



September 2020

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for this academic year!

We hope you find it interesting and informative. A particularly warm welcome to our new parents and students in Years 7 and 12! We are looking forward to getting to know you and to working with you.

We have been celebrating another successful year of GCSE and A level results with some truly exceptional individual performances. Please see pages 2-5 for more details .



We look forward to welcoming back all our students next week. We appreciate that they may be a little nervous after six months without any formal schooling. Please be assured that we will do all we can to make their transition back into normal school life as smooth and painless as possible. Whilst we will endeavour to keep things as 'normal' as possible, there will inevitably be some changes. As I explained in the recent video, we will be asking students to stay in their year bubbles in their social times. This is to minimise the risk of infection across year groups and reduce the potential number of students who may have to be sent home to self-isolate in the unlikely case of a student testing positive for COVID-19. A reminder of the year bubble zones can be found on page 9. Students may wear masks in communal areas if they wish, although it is mandatory for students to wear masks on buses (including the school minibus). Please remember that we will not be accepting cash in the mobile catering stations, so students must have their cards topped up on Wisepay. Students can purchase hot and cold food and drinks from the mobile catering stations situated in their indoor year bubble zone at breaks and lunchtimes. We do ask that students comply with all our COVID-related protocols, such as using hand sanitiser on entering and leaving classrooms. We have never allowed chewing gum in school, but due to the very unhygienic way that students have historically disposed of chewed gum around the school, we will be taking a very firm line with any student who flouts this rule.

As a staff, we are really excited about being back at school; it has been a long time coming, but at last the wait is over. We look forward to welcoming back Years 7, 10 and 12 on Monday 7th September, and all year groups on Tuesday 8th September.

Please encourage your child to get back into healthy sleep routines between now and Monday/Tuesday, as they will need plenty of energy to get back into the hectic pace of school life. Perhaps they could go to bed a little earlier over the next few nights, and remember to set the alarm in the morning for a nice early start?

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Andrew Mead



A level results

Press Release (13.08.20)

Lytchett Minster School celebrates outstanding A level results

We are very proud of the outstanding achievements of our A level and BTEC students this year. The fact that their exams were cancelled should not take anything away from their achievements; we know our students would have much preferred to have been able to show what they were capable of in the examination hall. The high grades that they have achieved reflect their hard work over the last two years, and they deserve recognition for this. This cohort of students was the strongest we have had for a very long time and were destined to achieve our best ever results.

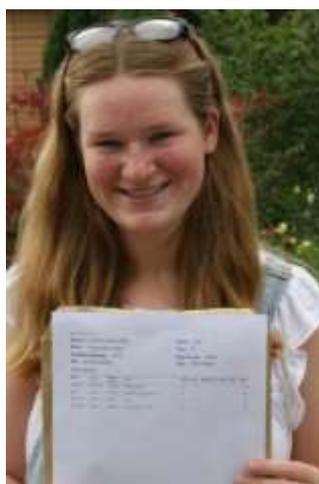
Congratulations to four of our students who managed to secure places at **Oxford** and **Cambridge** this year:

Edie Abrahams (A*A*A*A* in chemistry, English literature, biology and geography, and A* in EPQ) who will be studying Biology at Oxford (Wadham College)

Roza Bailey (A*A*A* in biology, psychology and maths, and A in EPQ) who will also be studying Biology at Oxford (St Hilda's College)

Rose Painter (A*A*A in English literature, religious studies and music, Distinction* in BTEC performing arts, and A* in EPQ) who will be studying English literature with a music scholarship at Cambridge (Trinity Hall).

Joel Stobbart (A*A A B in geography, French, history, politics, and A in EPQ) who will be studying History at Cambridge (Trinity Hall).



Tristram Williams (maths, further maths, physics) achieved A*A*A* and **Kieran Gibbons** (business, French and maths) achieved A*A*A*. Kieran will be undertaking a degree apprenticeship in financial services with JP Morgan (and Exeter University), and Tristram has accepted an offer to study Physics at Exeter University. **Joan Laycock** achieved 2 A*s (psychology and religious studies) and an A (history). She has a place at the University of Sussex to study Law. **Gianluca Borgo** achieved A*AAA (maths, computer studies, further maths, physics). He will now be going on to study Aeronautics and Astronautics at Southampton University. **Rachel Wallace** achieved A*A* (in textiles and photography) and B in EPQ. She will now go to the University of the Arts, London to study Fashion Photography.

