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From the Heads



It is fair to say that things are starting to feel near to normal again.

With the summer exams in most parts of the school now finished (although Year 11 and Year 13 students are still working hard to achieve their best possible results at the end of their courses) the usual round of lessons and activities can resume and we can begin to contemplate and prepare for those end of term events that add so much to our collective experience, not least Speech Day.

In addition, the CCF First Aiders have had a very successful training weekend at school. Perhaps, however, it is on the sports field that we are most aware of something of a return to normality.

Competitive fixtures against other schools have resumed, and haven't Lucton teams achieved well!

Also, our horse riders have once again excelled in the Hickstead Qualifier. Well done to all our pupils and staff! Unfortunately, spectators are not yet allowed at school events but we sincerely hope that that will change soon. We cannot wait to welcome our parents back to school, especially now that summer is knocking on the door.

On that note, we are aware that COVID regulations and the need to avoid any unnecessary social interaction has prevented us from mixing as freely with parents as we should like. It is also likely that many parents have wished to

Speak with us personally about ideas or concerns, but have not felt it right to do so face-to-face in lockdown. Now that we are returning to something approaching normality, please do feel as though you can come into school to speak with us in person about any matter pertinent to the school in general or your children's education in particular.

We have welcomed our new Bursar, Mr Simon Jones to the school this week. He, too, is very keen to meet everyone, although he will clearly appreciate a little time to settle in! We wish him every happiness and success at Lucton.

In one final variation on our theme of "a return to normality", please note that from Monday mask-wearing in schools ceases. This is a very welcome step on our route out of lockdown, but we are acutely aware that we cannot become complacent. The pupils will still go about their business in school in bubbles, and everyone will endeavour to maintain social distancing and correct hand hygiene. To that end, students need to continue to wear masks where bubbles might mix – for example, on our school buses.

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

Prep School



If you have ever heard of the Magic School Bus series with Miss Frizzle, then you would have recognised Year 1's assembly, last Friday.

Ms Chapman used the series as a template and then took Year 1 (and us) on a magical tour of a world of books. The Magic Lucton Bus was about to crash into the Scholastic Van bringing our Book Fair. One push of the Red Button and the bus and all the children were made as thin as paper and whisked into the van and so, into the books. From there each group 'fell' into: Room on a Broom, Fantastic Mr Fox,

Stick Man, Owl Babies, Winnie the Pooh and Meg's Eggs (a Lucton author). We were also transported with them as the books 'came alive'. Well done Year 1, a super performance and a wonderful reminder of how books can transport us into other worlds.

Friday also saw the Prep School Leadership Team in place with our Form Captains, House Captains and Head Girls. Our School Council is extremely important as we hear the views from the children. In fact, the minutes from the meeting are read in each class and also at the

staff meeting. Where possible, we try and meet their wishes but we also have to disappoint; unfortunately, we are not having a sweet shop and we won't change the uniform to own clothes either! But, we will get some skipping ropes and hoops and restock the reading scheme and, and, and...the School Council meets every two weeks under the stewardship of Mr Warren.

Meanwhile, a quick journey through some of our topics. Reception's topic is Water and through that they learn cooperation, capacity and how not to get too wet!

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Year 1 is going into space – which is quite a change from the Victorians last term, and Year 2 are 'Beside the Sea'. These topics allow the children to explore geography, history, art and so on. From Year 3 these subjects become more specialised: Year 3 are finishing off the Rainforest (geography) and have moved from 'pre-history' to the Ancient Egyptians (history). Year 4 are exploring France (geography) and coming to end of the Roman Empire (always a little confusing how Octavian changes into Augustus and why Mark Antony was in Egypt with Cleopatra). Year 5 are delving into the USA (not the politics!) and learning about Viking life

and religion – Thor, Loki, et al. The problem is trying to divorce the Marvel films from the Viking myths and legends. Peter Pan gathers apace: costumes are being sorted and backdrops are being planned. The songs are now much more in tune and quite a few of the children have learnt all their lines. They are now learning how to act as per the script rather than what they would like to do.

Next week we are holding our first proper sporting event for this year: an Aquathlon. An Aquathlon is a swim followed by a run. We have decided that we will race all the children from Reception to Year 5. Reception to Year

2 will swim widths and Years 3 - 5 will swim lengths. Once the swim is done they walk to the Sports Hall where they put on their trainers and a sports shirt before running to the field and around it. Again, the distances will be different for different age groups. It is great fun and the children will be very excited. At present, Covid regulations don't allow us to have spectators. But Covid regulations change swiftly, so keep your fingers crossed. And with that, we come to the end of another week. Where is the time going?

