

Headteacher's Review of the Year

Welcome to the Summer newsletter. We have had a very busy half-term, not least with all students sitting their Summer exams. I have been delighted with how students approached the exams – engagement and behaviour were excellent. The last few weeks of term have been crammed with enrichment activities: some Year 8 students spent a long weekend at Arthog adventure centre, and all of Year 10 have taken part in a week of Work Experience and a Taster Day at the local college. Year 8 and 9 mentors were fantastic in their support of Year 5 and 6 children on their visits to school, and Year 9 students have also enjoyed a Healthy Lifestyles day, with five workshops to support their personal development. The race for Champion House is heating up, with Sports Day and other interhouse events. Can St Laurence make it a hat-trick this year?

We have appointed our Year 11 Ambassadors for next year; we were very impressed with their letters of application and look forward to seeing them flourish in their roles. I am pleased to welcome Jake Beardmore and Amy Lambeth as Head Boy and Head Girl, and Charlie Clent and Keeley Evans as their deputies.

We also know who the new Headteacher from January 2024 will be, when I retire. Mark Burton is looking forward to getting to know the school better during next term. Please be assured there will be no sudden changes in September – our School Development Plan for next year is about managing this change in leadership so that we can continue in our drive for the highest expectations of teaching and learning, attendance, behaviour and care of your children.

Our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their five-year journey at Ludlow School, with our traditional Leavers' Day. A drizzly day did not dampen their spirits as they came to school dressed in colourful costumes. We had a lot of Power Rangers, this year! They all enjoyed a fun sports day in the morning, with relay races of traditional favourites, such as the sack race, egg and spoon race, and space hopper sprints! This was followed by an official farewell in House assemblies, before serving a buffet lunch.

A few days later, we met again at the racecourse for the Summer Ball. It was lovely to start the evening with our students' families and friends, watching the stylish arrival of our glamorous young adults in sports cars, tractors, vintage trucks and buses, and even with a motor bike escort. The evening was great fun, with lots of laughter, singing and dancing. I feel immensely proud of the way our Year 11s have prepared for the Summer exams, and I wish them every success in the future. GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 24th August at 9am.



The end of the year is always tinged with sadness, as we say our farewells to colleagues. Mrs Hughes will be retiring after 28 years at Ludlow School. She joined us in the PE department in 1995, but will be remembered most for her years as Curriculum Learning Tutor of St Peter's House, and the last six years as Assistant Headteacher. Personally, I will always cherish the close and sustaining relationship that I have had with Lyn.

We will also be saying goodbye to Hilary Rounsley, who is retiring from the Maths team, Rachael Lewis from the English department, Talia Jenkins, from Spanish, Peter Swift, our Head of Science, Mark Watson, Cover Supervisor, and Sarah Smith, our SpLD teacher. Mrs Smith will continue to work with us in supporting the assessment for students' exam Access Arrangements. Jamie Morris will be leaving our admin team to move to Dubai. We thank all these colleagues for the professionalism and care that they have brought to their work at Ludlow School, and we send our very best wishes and love.

Happy holidays to you all. I do hope you are able to find some time to get away and relax in some warm, sunny weather. The Autumn term starts for Year 7 and Year 11 students only, on Wednesday 6th September. We will welcome back all years on Thursday 7th September.

Best wishes, Paula Hearle

Cross-curricular learning - Ecosystems and Meditation

A group of Year 8 students recently had their lesson outside, taking advantage of the wonderful school grounds. Earlier in the academic year, the class learnt about Buddhism, as part of the Humanities scheme of work. Each lesson started with meditation. The class were so engaged with meditation and the topic, that they modelled one of our British Values, democracy, by having a vote on whether to continue with starting one lesson a week with meditation for the rest of the academic year. So, every Friday the lesson starts with meditation.



In the recent lesson outside, the class spent half the lesson trying different meditation techniques, while the second half of the lesson was linked to the current topic, ecosystems. Students were able to study interactions taking place and the structure of a woodland.

Geography Field Work

At the beginning of the 2023/2024 academic year, GCSE Geography students will complete two local fieldwork investigations. The first investigation will be about changes to retail in Ludlow. Students will go out of the classroom to collect primary data. Their investigation will be supported by secondary data. Ms Adams, Deputy Town Clerk at Ludlow Council, and Ms Skelton, Curator at Shropshire Museums, have kindly provided photographs and postcards that students can use to support their investigation. The two images below have been provided by Shropshire Museums.

The second investigation will focus on flood management in Ludlow. Ms Wood, Chairman at Friends of the Corve and Teme, has kindly provided us with information that will assist students in their investigation.



Careers

Year 10 have had a particularly busy term, with exams, Work Experience week and also a Taster Day at Ludlow College. These two events are intended to introduce KS4 students to what post-16 studying is like and what the working environment entails. With regards to Work Experience, placements ranged from Primary Schools to Engineering, and Outdoor Pursuit centres to vehicle restoration. Feedback from employers has been very positive:

"I would be happy to take you on as an apprentice when you leave school."

"It has been a great pleasure to work with you."

"She has been an asset to us. Willing to take any task on. She is welcome back at any time."

These are just a few of the comments made about Year 10 students. Well done, Year 10. You should feel very proud.

