

80% A to C for A Levels

With the largest cohort in recent years, the A2 results for Year 13 students are another endorsement of the small tutor groups. For the 2nd year, Year 13 maintained the 80% A to C grades achieved by last year's smaller group.

All our students will be entering the universities of their choice. We particularly congratulate some of the individual performances such as Leonard Chiang, who achieved As in Chemistry, Physics and Maths, but we are equally proud of less academic

students who have achieved two or three A2s at grade C or above and some AS exams. 80% A to C grades in a non-selective school demonstrates the effectiveness of our superb teachers. The students too, have made the most of the opportunity afforded to them by such a small Sixth Form. Staff and students achieve a far greater interaction and focus than available in most sixth form environments elsewhere.

Top GCSE grades increasing

With a mixed-ability group, Year 11 achieved 62% 5 A* to C grades, but this masks the real story of the improving profile in Lucton's results. In nearly half of the exams taken, A*, A and B results were achieved. This is the largest proportion of B and above results achieved in the last six years, even higher than the recent year when Lucton's 5 A* to C result was 100%. The proportion of A* grades is also a new record and as with last year, nearly 60% of Year 11 achieved at least one A or A* result. Melissa Nowak and Yang Xi, between them achieved 21 GCSE A grades, 10 of which were A*! This all adds up to the fact that Lucton's more able students are achieving better results whilst the school is still equally proud of its ability to help some less academic students achieve three, four



or five passes at grade C and above.

Year 10 GCSE results in Maths and Science are also excellent, with a number of A*s, and other early GCSE takers include a Music A* in Year 10 and an exceptional A in French, by 10 year old Felix Morris. So all in all, there is much to celebrate in these results!

The Friends of Lucton School

Welcome back after an incredibly long summer break. We are in for an exciting term, with our Sponsored Walk, Race Night, Flower Arranging demonstration, Murder Mystery Evening and our Christmas Fair. We also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the:

WELCOME RECEPTION

for all parents, new and existing, **TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.**

Also, the Friends AGM takes place on Thursday 24th September and everyone is welcome to attend.

We need to start moving with our sponsor forms for the Croft Ambrey Sponsored Walk on the 4th October. We only have three weeks in which to sign up our sponsors!

KINGTON SHOW

We will have our tent at the Kington Show again this Saturday. Please drop in to see us at some point if you are there. It is a great day out and an opportunity to catch up with many Old Luctonians.

Sunday Service

The Chaplain will hold a family service this Sunday, 13th September, in the Memorial Hall at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, staff, boarders, day pupils, parents and friends.

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CCF Central Camp in July

The CCF camp took place at Nescliffe. The training was organised into daily Adventurous Training packages with cadets taking part in canoeing and kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, and hill walking. The abseiling and rock climbing were at Llanymynech Quarry with rock faces of varying difficulty. One surprise was Lewis 'The Human Fly' Hiscox who climbed at an incredibly fast rate. Another activity day was the Military Skills Day, where cadets had to go to eight separate stands. Tactical stands included; casualty evacuation, vehicle ambush and ammunition resupply. These were all activities where the cadets had to perform their set task under fire, and they had to withdraw tactically from the situation they found themselves in. This took good organisation and leadership. We were very pleased to find out on the final day that we had won the 'Ammunition Re-supply' part of the day. To be judged the best against established and much larger CCFs was excellent and reflected well not only on the NCOs but on all the cadets who took part.

Other activities in camp included command tasks, assault courses and range work on the 25 metre range. Two training days were taken up with our own contingent



training, including a small inter section competition followed by a platoon attack exercise. The various pyrotechnics and the blank ammunition made the exercise a fitting end to a very tiring week.

Brigade Commander, Brigadier Banham MBE presented the prizes on the last day. The staff



were very proud when the Lucton cadets marched out to receive their medals. It was an excellent week with many compliments being paid to the Lucton Contingent. Well done to all who attended! The annual camp is the main CCF event of the year and shouldn't be missed. Special thanks to Capt. Fanthorpe for all his dedication and commitment over the year.

Medical Records

Matron has still not received up-to-date medical booklets on all pupils. Please see that these are received as soon as possible. It may affect any possible treatment required!

Also, will all asthmatics please ensure that they leave a spare inhaler with the Matron for emergencies.

New home for Reception

The Reception children are delighted with their new playhouse, located in the area outside their classroom. Thanks go to Mr Warren's daughter, who donated the house, and Mr Warren, Mr Marron and his friend Tony, Mr Woodfield and Mrs Fower's dad who all played a part in its relocation and decoration.



From the Boarding House

Many familiar faces are back in the boarding house and the new houseparents are all looking forward to bringing their own talents to bear on Lucton's boarding experience. They are not the only new ones in the house as a record 23 new boarders are joining us this term. We all look forward to the next chapter in boarding life at Lucton!

Next week, to give all the parents an idea of who we are, we will publish a photo of the new team in Croft House, Dr. V. Murtagh and Mrs. J. Murtagh, (Heads of Boarding) and the team is completed by Mrs. E. Howard & Mr. B. Howard. All of the new boarding staff have teaching roles throughout the school: Dr. Murtagh teaches science, Mrs. Murtagh teaches Year 5, Mrs. Howard teaches Year 6 and Mr. Howard is our new Director of Sport.

SPORTS REPORT

New Director of Sport – On

Wednesday afternoon, there were no matches, but we experienced Mr Howard's first day in charge of Lucton's sports. If he is always able to arrange such good weather, the future looks promising!

Please ensure that all pupils bring the appropriate kit into school with them for their timetabled PE lessons, not just for the Wednesday games afternoon.



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