Mr Bicker-Caarten, Head of Prep School

Elsewhere in the Prep..

Ben (Year 4) is part of the Shrewsbury Town FC Development Squad.

On Monday he played at the ground. He had an excellent match scoring a goal from a volley which clearly explains his footballing skills on the playground! Well done Ben.



Middle School

It is lovely to see students being able to focus on other aspects of school life this week.

To give a snapshot, Year 6 have started a fantastic new poetry project (see article below). In Year 7 swimming, the focus has been learning about lengthening arm reach in butterfly.

In Year 8, CCF cadets have been looking at weapon handling and learning how to check if their weapon is loaded or not – a very important aspect of weapon handling!

Cricket is certainly becoming the real focus in sport at the moment and it is great to see both girls and boys really enjoying our traditional English summer game.

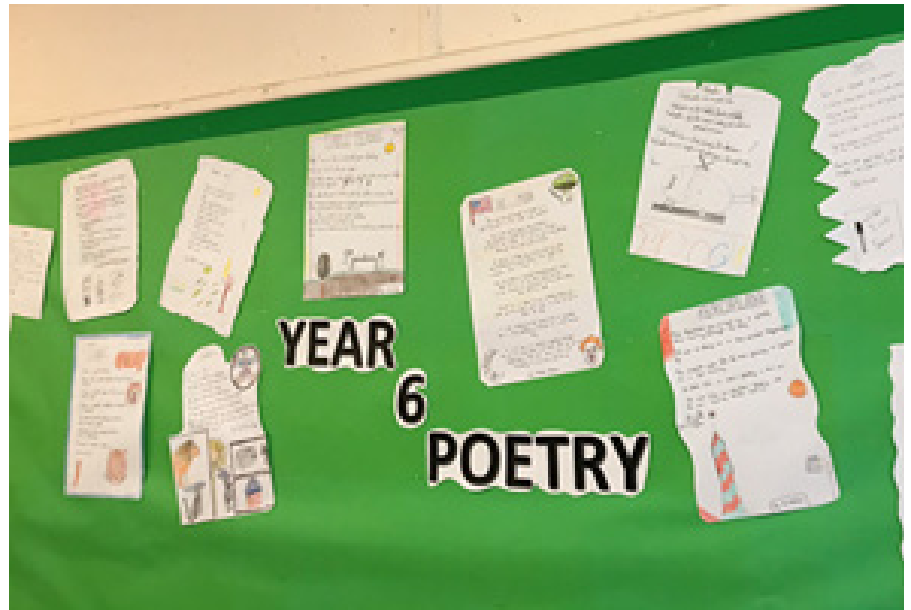
In fact, Year 8 girls are entered for a tournament next Monday, which they are hugely looking forward to! Let see if they can match the success of the boys!

Mrs Bassett, Head of Middle School

Year 6

Year 6 have started a new topic: Poetry!

We started off looking at simile poems and the pupils have created fantastic poems about helicopters, pens, lions, tigers and much more!



Each week we will be studying a different style of poem and the pupils will create a display piece and add it to the board. They have already finished and put up their ideas from this week as can be seen in the picture. Lots of fun with poetry will be had in the following weeks and the board will be jam-packed with imaginative and interesting poems by Year 6!

Fingers crossed the weather will pick up and we can go outside to find inspiration, too!

Miss Cockburn

Lucton Records Lullaby

Lucton musicians throughout the school have once again joined together for a massed lockdown project.

Following the arrival of Lolo, I wrote a lullaby on Christina Rossetti's poem 'Holy Innocents'.

Mr Rogers has very kindly recorded it and the project has been finished. Mr Rogers took the opportunity to explore possibilities of putting songs on iTunes/Apple Music/Spotify, so the song is available for a very reasonable price of 79p!

The majority of moneys made will go to charity, so please go on to the link to download! Thanks very much to everyone for their great performances.

<https://music.apple.com/gb/album/holy-innocents-single/1566837482>

Mr Wall, Director of Music

Senior School

The Senior School continues to work hard and concentrate on learning from the exams.

Reflection is such an important skill for everyone. Please encourage your child to look at positives as much as the negatives! The beauty of exams and assessments is that it helps us to focus on areas where we can improve!

Lunchtime strolls leads to epic discovery!

On Monday, Mr Lyden - an experienced and keen-eyed nature watcher - spotted and photographed an interesting moth at the edge of the wood, next to the school's car park.

Having reported his sighting, it turned out to be a male *Incurvaria masculella* (the Feathered Leaf-cutter or Feathered Bright). Mr Lyden was then fascinated to hear that was only the 27th recorded sighting of this particular species in Herefordshire since 1800!

