



March 2019

Welcome to the March edition of the Newsletter!

There is much to celebrate:

We were delighted to learn that Lytchett will be over-subscribed again next year with 328 first choice applications (594 in total, including second and third choices) for the 260 Year 7 places available. Applications to the sixth form have also reached their highest ever, with 220 choosing Lytchett for their post-16 education, an increase in 25% from last year. The number of applications from external students alone was 65 (an increase of 67%).



We enjoyed great success in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition (page 4), achieving 2nd and 3rd place in the advanced and intermediate categories. It was very pleasing to see our students mastering the art of public speaking. They spoke with great confidence and eloquence.

There has also been more sporting success. Our Year 10 girls performed magnificently in the PEDSSA netball competition, only losing in the final to Canford School by 2 points. They now qualify for the national schools' tournament. We wish these talented sportswomen every success!

The Ski Trip 2019 in Italy was a great success. My thanks to Mr Jeffs, Mrs Collingwood, Mr Douglas and Mrs Ryall for giving up their half term holiday to accompany the students. A level PRE students also had a fabulous trip to Rome. My thanks to Mrs McGee, Mrs McCarthy and Mr Tettenborn for running this trip.

Year 11 students will be taking their second set of GCSE mocks this month, hopefully consolidating what they learnt from the practice exams they took back in November. Let's hope that the saying 'practice makes perfect' holds true for our Year 11s!

In addition to sharing some of the exciting news of student achievements and student activities, this newsletter also contains important information about plans to develop our own Learning Centre (page 8), a forthcoming workshop for parents who may be concerned about the impact of social media on their children (page 6), and the roll-out of our pet therapy programme.

Winter is receding and spring is in the air. We all say hurray to that!

Andrew Mead
Headmaster



Student of the Month

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

English	Maths	Geography	Music	Food Tech
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Taylor-Jay Pannell Year 8	Tom Rawlings Year 10	James Packham Year 7	Rebecca Tucker Year 10	Isabelle Baker-Homes Year 10
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Sophie Junnier Year 9	Robyn Stark Year 12	Joshua Critchell Year 8	Ender Locke Year 11	Mia Case Year 7
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Matt Robinson Year 11	Rhianna Derham Year 11	Josh Stevens Year 11	Jordan Wayman Year 13	Alana Laws Year 10
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Mikolaj Daron Year 10	Hegan Burns Year 8	Amy Wright Year 8		

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Zoe Trigg
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Brandon Bevis
Year 10

Lucy Mills
Year 7

Ollie Ashton
Year 10

Megan Battell
Sixth Form

Community Event



Sat 4th May 2019
10:00 - 16:00

LYTCHETT MINSTER BH16 6AP
Entry: Over 12s - £3.50 • www.venfest.org

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Congratulations to the following 3 teams of students on their outstanding performances at the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition, held at Bournemouth School for Girls on 5th February:



The intermediate team placed 3rd in their category with the topic,

"The pros and cons of Euthanasia"

Chairperson: **Mary Painter**

Speaker: **Dante Harwood**

Vote of Thanks: **Lucy Haynes**

Senior team B placed 2nd in their category with the topic,

"The significance of the Monarchy in the 21st Century"

Chairperson: **Ella Wilson**

Speaker: **Rose Painter**

Vote of Thanks: **Luiza Quinn**



Senior team A were complimented by the judges on their composure and choice of topic,

"Is the idea of charity flawed"

Chairperson: **Lily Howard**

Speaker: **Poppy Stratman**

Vote of Thanks: **Erin Wilkinson**



A massive thank you to Mrs Way (teacher of History) for preparing the students for this competition.

Post-16 Performance Tables 2018 — Academic Qualifications

Congratulations to our students, our Sixth Form team and our teachers who achieved a stunning set of results in A levels and BTECs last year. As you will see below, we compare very well to other local sixth forms and colleges. Students at Lytchett make fantastic progress!

