

## Lucton's Operation Iceland

The summer term has started smoothly although we are missing a large number of stranded boarders and some staff, including Mr and Mrs Thorne who had been at an educational exhibition in Dubai. The volcanic eruption has caused many delays and problems and the Boarding House staff have been particularly busy with the disrupted transport arrangements.

Of particular concern is the academic work of the senior pupils taking public examinations. A number of lessons have taken place via email

and skype – the wonders of modern technology! Pupils who are stranded abroad should try to make contact with their teachers. Our examinations officer, Mr Northwood, is in contact with the examination boards to ensure that pupils delayed are not unfairly disadvantaged.

With the re-opening of the airports Mr and Mrs Thorne are expected at the weekend and overseas boarders are starting to return. Overseas boarders should contact the boarding house with their new travel arrangements.

## Great Hereford Festival results

As usual, we have done very well and the newly formed piano trio, Tom Lockwood (piano), Rachael Murtagh (violin) and Chloe Evans (cello), won a silver medal at the Herefordshire Festival on the last day of the spring term. Mr Edwards, Director of Music, said "I am delighted with the quality of our young musicians, and although only in its incipient stages the Trio promises great things".

Speech and Drama entries also did particularly well. Prep, Middle and Senior Schools all participated and there were many medals and trophies. Amongst the Senior and Middle Schools, we won many medals, including Stephen Amos Gold medal and trophy for Advanced Solo Acting, Martin Reece-Pitt Gold medal for Public Speaking, Sarah Kadi Silver medal in the Poetry class and Rhys Griffiths and Martin Reece-Pitt Gold medal for their Duologue Mime.

There was lots of success too in the Prep School, where many individual medals were won, and Lucton won first place in the Play Reading and



Elementary Choral Speaking.  
Congratulations to all involved!

If you are interested in starting Speech and Drama, please either talk to Mrs Rogers, Miss Fitzpatrick or the school office. Bonuses include improvement in voice work, developing acting skills, involvement in performances and festivals along with added UCAS points for level three exams – this may be of particular interest as from this year, Universities are no longer offering clearing. Do come and join us!

## The Friends of Lucton School

We look forward to seeing you at the next Friends' Planning Meeting next Thursday, 29th April, to which everyone is welcome. The main purpose of the meeting will be to finalise the summer's events and, in particular, further the plans for the Summer Fete. We are also keen to hear from anyone with new suggestions for the autumn term and beyond.

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.

At the same time, why not ask at the office for more information on The 100 Club. It offers a very real opportunity to win a cash prize every month, whilst raising funds for the Friends.

## Whole school Open Day on Bank Holiday

A reminder to all that the school is open as normal on Monday 3rd May. With the exam season very much upon us, in common with many other independent schools, this has become a normal school day for us at Lucton. Following the success of last year, we will again take the opportunity to hold an Open Day.

All parents are invited to a Drinks Reception to hear an update on the formation of the

## The Lucton Foundation

on Friday 30th April in the Memorial Hall  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

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## Exam performances

Next week sees the moderation performances of both the A level and GCSE Drama groups. The A level performance is on the afternoon of Monday, 26th April and is a devised piece. This means the candidates have taken a subject which was of interest to them and created their own production. Pip Winstone and Steven Amos have used cross-curricular knowledge from their A level psychology course and their play deals with the knotty subject of schizophrenia. The GCSE moderation performance takes place on the morning of Thursday, 29th April and comprises excerpts from Act I and II of "The Crucible"; all seven of the GCSE candidates and the A level candidates are, thankfully, in the UK and so performances will take place as scheduled.

## Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 30th April, pupils (and staff) are dressing up to raise money for the "Acky". The event was suggested by the pupils and follows on from the very successful three-legged race organised by Chloe Evans at the end of last term. Pupils will need to contribute £2 for the privilege of wearing fancy dress.

## From the Boarding House

It has been another interesting start to the term! This time not snow but volcanic ash causing chaos to boarders' travel arrangements. Our first night back was very quiet with barely half of the boarders being able to return. Thankfully, flight restrictions have now been lifted and pupils are starting to fly back again; however, the back log is still causing us problems with some pupils unable to come back until May. We hope that they will be using their time wisely to revise and the school is emailing work for them to keep up to date with their studies. We look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible as we have a very busy term ahead.

## OPEN DAY - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 3rd MAY

10.00am to 4.00pm

Everywhere is open, from  
Nursery to the Sixth Form.  
For all but the Nursery, this  
is a normal school day.

All visitors welcome.

## Contact details

As Operation Iceland has again clearly indicated, it is essential that the school has accurate and up-to-date information. Please do ensure that if your telephone number, mobile number or email address should change, that the school office is notified. Please let either Miss Waters [c.waters@luctonschool.org](mailto:c.waters@luctonschool.org) or Mrs Toner [registrar@luctonschool.org](mailto:registrar@luctonschool.org) know of any amendments or additions.

## Fire practices

The wonderful fine weather at the start of term has enabled all the fire practices to occur. The boarders were particularly pleased to be awoken just before 7.00am although they were surprised that all the boarding staff were dressed – it just proves that teachers always know what is going on! The evacuation of the pupils was quick and their behaviour excellent.

## SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to everyone for what we hope will be a rain-free term of cricket, athletics, rounders and tennis! There are a few alterations to the calendar that everyone needs to be aware of – any fixtures stated for 10th May are actually for the 12th May – all fixtures for the following week will be in the Lucton News with venues and start times. There will be cricket matches with late finishes, so pupils will need to make travel arrangements accordingly. Cricket teams at U13, U14 and U15 have been entered into county cup competitions and as a result, the further we progress the more matches will be played, some at short notice, so could pupils and parents be aware of this! GCSE PE moderation for Year 10 will take place next Thursday 29th April; all arrangements are in hand and pupils will be notified if they are required by the end of this week. May I also take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting both their children and the staff throughout the year so far, and here's hoping we have a successful term!

### NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Wed 28th April U14 Cricket vs Bishops (H) 4pm start , finish 6.30-7pm  
Senior boys pentathlon vs Wrekin, Shrewsbury and Adams GS (A at Wrekin) 2pm start  
U14 and U16 rounders vs QE Bromyard (A) 3.30 start

## Rugby Festival

The annual Anglo-Welsh Mini Rugby Festival at the Luctonians Club, which is sponsored by Lucton School, took place last Sunday. 1,000 players and nearly 600 spectators joined us to watch some exciting games, with many of the finals going to extra time. Our picture shows the U8 Luctonian team.



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