Moreover, it has never been recorded in our 10km square before, with closest sightings at Leominster in 1892 and Kimbolton in 1887. Clearly this very rare moth appreciates the special atmosphere at Lucton!

Mrs Berry

This week in Year 10 EAL we have started a project about animals under threat. We have explored issues globally but will be focusing our project on making students around the school more aware on how we can change locally. Combined with our previous lessons on future tense we hope to present some interesting posters and displays.



Wellbeing

Lucton School has been recognising the importance of mental health, this week.

Tutor groups have been looking the Mental Health Foundation's resources for Mental Health Awareness

This project seeks to give the international students more connection to their surroundings and taking advantage of their experiences here in the UK.

Mrs Goode, Head of Senior School

Week. This is an annual event to help everyone in the UK focus on achieving good mental health. Each year there is a theme; this year it is linking to Nature. We are very fortunate at Lucton to have wonderful access to the outdoors! As we come out of lockdown the full impact on our mental health is becoming apparent and this week allows everyone to have a chance to talk about any aspect of mental health they wish to discuss.

The Mental Health Foundation resources can be found at <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/faqs>

The Government also has a site for helpful resources should you need them: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>

Mrs Goode

CCF

Saturday, 8th May, saw a number of Lucton School CCF, Year 10 students complete the final stages of their St John Ambulance Youth First Aid award.

This award was started during lockdown with some of the theory elements being delivered on-line, via Teams. The Saturday morning started with a whistle-stop recap on all the training that we have covered; this included treating casualties with severe injuries and conditions, ranging from heart attacks, strokes to nose bleeds, amputated limbs and choking, along with just about everything inbetween.

The afternoon saw all the students complete a written test before dealing with five much anticipated scenarios. These included a simulated

heart attack where the students were tested on the CPR skills and the use of the defibrillator; treating a gunshot wound that was bleeding severely; dealing with a casualty that had an open fracture of their leg, as well as a casualty that was suffering from anaphylactic shock and a casualty that had suffered severe burns.

All the cadets demonstrated some excellent first aid skills, they remained calm and were confident in their actions, and for the first time, every one of them remembered to call for an ambulance!

All 15 of the Cadets that attended the course passed and have gained the skills needed to enable them to potentially save someone's life.

Well done to Yara J who had the highest combined score of the day with 212 points. This was closely followed by Cpl Nathan T-W with a score of 205 points.

A massive thank you to some other students who gave up their Saturday to run and mark the scenarios: Cpl Morgan F, Cpl Kian H, Cpl Sameer R, Cpl Tiphany W, Cpl Tom W and L/Cpl Archie A.

Furthermore, none of these scenarios could have happened without the following students who played some very realistic casualties: L/Cpl Fremah B, L/Cpl Eve C-W, L/Cpl Sophie C and CDT Elodie A.

**Major Craig Derrigan,
Contingent Commander**



Sixth Form



It has been a jam-packed week here in the Sixth Form, with an array of internal and external events taking place.

I had the pleasure of taking the Senior Football Team to Hereford (see the sports section for the match report) and not only did we win, but the Sixth Formers were exemplary in their behaviour and sportsmanlike throughout, even getting a commendation from the referee!

Aside from football, Harri has re-started his training with Luctonians and represented the Colts in a 50-13 victory over Ledbury (see pics). Meanwhile, Amelia-Sky has undertaken further training in her capacity as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, with

specific focus on formal procedures and army etiquette. Matthew has begun a research study project into COVID in conjunction with Hereford Hospital, and it is fantastic to hear that his name will appear on the final paper. If all that wasn't enough, Megan found time to pass her driving test, whilst Reubens has been able to take on a small side-job as experience of the world of work. All these things are so good to hear, and show how willing and able our Sixth Formers are.

Within school, we have just received our Senior Prefect applications and are pouring over those now. We are delighted with the style and manner of the applications and feel confident that the

new Senior Prefect team will take over seamlessly from the outgoing team, and that they will prove to be just as effective as their predecessors, despite the very high standard of leadership that has been set in the past. Furthermore, the Year 11s staying on have now handed in their subject option choices as Mr Goode hammers



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away at next year's timetable.

Indeed, staying with thoughts of next year, our assemblies this term are focussed on 'The Future' and what that entails. We are looking at this through different perspectives and this should be apparent in

the latest edition of The Sixth Sense, which is currently being worked on too.

With only a couple of weeks to go before all the Year 13 assessment materials are gathered up and Year 12 exams begin, it is fair to

say that we have all been extremely busy in the Sixth Form; the message now is very much to maintain focus!

Mr Wolstenholme

Sport

Dodging the squally showers while doing both intermittent training trips to the crossroads, as well as work on building stamina, proved to be the 'in' sports of the week.

