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From the Heads



We are pleased to now have some clarity regarding all pupils returning to school from 8th March, and will be delighted to welcome back students and colleagues.

While there will still be COVID measures in place, not least a testing regime, and the need to respect the need for "Hands, Face and Space", so far as this is possible (oh, and ventilation; but with the weather the way it is at the moment, windows will no doubt be thrown open anyway, irrespective of the virus!), the school will once

again be fully alive.

Of course, for the Nursery and Prep School, there has been much more "normality" about the last few weeks than in the more senior parts of the school, and we thank staff, parents and students for keeping everyone safe and happy. We are sure, however, that the relatively few older children who have been in school during lockdown are really looking forward to seeing their friends and having a more usual experience.

Although there have been relatively few older students in school, they have still needed care and support, and our thanks go to our colleagues in the Middle and Senior School for providing this throughout lockdown.

Judging by the many positive comments we have had, remote learning has gone really well, and students have had the opportunity to learn and progress effectively. The success of remote learning is a credit to teachers, students and parents – well done to you all! Nevertheless, we are sure that even though remote learning has been a positive experience, most of us want to get back to normal.

We would not be surprised, in particular, if there are students who are looking forward to getting away from a computer screen (except in IT lessons, of course). If some young people have gained something of an aversion to spending all their lives in front of a screen, perhaps that is no bad thing!

**Heads of Lucton
John Goode & Elmien Niblett**



Prep School



Welcome back after a well-needed half term break.

It does seem odd to think that a mere six weeks ago the bombshell of lockdown was dropped again. Yet, we picked ourselves up off the floor quickly reminded ourselves of the webcam and TEAMS and cracked on. Now we are looking forward to spring and the fact that all will be back in almost a week.

Before we look ahead, it is time, as Gandalf said, to look behind. Although we couldn't have a ballet assembly, Miss Penny put on a virtual show for

each ballet group. This term it was Swan Lake.

I was lucky enough to be in a performance and I had no idea that there was something called ballet mime. All those arms are not waving they are telling us a story! "I am the Queen of the Swans. I see you over there in the lake of my mother's tears. I am a swan no more". Well, who knew that! Thank you so much Miss Penny for Swan Lake from Transition to Prep School. We can't wait for a live performance. If you want to know more about ballet mime follow this [link](#).

Then there was the Collingwood party. You might not know but each House has a reward for winning the House Cup three times in a row. It certainly is an incentive! Collingwood took the crown last half term for the third time in a row, so they had their party on the Friday. The other Houses looked on enviously; however, it will definitely spur them on! However, enough of the last half term; now for this week...

Well, it is a lot about walking. Our wonderful groundsman, Ray, has marked out a weaving course that means we can

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walk 1km at lunchtime. This is all in aid of Red Nose Day and Lucton is travelling a virtual distance of 10,000km to Shanghai in any way we can.

Yesterday we walked (and ran) 76km at lunchtime with Reception Class adding in another 8km by walking first thing. When everyone is back in, we hope to get a quick walk before lessons start and one more at lunchtime; not only to reach the target but it is also a good way to start to the day. If you want to join in, here is the Strava [link](#). Alternatively, just send in your kms done whenever you can. You could always copy Clay, who is determined to do the whole thing backwards!

Of course, learning has also been happening! Poems are being written, sentences are being constructed, fractions are being cogitated upon, solids, liquids and gases are being puzzled over and then there is everything else: music, French, RS, drama, art, swimming, mastering how to research on the internet and how to type, discovering spring... the list goes on.

In amongst this, we have our other events to look forward to; Red Nose Day and, next week World Book Day where for £1, everyone can dress up as their favourite book character (I am sourcing a long coat and top hat). Yes, this half term has indeed started!

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School



Reception

Reception pupils are certainly doing their bit for the Lucton to Shanghai walk.

Whatever the weather, they are trying to walk at least 2km a day. Please support them by donating to our Red Nose Day Appeal. Thank you.

