



Lindsworth School

Newsletter: Spring 1



KEY DATES

- 14th February 2025 - Last day of Spring 1 term
- 24th February 2025 - Return to school for students
- 5th March - 7th March 2025 – Year 11 Parent/ Carer Meetings (by appointment)
- 17th March 2025 - Teacher Training Day (school closed)
- WC 24th March 2025 - GCSE Mocks Part 2 begin
- 9th April - 11th April – Year 7 Residential Trip

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I am delighted to reflect on the many achievements and experiences we have shared at Lindsworth School.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 students on completing their first round of mock examinations. Their focus and determination have been commendable, and we are proud of their hard work. To support our students, we continue to offer daily lunchtime revision sessions. These sessions provide valuable strategies for effective revision, alongside opportunities to develop specific subject knowledge and skills.

We are thrilled to share the publication of our recent Ofsted report, which reflects the tremendous effort and dedication of our school community. We received 'Good' judgements for the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, and leadership and management, while our personal development provision was rated 'Outstanding'.

This half term, we also hosted a careers fair, which included insightful presentations during National Apprenticeship Week. Students were able to explore a variety of career pathways, gaining valuable guidance on apprenticeships and future opportunities.

We have also provided a wealth of personal development opportunities for our students. Highlights include martial arts classes, St John's Young Responders Street First Aid training, multiple art workshops led by a silversmith, and an on-site production of 'Jekyll and Hyde'. For our younger students, we introduced a Pokémon lunch club; organised a book giveaway and added pet fish to the KS2 library, creating a warm and engaging space. We are also proud to announce the appointment of our new student librarians, who have taken on their roles with enthusiasm and responsibility.

As we close this half term, I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming students back, ready for another exciting and productive term.

Kate Beale

YEAR GROUP SUMMARIES



KS2	Kate	Key stage 2 have been learning about Darwin this half term and adaptation. We've completed work looking at Darwin's diary of the Galápagos Islands and the comparison of the giant turtles; we've also enjoyed a personal development project at Blackwell Adventure testing our resilience, confidence, independence and team-work skills. We've ended our term with a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo where we completed a workshop on adaptation and visited all the animals.
YEAR 7	Vicky	This half term, Year 7 have been working in English on their ability to read for meaning and express themselves using powerful vocabulary; in science they have been conducting experiments with acids and alkalis and studying currents and electricity. A selection of students have successfully represented the school's football team at the BCFC School's Tournament. We've had multiple trips out which have encompassed bowling, rock-climbing and swimming – which have improved students' social skills alongside their practical skills.
YEAR 8	Trevor	Overall this half term, Year 8 have demonstrated resilience and commitment in both their academic studies and their pastoral outlooks. It's been great seeing our pupils enjoying their lessons and trying to achieve excellence. We look forward to building on our success and addressing our challenges as we move forward into next term. Also I would like to congratulate Archie Pollock for getting a place in the Martial Arts club.
YEAR 9	Jason	Year 9 have been finishing off their study of Oliver Twist in English and Geometry in 2D and 3D in mathematics; in history they have been looking at World War 2. For their personal development students have partook in a number of weekly activities which include: Marital Arts, rock climbing, bowling, swimming and golf. They also participated in a Severn Trent training session, learning all about the water system which serves the Midlands and had a visit from RISE to work on their core development.
YEAR 10	Carmel	Year 10 continue to make great academic progress and are consistently positive. They've represented the school football team, Braeden, Ryhland, Tyler K, Kevontae and Zakwani really engaged with the St John's ambulance workshop. The students have worked really hard in their Art GCSE classes taking part in workshops and completing some outstanding works of art., as well as completing their reading of Macbeth in English.
YEAR 11	Tracey	Students faced their first round of GCSE mock examinations head on and we were very proud of how they conducted themselves; students are now busily working away getting ready for their next round of mock examinations which take place next half term. There is a small amount of time left now before the real exams are upon us and I encourage all students to put their best foot forward so that they can be proud of everything they achieve.



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Supporting Positive Mental Health for Young People



If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, we are here to support you.

You can:

- **Contact Your Child's Pastoral Manager:** They can offer advice and guidance tailored to your child's needs.
- **Speak to our Mental Health Lead:** Julie Coombs
- **Speak to Your GP:** A general practitioner can assess your child and refer them to specialist services if necessary.

