



The Lampard Community School Newsletter July 2018

News from Sam Barham - Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As the term is almost at a close, it gives me good reason to pause and reflect on the year we have had at Lampard. Our students have had the opportunity to take part in such a wonderful range of activities and events to celebrate and I wanted to mention just some of my favourites:

The Grease production was uplifting and fun and the students' commitment and hard work shone through their two performances and was gratefully received by both the school and parent audiences.

When I saw our students and staff coming over the finish line on a breezy day on Dartmoor for the Jubilee challenge for Ten Tors, I was so proud of each of them and in their resilience of walking such a long distance and keeping their spirits up throughout.

Six students completed their Duke of Edinburgh award after two years of hard work which was a fantastic achievement and something they should feel proud of.

The art work displayed for the general public at the Boston Tea Party and the Burton Art Gallery was well received and enjoyed by many.

I regularly go into classes and see how hard the students are working. I observe all of the creative and personalised learning activities. I am very proud of the staff and the students for all of their hard work.

The Friends of Lampard coffee mornings, discos and bingo night brought so many more people to our school and raised much needed funds and am hugely grateful for these events being organised and run so smoothly by the Friends of Lampard.

I could go on and on but wanted to finish by saying how brilliantly the students managed their 'meet the tutor morning' and in being so friendly to the new students. They were true ambassadors of the spirit of the school. I wish you all the loveliest of summer breaks and look forward to seeing your children on Wednesday 5th September 2018 in their school uniforms and ready for learning!

Middle School

Lampard's got Talent is back! The students did incredibly well to perform their talent in front of the whole of the school. Year 9s sat academic assessments in preparation for their move to Upper School in September, and they all did incredibly well, showing that all the hard work and learning this year has paid off. Each class have had some wonderful local area trips but we've rounded off the year with a great 3 day activity session. As some of you may be aware, this year the Middle School Residential to Calvert was cancelled due to the snow (can you believe that after all the sun we've had lately!) The tutor teams decided to put on 3 activity days, so the students could still have some fun trips and experiences ending with a wonderful, whole phase trip to Crealy adventure park. It was great fun, everyone went on rides with their friends AND the staff, some people got very soggy on the water rides. The day ended back at school, later than usual with a party dinner to celebrate. Everyone went home feeling very tired indeed, but it was a great way to end the year in Middle School.

Lower School

We have had some wonderful trips out, including Killerton House which transformed the rooms to help tell the story of Toad in Toad Hall. We have also visited Quince Honey Farm, Ilfracombe Aquarium and Arlington Court. The residential was amazing, with horse care and riding, swimming, abseiling and team building games. Everyone who went really enjoyed themselves but were very tired on their return. The Lower School Presentation awarded the students and celebrated their successes from the year. We also played the boom whackers, we cut tubing of differing lengths and then were able to play wonderful music.



Upper School

All year 11 and 10 students sat functional skills exams this term. Year 11 results will be out shortly. Year 11 had leavers' week which included leavers' assembly and the prom. Everyone had a wonderful evening and it was great to see our students all dressed up looking so smart. It was a fun evening and both staff and students enjoyed the music, dancing and food. Students from upper school achieved bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards and a team completed the Jubilee Ten Tors Challenge. All students also completed a work experience week in May.





Torrige

This term Torrige class have been reading Iron Man by Ted Hughes. This has produced some wonderful creative writing and some enormous models.



Tamar

Tamar visited Woolacombe beach for their school trip. They watched the film 'A Plastic Ocean' and wanted to clean a local beach, so as part of the trip they picked up litter. They also built sandcastles and had an ice cream. The students and staff really enjoyed the trip.

Parent View

Please visit the Ofsted website below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

It gives you the opportunity to say what you think about your child's school, by giving your opinion on 12 points from teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The information will be used by Ofsted when making decisions on when they make their visits and which school to inspect.

Lampard's New Swimming Teachers

Congratulations go to four members of staff Mr Bright, Miss Gale, Mrs Adams and Mrs Steggles who have recently completed swimming instructor training. The new swimming teachers are eager to put their new skills to work with all the students from developing water confidence to improving swimming techniques. Thank you to Make Waves swimming school for delivering an excellent course



Friends of Lampard

Friends of Lampard organised a bingo evening to raise funds for the benefit of our students. They raised an amazing £482.50. Thank you to everyone involved.

Free School Meals & Foodbank

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? Did you know that you may be eligible for Foodbank vouchers over school holiday periods?

Each child who is in receipt of Free School Meals is entitled to 1 meal per day to replace the loss of school dinners through the North Devon Foodbank. There are currently foodbanks operating in Barnstaple, Bideford, South Molton and Ilfracombe.

If you wish to find out more or be issued with vouchers, please contact Claire Cowen-Brown at school.

Save the Date

Our annual Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 24th November 2018. If you wish to book a table for selling your craft items, please contact friends@lampard.devon.sch.uk



Online Safety

Worried about your child's online gaming habits? Want to know if a game or movie is age appropriate for your child? Do you know how to set filters and controls to keep your child safe online? We have been doing a lot of work in school with students about keeping safe online and we would like to share some useful websites with you. **Common Sense Media** is a website that offers reviews and information about games, movies, apps and TV shows. www.commonsensemedia.org

Childnet is a website that has lots of useful tips and guides on issues like setting parental controls and filters www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers. We also have copies of the latest **Digital Parenting** magazine available at reception. If you want to talk discuss these issues contact Claire Cowen-Brown, Rich Unsworth or Kat Arbuthnott.

Term Dates

Last day of term **20th July 2018**, First day back **5th September 2018**

Autumn Half Term

Last Day of Term **19th October 2018** First day back **30th October 2018**

Christmas

Last Day of Term **19th December 2018** First day back **7th January 2019**