



Lindsworth School

Newsletter: Autumn 2



KEY DATES

- Thursday 19th December 2024 - Christmas dinner/ jumper day
- Friday 20th December 2024 - Non-uniform and 12:30 pm finish
- Monday 6th January 2025 - Teacher Training Day (school closed)
- Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Return to school for students
- Thursday 16th January 2025 – Year 11 mock examinations begin

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I want to take this opportunity to express how proud I am of our students for their hard work and achievements over the past weeks. Their dedication, both in and outside the classroom, is a credit to them and to the wider school community. As we approach the festive break, I encourage all of our students and families to prioritise rest and well-being. Stay safe over Christmas and enjoy this time with your loved ones, recharging for the new term ahead.

For our Year 11 students, a reminder that mock exams begin immediately upon our return. We are confident they will rise to this important challenge, and I encourage them to balance their preparations with moments of rest over the holidays.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank you all for your support during our recent Ofsted inspection. We look forward to sharing the official report as soon as it is published, and we are excited about the opportunities it will bring to further enhance our school's progress.

We bid farewell to two valued colleagues this term: Branko, who has found a new role closer to home, and Sharon, who is moving on to a well-deserved promotion in another school. Both will be greatly missed, and we thank them for their significant contributions. Looking ahead, we are delighted to welcome Hels, who will join us as a maths specialist in January, bringing a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our team.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas break.

Kate Beale



YEAR GROUP SUMMARIES



KS2 **Kate**

This half term pupils in Key Stage 2 have been covering the topic 'Frozen Kingdom'; this has included learning about animals that survive in cold weather and the story of the Titanic. This included the construction of a newspaper report for the Titanic! During personal development pupils have been testing their resilience and learning a new skill of skiing, well done to Zakir who kept going despite finding it hard and made progress each week. We are all really looking forward to our end of term reward trip to Winter Wonderland at the Snowdome.

YEAR 7 **Vicky**

This has been the start of their secondary school journey for our year 7s; they have embraced the new curriculum within lessons, such as music, art and drama being a bit hit! They have studied 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' in English, whilst jumping head first into maths lessons learning about expressions and angles. For personal development they have had the opportunity to take part in swimming, golf and bowling. We have some future stars in the making. Well done to the pupils who have taken part in the Wellbeing Project, Light Up Fest and they represented Linsworth School within the football tournament.

YEAR 8 **Trevor**

As we approach the end of the first term this academic year and 2024, I would like to reflect on the incredible journey Year 8 has been on so far. Although we have had some challenges we must focus on the countless moments of triumph that have been achieved and I have been impressed by the constant dedication made by students to improve and their love of our new library! I'd like to make special mention of Dylan, who has strived to improve academically and who has also been elected as part of our student council.

YEAR 9 **Jason**

Autumn 2 has been a busy half term for Year 9 students. Four of our students have successfully taken part in the wellbeing project; they have studied Oliver Twist in English and Forces in science. For Personal Development, students are enjoying the activities and overall are displaying positive attitudes when off school site. Students have taken part in music and art activities, and the library has become a firm favourite for some during lunch-time.

YEAR 10 **Carmel**

Year 10 have made an excellent start to this academic year – a massive well done to them! Also, the students have represented the school in the football team; owing to our successes! All students are making positive progress in their GCSE option groups and have received positive scores in their recent assessments. A special shout out to William for taking part in the recent music performance!

YEAR 11 **Tracey**

Year 11 have made a positive start to their exam year at Linsworth. Some of the work they have produced so far has been phenomenal. A number of our students have already completed their college application forms and had interviews to secure their college places.

Students attend Blue Whale or Envirohort on Wednesdays where they are able to gain a Level 1 qualification in their chosen courses which include Graphic Design, Gaming, Bricklaying, Motor Mechanics and Hair and Beauty.



- Personal Development -



Bikeability

Our students in KS2 and Year 7 completed their Level 1 Bikeability, this enables riders to be more confident on their bikes. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. Working in partnership with the Active Wellbeing Society the Bikeability program helps our students to learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

Immersive Experience

All students had a fantastic experience this half-term by experiencing an Immersive Dome; students were catapulted into the past via a stunning way to learn and celebrate "Remembrance Day" and Choose Respect for Anti-Bullying week.