School or college name	Type of school or college	Number of students with an academic exam entry	Progress score & description	Average result		Students completing their main study programme
				Grade	Point score	
Lytchett Minster School Remove	Maintained School	115	Above average 0.20	B-	35.79	Published in March 2019
The Purbeck School Remove	Maintained School	86	Above average 0.19	C	28.42	Published in March 2019
Ferndown Upper School Remove	Maintained School	82	Above average 0.18	C	29.63	Published in March 2019
The Thomas Hardy School Remove	Academy	422	Above average 0.18	C+	34.85	Published in March 2019
Poole Grammar School Remove	Academy	155	Above average 0.16	B	39.19	Published in March 2019
Corfe Hills School Remove	Academy	165	Average 0.07	C-	27.28	Published in March 2019
Parkstone Grammar School Remove	Academy	165	Average 0.03	B	39.73	Published in March 2019
Twynham School Remove	Academy	223	Average 0.03	C+	33.38	Published in March 2019
Poole High School Remove	Maintained School	139	Average -0.02	C-	27.57	Published in March 2019
St Edward's Roman Catholic/Church of England School, Poole Remove	Maintained School	82	Average -0.04	C-	27.85	Published in March 2019
Queen Elizabeth's School Remove	Academy	198	Average -0.08	C	29.10	Published in March 2019
The Bournemouth and Poole College Remove	College	126	Below average -0.48	D+	24.01	Published in March 2019

Children and Technology Workshop

Presented by Pat Bate and Liz Clough (Parent Guidance Workshops) in conjunction with Bournemouth University

on Monday 1st April, 5.00-7.00pm

in the Gainsford Theatre

Tickets: £5



To reserve your place on this workshop, book your ticket on WISEPAY

(please note, places are limited)

Workshop Outline:

- How too much screen time can affect children's behaviour, emotions and learning
- How to manage your child's time with their use of technology
- How to change negative behaviour ensuing from technology use and how to break bad habits
- How to effectively use screen time as a family
- How to recognise and support anxiety in your child
- How to ensure that pre-school children develop the 'soft skills' needed to have a positive start to their school life

ALSO: Impact Case Evidence Study and Resources to take away

**Please come along and join us to learn how just small changes
to your child's routines can benefit the whole family**

patricia.bate@ntlworld.com

Important Information for Parents

What the school is doing to keep your child safe from drugs

Drugs wreck lives. The evidence is out there for all to see.

Whilst it is pleasing to hear that alcohol consumption amongst young adults is on the decline, the consumption of illicit drugs amongst young people appears to be on the rise. We have a zero tolerance approach to drugs in school. We work closely with the police to keep our young people safe. We educate our students about the dangers of drugs and we share information with the police that will help them to disrupt the supply chain.

We reserve the right to search students, along with their bags and their lockers, if we have suspicions that they may be in possession of illegal substances. The sanction for bringing drugs into school is a long fixed term exclusion. The sanction for supplying drugs in school to other students is permanent exclusion.

Our approach to students who, for whatever reason, have got themselves into the drugs scene is a balanced, humane one; whilst we actively discourage them from bringing drugs into school, we arrange for them to access professional help and support from agencies such as YADAS (Young Adults Drug and Alcohol Service). If students come to us for help, we will never turn them away.

This month we will be inviting drug-sniffer dogs to come into school. The firm we are using is called K9 Deployment. The dogs and their handlers are trained to the highest level. On the day that the sniffer dogs come into school, students can expect to see them in all parts of the school; in classrooms, corridors, Café, Sixth Form Centre – everywhere. Should a student be found in possession of illicit substances, the normal sanctions will apply.

We understand that drugs wreck lives and we will do all we can to educate them to make the right choices.

Pet Therapy

We take the welfare and wellbeing of our students very seriously. We understand that students respond differently to the various forms of support we have available; some students respond well to counselling (for example), others shy away from it. What is clear is that we have a number of students who find aspects of school life, if not life itself, challenging. The number of students experiencing anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, trauma and bereavement seem to be on the rise.

We have just completed a 12 week trial of pet therapy with a golden retriever from Sunny Oaks . The results have been encouraging. Over the next few months we will be working with Caring Canines, a voluntary pet therapy organisation. The research suggests that people find great comfort from stroking and spending time with a trained pet therapy dog, enabling them to relax and to talk more freely about what is troubling them. In time we hope to have our own trained pet therapy dog up in the SSC, so that we can provide support for students 5 days a week rather than just the present one morning a week.

