

100% LAMDA pass rate for 2nd year running!

Huge congratulations to all the Speech and Drama students who took their exams in mid-November. For the second year running, we achieved a 100% pass rate, despite the severe illnesses with which many students were struck down.

Special congratulations go to candidates who travelled in especially to do their exams – what dedication!

We achieved 23 distinctions, 18 merits and 15 passes, seven of these being for bronze and silver medals in Acting and Verse and Prose, which carry UCAS points. A great achievement – well done everyone!

We hope to arrange a photograph of everyone for next week's Lucton News. The pupils don't even know their results yet!

Other great news on the Speech &



Drama front is the return of Mrs Rogers in January, together with the decision to make Miss Fitzpatrick (pictured above), a permanent member of the staff, following her stint of maternity cover. The growth in the department is more than justified by the growing interest by our pupils.

The Friends of Lucton School

This Friday's Christmas Fair is one of our major fund raising events. It is a major logistical operation with many professional external stalls and school stalls from virtually every year group. We must be mad to have given ourselves such a major event the day before the Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 5th. Any volunteers to assist in clearing after the Fair on Friday evening, or at any time on Saturday with the preparations would be very gratefully appreciated.

We are all looking forward to a most exceptional evening, with catering by Kim and his crew, a team of actors providing the murder mystery and music until 1.00am. The theme is 1920s and we will be on board the liner SS Pierrepont, for her maiden voyage. To see the menu for the evening, check the website: www.sspierrepont.moonfruit.com

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 with your contact details and Sarah will get back to you.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all those who made charitable donations to the shoebox appeal. The organisers were delighted with the quantity we provided for those who are less fortunate at Christmas.



Sunday Service

There will be a Family Service at School this Sunday 6th December at 6.30pm. The Chaplain is keen to extend an invitation to all neighbours, pupils, parents and Old Luctonians.

THIS SATURDAY

The Launch Party of
"SS Pierrepont" in the year 1920
5th December 2009 at Lucton School
Three course meal, live music and a murder to solve!
Call the office or see event website for details and booking form:
www.sspierrepont.moonfruit.com

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Countdown to the end of term.

A reminder of events leading up to the end of term in December:

Fri 4th: 3.00pm, Pre Prep Nativity & 4.00pm, Christmas Fair (No buses in afternoon)

Sat 5th: 7.30pm, Friends' "Murder Mystery Ball"

Sun 6th: 6.30pm, Sunday Service

Mon 7th: 3.00pm, Nursery Nativity

Tues 8th: Prep School Christmas Party, Carol Service rehearsal – music

Wed 9th: Carol Service rehearsal – readers & 7.30pm, Boarders' Dinner

Thu 10th: 2.00pm, Carol Service at the Priory (No buses in afternoon)

From the Boarding House

The weekend began with our usual trip to Morrisons to stock up on supplies. On Saturday morning we left for Telford. Some boarders chose to do a spot of Christmas shopping at the retail park whilst those made of sterner stuff braved the ice rink. For a number of people, it was their first time on ice and they all did very well. We had a great time skating to the music and you can look out for a few of us, notably Sophie and Rees, in the next series of Dancing On Ice. After much slipping, sliding and falling the session was finally over....a little too late for Mrs. Murtagh's aching feet! Some boarders stayed at the rink to watch a cracking ice hockey match and others fitted in a quick hour of shopping before it was time to return for tea. The evening was spent in front of the T.V. for most of the younger boarders (watching the X Factor), whilst the Sixth Formers had an impromptu party with the Houseparents in the common room.

Sunday was spent chilling out for most people. Some managed a swim and the boarding house was decorated for Christmas. A few Sixth Formers went out to watch the footy match between Barcelona and Real Madrid, which made for interesting viewing as not everyone supported the same side!

Change at School Cottage

We are sorry to see Miss Coates leaving School Cottage, having looked after many junior boarders over the years, but she will of course still be with us for sport and will be managing the new Lucton School Equestrian Centre.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Tidd, our School Shop Manager as School Cottage's new Houseparent. Mrs Tidd knows the pupils very well and will continue to combine management of the school shop with her new role.



Building works

As many of you may have noticed, work is well under way on the new staff accommodation extension at Croft House. Dr and Mrs Murtagh and their family are looking forward to seeing it completed for next term.



Carol Service arrangements

On the last day of term, Thursday 10th December, school will start at the usual time. Minibuses will run in the morning only. Term will finish at the conclusion of the Carol Service which will be approximately 3.15 pm. Parents should arrange to collect their children from The Priory Church, Leominster at this time. THE MINI-BUSES WILL NOT RUN that afternoon. Boarders will be returned to school so that their belongings may be collected from the boarding house.

Carol Service

All parents are invited to attend the Annual Carol Service at The Priory Church on Thursday 11th December. All pupils at Lucton will attend. The service starts at 2.00 pm – parents are asked to be in their seats by 1.45 pm. At the conclusion of the service mulled wine and mince pies will be served to parents and visitors.

SPORTS REPORT

U15 RUGBY – vs Christ College Brecon. This was a tough match, which we lost. The score did not reflect the difference between the two teams; however, if this squad is going to progress then there are key members who need to be far more positive both before and during the game.

U13 RUGBY – vs Christ College Brecon. In this game, we came across a strong side who had beaten plenty of teams before us. We never let our heads drop and try scorers were Felix Morris and Liam O'Neill, with Will Russell adding one conversion. Well done to all those who played!

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Wed 09 Dec 2.00pm U15 Rugby v Wrekin (H)



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