Barclays' Life Skills Workshop

Working in partnership with Barclays, who came into school to deliver part of their Life Skills programme, Year 11 completed a series of workshops which support students to explore a wide range of topics which give our young people skills and confidence for life and entering the world of work.

KPMG

Working in partnership with the Talent Foundation a selection of Year 10 and 11 students visited the KPMG offices in Birmingham City centre; the experience was a tour of the offices and an opportunity for student's to gain an insight into the world of work and explore the impact technology is having on the workplace. KPMG staff said: "It was a pleasure to host you and your students."



Knife Crime awareness

All students worked in partnership with WM Police to gain an insight into Citizenship and gaining an understanding of the dangers of knife crime and the rule of law.





Ackers Trust

Students have been visiting Ackers Trust and have been having skiing and tubing lessons; students' skills have rapidly increased along with students' confidence and self-belief.



This half term at Linsworth School there has been several events to promote students Social, Mental, Spiritual and Cultural education. These have been wide ranging and combine British Values, Religious Education and charitable causes.



We have been collecting for Ronald McDonald's House Charities and will continue to do so over the year; making donations at various points. Items we are looking for include: shower gels, soaps, toothbrushes etc. and you are welcome to contribute if you are able to do so.

We have collected money for Children in Need totalling over £120! Students have been actively participating in weekly acts of kindness, such as: praising each other; helping each other; holding doors open for each other as examples!



Our Continued Commitment to Reading and Phonics

In November we were awarded the prestigious Gold Reading Award by One Education. This significant award and achievement recognises our school's commitment to excellent provision in reading, with quality embedded across every part of Lindsworth School's curriculum.



Reading and/ or Phonics Stars of the Half Term

- Carlos (Year 7)
- Kamario (Year 8)
- Jasmine (Year 7)
- Kevontae (Year 10)



Each student has been rewarded with a Waterstone's Voucher!



Did you know Lindsworth School is the **FIRST** special school to be awarded bronze using mainstream criteria?!

We're proud of our students for everything they achieve!

Shout Out for the Arts

This half term we have had a number of different art events, these include a Men's Mental Health Art workshop which focussed on depression and suicide prevention; the Light Up Fest, Lantern Parade in conjunction with the Mac Birmingham and an Animation workshop!




Based on student voice, some of our new additions to our libraries this half term include:

- Macbeth: the Graphic Novel
- Wonderfully Wired Brains
- Jujutsu Kaisen Manga vol.1 – vol.8
- Seraph of the End vol.1 – vol.3
- Coraline: the Manga



SHOUT OUT



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In KS2, our most improved pupil for behaviour is Leo; for attendance is Riley; for academic achievement is Zakir and for Self-Regulation it's Romeo!

Kate

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Braeden's effort and contributions in Business Studies.

Will's work ethic and commitment to Creative iMedia.

Dave

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Kian – Year 9 – For making significant progress in English and always challenging himself to improve on his work.

Natalie

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A big shout out to Neeko for all of his recent efforts in English, maths and science – making good choices and thriving as a result!

Dean and Simon

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Well done to Aiden and Lili-Mae in Year 9 for being constant role models to the rest of their class in both behaviour and effort!

Courtney



Malakye – Year 9 – For always giving 100% in both English and History. He will always volunteer to read to peers and support others with their work.

Natalie



Braeden, Zak and Will's efforts, and increase in independence in English are to be commended.

Keep up the hard work guys!

Simon



I've been impressed with Kevontae for taking responsibility in improving his academic outcomes by taking on extra work!

Cionne



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Marley for trying his hardest to do the right thing – you're getting there!

All of 8L for a sustained good performance!

Dean



Jayden for his positivity and consistent effort to do the right thing!

Amat



Joe, always positively engaging in lesson and helping other pupils within the learning environment.

Vicky



Caven is continuously excelling in Science. His independent work is very impressive and he consistently performs well in his practical tasks.

Shibani



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