Important Information for Parents

The Village - Learning Centre

We appreciate that some students find school challenging. For a variety of reasons these students struggle to meet our expectations with regard to behaving appropriately in lessons and around the school site. Whilst we cannot allow this small minority of students to disrupt lessons, we also have a duty of care to ensure that they thrive and make progress. We are not in the business of 'off-rolling' students, as some schools appear to be.

To help disaffected students to get back on track, and to allow other students who want to learn to do just that, we are setting up our own Learning Centre down at the bottom of the site in the building we call the Village. This will start during the summer term. Students who persistently disrupt lessons (getting relocated on a regular basis) will be taught away from their peers for 3 to 6 weeks, experiencing an alternative curriculum (but with a key focus on English and maths). They will only be able to start being reintegrated back into normal lessons, when they have shown that they have made sufficient progress in regulating their own behaviour. The students in the Village will have a different timetable, with slightly different starting and finishing times; their break and lunchtimes will be different from the rest of the school; they will have their lunches brought down to them; they will not have any contact with their peers during the school day.

There will be two members of staff managing this Learning Centre. They are both very experienced in dealing with students with challenging behaviour. We anticipate the number of students being taught down in the Learning Centre at any one time to be no more than six.

We want Lytchett to provide a positive learning environment for all our students. We believe that this new facility will ensure that classes in the main school are free of disruption.

Ex Student Achievements



Ex-Lytchett Student to join the Royal Signals

Josh Morcombe joined the Army in September last year, and passed out from the Army Foundation College at Harrogate last week. He will shortly be commencing his Phase 2 training as a Systems Communications Engineer with the Royal Signals Corps in Blandford.



Ex-Lytchett Student to join the Royal Artillery

On Friday Cameron Bamber passed out of Pirbright Army Training Centre and is now starting his phase 2 training with the Royal Artillery at Larkhill.

Dorset Junior Chess Tournament

This February saw a return of the Dorset Junior Chess Tournament and Lytchett Minster School was able to enter more people than ever with a record 5 entrants:

- Harry Rowbotham – Year 13
- Jack Prosser – Year 12
- Venna Pluempe – Year 12
- Jonathan Nunn – Year 8 (often referred to as John Nunn after the English chess Grandmaster)
- Brodie Scott – Year 8



They competed across 6 rounds against the best from the various schools in the area, some who compete in the local adult leagues.

The standard of chess was very good and special mention to Harry who was in contention for the win to the very end. It has certainly shown the level of chess at Lytchett Minster School and made the other schools worry about facing us in the upcoming schools championships!

It's great to see the depth on show with entrants from year 8 to year 13 all competing, some who have competed before but the majority in their first competitive games. A great deal was learnt by all and hopefully they'll be coming back even stronger next year.

Many thanks to Mr Reghif for overseeing our flourishing Chess Club!

Warning - 'Momo Challenge'



This article from Parent Zone gives an overview of what it's all about. Separate fact from fiction, and learn how to help keep your kids safe here:

<http://bit.ly/2GNACjz>

You may have seen warnings of the 'Momo Challenge' on Facebook and in the media.

It is predominantly a challenge set through WhatsApp, however, we are aware of videos being shared through other sources too, such as YouTube, including KidsTube. It targets children by setting them challenges, which ultimately result in encouraging the children to harm themselves and warns the children to not tell adults and give sinister threats. The BBC have also warned that 'police believe it is clear it is being used by hackers to harvest information.'

Please be extra vigilant and monitor what your children, whatever their age, are looking at on-line.

Ski Trip to Italy



On a February afternoon, 32 students and four members of staff parked up in the school grounds with a vast amount of luggage – huge bags containing skis, boots, pillows, blankets – and, of course, a multitude of snacks. This was all in preparation for 25 hours on a coach to Courmayer in Italy. Mr Jeffs, ably assisted by Miss Collingwood, Mrs Ryall and Mr Douglas, performed a number of head-counts before the time finally arrived to set off. Various films were watched during the journey, which was also punctuated by occasional toilet stops and a very rushed visit to McDonalds – rarely have chicken nuggets been consumed so quickly!

