



27th November 2020

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter! I hope you are in good spirits.

Congratulations to all the students who have been shortlisted for the semi-finals of our very own 'Lytchett's Got Talent' Competition! We have really enjoyed watching the contestants' three minute videos this week. The range of talent in the school is amazing. We have dancers, singers, magicians, mountain bikers, dog trainers, skateboarders and even a tractor driver, all competing for the coveted top prize. Well done to all 115 students who entered the competition! Winners will be announced on 18th December.



We have been very impressed with the way students have settled back into positive school routines. The vast majority of our young people are working really hard and making up for lost time. On page 2 we celebrate our students of the month; these have been nominated by their teachers for making an exceptional effort. Well done to all of them!

This week we have made a start sending out our Christmas Hampers. We are very grateful to those of you who donated food items. Some parents kindly put in additional online orders with their local supermarket and had these delivered direct to the school. It has been a real community effort, and as a result of your generosity, the school will be able to deliver parcels to over 70 local families.

I am sure we were all relieved to hear of the imminent roll-out of the three COVID vaccines. We needed some good news! Although the virus is still far from being defeated, and will undoubtedly continue to cause misery over the Christmas period, an end to the pandemic (possibly around Easter time?) now seems in sight. This is good news for us all, but especially for Year 11 and 13 students. GCSE and A level examinations will definitely be taking place this summer. Whether or not centre-assessed grades will have a role to play in students' final outcomes, we just don't know. The next set of mocks for Year 11 students will be in March. A Level mocks will take place in February.

Keeping everyone safe at school is everyone's responsibility. If anyone in your household develops COVID symptoms, please get tested immediately. Whilst waiting for the test result to come back, please keep your family at home to self-isolate. If a member of your household tests positive, please remember that everyone else in that household must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the infected person had their first symptoms. We look forward to a time when people will no longer have to self-isolate for 14 days in such circumstances, taking instead a simple daily test to establish whether or not they have the virus.

Thank you for your support. Take care and stay safe.

Andrew Mead



Student of the Month

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

MFL



Isabel Massey

Year 10

LITERACY



Jamie Way

Year 9

Drama



Kate Osborne

Year 7

Business Studies



Charlotte Randall

Year 12

Food



Daisy Baker

Year 9

D & T



Kate Osborne

Year 7

PE



Harry Sullivan

Year 13

IT & Science



Amie Dempster

Year 9

English



Mickey Payne

Year 7

English



Beth Gale

Year 7

Chemistry



Elliot Bell

Year 11

Dance



Eve Tucker

Year 10

Student of the Month *(continued)*

Graphics



Josephine Dolman
Year 9

Geography



Emily Harrington
Year 9

Physics



Erin Wilkinson
Year 12

Weal den



Jonathan Lewry
Year 8

Weal den



Evie Randle
Year 9

Aggl estone



Jamie Wyatt
Year 9

Portl and



Keira Davis
Year 11

Gaul t



Kate Osborne
Year 7

Kimmeridge



Lara Mcveigh
Year 8

Art	Marley Henshaw	Year 11
Library	Cameron Gale	Year 9
Psychology	Archie Mulhern	Year 13
Sixth Form	Lauren Hawkins	Year 12

Purbeck



Ilaria Ciavarella
Year 10

Muddy School Shoes



If you are the parent of a Year 7 boy, you may be getting fed up with the muddy state of his shoes when he arrives home at the end of the day. We want students to be outdoors as much as possible when they are not in lessons. It is important from the point of view of preventing the spread of COVID, and it is also important for our Year 7s' wellbeing (giving them a chance to run around and burn off their considerable energy. The Year 7 outdoor zone is the top of the field. We do allow the students to play football at breaks and lunchtimes (providing of course it

is not raining), and some of them do get rather muddy. This is clearly not ideal, but the alternative—forcing our Year 7s to spend all breaks and lunchtimes cooped up indoors with no fresh air—is really not a very satisfactory solution. Students may of course change into their trainers to play football on the field, but they will need a bag to carry the trainers around in, and as we all know, they do get rather muddy!

Christmas Hampers



We are very grateful to all those parents who donated food items to be included in our Christmas hampers. The response has been amazing!

We have been able to put together over 70 large Christmas hampers for Lytchett families.

