

## A glorious Speech Day

Our first Speech Day at The Priory in Leominster went well in every respect. The Priory, as ever, is a perfect location for an important occasion.

The weather was kind to us, and our guest of honour, actor and Old Luctonian, Thane Bettany, presented the prizes with style and entertained us with his speech.



## The Friends of Lucton School

Following last weekend's Speech Day, we have all had quite a week, and whilst we were saddened by the cancellation of Friday's Barn Dance, many of us appreciate the rest following our hugely successful Summer Fete on Thursday. Many thanks go to Mrs Shepherd and an absolute army of helpers, including Old Luctonians, parents, staff and pupils who made the most of the front lawns and the fantastic weather. Earlier in the week, friends and parents helped at the Nursery, Pre Prep and Prep School Sports Day, and for the first time in two years, the weather was on our side.

This coming week, we are still looking forward to the Senior Sports Day, the Gems Concert and swimming galas for all parts of the whole school and the Friends will be on hand with refreshments.

If you would like to become more involved in any Friends' activities, please contact, Sarah Handley-Edgar on her mobile: 07967362246, or by e-mail: sez@bromyard43.fsnet.co.uk

**4 PAGES THIS WEEK!**  
**See inside for photos of Speech Day and the sport, plus:**

- Oxford visit
- Year 2 science
- Induction Day
- Medal winners
- D of E awards.

## Do we have your preferred e-mail addresses?

This is a reminder that from September, Lucton School is 'going paperless'. This move includes reports & newsletters and will not only help reduce our carbon footprint, but it will also reduce costs.

The success of the strategy will rely on the school having up-to-date e-mail addresses for everyone and those parents who do not regularly use e-mails, changing their habits, to ensure they regularly check their inbox. Another added benefit will be the increased speed of communication. To ensure we have your up-to-date address, please e-mail enquiries@luctonschool.org from your preferred address (or addresses).

## Last day of term

Thursday, the 2nd July, will be a full school day and the school buses will be running at the usual times, morning and evening.

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## GEMS CONCERT

Wednesday 1st July

The culmination of the Senior School's inter-house Lucton Arts Festival, with selected performances from the various competition categories.

Free entry, everyone welcome.

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# Prize Giving and Speech Day



## Duke of Edinburgh awards

The Lucton cadets achieved their first Duke of Edinburgh's Award Certificates since becoming an Independent CCF.

Cadet Colour Sergeant Nicholas Stronge and Cadet Corporal Jake Belton were the first two cadets to be awarded their Bronze certificates since the Cadet Corps at the school returned to independence as a CCF. The award was made by Colonel James Hereford, the County Colonel of the Rifles, our affiliated regiment, last Friday.

Cadets entering Year 10 are now entered for the Bronze level of the award and in future years should complete all sections of the award, volunteering, skills, expedition and physical achievement, by the end of the academic year. This is a real achievement for the Cadets and the CCF at the end of our first year as an independent cadet company.

The DOE Award Scheme is internationally recognised, and participation is accepted as being a real advantage for young people in gaining places at the best Universities.



## ISA National Finals medal winners

Pictured below are Hattie Jones and Tom Looms, with the medals they won at the National finals. Full story in Sports Report.



## In search of Swans

As part of their science field studies, Year 2 were fortunate enough to visit a local farm to feed swans and their cygnets.



## Oxford visit



## A double induction day



Induction Day went with a swing this week, with three groups being welcomed into the middle part of the school. Year 5 spent their teaching time in T22 and their teachers visited them unless it was a sports, science or drama lesson. Year 6 students were divided into two groups, each group

following the same programme of activities but in a different order. The Treasure Hunt was particularly popular so our thanks go to Mrs. Mathie for that. Thanks also go to our Year 10 and Year 7 helpers who made the day successful.

## Lucton Swimming Club Gala

Next Tuesday, 30th June, Lucton Swimming Club are holding a gala at the the Lucton School Pool. Entry is restricted to members of the Lucton Swim Club and pupils of Lucton School.

The club is growing steadily and is

in the process of becoming an affiliated ASA swimming club.

Registration is at 6.45pm, with warm up from 7pm - Races start at 7.20pm. Four races - £1 per race or £3 for all four races.

There will be categories for all age groups. Under 9s: 1 length - 9 and over: 2 lengths

Individual medal races: four lengths each stroke. Please bring a spare towel for the poolside.

Any queries please contact Jane Mayclothling on 07971 243037.

Last week, a group of twenty Year 10 students was given the opportunity to visit St Hugh's College, Oxford. We were welcomed by the Senior Tutor of St Hugh's, Dr Emmerson, and three undergraduates. After refreshments, Dr Emmerson gave a brief introductory talk about the college. Then the undergraduates took our pupils in groups around the college; highlights included the extensive library, a (relatively tidy) student bedroom, the Junior Common Room and a brief glimpse of the bar. Our pupils took the opportunity to ask their guides plenty of questions. After an excellent lunch provided by the college, Dr Emmerson talked about the value of university study and the sorts of things students should consider when making their choices at the end of Year 11 and during the Sixth Form, as these choices would influence which courses students would be able to apply for at university. She expressed the very strong view that students should pursue subjects and courses that interested them, rather than those that appeared to offer a career path, and stressed the need for students to make choices at A-level that increased their options in later life, rather than narrowing them. Dr Emmerson was also at pains to stress the importance of doing well at GCSE and AS level, rather than relying solely on achieving good A2 grades, a point that staff at Lucton make repeatedly to our students!