Marcus Ward achieved A* (in maths and physics), and an A (further maths) and **Sunny Angel** achieved A*A*A (maths, further maths, physics). Sunny will be going on to Southampton University to study Aeronautics and Astronautics / Spacecraft Engineering, and Marcus will be studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Bath.

Marriott-Rose Hardy achieved A* (French), A* (English literature), B (chemistry) and A* in EPQ. She will be studying French and English at the University of Leicester. **Beth Newman** achieved A*AA (in sociology, business and history) and B in EPQ. She has been awarded a place at Cardiff University to study Criminology. **Lydia Bossons** achieved A* (Fine Art), A (geography) B (psychology).

A level results (continued)

Katie Langdon (politics, sociology, history), **Molly Seal** (geography, psychology, biology), **Lillian Macbeth** (maths, psychology, physics), and **India Salt-Cowell** (product design, fine art, maths) all achieved AAA (with Lillian also achieving an A* and India achieving a B in EPQ). Molly will be studying zoology at the University of Sussex, Lillian will be studying civil engineering with study in continental Europe at the University of Bristol, India will be studying architecture at Cardiff University. **Charlotte Gwillim** (geography, psychology, English literature) achieved AAB and will be going to Cardiff University to study psychology.



There were some superb performances in the BTEC courses. **Le-Ann Walters** achieved an A in A level art and D*D* (Double Distinction Star) in BTEC production arts. She will be studying Live Events Production at Backstage Academy (University of Bolton). **Freya Inglis** achieved D*D* in BTEC production arts. She has a place at the University of Surrey to study Theatre Production. There were outstanding results for the students doing BTEC sport: **Pippa Barnard, Rose Biles, Olivia Critchell, Jacob George, Lottie Honeywood, Yasmin Lambert, Ebony McIntyre, Oliver Smith, Benjamin Wilkinson** all achieved Double Distinction Star (D*D*) – a great achievement! Rose will be studying Sports Management and Coaching at the University of Bath. **Tristan Head** achieved D*D* in BTEC Media. He will now be going on to study Film, Television and Digital Production at Bath Spa University.

Congratulations to all the students who achieved a D* (Distinction Star) in production arts, health and social care (**Chloe Ball, Letitia Cracknell, Rebecca Kenny, Megan Pike**) media (**Daniel Betteridge**) and performing arts (**Ben Parkinson, Morgan Woodford, Katie Crowe, Lydia Gee, Ella Wilson**). Ella Wilson has a place at the University of Warwick to study Theatre and Performance Studies. Lydia plans to study Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Warwick, Chloe will be studying Adult Nursing at Bournemouth University.

We wish all our Year 13 and 14 students well as they head off to the universities or the world of work. They are a lovely group of students, and it has been a delight and privilege to know them. We will miss them!

GCSE results

Press Release (20.08.20)

Year 11 students at Lytchett Minster School celebrate fantastic GCSE results!

Today, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 students who worked so hard throughout their curtailed Key Stage 4 to achieve these fantastic grades. The fact that they were unable to take their GCSE exams at the end of the year was not their fault and certainly not of their choosing. They deserve these excellent results. As a school, we followed the Ofqual guidance to the letter and undertook the process of awarding centre-assessed grades with integrity and rigour; we are confident that the grades awarded to our students are fair and reasonable, reflecting the high quality work and impressive work ethic of this exceptional year group. We would like to congratulate all our Year 11 students, particularly those who have overcome considerable hurdles (such as serious physical and mental health conditions) to achieve such great results; the progress they have made since joining the school has been outstanding.

The highest achieving students this year were **Erin Wilkinson** who achieved seven grade 9s, two grade 8s, and **Emily Campbell Montgomery** who achieved seven grade 9s, one grade 8 and one grade 7; a quite remarkable achievement by both students!

Sam Richman achieved six grade 9s one grade 7 and two grade 6s; **Lauren Hawkins** achieved five grade 9s and four grade 7s; **Poppy Stratman** achieved four grade 9s and five grade 8s; **Isobel Baker** and **Manon Memmi-Weir** both achieved four grade 9s, four grade 8s and one grade 7. **Evie Tatton** achieved four grade 9s, two grade 8s and two grade 7s. **George Bossons** achieved three grade 9s, one grade 8, three grade 7s, one grade 6 and one grade 5.