A massive thank you to Mrs Colvin (Deputy Head of Wealden House) for managing this project and to all the other staff who helped with the wrapping of the boxes, filling and distributing of the boxes.

Are you 18 or over?

Are you 18 or over and would like to update your training? Free Courses in England are offering free online courses, for more information, please click on the link below.

<https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/>

Students' Work

Here are some pieces of Pop Art work by some of our talented Year 9 students.



Ivy Maynard



Carly Banks



Amie Dempster

Students' Work

8W2 Art 'Look Around You' Project

Some of the excellent homework created by 8W2. Students were asked to research a significant building of their choice and recreate a model it using 'found' materials.

Livia Holland, *Aldar Headquarters*

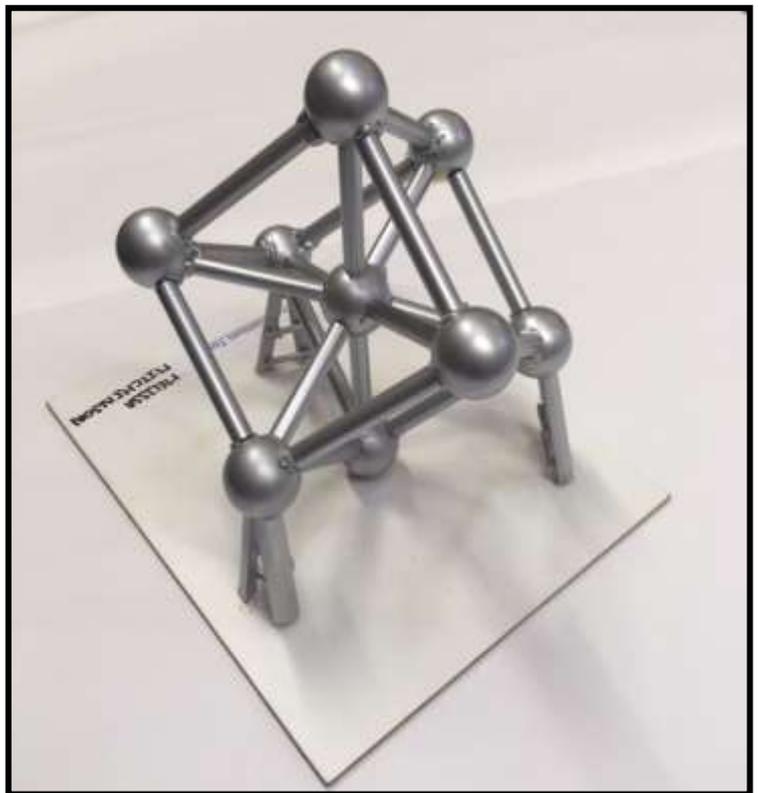
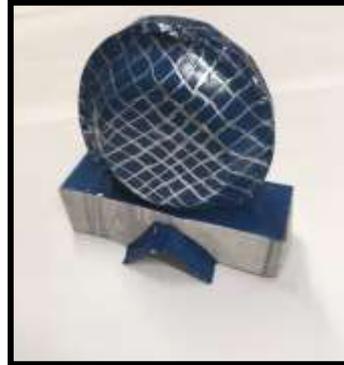
Sam Cottman, *Petronas Towers*

Melissa Mitchinson, *The Atomium*

Huw Howell, *The CN Tower*

Annabel Kinirons, *The Empire State Building*

Jake Whitfield, *The Spinnaker Tower*



A lovely piece of art work
by **Rebecca Sepkes-Jones**
in Year 7.

School Jumper

As from Monday 2nd November, it has been agreed that students can wear a **plain, navy blue V-neck jumper under their blazer**, if they wish to. Please note that this jumper cannot have any logos or branding on it. We have contacted a dozen local stores and have come up with three authorised outlets, selling a V-neck, navy blue, unbranded, logo-free jumper:

SWI (our online retailer)

Junior Sizes - £16.85 – Chest size 24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34", 36", 38"
Senior Sizes - £23.76 – Chest size – 40", 42", 44", 46"

Marks and Spencer – Cotton Blend

Sizes age 11-12, 12-13, 13-14 - £10

Sizes age 14-15, 15-16 - £12

Chest size 38-40", 41-43" - £12

A.F. Joy of Wareham

Junior Sizes - £15 – chest size 30", 32"

Senior Sizes - £20 – chest size 34", 36", 38", 40", 42", 44"

During lockdown A.F. Joys will be available to take orders and payment over the phone. Tel. 01929 552903



We would ask that parents do not send their children into school with any other jumper than the type described above. Any student wearing a different type of jumper or hoodie will be required to remove it. The introduction of a V-neck jumper is optional; students who prefer not to wear a jumper under the blazer will not be obliged to do so. The jumper can only be worn inside the blazer; it cannot be worn in place of it. Students can of course always wear a plain white tee-shirt or vest under their school shirt to give them extra warmth.

