



October 2018

**W**elcome to the October edition of the Newsletter!

I would like to thank all of the students who helped in any way with our **Open Evening** on 20th September. With 800 parents and pupils visiting the site, we were very grateful to the 250 Lytchett students who kindly volunteered to help out as car parking attendants, tour guides and classroom assistants. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school. The feedback from parents and other visitors was very positive.



For those of you who have been keenly awaiting the opportunity to buy tickets for the school's forthcoming production of '**Les Misérables**', I am pleased to announce that the wait is over! Tickets go on sale on WisePay on Tuesday 2nd October for the four performances on 17th, 18th and 19th October. We are anticipating that the shows will sell out very quickly so please do not delay to avoid disappointment.

To buy tickets please follow the links from the front page of our website ('Log ins / Online payments / WisePay log-in / Seat and Event bookings / 'Les Misérables'). This year we are putting on an additional matinée performance on Wednesday 17th October for those parents and grandparents who are unable to make the evening performances. Like last year, the final performance on Friday 19th October will be a black tie event.

The **Sunken Garden / Outside Seating Area** project (sponsored by our wonderful PTA) will be open to students later this week. This represents the end of Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 (including the laying of the personalised brick path and the planting of the flowers and bushes) will start later this year. We believe this will be a great facility for students; one that will allow them to relax, socialise and enjoy the stunning views across the site and over to the bay. Student wellbeing remains a very high priority for us!

I hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter. It contains useful information about the school and accounts of our students' amazing achievements both in and outside of school. I would particularly like to recommend you have a read of two heart-warming stories about two very brave and thoughtful Year 9 students, Lucy and Tristan (on Page 4). Their actions epitomise **positive Lytchett values**.

Andrew Mead  
Headmaster



# Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated as September's Student of the Month:

English



Jeffery Carr  
Year 11

Maths



Ben Tinsdale  
Year 13

Geography



Maddy Spring  
Year 11

Music



Amelie Vivian  
Year 9

Food Tech



Mia Longhurst  
Year 9

MFL



Holly Buik  
Year 9

Psychology



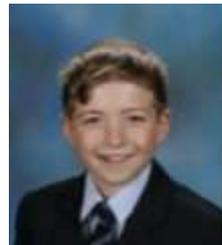
Grace McGee  
Year 11

P.R.E.



Zoe Clark  
Year 11

Computing



Ben Sutton  
Year 8

PE



Bevin-mae White  
Year 10

Business



Alex Haranin  
Year 11

Drama



Thomas Pagett  
Year 12

Graphics



Jack Heath-Smith  
Year 11

D&T



Tom Cluett  
Year 10

History



Lewis Applin  
Year 10

Science



Michaela Smith  
Year 7

Biology



Jaiden Cooper  
Year 7

Physics



Samuel Richman  
Year 10

Chemistry

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Esme Morris  
Year 13

Dance



Molly Bugler  
Year 13

Art



Poppy Stratman  
Year 10

Aggl estone

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J Clark  
Year 8

Gaul t



Alice Lally  
Year 11

Kimmeridge



Hayden Jones  
Year 8

Purbeck

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available

Lucy Haslett  
Year 11

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Eve Stickland  
Year 10

Portl and



Henry Watson  
Year 7

Sixth Form



Rose Painter  
Year 12

## PTA News

### Join the Team

Lytchett Minster School has a very friendly and lively PTA Team. The team are always keen to recruit new members who are willing to join the committee and help out at events. If you would like to find out more, please contact Louise Christopher (Chair of the PTA) at [louise.christopher@sky.com](mailto:louise.christopher@sky.com)

### The PTA Secondhand Uniform Shop

The PTA Secondhand Uniform shop will be open on **Friday 5th October**. Please come to main school reception between **3.30 and 4.00 pm**. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition that you wish to donate please send this in to main school reception, marked for the attention of the PTA.