The group caught the evening ferry from Dover and, upon arriving in France, tried to get some sleep as the two capable drivers made the long journey southwards. Our students' behaviour was impeccable throughout. Soon, levels of excitement heightened as the first signs of snow were spotted.

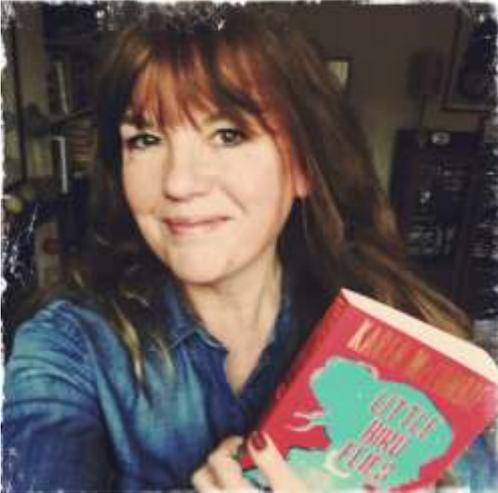
Arrival in Courmayer was earlier than anticipated, and the group went to get their skis and boots fitted. The view of the mountains was spectacular – the students were immediately captivated. The hotel was in Pré-Saint-Didier, a small town on the outskirts of Courmayer; the rooms were all very comfortable and spacious. The students were in groups of twos and threes spread over two floors. Meals were held in the hotel's restaurant – typical European fare of bread, pasta, meat and vegetables.

Progress was exceptional as the week moved on – from nervous snow ploughing to parallel turns and even black runs and moguls for the advanced groups. Time disappeared so rapidly – with shopping, ice cream, crêpes, countless pizzas and finishing the week off with a brilliant karaoke night. Mr Jeffs (“Sir”) and Mr “Dougie Fresh” Douglas kicked off proceedings with *Kingston Town* by Bob Marley and Wailers; the students were amazing – it has to be said that Taylor's rendition of *Supermarket Flowers* by Ed Sheeran reduced some of the party to tears.



Far too soon, the week drew to a close – having enjoyed unbroken bluebird skies the entire time – with the last few runs on the Saturday. Unfortunately, George was involved in a collision with a skier from another group. Mr Jeffs accompanied him to the medical centre where he was swiftly x-rayed, diagnosed with a fractured tibia and put in a full leg cast. However, he remained in good spirits throughout and arrangements were made to fly him home to Bournemouth airport, where he was met by his family. The remaining – very tired – students returned home on the coach, continuing to be a credit to the school for the entire journey. Everyone arrived back at Lytchett just before 1.30pm on the Sunday afternoon, to be met by Mr Jeffs who had made it back slightly earlier, having accompanied the injured George on his flight.

News from the Library



In their library lesson this month some of our Y8 students took part in a video conference with author, Karen McCombie. Karen discussed 'Little Bird Flies', her 93rd published novel and Sunday Times' Children's book of the week.

Little Bird lives on the remote Scottish Island of Tornish, a crofter's daughter with a secret. Although she loves her island's wild seas and big skies, she dreams of leaving – for America and the freedom of the New World. The new Laird of the island is cruel and dangerous. Little Bird must escape in search of a new life. But the journey is hard and what does the future hold for her?

Published by Nosy Crow. Price: £6.99



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Filosophy Club

The PRE department runs a film club that encourages students to explore the many issues that we cover in lessons. Each half term we show a film aimed at Key Stage 3 and a film aimed at Key Stage 4. Recent films have included The Matrix, Minority Report, My Sister's Keeper and The Chronicles of Narnia.

Our most recent film was **"Gandhi"** which links in with Year 10 Core PRE in which we discussed extremism and the justice system, GCSE PRE in which we study Hinduism and an upcoming Year 8 unit of work on religious rebels.



Two of our students have written a review of Gandhi.

