rugby trip

The U13s had an incredibly enjoyable rugby trip to France during the break. On the first day of the Rugby Festival, they played three matches, with one win, but losing two very tough matches, including a 10 - 0 defeat by Old Buckenham, the eventual tournament winners. The second day was a coaching clinic and masterclass for all squads with former Lions stars Craig Chalmers and Neil Jenkins coaching the boys.



Wednesday was finals day, and Lucton's first game was a semi-final against Old Buckenham, again losing to the eventual winners. The boys did however raise their standard for the 3rd & 4th place play-off and were comprehensive 26-0 winners over Darwen Vale. Matt Handley, Harry Whiteman, Tom Looms, Richard Tweddell and Frank Kelly played well, but everyone must be commended for their contribution.

The team would like to thank Mr Looms and Mr Cowley for organising the trip, Mrs Looms, Mr Barber-Starkey, Mr Miles, Mr Edgar, Mr Parker

and Ayla for being superb supporters and finally all those who financially supported the trip in one way or another in particular parents and sponsors, various old Luctonians, Mr Barber-Starkey and Mr Miles. The photo below shows Richard Hall presenting the cheque for the new kit.



Ballet and acoustic guitar

Ballet lessons are to start next Friday so please ensure that the school is aware of your interest in good time. Also, any children in the Prep School, who would like to have a taster session for Jazz could have a go on Friday afternoon between

4pm and 5pm. Mr Wrightson will be teaching the acoustic guitar on Wednesdays and quite a few pupils experienced their first lessons this week. There is availability for more pupils with both of the new teachers.

AN EVENING WITH IAN STOREY

Humour, anecdotes and music from the world-renowned tenor.

**Priory Church, Leominster
7.30, Saturday 26th April**

Tickets £20, including a glass of wine, students & children £10. A limited number of VIP seats are available at £30 to include champagne during the interval.



The Friends of Lucton School

So that we may offer unwanted tickets to other parents, may we please remind anyone who has booked tickets for the Summer Ball, to either return unwanted tickets or confirm your booking with payment. At the moment, nearly all tickets are allocated, but we are aware of some imminent returns so if you haven't secured yours yet, please let Mrs Bufton know of your interest.

The tickets for 'An Evening with Ian Storey' on the 26th April are still available from the school office and various outlets in Ludlow, Leominster, Tenbury and Hereford. Ian Storey tickets are priced at £30 and £20, with a £10 concessionary price for pupils and students.

Next Tuesday, at 7.30pm, all parents and friends are invited to the Friends' next planning meeting. We are particularly keen to see anyone who is interested in offering any assistance for the Summer Fete. Following the meeting, we will also have news on the Lucton School Tercentenary Draw, our largest raffle to date, with some very significant prizes on offer. Tickets will be available for sale throughout the term and the prizewinners will be drawn at the Summer Ball.

The Friends have been working towards helping the school acquire a new grand piano and we hope to have some good news next week!

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Senior Open Day

As usual, Senior School pupils will attend the evening to help with displays, activities and guiding prospective families around the school. Day Pupil Parents have very kindly collected their children at the end of the evening at 7.45 pm. We hope that that all pupils will assist at this event. Please would you let Mr Styles know via Mrs Bufton in the School Office if your son or daughter will not be able to attend, by Wednesday 23rd April.

Senior School & Sixth Form Open Evening

4.30 - 7.30pm

Thursday,

1st

May



Prep School, & Nursery Open Morning

9 am - Noon, Friday
2nd May



Mrs Thorne had some very useful local help on her recent trip to Dubai!

SOS from the School Shop

We are very short of secondhand uniform and sports kit, whatever condition! It is particularly helpful for pupils visiting us for short periods. Can you help? Please contact Mrs Tidd or the office.

From the Boarding House

We would like to welcome back the boarders, in particular those new to Lucton. We now have seventy pupils boarding and the house is like a beehive! We will be running Boarding House cricket and rounders this term and look to make the most of the longer and warmer evenings. Congratulations are due to the Year 11 boys for winning last term's corridor prize.

SPORTS REPORT

STAFF v STUDENTS NETBALL –

On Wednesday afternoon, the annual netball match against the staff, tested the senior girls to the limit. Unfortunately, county netball player Joy, was not able to play for the girls, and the staff team were strengthened by two very energetic Gap Tutors. It was very fast and exciting, but the staff were too strong for the girls, who, in spite of an excellent performance, just could not match the staff's scoring rate 26-11. New to the staff team this year, were part-time netball coach, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Ladds, who did an excellent job as goalkeeper, a position she had never played before. In the last quarter, staff goal attack, Mrs Thorne, took a tumble and a trip to A and E revealed two breaks in her left hand. Rough business this netball! Miss Coates had her hands full as referee, with most fouls by the staff! Girls: C. Chase, A. Eaton, N. Hindle, K. Kong, B. Northwood, M. Nowak, E Payne, S. Synnock, E. Workman. Staff: Mrs Bufton, Miss Hogan, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Ladds, Mrs Looms, Miss Norman, Mrs Parker, Mrs Thorne.



NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Wed Apr 23rd: U13 Cricket v St Richards (H), 2.00pm
U14 Rounders v St Richards (H), 2.30pm
U16 Rounders v QE Bromyard (A), 3.30pm
Fri Apr 25th: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Tag Festival at Luctonians R.F.C,
9.00am - 2.30pm

Anglo-Welsh Mini Rugby Festival

Luctonians Rugby Club, Kingsland, Sunday 20th April
SPONSORED BY LUCTON SCHOOL.

This annual tournament features over 1000 keen young players from the ages of 6 to 12 years. With 13 clubs taking part, from as far away as Swansea and Merseyside.



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