There were also outstanding performances by the following students:

Tom Cluett - two grade 9s, six grade 8s and one grade 7

Emily Drury - two grade 9s, five grade 8s and two grade 7s

Alicia Wilson and Charlotte Parkinson - two grade 9s, three grade 8s, three grade 7s and one grade 6

Jamie Luther - two grade 9s, two grade 8s, four grade 7s and one grade 5

Rebecca Wood - one grade 9, six grade 8s and two grade 7s

Amy Pearce - one grade 9, five grade 8s, two grade 7s and one grade 6

Izzy Taylor - one grade 9, four grade 8s and four grade 7s

Cameron Dawe and Georgia Ansell - one grade 9, three grade 8s, five grade 7s

Lucy Clark - one grade 9, three grade 8s, one grade 7, two grade 6s and two grade 5s

Megan Alvarez - one grade 9, three grade 8s, one grade 7, three grade 6s, one grade 4

Max Marshall Brickstock - one grade 9, one grade 8, six grade 7s and one grade 5

Matthew Frame, Lilly Gray, Abbie Forward, Lily Howard and Rory Macbeth all achieved three grade 8s, three grade 7s and three grade 6s

Tristan Cooke and Oliver Ashton achieved three grade 8s, three grade 7s, two grade 6s and one grade 5.

Charlotte Dooker achieved two grade 8s, five grade 7s, one grade 6 and one grade 5

Tom Rawlings achieved two grade 8s, five grade 7s and two grade 6s

Henry Roscoe achieved six grade 7s and three grade 6s

Tiffany Johnson achieved six grade 7s, two grade 6s, and one grade five

Elisha Barry achieved five grade 7s, two grade 6s, one grade 5 and one grade 4.

GCSE results (continued)

Headmaster Andrew Mead said, "In addition to these exceptional headline-grabbing performances from our high attaining students, there were also fantastic performances from some of our less naturally academic students, who achieved highly creditable results through sheer hard work and determination. We celebrate the massive progress that they have made since joining the school. They can all be very proud of themselves."

We are very much looking forward to working with this cohort of students as they move up into our sixth form. They show such a lot of promise. We desperately hope that their Key Stage 5 experience will be smoother than their Key Stage 4 one, and that they will be able to complete the two year A level and BTEC Level 3 courses without recourse to remote learning.

Any student who is still unsure where to pursue their studies next year, is invited to contact the school sixth form office (sixthform@lytchett.org.uk) to discuss possible Level 3 options. Andrew Mead said, "Our sixth form is increasingly being seen as the ideal place to come and study post-16. We have amazing facilities and superb teachers." School tours will be available three times a week to prospective parents and students once term begins. For more details, please contact office@lytchett.org.uk.



Introducing the school Attendance Officer

My name is **Bernie Allen** and I am the Attendance Officer for Lytchett Minster School. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 7s, new students within other year groups and also welcome back the rest of the school.

In recent years, research has demonstrated that there is a clear link between attendance in school and progress leading to attainment at GCSEs and beyond. By working together with students, parents and carers we aim to ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

As the Attendance Officer I work closely alongside our House teams to provide support to students and their families/carers with attendance issues with the aim of improving their overall rate of attendance. Such support includes meetings with students and parents/carers, home visits and liaising with outside agencies.

During these unprecedented times, families will be working hard to get their children back into a routine at bedtime, early mornings, getting to school on time, homework and we, as a school, will be here to support students and their families.

If you feel that your child/family is in need of support regarding their attendance, please contact me via email allenb@lytchett.org.uk.



The 'New Normal'

Staff socially distancing at the first (outdoor) staff meeting of the year on Thursday 3rd September



Student Achievements

Congratulations to ex-Lytchett (and Purbeck House) student, **Will Perry**, for two great achievements:

1. achieving a first-class honours degree in Popular Music and
2. being accepted at CAT Marine (engineering firm) as their only apprentice this year.

Will is pictured (right) performing in his band 'Under the Stairs' in Lytchett Minster School's Battle of the Bands competition in 2016. As a keen musician, Will was an active member of the school Jazz Band and orchestra, performing regularly in many concerts and productions.