## Positive Lytchett Values



On Thursday evening **Lucy Etches** (Year 9 Portland) was walking home from school when she came across a distressed old lady sat in her mobility scooter. She asked if she was okay. It turned out that the lady who had suffered a bereavement that morning was on the way to visit a friend when her scooter broke down. Seeing the stranded old lady in such a state, Lucy very kindly agreed to push the lady in her mobility scooter all the way to the friend's house - along with the lady's dog! This was a very generous and selfless act. We are very proud of Lucy!

**Tristan Nairn** (Year 9 Agglestone) was visiting his great grandmother recently when the 78 year old slipped and fell in the kitchen, striking her head as she fell, causing a significant loss of blood.

Remembering all he had learnt from a recent First Aid course he had taken at school, Tristan remained calm, told her not to try to get up, encouraged her to raise herself into a sitting position, gave her a towel and asked her to apply pressure on the wound while he rang 999 and asked for an ambulance. When the paramedics arrived, they commended Tristan for his exemplary response.

His great grandmother (who has since made a good recovery) was so impressed with the actions of her great grandson that she wrote to the headmaster, thanking him for the opportunity to learn First Aid at the school. Tristan's quick thinking saved her life.



Well done to **Bevin-mae White** (Year 10) who has been attending various events in her role as High Sheriff Cadet. We recently received a letter from the High Sheriff of Dorset, Mrs Jacqueline Swift. Mrs Swift wanted to let us know how impressed she was with Bevin-mae, who had helped her in her role as fire service cadet. She said she was punctual, smart, friendly, mature and 'prepared to work'.



Congratulations to **Dylan Townley** (Year 12) who recently competed in a 70 Mile cycle race across the Purbecks covering an elevation gain of 4494 ft. The event - Bike4Bart - was a sponsored race and Dylan raised an impressive has raised £365 for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation. The money raised will be used to increase accessibility to sailing for those with disabilities.



## Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Pippa Barnard** (Year 12) who, along with her Dragon Boating team, competed in the European Championships in Brandenburg, Germany. The competition was held over 4 days the GB team came away with 3 Bronze medals: 1 x 500m junior woman's small boat, 1 x 500m mixed boat and 1 x 200m mixed boat. Pippa was in all boats so she brought home all three medals. Well done!

Congratulations to **Josie Spring** (Year 9) who was recently crowned British Champion in the 2018 Trampoline, Tumbling and DMT British Championships.



Congratulations to **Maddy Spring** (Year 11) who recently competed in a Dressage competition at Pontispool in Somerset. Maddy was awarded 4th place with a score beating some of the top event riders in the country. Well done!

Congratulations to **Tom Adams** (Year 9) who was recently crowned English Champion in the Junior Rotax competition. The class age range is 13 to 16 and with speeds nearing 70mph it is a tough class to compete in. In atrocious racing conditions and against some very competitive drivers Tom took the win. Tom is pictured here with his brother Michael his mechanic, a former student of Lytchett Minster School. Tom is also competing in the British Championships and hoping on a top 10 finish out of over 30 drivers .