I hope you feel that what we are proposing is reasonable. We want students to look smart, but we also appreciate the importance of them keeping warm. We will review the success of these V-neck navy blue jumpers at the end of the spring term 2021.

Sixth Form Online Prospectus

Our sixth form online prospectus has gone live. We hope you will find the series of short videos we have put together both useful and informative. To access the prospectus, please go to the front page of the school website.

The online prospectus will give details of the wide range of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses on offer.

If you have friends in other schools who may like to join our sixth form, please spread the word!

<http://lytchett.org.uk/wp/sixth-form/prospectus/>



Lytchett's Got Talent



This week all students have watched our semi-finalists' videos in order to vote for their top two competitors to go through to the final! The results of our finalists will be announced next week. Watch this space!



Contacting your child's House office

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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

Student Fundraising



Well done to **Chloe Harradine** (Year 10) who has raised an amazing £350 by making homemade festive goodies. All the money raised will go towards her World Challenge fund.

If you would like to order any home-made items from Chloe, please see her poster below:

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Christmas masks
£3.00 each



You can order through emailing me or through tutor trays at 17harradinec@lytchett.org.uk all goods will be quarantined for 72hrs to ensure your safety. Please leave payment at main office.

Christmas bags
Small approx. 10cm x 10cm - £1.00
Medium approx. 15cm x 20cm - £2.00
Large approx. A4 - £4.00



*You are cordially
invited to:*

SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

*The first InvestIN Careers evening
for parents of students
aged 12-18*

Register now to gain insider knowledge from top recruitment experts and learn how to guide your children towards a successful career. Learn the skills and techniques needed to maximise your child's chances of success and the most in demand skills top employers are looking for.

*Date: Thursday 10th December
Time: 19.30 - 21.00 (GMT)*

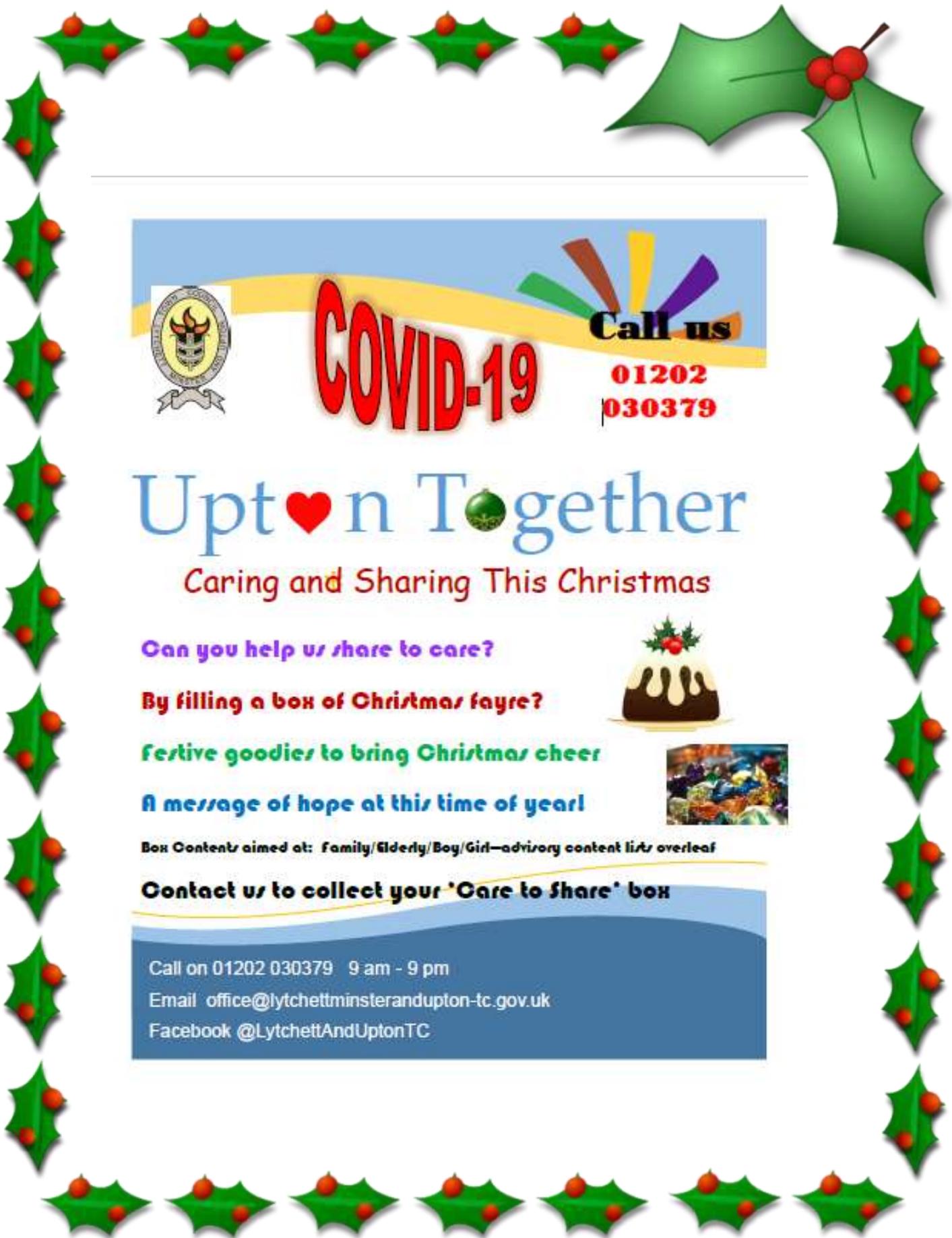
This 'Live Online' event is for parents of children aged 12-18, is free-of-charge and will be held over Zoom.

