

LOCKDOWN

Summer term
2020, Week 8

News



New Heads of School announced



The school really is a busier place this week as we have welcomed Years 10 and 12 back in school and we have stepped up our online provision for those still stuck at home, including the introduction of Speech and Drama lessons for the Prep School on Teams.

As this Saturday would have been Speech Day, I am sure that you will all be relieved not to endure my speech but I have made the Senior Prefect appointments for next year, which is normally announced at the Priory.

They are as follows: Head Boys and Music Captains, Angus and Forbes Wilson; Head Girl, Emily Watts; Deputy Head Boy, Harry Worthing; Deputy Head Girl & Girls Games Captain, Aoibh Clarke; Boys Boarding House Captain, Angus Young; Girls Boarding House Captain, Anastasia Shuvalova; Deputy Boys Boarding House Captain & Boys Games Captain, Aaron Blacklock; Deputy Girls Boarding House Captain & International Ambassador, Carrie Lau; Academic Captain, Will Wassink.

I know they will be a great team and I am saddened that I will not be here to work with them this year, I always enjoy getting to know the Senior Prefect team really well as they grow into their leadership roles and I am convinced that they will be excellent role models for Lucton in 20/21.

Floreat Luctona!

Mrs Thorne

Photo: We are fortunate that many of the new senior team have been able to return to school this week.

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Prep School News

Well the most exciting time this week was watching the storm approaching on Tuesday. Huge black clouds loomed over the playing fields and thunder rumbled around. It definitely caught the children's attention and a few of us discussed whether it was Zeus or Thor causing all the fun. As it drew nearer, sense took over and we went in; just in time as the deluge occurred. Great fun! Although I am told that thunder is much more frightening at night. The playtimes on Thursday were all spent in the Sports Hall. Again I am thankful for the space we can use at Lucton. It never ceases to amaze me how ingenious the children can be. Fine, they cannot use any equipment so let's teach ourselves how to cartwheel and handstand. We can't be in the same den; that's alright I'll be along a bit and we will communicate by drumming on tree trunks (as well as shouting!). A French philosopher once decided that boredom was the engine of invention, I can certainly see that in action.

Meanwhile I see that Reception has



been really getting into their Pirate topic, making pirate hats and designing treasure maps. Year 2 has been learning about the environment and the impact of global warming on animals. They have also been looking at fractions and rhyming words. Year 3 has been busy working out mental maths and word problems as well as homophones and synonyms. Year 5 has also been producing information posters about a country of their choice. More importantly, the play is going ahead, in a fashion. Whilst we cannot do the whole



thing we are aiming to have read throughs of each act with however many can access the internet and be there. I believe that I am in the wings to read parts for those who cannot be there. In essence, we are still teaching and learning, albeit in a very different way than before.

Finally, quite a few of the children are really tired at the moment and I couldn't work out why until a parent said that they aren't going to bed as it is too light. Robert Louis Stevenson had a great poem about that which may well ring true for all of us .

Bed in Summer

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

And who really enjoys that?!



Boarding House News

We had a lovely evening last Friday with a movie-themed night in the cinema room. We all gathered to watch the recent release of Jojo Rabbit, and Henry and George completed the cinema experience by making a booth from where they supplied popcorn, crisps and drinks. It was a really fun time giving us all the chance to come together and enjoy ourselves.

On Monday we had our regular visit to

Morrisons supermarket to get some supplies for the week and that also means that there was much cooking in the evening with some delicious aromas coming from the kitchen.

The boarders have continued to enjoy all the wonderful facilities on offer at Lucton, and still make the most of their evenings by using the gym, the sports hall, the music rooms and the art studio. Mr Rogers has even been giving Mike some golf lessons on the field.... FOUR.

Music Theory Grades

During the lockdown we have had some good music theory successes. Angus and Forbes Wilson have passed their Grade V theory, Forbes achieved a pass and Angus a merit. Carrie Lau achieved a merit in Grade I theory too.

For the information of some of our younger students, in order to sit the higher practical grades, you need to have passed

Grade V theory. We would always encourage younger students to start their music theory. Theory is fun; books can be purchased from Amazon at a very reasonable price.

I hope that you are all doing lots of practice at home and remember most of our peripatetic music teachers are happy to teach you online; you just need to speak to the office!



