

## Wonderful Carols at Debenhams

On Tuesday night, the musicians made their annual pilgrimage to Debenhams in Hereford to sing Christmas carols as part of Harrison, Clark and Rickerby Solicitors' VIP shopping evening. We are always positioned in the doorway, which is a lovely and intimate place to sing as the VIP guests are arriving. I treat this trip as a bit of a reward to the Chamber Choir and Rubato Band



who work very hard throughout the year, because there is time for shopping and coffee! We are always made most welcome by both the Debenhams staff and the staff of Harrison, Clark and Rickerby and it really is the most popular trip for the musicians. Thanks very much to the staff for coming to sing and also to Mrs Berry's mum and dad too!

*Mr Wall*



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# Prep School News

A delightful Music Assembly brought our week to an end and celebrated the end of the LAMDA exams as well. It was lovely to hear the woodwind section of the Senior Orchestra before we were entertained by the Year 6 wind section and the Year 6 strings. Along with the fact that they have made great progress from last year, it was also nice to welcome them back, even for a short time, to the Prep School. It must be such a different skill to be able to play with a group than to learn as an individual or are all instruments made to play in a group? Just a thought. From the ensemble we went to the individual. We cannot pick out a performance as they were all good, but we were all looking forward to hearing Will and his euphonium; mainly because it seems bigger than him! Well we weren't disappointed, it is bigger than him and definitely heavier! He obviously enjoys it and it is great to see that we are branching out beyond the usual suspects; including the voice (and never forget the voice) we have at least 9 instruments being learned in school – no doubt I will be corrected and there are more!

Now we are definitely on countdown to all sorts of events, as I write the Prep School Christmas tree is being put up. This means that Christmas trees will be popping up around the campus. We always look forward to seeing the one in the Queen Anne Dining Room and can't wait to see



how it is going to be decorated. If the tree is up, then the Christmas Post Box will be coming out. This is a chance for the children to post Christmas Cards to their friends. The House Captains and Head Boy and Head Girl will then distribute them during week. This is great fun and the children always enjoy this. We have a swimming gala this week against two schools, one of whom is the County Champions – no pressure there then! Next week is the Senior School play, *My Fair Lady*. We are hoping to go and see this on Wednesday and I cannot stress how professional the performances are so you are welcome to go and watch it on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Next week is also the Transition and Pre Prep Nativity followed by the Christmas Fayre – another level of excitement.

Not to worry about education though. Year 1 have been busy writing to the fairies who are trying to sort out the problem of the Red Caps (I'd ask Year 1 if I were you as I don't know). Reception have been







busy with their autumn project. Year 2 are busy learning how to use Venn Diagrams, incredibly Venn Diagrams are in GCSE so this is a good start; Year 3 have been baking and so, I believe, are Year 5 – who have been designing and making biscuit boxes and are now making the biscuits to go in them. Year 4 have discovered the delights of 4 and 6 figure grid references and been using the Ordnance Survey maps.

There is more to look forward to but I think this leaves space to say that the last Friday Assembly of 2019 will have taken place by the time you read this. But never fear! We start again in January with Year 2! Please do come even if it is not your son or daughter's assembly. We love to celebrate the children's achievements with you, share School news and a cup of tea. You can even use the School pool. In the meantime, keep an eye on the emails as we start the gallop towards the end of term!



## Friends update

### Prep School 2020 Calendar

We have been busy preparing a 2020 Prep School calendar and this is now ready! Every class from Reception to Year 5 has been featured for one of the months, in a traditional class pose. For the remaining months we have been able to capture some informal pictures of the children at playtime. The calendars also contain important dates for the school year. This is a lovely keepsake and will make very nice Christmas presents for family members. Calendars are £8, and they will be available to purchase at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th and you can order via the office.

### Senior School Production (4th & 5th December at 7.00pm.)

The Friends will be providing refreshments before the performance starts and also during the interval, bring some extra pennies along with you to enjoy a glass of wine and some snacks. We are looking for volunteers to help on either of these two evenings.

### Christmas Fayre (6th December)

The last Friday before school breaks up for Christmas, is packed full of things for the children to do like seeing Santa, crafting and glitter tattoos and not forgetting a few things for the parents too like the bottle tombola and some lovely shopping stalls to pick up some presents! It will be from 4pm to 6pm and in the main school Memorial Hall and Queen Anne Dining Hall.