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Festive goodies to bring Christmas cheer



A message of hope at this time of year!

Box Contents aimed at: Family/Elderly/Boy/Girl—advisory content lists overleaf

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Suggested Contents Guide

Young Child 3-5 Years	Picture books / simple story books or non-fiction (dinosaurs, animals and vehicles seem popular with this age group)	Crayons Colouring books	Small age appropriate toys (avoid toys with small parts that could be swallowed – check the labels for age recommendations)	Ready filled bird feeder Cress or indoor herb seeds No sweets or food re allergies
Child 6-8 Years	Children's books – fiction/non-fiction Fendi crayons Felt pens (not permanent markers)	Sticker books Sketch book Watercolour paint tin	Magazines	Cress or indoor herb seeds Ready filled bird feeder No sweets or food re allergies
Older Child 9-11 Years	Children's books – fiction/non-fiction	Watercolour paints Pencil crayons Pencil case Sketch book	Top Trumps cards or similar Magazines	No sweets or food re allergies
Adult (label Male or Female)	Books Magazines Puzzle books	Notebook and pen	Sweets/chocolate Luxury teas/hot chocolate Jams or preserves	Ready filled bird feeder

Important Dates

Please note that we will be transferring all our public events (such as Sixth Form Open Evening and Information Evenings) online this term. Parents' Evenings will also be online using a bespoke portal.

Reports:

Friday 27th November: **Year 8 Progress Reports sent home**

Friday 4th December: **Year 9 Full Report sent home**

Friday 18th December: **Year 11 Progress Report sent home**

Friday 18th December : **Last Day of Term - finish at 3.25pm**

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021: Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January 2021 : INSET Day

Parents Evenings:

Year 7: Thursday 22nd April 2021

Year 8: Thursday 25th March 2021

Year 9: Thursday 21st January 2021

Year 10: Thursday 29th April 2021

Year 11: Thursday 14th January 2021

Year 12: Thursday 27th May 2021

Year 13: Thursday 4th February 2021

ONLINE PARENTS EVENINGS

This year all parents' evenings will take place virtually using an online platform called **School Cloud**. Parents will be able to make the appointments themselves (no longer relying on their sometimes forgetful, disorganised children to make them!). Appointments will be six minutes in duration. Parents can use smart phones, tablets, laptops and computers to access the appointments. More details about how to make appointments and will follow in the new year.