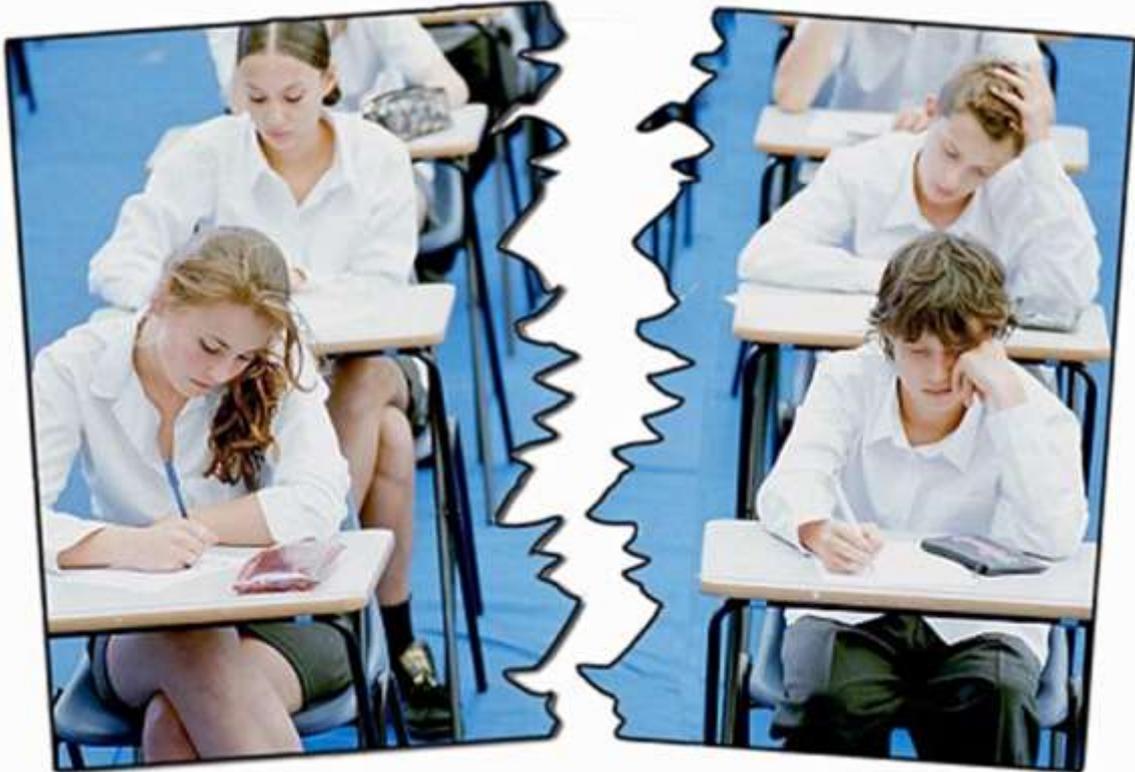
**Jaiden Cooper** (Year 7) is a keen member of the Poole Sea Cadets. He is in the junior section currently, but is due to move up to the senior section shortly. Sea cadets appealed to Jaiden as his dad is in the military, and Jaiden has a keen interest in all things nautical.



Sea Cadets also enables Jaiden to help them as a charity, and raise funds for new equipment. Jaiden also take charge of the troop on a Thursday, showing signs of leadership and teaching. Life skills are also taught, such as basic life saving skills, swimming, and sea rescue.



# Helping boys to achieve their full potential



**7.00pm, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

## **Lytchett Minster School**

Headmaster Andrew Mead

will set out the challenges faced by boys  
and will suggest how parents and school can work  
together to support them more effectively.

The meeting will take place in the Gainsford Theatre.

*(This meeting is for parents/carers only)*

## Sports Presentation Evening



**Volleyball Team**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September over 300 students and parents filled the Gainsford Theatre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lytchett Minster School Sports Presentation Evening. This annual event celebrates the achievements and sporting successes of our students throughout the year. Medals were handed out to performers and trophies for the Most Improved Player and Player of the Year.

Our special trophies went out this year to Chloe Gilbertson and Sophie Read (Volunteers), Elliott Lowman (Junior: Karate), Rhys Harrison (Senior: Golf) and Pippa Barnard (Sports Performance of the Year: Dragon Boat Racing). All of these rewards were well deserved and difficult to choose from. Well done to all performers and we look forward to hearing about your success this year!



**Year 8 Rugby Team**



**Sam Whaley and our Top Volunteers**



**Pippa Barnard  
Top Sportswoman of the Year**

## STEM - Cyber Challenge



26 year 10 Computer Science students from Lytchett Minster School took a day out of the classroom to go to the British Army Camp in Blandford, working with the Royal Signals in a cyber security challenge.

