

GCSE results bounce back

Year 11 at Lucton School has achieved 75% 5 A* to C grades, a considerable jump up on last year and this again represents an exceptional result for a mixed ability school. More importantly, the KS3 to KS4 value added calculations prove that Lucton teachers have had yet another good year and it confirms Lucton's position comfortably in the top 25% of schools throughout the country, state or independent. Very few schools locally or nationally, demonstrate Lucton's consistent value-added performance of recent years. Apart from the strong Year 11 performance, Yang Xi, a promising Year 10 student, who took four subjects a year early, has achieved an A* in every one of them!

Nearly 60% of this year's candidates achieved at least one A or A* grade and Mrs Thorne, is delighted with the collective performance. "I am so pleased with the way every year's results bring out a number of



exceptional personal achievements. Time and time again, these personal triumphs demonstrate the quality of the teaching and the benefit of Lucton's small classes."

These results show great promise for the continued development of Lucton's Sixth Form as this year, a record number of the Year 11 students are staying on at Lucton to study for their A Levels.

Solid A Level performance

With a small cohort, Lucton School has again this year, shown an improvement in the A2 results, with Year 13 students achieving 100% passes, with 60% A/B results and 80% A/C results.

Mrs Thorne, is delighted with the progress of the sixth form. "The AS results from our much larger lower sixth also show great promise. We have

two extraordinary Year 13 performances this year, firstly from Sam Lau, who has not only achieved three A2 subjects this year, but has also passed a further three AS subjects, in a second language! Mrs Painter, our art teacher, is very pleased with Jason's 'A' at Art A2, when he hadn't even been down to take this subject on arrival into our Sixth Form!"

A larger bus

The school has bought a larger bus for one of the Hereford routes, which brings the capacity from Hereford up to just below 50! The Mercedes bus, with seats for 33 passengers has arrived just in time, as even now, there are only 4 empty seats coming up from Hereford.



The Friends of Lucton School

We look forward to meeting up with all parents, and especially new parents, at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 9th September, at the School's 'Welcome Reception'. This is an opportunity to meet up with other parents and the staff and governors in an informal environment. The reception follows the Prep School's Curriculum Evening.

First, news of a very different sort of Friends' event: **Cooking with Class evening with Victoria O'Neill**. This is a one and a half hour cookery demonstration followed by the light 3 course meal just prepared. The menu is suitable for teenagers and parents. The cost is £15 per person and takes place at Canon House, Canon Pyon on Tuesday 23 Sept at 7.00pm. Places are limited and payment will be required by 16th September. Please contact Katie Russell on 01432 760492 or the School Office to book a place.

Early notice that Mrs Shepherd has started work on the Christmas Craft Fair. Please would any company or individual, wanting a stall to sell their wares, contact the School Office; the cost is just £25!

Sunday Service

The Chaplain looks forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us for the Family Sunday Service next Sunday 14th September at 10.30am. All welcome!

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New outlook for Reception

Mrs Fower and the Reception Class are thrilled with the brand new door that links their classroom with an outside garden area. Many thanks go to the Suter and Marron families for all their time working on the project.



Rain halts sports days again

The playing fields are totally waterlogged from this week's rain and with the forecast for today and the weekend, it is obvious that the sports days will be cancelled. It isn't just the weather on the day, but with the ground in this state, the sports staff are unable to stay on top of cutting the grass and all the line marking required.

A busy holiday

Our maintenance staff and outside contractors have had a busy time, improving and adding to our facilities. Mr Raven and Year 5 have a brand new classroom in the Prep School and the Hereford Block has been refurbished, both inside and out. It was the turn of the Senior School this year, to have a significant amount of tarmac work to tidy up around the main building and the teaching block. Both of the main ICT suites have been upgraded.



New photo date

Please note that the individual photographs have been changed from the 5th to 12th of November.

Gardening Club

Lucton Senior School is starting a gardening club. If you have any seeds or gardening equipment (or manure!) spare we would be very grateful if you would donate them. Please look out for Lets Grow gardening vouchers in Morrisons.

E-mail newsletter

Please send an e-mail to news@luctonschool.org to receive a pdf version of this newsletter.

Spare inhalers

A reminder that Matron requires a spare inhaler for those with asthma, to be kept in the medical room. Also, any outstanding medical cards and booklets are to be handed in as soon as possible.

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS:

The Kington Show is of course, on Saturday 13th September, and the Sunday Service is on the 14th and not the 7th of September!

Tuesday, September 9th

Welcome Back Reception

at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. An opportunity for parents to meet the staff and the governors.

SPORTS REPORT

NEW SPORTS KIT - To celebrate Lucton School's 300th year, we have introduced a new sports kit for all Senior School pupils. We have red and black training shirts with Lucton's logo and red and black hooped socks that all pupils must have before this half term. Wet weather training jackets will be available from next week.

MOUTHGUARDS - Mouthguards are compulsory for all pupils. Mr Looms has some available for £2 each.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Wed 10th: U13 & U15 Rugby v Bedstone (A), 2.30pm
Senior Rugby v Bedstone @ Lucs, 2.30pm
U15 & U16 Netball v Minster (A), 3.30pm

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TICKETS

Mr Looms has been allocated England rugby tickets for this autumn. The matches are:

England v Australia on Saturday November 15th (four tickets available)

England v South Africa on Saturday November 22nd (two tickets available)

England v New Zealand on Saturday November 29th (two tickets available)

All matches are played at Twickenham, London and kick-off at 2.30pm. The cost per ticket is £65.

For Mr Looms to secure his allocation of tickets, they all must be sold. Please let him know by next Friday if you are interested.



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