In 'Gandhi the movie, I was presented by an overwhelming number of moral dilemmas and religious ethics. As a GCSE P.R.E student I aim to understand people's culture and beliefs and in this movie, religion is displayed ever so truthfully. With Hinduism being the main focus of the movie, we follow Gandhi from when he arrived in South Africa as an attorney to stop the discrimination and prejudice against Asians to his final hunger strike stopping the religious civil war in India and regaining national independence. Ahimsa is central to the film – the principle of non-harm. Especially within protests and how he got the rest of the world to see Imperialistic Britain as murderous savages and India as peaceful law abiders. This truly is an inspirational film, which widens your view on the world.

By Oliver Ashton Year, 10, Portland and a GCSE PRE Student

For more information about Filosophy club or to suggest films , please email Mrs McGee on mcgeen@lytchett.org.uk.

Our next film in March will be **The Fault in our Stars**.

You can also find out more about the films we watch in filosophy club and our PRE lessons on our department twitter account.

Watch out for your child's work on our #PREHallofFame.

https://twitter.com/LMS_PRE



Gandhi the film was very heart breaking, I shall tell you about this moving, but remarkable film in this review. I think this film was delightful, and I am glad to have watched it. This film is about a man called Gandhi, he was a man who didn't fight the conflict between Muslims and Hindus with violence, but with peaceful protest. Gandhi was a Hindu but described himself as a "Hindu, Muslim and Christian". Gandhi decided to go against the British, not by harming them, but just by not doing what they said. But alas, Gandhi was shot by a Hindu because they were mad at him for giving their homes to the Muslims during the partition. Gandhi was cremated because of Hindu traditions and his ashes were scattered across the Ganges. Gandhi was a very emotional film, but it was exciting too, Gandhi has inspired me to fight peacefully for what I want and need in the world and not to use violence.

By Bobby Stroulger, Year 7, Gault.

Yes Chef Competition

In-School Heat

Eight Year 10 students took part in the first round of the Yes Chef competition in school, producing two dishes in two hours. They had to make a soup or risotto using seasonal ingredients and a sponge pudding of their choice. Everyone produced 2 stunning and delicious dishes. The judges had a very difficult decision! Well done to Emily Drury, Poppy Stratman, Isabelle Baker-Homes and Jessica McHardy for making it through the quarter final round!



Jessica McHardy



Jade Hare



Isabelle Baker-Homes



Callum Bagg



Holly James



Poppy Stratman



Emily Drury



Chloe Avery

Quarter Final at Bournemouth and Poole College

Emily, Poppy, Isabelle and Jessica faced their second challenge of the competition to create their own dish using lamb as the main ingredient. They also had the added pressure of a technical challenge which they only had revealed to them on entering the catering kitchens at the college! An apple charlotte with caramel sauce and custard! Once again the students had to create both dishes within 2 hours and did an outstanding job! They should all be extremely proud of themselves. Huge congratulations to Isabelle who will be progressing onto the semi-finals next month.



Jessica McHardy with her lamb koftas



Emily Drury with her shepherd's pie



Poppy Stratman with her lamb curry



Isabelle Baker-Homes progresses to the next round with her lamb tagine

Student Achievements



Congratulations to **Jordan Wayman** who is in the 6th form, he has just been selected to play rugby for the South West of England U18 team!

This means he will be representing them in two training days and two matches during February. He has also been invited to a National Development weekend at the end of February, where he will be playing in front of National selectors.

The training days and matches are on Sundays in Gloucester and the National Development weekend is at the end of half term, also in Gloucester.

Francesca Carpenter is taking part in a 26 mile marathon walk to raise awareness for Alzheimer's.



You can help Francesca Carpenter raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page - https://www.justgiving.com/Francesca-Carpenter?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Francesca-Carpenter&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=bxP8452dz.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Alzheimer's Society and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Well done to **Jaiden Cooper** in Year 7 who took part in the district unarmed drill competition with sea cadets on 3rd February - and his drill squad won! Jaiden and the other cadets travelled up to Whale Island and took on 6 other drill squads.