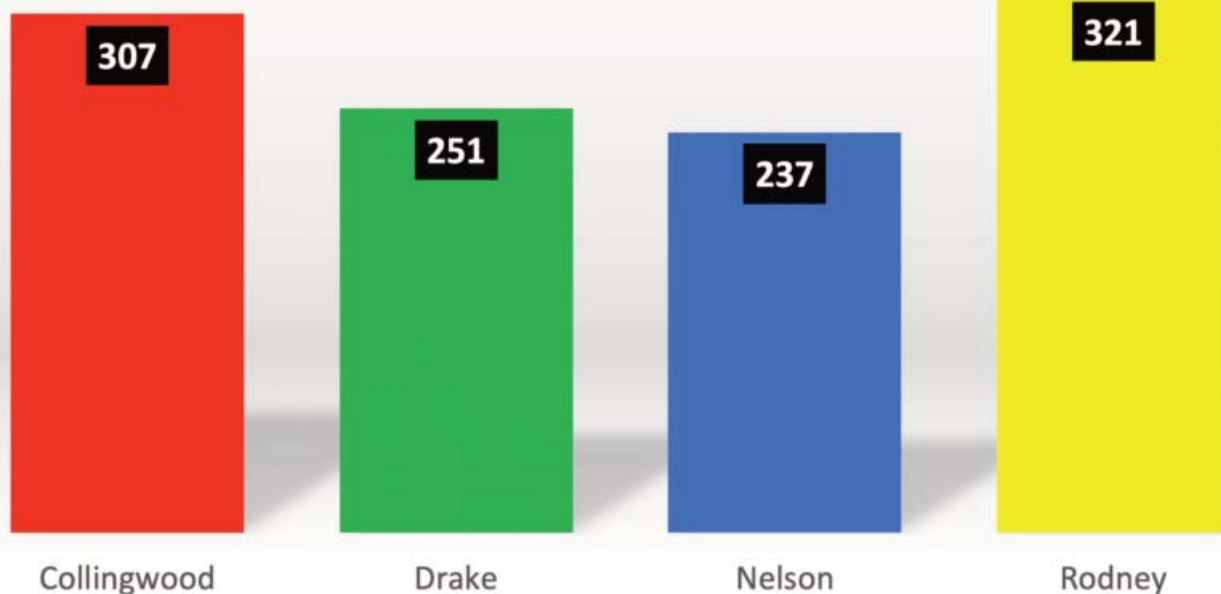
Year 1's version of bubbles



All action in the Nursery's Baby Room



Merit Totals week ending 19/06/20



Sameer's Lockdown

Sameer escaped the UK just days before Lockdown began. Here, he has written about his experiences during the pandemic.

Screaming... panic... chaos! is what I heard after arriving in Brunei. The News was flooded with videos of people fighting over toilet paper and hand sanitiser; it made me think to myself, "And we call ourselves the smartest species on earth!"

When I arrived home, Brunei was still on Lockdown, and, despite it being a scary time for me, I didn't feel that scared. All I could think of was of all the time I would have to sit down and relax; I was wrong.

After waking up in the middle of the night, due to jet-lag for the first week, I felt like I was going crazy. With schoolwork flooding my emails and me being sleep deprived, I didn't do anything productive for the last two weeks of March. I could barely do anything; I didn't have the motivation to do anything; all I did was lie on my bed and watch YouTube. After the second week, it was the main spring holiday, so I could finally take a breather.

When School announced it was closing early for the main Spring holiday, I wasn't surprised; it felt exciting and that was when everything started to come together. Lucton School made a Teams workspace where I could get all my schoolwork in a clean, organised place and, once the holidays finished, I was on top of my game! All the struggles I felt before were gone! And the best part about it was that Brunei had eased its Lockdown. I was playing the piano again and all of my work was to the top of my ability! It felt great; but, whenever I felt unmotivated, I would just look through the Lucton group chat in Teams and just seeing everyone else working hard, made me want to work harder!

It's now been a month since Brunei eased lockdown restrictions, but the funny thing is I don't go outside much. The

school work has been great: I've found myself getting really into the work after a few minutes. I think the hardest part doing work on your own is the social aspect because, normally, you're able to talk to your classmates but, at home, you can't do that. It's even harder since I'm seven hours ahead in time but it is great having so much freedom with school work. It's also hard when you are given an assignment that you don't understand, so I normally look up a video explaining it and I sometimes learn more than I need to, which is great!