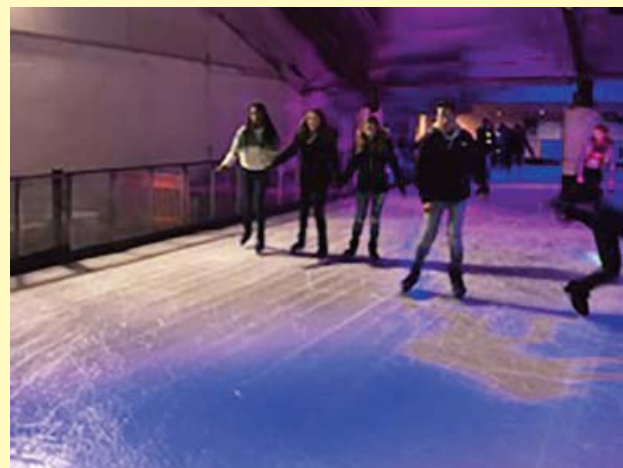
# Boarding News

An enjoyable weekend for the boarders! After Friday's weekly visit to the supermarket, Saturday saw us once again visit the escape rooms and ice-skating rink in Malvern. The trip proved to be very popular and it was wonderful to see them spend a frantic 60 minutes trying to solve the clues to escape the locked rooms before heading out onto the ice rink. We have some very strong skaters in the boarding house, and some not so strong grads.

Sunday was a much more relaxed affair with boarders enjoying the recreational side of the boarding house. There were films in the cinema room, plenty of table tennis and pool, and lots of socialising in the common rooms. It is lovely to see the boarders mingling so well with each other and to see them enjoy spending time in each other's company.

The house is now busily gearing up for Christmas with decorations going up and a few of the boarders decorating their rooms. It will make us all feel very festive over this last couple of weeks.

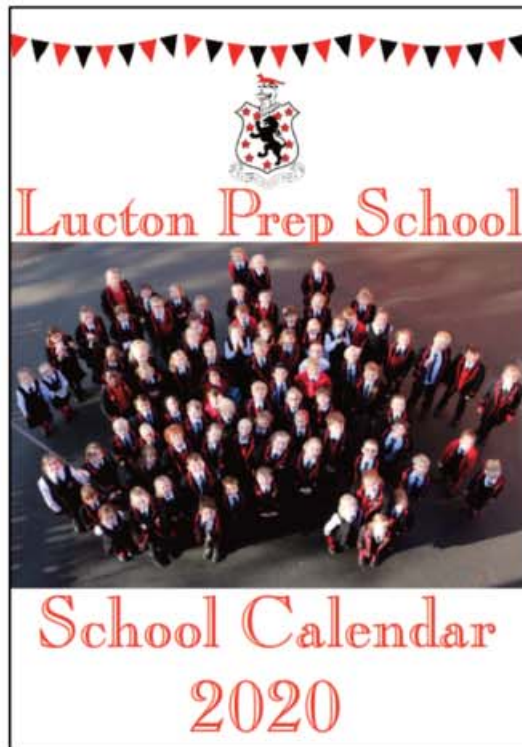
Again, if we can remind boarders to advise House Parents of their Christmas travel plans as soon as possible. You can contact the boarding house office on our email address [boardinghouse@luctonschool.org](mailto:boardinghouse@luctonschool.org).





# Lucton Prep School

## 2020 Calendar



**The Friends of Lucton School**

**Are proud to present a 2020 Prep School calendar!**

**Featuring:**

- A class photo of every class.
- Key dates of the school year.
- Lots of informal pictures of the children.

**£8 each**



**Will be available to buy at the Christmas Fayre or order via the school.**

29th November  
Autumn 2019, week 12

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# British Citizenship Challenge

Six year 11 students have completed a week long course in British Culture and have been awarded their certificates. The course covered British history and culture and the students had to present a project on this topic. All of them did really well and we are very proud of them.



## School Council

This week both middle school and senior school council's met to discuss what they wanted the governing body to know about the work of the school council. Theo Houchin (Chair) and Harry Worthing

(Vice Chair) made a superb presentation to the wellbeing committee of the governing body. The school council continues to represent the student voice to the leadership of the school. Well done to all school council representatives!