However the night before, Jaiden had been playing with some friends and managed to break his toe! He didn't mention anything until Monday, so he won drill in very heavy boots, stamping and marching, all with a broken toe!



Charlotte Holt in Year 10 of Portland House has been selected to trial for England Pony club team selection which is a once in a life time opportunity.



By Poppy Bassett Year 8

I am doing a month without any chocolate for the British Heart Foundation, this means no chocolate ice cream, muffins or anything with chocolate in it (I love chocolate and do miss it a lot but raising the money is more important to me). I have been doing this for six years because my grandpa had a heart attack on my grandma's birthday but luckily he survived and is still alive and well. I want to help other people who are suffering from heart problems to get better. Over the past six years I have raised £940 for British Heart Foundation. You can change people's life forever and donate to my JustGiving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poppy-b>

Important reminder about haircuts, facial and tongue piercings

There is a small but increasing number of students coming into school with facial and tongue piercings. This puts them into immediate conflict with staff as the uniform rules (Students' Planner, page 21) clearly state that:

'For safety reasons any earring which is not of a small stud type or flush fitting with the ear should NOT be worn to school.'

'If students want to wear ear studs there must be no more than one in each ear.'

'Body piercing studs, rings etc, including on the face and in the mouth, must not be worn to school under any circumstances.'

And further:

'Piercings that require a ring, retainer or object to remain in place whilst the site heals are not acceptable during school sessions.'

If a student does appear in school with piercings which contravene these conditions, he/she will not be permitted into lessons until the piercing is removed.

Rules for Hair and Headwear

Non-naturally occurring hair colours are unacceptable for school.

Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable, e.g. Mohicans, tramlines, highly gelled etc.

Headwear of any kind should not be worn unless: - it is of a religious nature and has been previously agreed with the Headteacher - or it is a designated 'wet day' and it is only worn outside the school buildings.

We would be very grateful for your support in this matter.

Many thanks,

Sylvia Haddrell (Assistant Headteacher)

Sandwalk 2019



In preparation for the Sandwalk this summer, there will shortly be an email being sent to all parents with all the information. Please keep an eye out for this in the next couple of weeks!



Contacting your child's House office

To aid quick and effective communication between parents and the House Offices we have recently introduced some new email addresses. Please could we encourage you to use these email addresses instead of individual staff email accounts - the main benefit to this is that if a member of staff is not in school and therefore unable to respond to your query, another member of the House team will be able to pick this up for you.

Agglestone House Office: agglestoneoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Gault House Office: gaultoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Kimmeridge House Office: kimmeridgeoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Portland House Office: portlandoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Purbeck House Office: purbeckoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Wealden Office: wealdenoffice@lytchett.org.uk

Sixth Form: sixthform@lytchett.org.uk

School Reception

Please could we remind you that, whilst your child is at school, any contact with them **must** go through their House office. It is not appropriate for students to be using their mobile phones to ask a parent to come into school to collect them. **This is a safeguarding issue.** If your child is feeling unwell, or needs to contact you for a different reason, they should go to their House office.



If you need to see a member of staff, please could you contact the school to make an appointment. It is not always possible to release a member of staff from other commitments if a parent turns up at school unannounced.

Visitors to the school **must** report to main reception to sign in and to receive a visitor's badge. It is not appropriate for parents to go directly to House offices.

Sixth Form News

The rearranged **Sleep easy 2019** takes place on March 15th from 7pm -7am. Students need to raise a minimum of £50 and will sleep outside in cardboard shelters to raise money for the YMCA.

Lytchett hosted the 'Battle of the Bands' event.

The name of the winning band was *Hyper Vipers* and from Lytchett we had two sixth form students in the band:

Sunny Angel

Alistair Macgregor

The other two members were from outside of Lytchett:

Luke Russ

Jacob Glassock

Their style falls into the indie-rock genre, they are a four piece band made up of Alistair on guitar/vocals, Sunny on Bass/vocals, Luke on guitar/vocals, Jacob on drums.



As per our announcement last term, **all Year 12 students must complete one week's work experience** as part of a government-led initiative. The dates are **Monday 10th June through to Friday 14th June 2019**. The deadline for students to secure their placement is Thursday 4th April 2019. Students can use our school data base to locate a placement of interest, or they can source themselves by contacting companies or organisations directly. Paperwork is available from the sixth form centre.