The quarantine has been really great since it gives my introverted personality a big break, but I think I'm starting to crave social interactions. While also doing all my work, I've still been trying to keep myself entertained and healthy. I've taken up running a lot now: yesterday, I actually ran my first 5k... Thinking about it now, I don't know how I will be able to keep it up after the Corona Virus passes. For entertainment, I've been watching YouTube, I learned some new skills, while also refining other skills, like learning how to cook and draw, and also practising the piano!

In this quarantine period, I have also learned a lot about myself such as that I study better alone. I've also realised I've got really good self-discipline: it's not perfect but it's enough to wake up at six in the morning, to start my school work till two in the afternoon. When I'm at Lucton, my head is always in a study-mode, even while inside the Boarding House. But, at home, I've found out my brain stops concentrating past noon; this will become really helpful when I want to learn something new. I've also had a surge of self-confidence, when talking to other people, which is new.

Finally, what do I think will be remembered from this crisis? In my opinion, A LOT! The world will never be the same again, health care will be different and the way we do our work will be

different. I don't think office jobs will be a thing anymore: replaced with working at home. I feel like more schools and universities will be going online in the future. It will also show how people in different countries react to crisis, such as America compared to South Korea. It will also be remembered in history as the darkest and scariest year for all countries! America will be remembered for the riots going on right now and for the first successful, manned ship for SpaceX! Or, for the UK, leaving the EU! It isn't just the Corona Virus that's going to be remembered from this year,

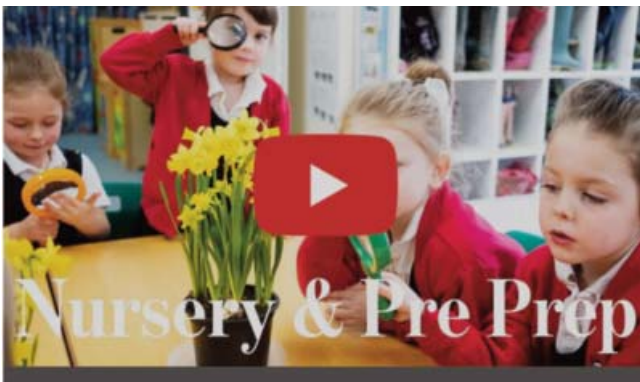
there's so much more.

To me, this period feels like something new; it's something I may never experience again and that's why I've been making the most of it: doing my work to its fullest, while also regaining my energy for the years to come!

Indeed, Lockdown has been more of a mental survival story for me, but other people probably have had it way worse! But this experience has definitely made me stronger, mentally. It may be or may have been the worst time of the year but when you are at the bottom of the world, the

Virtual Open Day

On Monday, we held our first Virtual Open Day and the link to all the material is still available on our facebook page: <https://mailchi.mp/d7146b33.../welcome-to-our-virtual-open-day>



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Open Day Videos

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Form Quiz 19th June

1. In Harry Potter, what is the name of The Weasley's house?
2. What nut is in the middle of a Ferrero Rocher?
3. What's a baby rabbit called?
4. Name one landlocked country in Europe?
5. What does He stand for on the periodic table?
6. What fruit takes the scientific name *Mangifera indica*?

7. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
8. How many valves does the heart have?
9. What did Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams collectively create?
10. What's the biggest animal in the world?

Last week's answers:

1. Scar. 2. Neptune. 3. Boudicca. 4. Ecuador.
5. Automatic Teller Machine. 6. Horatio, Francis, George, Cuthbert. 7. It's tail/wrecking ball. 8. Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.
9. Manchester United. 10. An octave.

Equestrian News



Jake's Blog

The weather which I always enjoy talking about has meant that we have had more grass to eat but we have got wet. Amelia, Miss Coates and myself lasted quite well in the thunder storm and came in just in time before the rain really started to come down. Miss Annett and Miss Griffiths laughed at us which wasn't very nice! It was warm rain though! Pony Club started again this week which was great and we went to visit the Prep School again.

We had loads of apples again and some thought Charlie had been sick; he just had so much in his mouth that loads had fallen out. A horse cannot be sick which is why its so dangerous if we eat the wrong thing and get colic (tummy ache)! We have managed to teach lots of people this week and had a variety of things to show but Miss Coates got really cross with Charlie who at 31 was still being very cheeky and gave Orla a canter when she didn't really want it but she did really well and sat beautifully! Squirrel has settled in well on his holiday and has sent a lovely picture home showing us how good he is being. We look forward to some sun again this week and all hope Mrs Goode recovers soon!

Katie & Squirrel.