Students from several different schools attended, and were split into teams of 7.

The challenges were exceedingly difficult, with lots of concepts covered that are relevant to GCSE, A-Level and beyond, and it was great to see the students getting stuck in and figuring out how to solve them.

Challenges ranged from steganography – hiding a message within another message - to injection attacks, cryptography, and logic gates. Seeing a student staring at a picture of Zoidberg (a character from Futurama) and wondering how to find the hidden message is amusing, but seeing them manage to find the message is fantastic! (Although it was an image, you could open it in a text editor and read some hidden text inside the image file.)

Team 5 was from Lytchett, with the team name of “Team 10” - I think they’re in the right field. They were leading for most of the day but were unfortunately pipped at the post by another school. They did, however, manage to come in second place, with another Lytchett team securing third.

The day was part of the Year of Engineering and aimed at showcasing STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – and its real-world application and practical uses. Students gained an understanding of the types of things that need to be looked at in cyber security and how messages can be hidden.

Those looking towards careers in cyber security are encouraged to go through GCSE and A-Level Computer Science, but also to maintain an interest outside school. A couple of websites recommended by the soldiers that created the challenge are [OverTheWire.org](http://OverTheWire.org) and [Cybrary.it](http://Cybrary.it), which will give more information on cyber security.

Well done to all the students involved:

Isobel B, Henry B, George B, Sol C, Sam C, Kai C, James C, Ben D, Marley E, Matthew F, Lilly G, Leon H, Lily H, Annie J, Alex J, Rory M, Ryan M, Tyler M, Oscar M, Mark P, Sam R, Henry R, Adam W.



## Conduct Card

Students in Years 7 to 11 have been issued with a Conduct Card, which they need to keep in their top blazer pocket at all times. The purpose of the Conduct Card is to encourage students to behave appropriately between lessons and at break and lunchtime.

Students who epitomise true Lytchett values (e.g. kindness, generosity) by doing something particularly helpful around the school, can be rewarded with a Merit (P+). Students who are caught not wearing their uniform correctly (e.g. not wearing a tie), or dropping litter, using bad language or conducting themselves in an inappropriate way, are given a Negative Referral (N-) and a lunchtime detention.

The Conduct Card is only used for recording issues outside of normal lessons. In lesson time merits and negative referrals are recorded electronically.

*Lytchett Minster School*  
**Conduct Card**

**Student:** .....

**Tutor Group:** .....

		Staff	Date
<b>P (+)</b>	<i>Lytchett values</i>		
	<i>Uniform</i>		
<b>N (-)</b>	<i>Littering</i>		
	<i>Language</i>		
	<i>Attitude</i>		

To discourage students from ‘losing’ their card if they get a negative referral, the sanction for not having the card is the same as if they had received a signature for one of the 4 negatives. As the Card is always to be kept in the front blazer pocket, we see no reason why a student should not have their card with them at all times.

So far we have been impressed with the behaviour and deportment of our students around the school site.

## Governor News

We are delighted to welcome a new governor to the governing body. Here, Lucie Baraclough introduces herself:

**Lucie Baraclough:** I am the parent of Chloe (12) who is in year 8. I grew up in Corfe Mullen but left the area for university and career reasons a number of years ago. Having spent 10 years working in a role that required me to travel internationally extensively, I returned to the area 8 years ago to bring my daughter up close to family and the sea! My career history is primarily in European Human Resources roles and I have worked for many organisations including, French Railways, the BBC, Accenture and currently Barclays in Poole. My current role involves me partnering with senior leaders and helping them develop their people strategies and ensuring that there is a focus on developing talent and succession capability. For the last 5 years I have been the Chair of Sandmartins After School and Holiday Club based at Sandford Primary school to ensure that working parents had affordable and quality after school care.

Chloe and I enjoy sailing and are members of Poole Yacht club and I have also sung for a number of years with a local band (although am currently taking a break!).