If you have any questions about any items then please do not hesitate to contact the team via:

sixthform@lytchett.org.uk

Have you lost anything?

A ring has been found within the school grounds, if you have lost a ring please contact the school office for more information.

Join the Team for September 2019

WANTED!

After 6 years of running our highly successful PTA, Louise Christopher has decided to retire. We are very grateful to Louise for her tremendous energy, enthusiasm and generosity. She has been a brilliant Chair of PTA! We are now looking for somebody to take over this vital role. If you would like more information about the work of the PTA and/or are interested in being considered for the role of Chair, please contact the headmaster, Andrew Mead (meada@lytchett.org.uk).

The PTA Secondhand Uniform Shop

will be open at 3.30pm on:

Friday 1st March 2019

Friday 3rd May 2019

Friday 7th June 2019

Friday 12th July 2019

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



One for the Diary

On Friday 29th March the PTA will be holding its annual **Easter bingo** and they will be looking for donations of Easter Eggs nearer the time. A letter will follow with details of times and where to leave your Easter egg donations.





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Year 8 or above?

Looking for something for them to do in the evening that is “different” from school and doesn’t cost the earth?

If your child is interested in:- MAKING NEW FRIENDS - SHOOTING – EXPEDITIONS – WEAPON HANDLING - FIRST AID – FIELD CRAFT – NAVIGATION – SKILL AT ARMS – CAMPS - FOOTBALL – RUGBY – ADVENTUROUS TRAINING – FOOT DRILL – ROCK CLIMBING – ARCHERY QUALIFICATIONS – CANOEING – KAYAKING – MOUNTAIN BIKING – then why not come along and meet us, we currently have places available.....

We also offer the Bronze / Silver & Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from only £21.50 !!

The ACF will provide you with a FREE uniform and there are no weekly fees, you just need your own sturdy pair of boots! (One off £21 joining fee applies)

We meet on Mondays & Thursdays from 7.15-9.30 at the Lytchett Matravers Detachment in the High Street, Lytchett Matravers, no need to book, just turn up!

The ACF is sponsored by the Army but not part of it and there is no requirement for you to join any of the Armed Forces!

Detachment Commander: Shaun Fudge – Email:- 7229fudg@armymail.mod.uk

Sporting Achievements



Netball News

The Year 8 girls netball team have achieved a place in the quarter finals of the PEDSSA Cup

PEDSSA Cup Football

Year 8 Boys lost 3-2 to Poole Grammar in the PEDSSA Cup

Year 9 Boys lost 2-1 to Poole Grammar in the PEDSSA Cup

Year 9/10 girls beat Corfe Hills 5-1 in the PEDSSA Cup and are through to the next round

Year 10 Boys A team beat Corfe Hills 2-1 in the PEDSSA Cup and are through to the next round

Year 10 Boys B team lost on penalties to Poole Grammar in the PEDSSA Cup

Jordan Wayman (pictured below) being presented with his south West of England U18 rugby shirt which is going to be proudly displayed at his first club, Lytchett minster RFC.

Jordan recently attended England U18 Counties national selection in Birmingham. Unfortunately it did not go to plan, and he ended up with a MCL sprain to his knee by Friday afternoon. The England U18s doctor then ruled him out of playing for the rest of the weekend. However, he stayed with the South West team for the whole weekend to still benefit from the National selectors advice and coaching and also to provide support to his team. He has also been told that they are expecting to see him next season in the U20s South West trials.



The Ed Kent Trust



This year **Agglestone House** has been raising money for the **Ed Kent Trust**. This brilliant charity was set up after the tragic passing away of Ed after an asthma attack. The trust provides grants for children to take part in sport and musical activities and more information on the trust and the brilliant work that they do can be found on their website: edkenttrust.org



On the **15th of February** we held a **major funding raising event** at lunchtime in the creative arts block, at the time of going to print we had raised a massive £570!