Local Resources in Birmingham

- **Forward Thinking Birmingham:** Offers mental health support for people aged 0-25. Call 0300 300 0099 or visit their website for more information.
<https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/crisis-team/>
- **Pause (by The Children's Society):** A drop-in service for young people experiencing mental health challenges.
<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/services/pause>
- **Kooth:** A free, confidential online counselling service for young people.
www.kooth.com

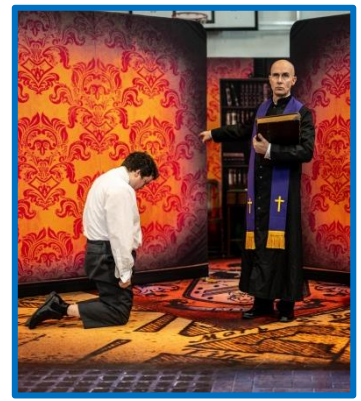
We're Always Here to Help

At Lindsworth School, we prioritise the well-being of our students. If you have any concerns or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can create a nurturing environment that promotes positive mental health for all.



Big Brum Production: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

As part of our on-going Personal Development programme in school we arranged for Big Brum Theatre in Education to come in and present 'Jekyll and Hyde' to all of our students in KS3 and KS4; we have four Teacher Actors come into school with an Artistic Director. The company have been performing all over the country this year so we are lucky to have them come in and perform for us!



Congratulations to our new Student Librarians!

Well done to Nathaniel, JJ, Romeo, Harry and Jake who all applied for, and then successfully interviewed for, the role of school librarian.

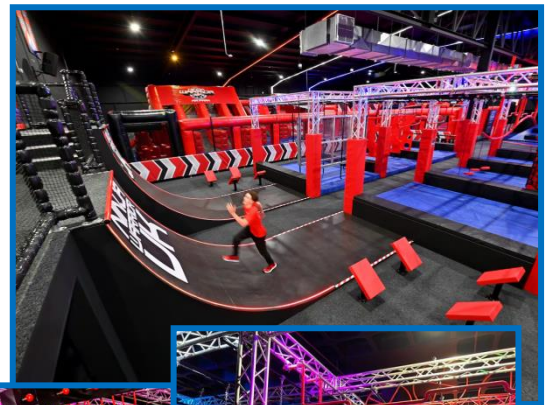


Each student received a Librarian badge and as part of their role will help to manage the library stock, lending service and keep it organised!

'Birmingham School Games X Active in Mind' Project: Ninja Warrior Walsall

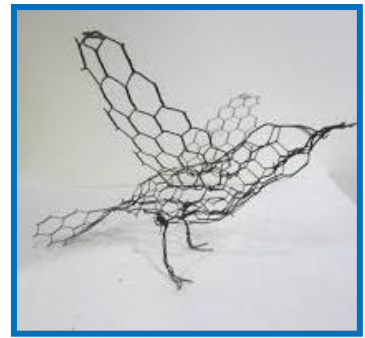
In January, a selection of pupils went across to Ninja Warrior UK in Walsall, as part of a planned event arranged by Sport Birmingham.

The pupils have been involved in the "Birmingham School Games X Active in Mind" project; to help boost self-confidence and self-esteem, develop their understanding of their own and others wellbeing, and train them to offer support to friends, family and other members of their school and wider community.



3D Chicken Wire Workshop: 'ChickenWired'

William Ashley-Norman, a talented artist, has been working with chicken wire for over thirty years.; he recently visited the school and ran an art workshop for students, who produced their own 3D animal sculptures using chicken wire. Students gave fantastic feedback on the workshop and the results were very impressive!



GCSE Metal Smith 2 Day Art Event Workshops

Theresa Nguyen is an award winning Artist Silversmith based in the heart of the historic Birmingham Jewellery Quarter; she has worked with us multiple times in the past and we were grateful to have her join us again to support and guide students with their portfolios!