# Sports Report

## ISA U15 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The U15 girls travelled all the way to Wolverhampton to play their ISA regional Hockey Tournament. The tournament began with a round-robin-style match system between 4 different schools. Lucton started off well in their group managing a fabulous 2 goal win against Chase GS and a tight draw with Bowbrook school to finish runners up in their group. The girls progressed to the semi-finals where they faced the winners of the other group, Tettenhall. The girls were now starting to move the ball more effectively around the pitch producing some lovely counter attack and defence shots. Unfortunately Tettenhall were a little too strong for the girls and they ended up losing that game. The girls then played Stafford GS for third and fourth place. This time the girls were much more determined and scored an early goal to lead the match. Unfortunately, due to this early burst of energy from the girls they slowed down a bit in the second half and unluckily conceded 2 goals to eventually lose that match; however, the girls should be extremely pleased with their achievements in the matches played and should be proud of coming fourth overall in the tournament. Libby Horton

should be praised for some excellent goalkeeping saves and Catherine Clulee for her dogged determination to run down every ball.

## Herefordshire U13 In2 Hockey Tournament.

Positive play by a mixed U13/12 team, proved effective as the girls finished a creditable third in a competitive pool of six. Although we lost to the eventual finalists (The Downs and HCS), there were good victories against Whitecross (won 1-0), St Mary's (won 3-0) and Aylestone (won 1-0), with great goals from Hannah W, Darcy, Scarlett B and two from top scorer, Rachel. Throughout the afternoon, there was plenty of encouraging play, with good movement, passing and ball control skills.

## U13 Hockey Tournament at The Downs Malvern

Having played well at the U13 In2-Hockey Tournament, the girls dipped their toes in a more competitive environment, playing many of the top U13 teams from the area. The going was tough and girls had to learn to cope with fast, skilful opponents, who all moved onto the ball at speed! In true Lucton spirit, tenacious play from Darcy, Fremah and top goal scorer, Rachel, ensured that we were not totally outclassed.



### **U15 HOCKEY v Tenbury**

Plenty of attacking play by Catherine, Georgia, Jess (player of the match) and Katie, culminated in a convincing 9-1 victory, as the girls were easily able to run through the Tenbury defence. It was encouraging to see proactive and positive attacking play by all team members and great improvement in stick skills and spatial awareness.

### **U16/U18 HOCKEY v CCB.**

A mixed U16/U18 girls hockey team travelled to Christ College Brecon for their Hockey match. The girls started off very slowly against a very strong, hard hitting CCB side. Despite this slow start, the girls were very unlucky to concede two early goals. In the second half of the match the girls picked up the pace and realised that many of them were faster than the CCB girls. Some excellent passing shots from Keira S and Faith P allowed Aoibh C to run up the pitch and score a fantastic goal with the help of a lovely pass from Annie S. Luck was not on the Lucton girls' side as Annie S narrowly missed scoring several times with some fantastic shots on goal. Overall the girls didn't manage a win but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the match!

### **U18 NETBALL v Ludlow College**

With some of the U18s playing hockey at CCB, Amelia, Georgia (player of the match) and Felicity were successfully drafted into the line up. We had to defend hard against Ludlow's tall, mobile and accurate shooters, so it was fortunate that Harriet and Elsie were up to the challenge as they worked tirelessly to block, intercept and rebound any missed chances. As centre Edith linked effectively with Georgia and Felicity, feeding some lovely lofted passes into the circle and was well supported in the centre court by Amelia, Grace and Alice. A 25-25 draw was a fair result in this end to end game, as Ludlow scored the equalising goal as the final whistle blew.

### **U11 Rugby Tournament**

After a thorough inspection of the pitches on Wednesday morning, it was announced that the boys would be playing in very boggy, muddy conditions. Lucton would play CCB and Moor Park in a round robin tournament.

Lucton's first match was against Moor Park. With the tough conditions it was always going to be a tough competition for all the teams to play free flowing rugby. Knock-ons were an integral part to the game with both sides coughing up the ball.





It was Moor Park that took advantage of the game and ran in numerous tries. Matthew D showed heart and determination when Lucton were on the attack and was the stand out performer in game 1 on his debut for contact rugby. Lucton ended with a 0-5 defeat.

The second game came around and Lucton were up for it against CCB. George M from the kick-off displayed yet again fantastic technique in the tackle and created a simple run in for Oliver D. Thomas B showed pace and hot feet down the wing side-stepping past multiple CCB players to run through and score; however, Ted R was the stand out performer in game number 2 as he finished the game with a brace of tries, with one coming from a nice drive with Zac T. Ted fully deserved these as he ran strong throughout both the games. Lucton won the game 4-1. Well done to all who played in the tournament, a couple of tricky games in testing conditions.