Dr Emmerson and a number of members of the public commented very positively on the way our students conducted themselves. Well done everyone!

# Senior Sports

**Sports Day** Monday 29th June, starting at 1.45pm. All parents welcome. Feel free to bring a picnic.

**Senior House Swimming Gala** – Wednesday 1st July Start 3pm. Very limited space in the pool!

*Pupils: Please bring both Sports Day and Swim gala kit on Monday (in case Sports Day is postponed due to bad weather, we will have the Swim Gala instead).*

## E-mail newsletter

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# Speech Day photographs

Speech Day presentation photographs are still available. They are 8x6 and cost just £8 for one, or £14 for two. Please contact the school offices.

## From the Boarding House

A Champagne Reception for the Sixth Form was held on Friday evening before they went out for dinner in town, while the rest of the house made their penultimate trip to Morrisons. After attending Speech Day, many of the boarders played rounders or cricket and after a busy day they all settled down to a late movie night.

On Sunday, over thirty of us visited the Weobley Go-Kart Track for an afternoon of racing. In groups of five we were all individually timed on the slippery track. There were a lot of crashes into the barriers and even other karts but everybody fortunately came through unscathed. Mikhail, Brad and Marcus timed in as the fastest laps of the day. The Boarding staff would like to thank all those boarders who helped tidy up around the school grounds at the completion of the cricket on Saturday.

# SPORTS REPORT

**INTER-HOUSE ROUNDERS** – After a thrilling afternoon of inter-house rounders we had 3 houses that had won two of their three matches. To determine the overall winner we counted the number of rounders scored by each of the teams. The results were as follows: First – Collingwood with 23 rounders. Second – Nelson with 22 rounders. Third – Drake with 21 and a half rounders. Well done to all who took part!

**U15 CRICKET** – v Bedstone. Slightly intimidated opening the batting against a much more physically mature team, which consisted largely of lower sixth boys, Joe Griffiths and Robert Vose started brightly, running quick singles at every opportunity until Joe ran himself out. It started a collapse until Alex Lyke and Charlie Stokes came together, steadying the innings and with Alex especially scoring freely, ending up not out on 19. Our total of 70 was never going to be enough, but Sam Carletti bowled beautifully, enticing the Bedstone batters into false strokes and claiming two quick wickets. At one point we had the scent of victory; however, a few boundaries made the difference. A second shorter innings was played, which we won with an over to spare! Joe, Jordan and Sam all made telling contributions!

**ISA NATIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS** – On Wednesday, our very own pupils Tom Looms and Hattie Jones represented Midlands at the ISA National Athletics Championships in Birmingham. Tom was participating in the Year 8 and 9 Boys Javelin and after four attempts he recorded a personal best of 36.84 metres, this being enough for him to claim first place and a gold medal. Hattie raced in the Year 5 Girls 600 metre event and in a field of fourteen runners, she was comfortably placed in fifth position until the last 200 metres where she battled hard to finish 3rd place with a time of 1.57.76. A huge congratulations to Tom and Hattie for their outstanding performances.

**PREP SCHOOL SPORTS DAY** – With the previous two years being washed out there was much anticipation for Sports Day to take place. The pupils were asked to select three events to participate in for the day and points were awarded depending on their final position in their chosen events. The winners for their respective year groups were Arianne Tonge, Hattie Jones, Tommy Williams and Will Russell, while the best effort medals were awarded to Harriet Brick, Jack Adams, Emma Leclazio and Che Lindor. Thanks to Mr Looms, Miss Coates, staff, senior pupils and parents who helped out.

**1st XI v Staff/Parents CRICKET** – On Saturday, after the completion of Speech Day the 1st XI cricket side played against a strong looking Parents/Staff team in a 20/20 match. The boys won the toss and elected to bat and were soon in trouble as Mr Goode captured two early wickets. Jake Belton (14) and Sam Carletti (20) then consolidated the innings until Brad Josephs hit 67 runs, including seven sixes and five boundaries. Frank Kelly hit a useful 18 not out as the 1st XI racked up 159 runs. In reply, the adults started off well, but a couple of runouts in the middle of the innings and some tight bowling by John Kelly ((1-16) and Carletti (2-16) enabled the students to restrict the adult side to 149 runs and win by ten runs. Mr Looms with 59 retired and Capt Fanthorpe who struck an aggressive 42 not out were the top adult run scorers. The 1st XI team was: Bill Thompson, Abdul Godobe, Jake Belton, Sam Carletti, Mikhail Selvanayagam, Brad Josephs, Tom Looms, Frank Kelly, John Kelly, Rob Vose and Edmand Yu. The Staff/Parents side was Richard Williams, Troy Looms, Matthew Harden, Steve Parker, Ian McKenzie, Simon Fanthorpe, Martin Gudge, John Goode, David Tonge, Mervyn Jones and Dominic Spiers.

## NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Mon June 29th: Senior School Sports Day, 1.45pm  
Wed July 1st: Senior Swim Gala, 3.00pm  
Thu July 2nd: Prep School Swim Gala, 2.00pm



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