# Student Safety (letter to parents from SUSTRANS)

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the start of the new school year, we would like to remind everyone about the benefits of cycling, walking or scooting to school. Travelling actively can:

- improve both mental and physical health through physical activity
- promote independence and improve safety awareness
- reduce congestion, noise and pollution in the community
- reduce the environmental impact of the journey to school



## **Sustrans has the following tips to help people stay safe when cycling:**

- make sure your bike fits properly and that it is roadworthy
- helmets are particularly recommended for young children. Ultimately, wearing a helmet is a question of individual choice and parents need to make that choice for their children
- follow the Highway Code and teach children road safety and awareness

## **Road safety rules:**

- obey traffic lights at all times
- only cycle on pavements if they are signed cycle paths
- signal clearly when turning
- ride in a position where you can see and be seen
- make eye contact with other road users, especially at junctions, then you know they've seen you
- when riding in the dark always use a working white front light and red back light, plus a red rear reflector - it's the law!

## **If you're cycling on shared paths with people walking, in wheelchairs or on horses:**

- don't go too fast - it can intimidate others
- use your bell or speak politely to let others know you are approaching, but don't assume they can hear or see you
- give way to others and always be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary;
- keep left or on your side of any dividing line
- be especially careful at junctions, bends or entrances

Cycling and scooting is an excellent way for young people to travel to school, as it is good for their health, helps them be better learners and is good for the environment. When more people walk, cycle and scoot to school, the neighbourhood becomes a quieter, safer and less congested place. Finally, look out for information about more cycling events coming your way throughout this school year.

**Jonathan Dixon and Daniel Hipkiss (Sustrans Bike It Officers for Dorset)**

## Internet Safety

We are aware of various Apps that some of our students have been using and which parents are concerned about. Please take the time to talk to your children about the apps that they are using. Having open and regular conversations with your child will enable you to really understand and explore the online world together, helping you to keep them safe online.

The Monkey App is an online video chat app in which users are randomly matched with other users for a brief, introductory video call. The App requires users to be age 12+



Have a real conversation with your child about the potential of seeing body parts or other unsightly things on this app. Remind them of the problem of connecting with random people online. There are always people who will lie about their age or their gender in order to connect with someone they'd like to prey on.

Omegle is a social networking website that allows users to chat in a one-to-one audio or video conversation with a random stranger. The Omegle website states 'Do not use Omegle if you are under 13. If you are under 18, use it only with a parent/guardian's permission.'

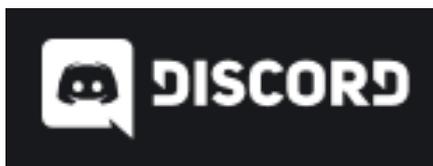


There are no safeguards in place to prevent underage users and therefore children using the app are likely to be exposed to inappropriate content. This site is the kind of app where online predators are likely to exist.

**Both the Monkey and Omegle sites display warnings that 'predators use these sites.'**

Discord is a voice, video and text chat app for gamers aged 13+.

There is the potential for your child to be bullied or exposed to inappropriate content. Indeed we have heard that some users are using the app to make particularly unpleasant comments about fellow students.



Have a conversation with your child about security concerns - you don't want them chatting or sharing any information with strangers. This includes friends-of-friends they have never met. Clearly define your expectations of "safe use" of this app, and the consequences of colouring outside the lines of those expectations; such as, removing the app from their device and possibly a loss of screens for a day or two.

## Reminders

### Musical Instrument and Vocal lessons

Musical instrument and vocal lesson timetables are displayed on the music notice board outside room 52, and on the 'News' section of the school website.

It is not too late to start instrumental and vocal lessons - application forms can be collected from a music teacher, or downloaded from the school website.



### Musical Instrument Insurance:

Please be aware that the school's insurance policy does not cover students' personal belongings. Please check that any valuable musical instruments are covered under your household insurance for use in school.