We have tried to stay off Holland (an area of boulder clay, now somewhat saturated, to avoid damaging the cricket outfield.

Fortunately, the sun shone enough to evaporate the 12 o'clock shower and a cricket match went ahead for the U15s. The Sixth Form girls, meanwhile, pitted their rounders skills against the Year 11s, only to be thwarted by Catherine's excellent batting.

Mrs C put the Year 9 and 10 girls through their paces on the netball court, as they worked on improving defensive skills, whilst the Middle School girls honed their cricket skills for next Monday's U13 Lady Taveners Tournament. Mr Connop, who engaged the Year 11 boys in the Sports Hall with some cricket drills, was

pleased with their batting and bowling progress, so let's hope their match goes ahead next week.

Lunchtime training sessions have been going well and it's great to see so many pupils making the most of the opportunities to improve their skill level in all sports. Given this week's positive results on the cricket and football fields, all the hard work is beginning to pay off!

Mrs Connop, Director of Sport

Lucton First XI 4 - 2 Hereford and Ludlow College

Wednesday saw a fantastic performance on a very pleasing afternoon for Lucton First XI after a long absence from competitive fixtures.

After finally finding our way to Hereford and Ludlow's football ground, Lucton ran out 4-2 winners in a compelling fixture. With Aaron, Forbes and

Angus all leading by example as the more senior players, the younger members of the squad took the game by the scruff of the neck.

Dami was fantastic in his role as a bucaneeing box-to-box midfielder, causing headaches for the opposition throughout. Kian, Archie and Finn provided a solid platform at the back, and grew in confidence and stature as the game went on.

Underpinning the defensive solidity was Reubens, who was imperious in his usual calm manner, whilst Alex also eased nerves with a fantastic flying stop to deny Hereford and Ludlow College early on. From then on, it was Lucton that poured forward, and were rewarded with a 2-0 half time lead thanks to great individual goals from Dami and Jack.

Despite an early second-half wobble, Jack's constant harrying earned another goal and then Aaron wrapped up the scoring with a late penalty. Despite still having time to concede a penalty, which Alex

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almost saved, Lucton stood firm and can reflect on an excellent performance given the recent lack of previous playing time. A good game all round, and we look forward to the reverse fixture. Man of the Match: Reubens.

Mr Wolstenholme

Equestrian

What a great start to the equestrian competition season for Lucton School!

Last weekend, we attended the NSEA Hickstead Qualifier Eventer Challenge at King's Equestrian. Starting off the day with the 50cm Grassroots class was Ted R on Georgia coming 2nd and Henry H on Rosie coming 3rd. The 60cm Grassroots class was a qualifier for the Championships being held later in the year at King's. Ted R did a fabulous clear round to win the class, with Henry H coming 3rd. Very well done, boys!

Later in the day were the much anticipated Hickstead qualifier classes. The Lucton School Equestrian Team didn't disappoint. The 75cm team of Freya L on Conker, Oliver D on Bobby, Amelia J on Brit and Hannah L on her new young horse Bluebelle came in a very respectable 3rd. Amelia also came individually 1st and they all qualified for Hickstead.

Not to be outdone, the 85cm

team excelled by winning their class! Sophie D on Cloud, George J on Cleo, Freya L and Amelia all did super rounds, and Amelia secured another individual place of 4th. Once again, all qualified for Hickstead. Well done, everyone!

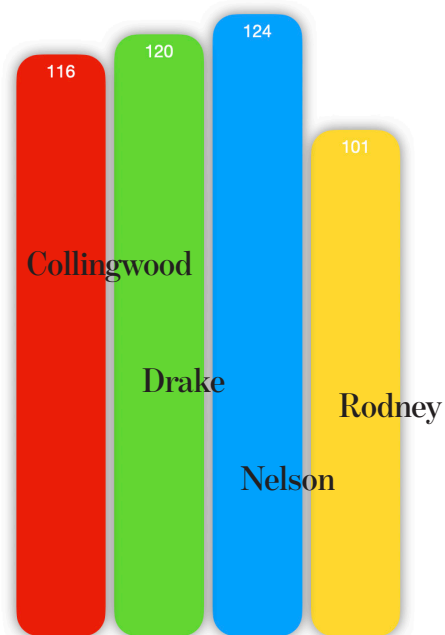
We couldn't have asked for a better start to the season and are looking forward to many more events!

Mrs Lawry





House Merit Totals



*Numbers accurate 7th May 2021

THE FRIENDS OF LUCTON SCHOOL

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Ice Cream Fridays

Ice Lollies - £1 each
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