Mrs Fower



Sixth Form



We are all now gearing up for the great return of students on the 8th, and preparations for tests and exams are well under way.

There is certainly light at the end of the tunnel for our Sixth Formers, and I know we will all be grateful for the chance to teach and learn in person again, despite all the high-quality remote teaching and the new skills we may have picked up as a result.

With one eye on government assessment guidance and advice, we will continue to inform and update both parents and students in the Sixth Form of the ever-changing situation, but we can

only reiterate what we have said from day one: every piece of work is important, and that continues to be our mantra. Our Sixth Formers have been fantastic at dealing with the stress that uncertainty brings; however, and I'm sure they will relish the opportunity of showcasing just how much they have learnt this year.

With a lot of things still to come in the Spring and Summer Terms, I also look forward to writing about actual events that will occur once students return too!

Obviously, we will still be operating in 'safe-mode' once we return, so restrictions will still apply, but I have no doubt

the Sixth Formers will continue to act sensibly and follow school guidelines in order to keep everyone safe, and move us on to the next phase.

Mr Wolstenholme, Head of Sixth Form

Wellbeing

Just before half term, students and staff worked to support the very important global messages around Safer Internet Day.

There were fantastic discussions in all years about the reliability of information on the internet and how we judge it. Students also talked about what should happen to "Fake News" and individuals' responsibilities to only pass on helpful and true information. We also had some fun singing the online safety song; it's on YouTube if you want to have a go!!

Competition Results

I was delighted with the entries for the "Where to Get Help" poster competition. The winners are Malachy Clarke and Finn Meredith (both Year 11), whose ideas have been used to make the new Lucton School poster (see above).

Well done, Malachy and Finn!

Mrs Goode



What to do if you want to

TALK !

LISTENING SERVICE
listening@luctonschool.org

**TAKE TIME TO REFLECT
ON HOW YOU ACT AND
TREAT OTHERS.**

**Matron
Our Chaplain**

**ANY MEMBER
OF STAFF!!**

Don't be a ringleader or
a witness!
REPORT A PROBLEM
Be a buddy, not a bully!!

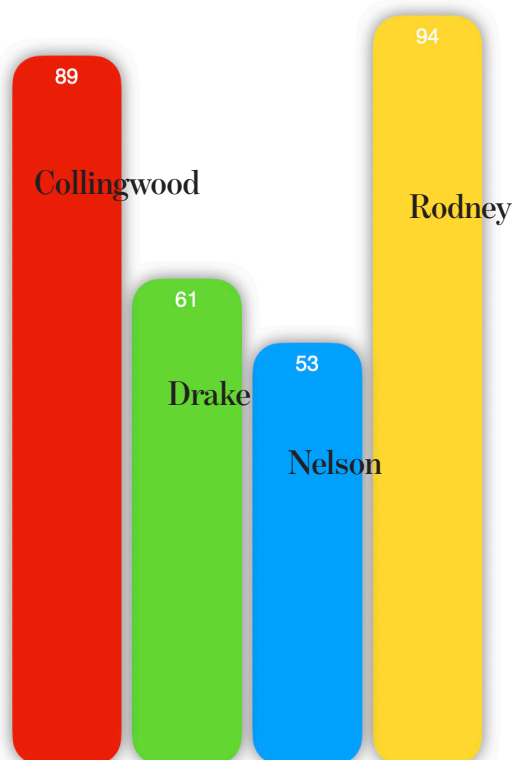
Your FORM TUTOR

DO THE RIGHT THING!

EXTERNAL HELP
Childline 0800 1111 Herefordshire Council
Kooth www.kooth.com Young Minds

Use Confide

House Merit Totals



*Numbers accurate 26th February 2021

Comic Relief 2021



A big thank you to everybody who is taking part in our virtual run to Shanghai for Red Nose Day- we have clocked up an amazing 2,527 km so far!

Now that we are a quarter of the way towards our destination, it seems only fit that we break out the thermos flask, stretch off those hamstrings, and consider just how far we've travelled..