## Piercings

Our Uniform Policy is quite clear about earrings and other piercings:

- Students may wear no more than one ear stud (small, or flush fitting) in each ear.
- Other body piercing studs, rings, etc, including on the face and in the mouth, must not be worn to school under any circumstances.
- Piercings that require a ring, retainer or object to remain in place whilst the site heals are not acceptable during school sessions.
- Stretcher piercings are forbidden in school.

Students failing to comply with our uniform rules will be expected to remove the piercing immediately before they will be permitted to attend normal lessons.

## Road Safety

### PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO CYCLE INTO SCHOOL

Please ensure your child is wearing a cycle helmet! We have had a number of incidents recently involving students not wearing a helmet.

Your co-operation with this would be much appreciated.



Parking on-site, particularly at peak times, can be problematic. Please could I ask you not to block in parked cars whilst waiting to collect your child. It may be wise to arrange to meet your child somewhere offsite to avoid the traffic congestion. Please could I also ask you to refrain from entering the car park in front of the Manor House as this is used by students as a main thoroughfare and there have been some near misses!

## Mighty Malachi's Mitochondrial Fund

One of our students has a very poorly brother called **Malachi**. Malachi is a 4 year old boy who has recently been diagnosed with Mitochondrial DNA Depletion Syndrome (MDS). MDS is a rare genetic disease but one that seems to be growing and doctors have no idea why. There is currently no cure and no treatment.

Malachi spends about 3 days a week in and out of hospital undergoing blood tests, seeing cardiologists, neurologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Malachi has a global development delay resulting in quite a language delay and he struggles to make friends. **Malachi's family would like to raise money for a service dog for him.** Not only will the dog be a great friend for him, but it will also keep him safe and as his disease progresses it will be trained to help him in his daily life.



For more information and if you would like to make a donation, please visit the family's fundraising page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/5jg9ork>



### Corfe Mullen United Juniors Under 12s

#### YOUTH PLAYERS WANTED

We are a dedicated and friendly team, whose philosophy is to provide a healthy, fun environment for young people to play Football and develop their skills. We promote equal opportunities and game time.

We are looking to recruit new players for this season (2018/2019) in the Bournemouth League.

If you would like to come along and try out (free trial) we are training every Saturday morning at Corfe Mullen Rec, BH21 3HU between 9:30 and 11am, our matches are played on Sundays.

If you are currently in Year 7 and are interested in coming along, just turn up on Saturday morning, alternatively please contact:

Gary Charlton – Team Manager  
Tel 07810 867484 or email [gc.cablequy638@btinternet.com](mailto:gc.cablequy638@btinternet.com)

or

Jo Merrifield Webb – Club Secretary  
Tel 07793 966569 or email [joanne.merrifield89@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.merrifield89@gmail.com)

<http://www.corfemullenunited.co.uk/>

## Sunken Garden Project



It has been a long and frustrating wait, but the first phase of the Sunken Garden / Outside Seating Area project is nearing completion. The old swimming pool has now been filled in and the brick flooring laid. Chairs and tables, seating up to 60 students are being installed. This will allow students to relax and eat their sandwiches at break and lunchtimes under a very attractive wave-shaped canopy. In the summer term we also plan to use the covered area as an outside classroom and also an outdoor performing area.

Phase 2 of the project will commence later in the year and will include the planting of flowers and bushes around the covered area and the laying of a brick path (personalised with the names of students, parents, staff and governors) which will allow students to access the Garden from the MSH building. If you have not yet bought your personalised brick, please log onto the school's Wisepay page and make your purchase.



## Leave your mark at Lytchett Minster School!

As part of our Sunken Garden/Outside Eating Area project, our landscape architect, Nick William-Ellis, has designed a floor surface made up entirely of bricks – engraved with the names of students/parent/staff/governors of Lytchett Minster School on them.