#### **U11 LACROSSE 3 way Tournament**

The U11 had an outstanding performance on Wednesday in the triangular tournament against Packwood and Prestfelde, winning both matches and not letting either teams score.

The first match was against Packwood who looked very strong in the warm up,

demonstrating great stick skills. The U11 took to the pitch with great team spirit. Lucton scored the first goal in the first few minutes and this really lifted their confidence in their own ability. Sophie and Freya showed great team work passing the ball to one another to outwit Packwood defence. Going into the second half, Packwood were trying extremely hard to get a goal; this meant that our defence were working really hard to close them down. Some outstanding defending from Chloe. B, Eno and Jessica. Eno made a fantastic check which allowed her to pick up the ball and run it all the way to the attacking end and score. The final score was 6-0 and Sophie was player of the match.

Lucton were then straight on against Prestfelde. The U11 were feeling a little bit tired but were filled with confidence from their previous win. Harriet was moved into an attacking position and she was keen to get a goal. She was making great dodges and passing the ball into space which awarded her player of the match. Lucton were on fire and scored 5 goals getting us the win again. A great team performance by all U11s.

#### **U13 RUGBY v Bowbrook**

On a wet and damp Thursday afternoon, Lucton U13s hosted Bowbrook. It was clear to see that both teams were up for the



game as both of them put in early tackles. Lovely hands from scrumhalf Arthur C to Zac P allowed him to sprint down the touchline to open the scoring. Lucton looked in charge from the start and showed a strong defensive wall. Some great clear out play from Matthew G enabled Tristan to regain the ball and head for the white wash. Matthew G was dangerous all game and displayed great athleticism to weave amongst the defenders and score, Matthew managed to get a brace of tries. From the restart Tristan gained the ball and Bowbrook couldn't stop the rampaging rower as he gained 40metres to then offload to Maxx H who showed strength and determination to finish in the corner. But Lucton weren't finished there, through the strength of George J, he managed to free the ball up for Zac P to be in space and finish. Jonathan D finished from 20m out with some quick feet which Bowbrook could not handle. Lucton won the game 8-0, but the boys played exceptionally well especially the backline that linked up brilliantly throughout the game. A credit to Bowbrook who got stuck in throughout the game and showed signs of great attacking play and defensive play.

**Year 7 LACROSSE** vs Packwood and Prestfelde

On Wednesday Year 7 travelled to

Packwood for a triangular tournament with Packwood and Prestfelde. We played with great determination and effort and the girls should be very proud of their achievements. Both matches were closely fought as were the score lines and there was some excellent play from many individuals, particularly when attacking. Packwood played first, and then Prestfelde and players of the match were Scarlett Barrett and Hannah Wilson respectively. Well done, girls!

#### **BASKETBALL** v CCB

There was a good atmosphere court side with many spectators from the senior school keen to watch the match. Lucton had a good amount of possession and had opportunities to score in the first quarter, but unlike CCB, our shots were bouncing off the rim of the basket resulting in a poorer score rate than hoped; at the end of this quarter, Leo scored from behind the three point line and from this point Lucton seemed to fire up. In the second quarter Nabil was totally dominant, scoring four thrilling three pointers in quick succession. There was no looking back after the second quarter and we managed to maintain our lead for the duration of the match. Kieran and Henry worked tirelessly too in a great team performance.

Result: Lucton - 57; CCB - 44.





# Year 5 girls attend Maths Challenge

Year 5 girls quartet at maths challenge!

Four girls from Year 5 went off to Cheltenham to join a fun maths challenge event led by DC Beagle Challenges, with approximately a hundred other children mainly from local state schools in Gloucestershire. Rebecca, Lorelai, Emily-Grace and Poppy were set five lots of eight minute challenges that sharpened their maths brains. Calculations, measures, shape and problem solving all presented in a fun way made for an enjoyable ninety minutes. Thanks to Miss House for organising and Mr Warren for being the teacher in charge on the day. 'Maths is the brain's sharpener'.



# Year 5 decorating the Prep School Christmas Tree

Year 5 are really getting into the swing of Christmas, following the exciting arrival of this year's trees at school. Here we can see Year 5 well on their way to creating a superb work of art!





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