Although his official career may lie in engineering, Will has every intention of continuing to make music - writing and performing his own songs in a number of different bands.

We wish him every success!



Congratulations to **Cameron Yorke** for achieving a First Class Honours in Chemical Engineering at Swansea University.

Cameron is now going back to Swansea to complete a Masters in the subject.

In the future, Cameron would like to research and develop future fuel technologies to combat climate change.

We wish him every success in his future ventures!

PTA News

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Lytchett Minster School PTA runs the Second Hand Uniform Shop which usually opens once a month. Please note that this is a shop selling **second hand uniform**. If you are looking to purchase new items of uniform, this needs to be done online using the link on the school website: www.lytchett.org.uk/wp/information/uniform

For all second hand uniform enquires please message via email: pta@lytchett.org.uk

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.

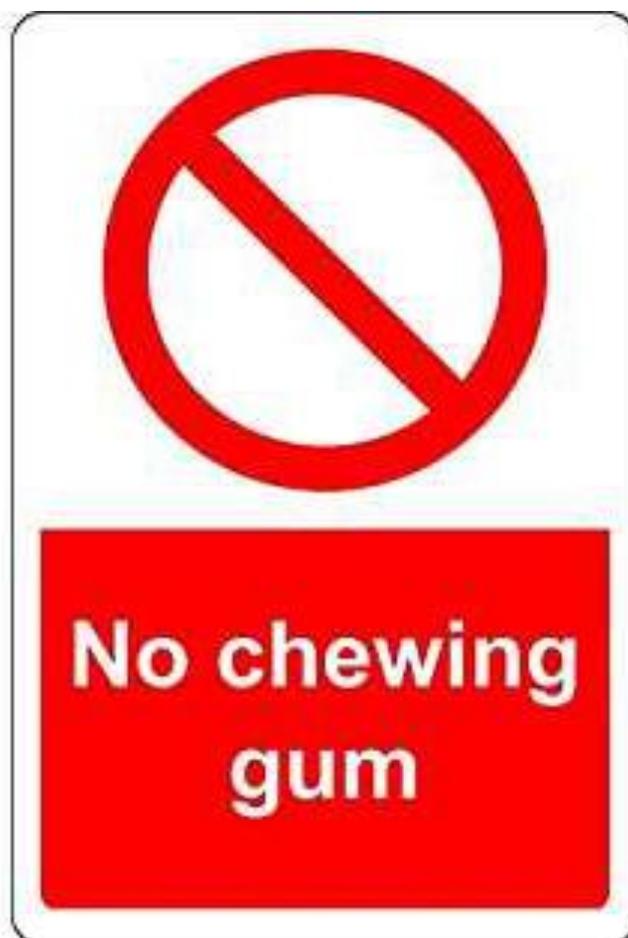
Lytchett Minster School has a very friendly PTA Team. The team are always keen to recruit new members who are willing to join the committee and help out at events. If you would like to find out more, please contact pta@lytchett.org.uk

In the interests of hygiene and general cleanliness, **chewing gum is banned in school.**

Please encourage your child not to bring chewing gum into school.

We do not want to be clearing off used chewing gum from tables, chairs and other surfaces.

Your support in this matter would be much appreciated.



Important Dates

Monday 7th September: Return to school for Years 7, 10 and 12

Monday 7th September: Year 7 and 12 School Photographs

Tuesday 8th September: All students return to school

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October: Half term holiday

Reminder of Year Bubble Zones (before school, break and lunchtime):

YEAR	OUTDOOR ZONE	INDOOR
7	TERRACE	PORTLAND
8	CAGES	MSH
9	BEHIND ARTS BLOCK	ARTS BLOCK
10	AREA AROUND OUTSIDE OF LULWORTH	LULWORTH
11	DECKING, AMPHITHEATRE, LAWN, PAVILION	CAFÉ
12-14	AREA AROUND OUTSIDE OF GAULT AND BOTTOM OF FIELD	6TH FORM CENTRE AND STUDY AREA

Parent Forum

Parent Forum meets every half term. This is an opportunity for parents to come and discuss any aspect of school life (positive and negative) directly with the headmaster. Meetings are open to all and are advertised on the back of the Newsletter with the calendar of events. For more information about Parent Forum meetings, please contact Mrs Miles (milesh@lytchett.org.uk).