We are offering parents, students, staff and governors the chance to buy a brick with their name engraved upon it. This could be a lasting reminder of your involvement with the school. You can buy a brick with your name on it for £15. The maximum number of lines permitted is two, with a maximum number of sixteen characters per line:

e.g.

The Smith  
Family

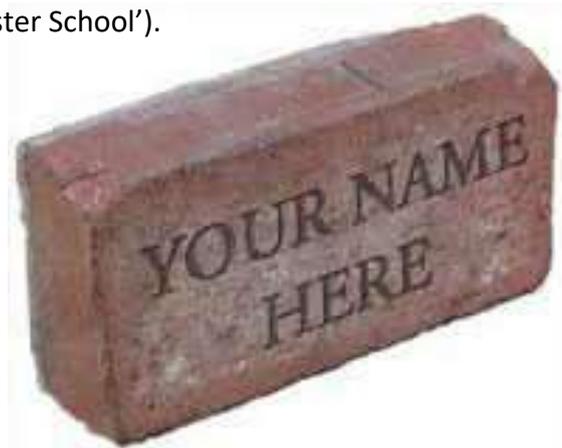
Thomas and  
Sarah Smith

Thomas Smith  
Year 7 2017

If you would like to order your personalised brick(s), please go onto our WisePay page on our website, and write the names of the people you would like engraved on it. If you don't have access to WisePay, cheques will also be accepted (made payable to 'Lytchett Minster School').

### Please remember:

- £15 per brick
- Two lines maximum
- A maximum of 16 characters per line
- Maximum of 10 bricks per family





# Lytchett Lecture Series

*Inspire, Challenge, Enthuse*

## **'Hubble Space Telescope'**

*Thursday 8th November, 6.00pm:*

*Professor Christian Knigge, Astronomy Department,  
Southampton University*



## **'The Nature of Consciousness'**

*Wednesday 21st November, 6.00pm:*

*Dr Guy Sutton,  
University of Nottingham Medical School*

## **'Brexit and British Politics'**

*Thursday 29th November, 6.00pm:*

*Dr Jasper Miles*



All lectures are free of charge and held in the Theatre.

Lectures are open to students, parents and the wider school community.

Places are limited so please reserve your seat by booking  
through Wisepay or email: [parkers@lytchett.org.uk](mailto:parkers@lytchett.org.uk)

## Important Dates

*Monday 1st October (7.00pm-8.00pm, Venue: Theatre): 'Helping boys to achieve their full potential' workshop (parents only)*

*Thursday 4th October (6.00pm): Year 10 Information Evening*

*Friday 5th October: Crazy Sock Day*

*Monday 8th October (4.00—6.00pm, in House areas): Year 7 Parents' Meeting*

*Thursday 11th October (2.00pm - 5.00pm): Careers Fair*

*Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th October: School Production - Les Misérables*

*Friday 12th October: Year 13 Progress Reports go home*

*Friday 19th October: Year 11 and Year 12 Progress Reports go home*

*Monday 22nd until Friday 26th October: Half term*

*Thursday 1st November (6.30pm-8.30pm): Sixth Form Open Evening*

*Friday 2nd November: Year 7 Reports and Year 10 Progress Reports go home*

*Thursday 8th November (6.00pm-7.00pm, Venue: Theatre): Lytchett Lecture: 'The Hubble Telescope'*

*Wednesday 21st November (6.00pm-7.00pm, Venue: Theatre): Lytchett Lecture: 'The Nature of Consciousness'*

*Friday 23rd November: Year 8 Progress Reports go home*

*Wednesday 29th November (6.00pm-7.00pm, Venue: Theatre): Lytchett Lecture: 'British Politics and Brexit'*



## Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

We are delighted to be able to offering a fantastic variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities for the Autumn term.

A full list of the lunchtime and after school clubs can be found on our website:

<http://www.lytchett.org.uk/wp/information/extra-curricular-activities/>