On **April the 28th** I will be running the London Marathon, if you would like to sponsor me please follow this link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andywaters1> . Whilst running (very slowly!) I am also going to try and break a Guinness world record for the most amount of costume changes completed in a marathon (this will be a new record as no-one has been silly enough to try it before!). If you have any very light fancy dress costume that could be worn whilst running that you would like to donate they would be greatly received and returned!



On the **18th of May** Yr12 student **Dylan Townley** will be taking part in a 100 mile bike ride. This amazing event will take Dylan several hours to complete and he is already in training. If you would like to sponsor Dylan please follow this link: <http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/dylantownley>

All money raised will go directly to the charity and will then be given out as grants to those children that need a bit of financial help to realise their sporting or musical dreams, an extremely worthwhile cause I am sure you would agree.

If you would like any further information about any of the charity events we are running please feel free to contact me at: watersa@lytchett.org.uk

Mr Waters
Head of Agglestone House

Student Wellbeing

This half-term, houses and 6th form will be focusing their wellbeing assemblies on bullying as part of the Lytchett Student Wellbeing Programme. Earlier this year, we held a bullying consultation period where students were able to tell us about their experiences with bullying, and help us to improve how we deal with it as a school.

Recently gathered statistics about bullying in secondary schools show us that bullying continues to be a problem nationally for young people. We are happy to say that this does not represent the Lytchett experience; as statistics in our own 2018 Wellbeing survey have shown us. We will always be seeking to teach and support our students however, in order to help them understand that bullying has no place in our school and no positive function in society.

Our national bullying survey reveals



www.bullying.co.uk



What we have covered in our assemblies...

“There is no legal definition of bullying. But it is usually defined as repeated behaviour which is intended to hurt someone either emotionally or physically, and is often aimed at certain people because of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation or any other aspect such as appearance or disability.”

Reference: Bullying UK 2018

As a school, we recognise that those who are bullied AND those who bully others may have serious problems which could follow them into adulthood. We are committed to helping the bullied and the bully. THEREFORE no one should ever worry about telling us if they are being bullied or see someone else being bullied.

We also have encouraged resilience in dealing with bullies by showing them the first few minutes of this YouTube video; <https://youtu.be/7oKjW1Oljuw>

As parents, we hope you will be able to spend time discussing this with your child(ren) and encourage them to report any incidents of bullying to a member of staff in school.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



Lytchett Lecture Series

Inspire, Challenge, Enthuse



‘Britain’s Secret Lands: the UK Overseas Territories’

Tuesday 2nd April at 6pm: Stewart McPherson, Redfern

Natural History Productions

An exploration of the amazing range of wildlife, history and cultures of the Overseas Territories.

Join explorer and naturalist Stewart McPherson of Redfern Natural History who has travelled on RAF flights, ice breakers and the last working Royal Mail ships to discover the unique wildlife, history and cultures of the territories—the true treasure of these little known outposts of the United Kingdom.

All lectures are free of charge and held in the Theatre at 6pm.

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 or milesh@lytchett.org.uk

Important Dates

Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th March: Year 11 mocks

Monday 4th to Friday 8th March: Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 8th March: Year 7 Progress Reports go home

Monday 18th March: Young People Index programme (3.45-5.45pm)

Thursday 21st March: Year 10 Parents' Evening (4.00pm-8.00pm)

Tuesday 26th March (in the theatre): Lower School Concert (7.00pm)

Wednesday 27th March: Parent Forum (7.00pm)

Friday 29th March: Year 11 Progress Reports go home and Year 13 Mock results go home

Monday 1st April (in the theatre): Parent Workshop 'Children and Technology' (5.00pm-7.00pm)

Tuesday 2nd April: Lecture Series 'Britain's Secret Lands: the UK Overseas Territories' (6pm in the theatre)

Thursday 4th April: Year 8 Parents' Evening (4.00-8.00pm)

Friday 5th April: INSET Day

Friday 5th April: Year 10 and 12 trip to Oxford University

Monday 8th to Monday 22nd April: Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April: Students return to school

Please remember to name all kit, uniform, bags, coats, shoes, trainers and pencil cases as this will ensure they will make a swift return to students.