St Johns Street First Aid Programme

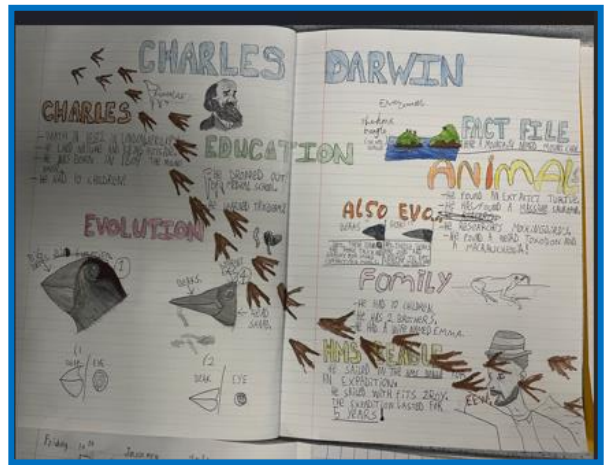
As part on the on-going Personal Development programme in school and in line with recent events in the UK, we arranged for St Johns Ambulance service (Young Responders Programme) to work with our students in KS3 and KS4.

This programme equips students with some of the vital skills that have been designed to help themselves or someone else in the community. It taught our students simple, easy to remember first aid techniques!



Key Stage 2 Curriculum

In Key Stage 2 students have been conducting research into Charles Darwin and producing their own fact-files, combing their select and retrieve, and summary skills, whilst considering how they structure their work and the art work which accompanies their findings. Some excellent pieces of work have been produced!



Martial Arts Training

In light of recent events across the UK, a selection of our KS3 students have been taking weekly Martial Arts classes with Kombat Martial Arts this half term; the sessions aims are to improve students' confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness through the medium of Martial Arts.



CAREERS FAIR: YEARS 9, 10 and 11

Years 9, 10 and 11 attended an on-site Careers Fair, where pathway experts ran further education stalls sharing information with how to access future goals and dreams.

Those in attendance included: NHS Choices College, British Creative Institute, University of Central Birmingham, BlueWhale, Nova Training, Pinc College, BMET College and South and City College.

The visitors were very informative and student feedback was excellent.



TWYCROSS ZOO: EXCITING AND EDUCATIONAL VISIT

As part of their Darwin project and animal exploration studies, KS2 students recently visited Twycross Zoo for an exciting and educational day out. This unique experience gave students the opportunity to engage with the incredible diversity of wildlife first-hand, bringing their learning to life in ways that go far beyond textbooks and classroom discussions.

During the visit, students explored various habitats and observed animals ranging from majestic big cats to playful primates, marvelling at the wide variety of adaptations that help these species thrive in the wild. Guided tours and interactive exhibits provided fascinating insights into the behaviours, diets, and environments of the animals, linking directly to their Darwin project. Students were particularly intrigued to see examples of natural selection and evolution in action, deepening their understanding of Darwin's theories.



Beyond the educational aspects, the trip was a truly enjoyable experience. Feeding sessions, close encounters with some of the animals, and the chance to ask keepers questions made the day unforgettable. This hands-on opportunity allowed students to develop a deeper connection to the natural world, helping them appreciate the importance of conservation and biodiversity.

Twycross Zoo proved to be an inspiring destination, offering KS2 students a perfect blend of learning and fun while enriching their studies of evolution and the animal kingdom.



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Attendance and Punctuality



Why Attendance Matters

Every school day counts. Research shows that regular attendance directly impacts a child's academic achievement, social skills, and overall wellbeing. Missing even a few days can create gaps in learning that are difficult to fill.

Here are some key facts:

- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to almost four weeks of lost learning over the school year.
- Pupils with high attendance are more likely to achieve their full potential and develop strong friendships.

How You Can Help

- **Set a Routine:** Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine to help your child feel prepared for the day.
- **Plan Ahead:** Prepare school bags, uniforms, and packed lunches the night before to avoid last-minute delays.
- **Communicate with Us:** If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please inform us promptly. Our school attendance line is available for reporting absences. For on-going attendance challenges, we are here to support you. Contact the school to discuss how we can work together.
- **Encourage Positivity:** Speak positively about school and the importance of learning to instil a sense of responsibility and motivation in your child.





All of our students have achieved this half term; however we wanted to share a few individual shout outs...



Kevontae has shown an incredible amount of resilience this half term and has continued to work hard to make progress in all areas!

Cionne



Shout out to Kallie, Louis, Jayden and Nathaniel in KS2 for settling in really well and demonstrating the Lindsworth Values

Courtney



Josh in Year 11 for attending lunchtime GCSE revision and being pro-active in his own time by completing multiple past papers.

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Well done to Zak and William for their continued hard work in English this year – lots of progress made and skills improved upon

Simon



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