Due to the unbridled enthusiasm of the Lucton community, we have run, walked, cycled, horse ridden, and swam across the North

Sea. We shot past Sweden, blazed through Finland, and we now find ourselves on the northern tip of Lake Onega in north-western Russia!

A cursory glance through Wikipedia reveals that Lake Onega is actually the second largest lake in Europe, containing over 1650 islands, the most famous being Kizhi.

Kizhi contains "89 wooden architectural monuments of the 15th and 20th centuries, the most remarkable of those is the Kizhi Pogost of the early 18th century which was

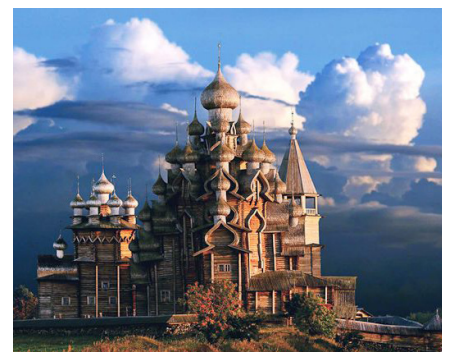
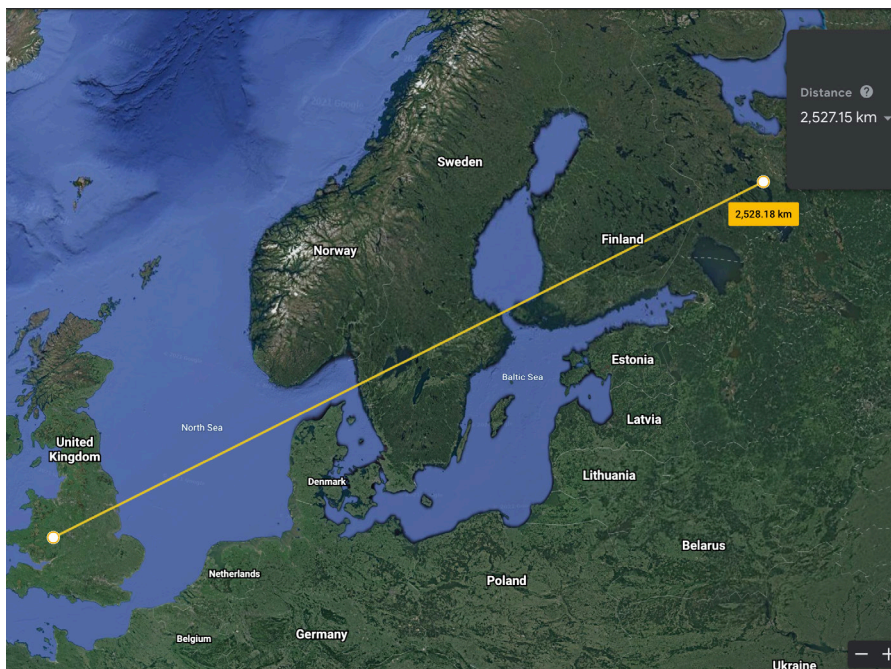
included in the list of UNESCO world Heritage sites in 1990."

We won't stick around too long though as it's currently -6c, the gift shop appears to be closed, and the lake is also home to brown bears, wolves, and lynxes.

Don't forget to log all your efforts either by signing up to our club through [Strava](#) or by submitting your activities directly to your form teachers- every km really does help.

If you haven't already done so, please visit our justgiving [page](#) to donate to this most worthy cause.

Mr Norton, Marketing



Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 31st August - Boarders arrive
Wednesday 1st September – First day of term
25th October – 29th October – Half term
Thursday 9th December – Last day of term
Friday 10th December – Oversea pupils leave

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Boarders arrive
Wednesday, 5th January – First day of term
14th February – 18th February – Half term
Thursday 31st March – Last day of term
Friday 1st April – Overseas pupils leave

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Boarders arrive
Tuesday 26th April – First day of term
30th May – 3rd June – Half term
Thursday 7th July – Last day of term
Friday 8th July – Overseas pupils leave