Year 7:

One teaching group took part in a mini-Careers Fair, this term, with the intention of rolling it out to the whole of Year 7 in the new academic. Take a look at the website 'Career Pilot', particularly the area that matches your interests, skills and qualifications to the best-fit careers. You might be surprised!



THE "WORKING PARTY", LUCAS, MARLEY & MIA - CLEARING THE SENSORY GARDEN, JULY 2023

Uniform for September

I always look forward to the start of the Autumn term, and seeing our students arrive looking smart and ready to get back to the routine of school life. The overwhelming majority of our students always wear exactly what is expected. Visitors to the school regularly comment how smart and welcoming our students are. I am immensely proud of them. Thank you for your support with our uniform code. There are just a few points that can cause an issue, and I want to make sure we start the new academic year without any difficulties over incorrect uniform.

- Skirts must be school-branded, with the logo, and the correct fit, so that they do not ride up and become too short. Students should not roll up the waistband of skirts.
- Trousers must not be skinny-fit. As a guide, you should be able to slip a tennis ball up the ankle of the trouser, with ease. If it is a struggle, or impossible, they cannot be worn to school as uniform. Leggings are not permitted as school uniform.
- Shoes need to be black shoes. Black pumps or trainers are not acceptable. We do have issues with some sports brands, such as Nike, who market some black trainers e.g. the Nike Air Force brand, as school shoes. We would much rather that you do not purchase these as school shoes, regardless that they are black.
- Please ensure socks are black, also. It concerns me that some students wear white socks so that they do not need to change them for PE. It is important, for personal hygiene, that they do change out of their sweaty sports socks.
- Acrylic nails will continue to be forbidden. I appreciate that they cost a lot to have put on, but we will not allow them to be worn at school. The same goes for facial piercings.
- Make-up should be discrete; please talk to your child about not over-using fake tanning products or wearing fake eyelashes during the school week.

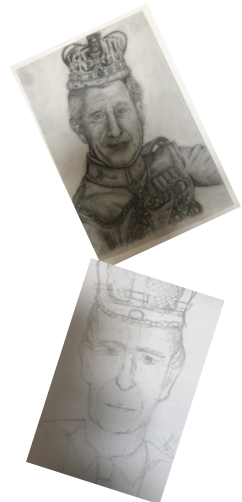
ClubSport, our uniform retailer, is now operating an online service, with delivery, alongside their shop in Leominster. Their Pop-Up shop, in school on 4th July, proved very popular, and ClubSport are planning to come to school again in February 2024, as well as July 2024.

We have reduced the number of branded items required, to ensure uniform is more affordable. Please contact your child's CLT or tutor, if you need any support with the purchase of uniform. The Ludlow Food Bank are now operating a second-hand uniform exchange from the Rockspring Community Centre, the first Monday of every month, starting at 1pm. If you have washed uniform to pass on, or would like support with uniform, please call 07896 706187.

Thank you for your continued support of our uniform code. Uniform issues may appear trivial, but we have to ensure that we do not allow individual cases to undermine the aim of uniform.

Ludlow in Bloom Competition

Earlier this year, Ludlow Town Council asked students to create a portrait of how they think the King would look on the Coronation Day. Lots of students entered the competition, before a final selection was sent into the panel of judges. Nicole Broome (Year 9) and Esme Hodnett (Year 8) were chosen as the winners. The work will be printed onto the Ludlow Bloom brochure. Both received a cash prize and certificate. Well done Nicole and Esme.



25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemangeum, South Korea - 'Draw Your Dream'

Back in 2021, after attending a selection weekend, I was chosen as one of 27 Shropshire Scouts to join 40,000 other Scouts from all over the world in South Korea in 2023, as part of the Shropshire contingent, together with 9 Girl Guides from Wales and 4 leaders. I knew nobody when I was selected, but now I have the best friends. We have done lots of training weekends including camping in Wales, travelling to Edinburgh and learning many new skills and experiences. I am going to South Korea for 21 days, where we will spend most of our time doing on and off-site activities and will also spend 5 days in Seoul exploring the city. I cannot wait to meet all the other Scouts from around the world, try new experiences and the experience of going to South Korea will be amazing.

Rowan Prosser (Year 9)

Having been lucky enough to be selected, I will also be attending the 25th WSJ in South Korea, as a member of the International Service Team. My role will be to facilitate activities on the theme of 'Culture and Tradition' for participants from all over the world. I will be flying out to Japan on 21st July with Mr Smith, who is also volunteering as a member of the IST, where we will have chance to do some sightseeing before travelling to South Korea. I am excited about discovering new countries and playing my part in such a huge international event, working with young people from diverse cultures and just being part of the World Scout Jamboree experience.

Mrs Sarah Smith (Specialist Teacher / Assessor)



Year 8 Visit to Arthog

June 23rd saw 47 Year 8 students leave a sunny Ludlow at the start of the day; by midday, when we arrived at Fairbourne, it was raining and there was a strong breeze. This did not dampen spirits, and we still enjoyed a picnic lunch and a walk along the sea-front and estuary embankment.

After arriving at the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, changing into dry clothes and having dinner, we were back out into the rain for orienteering and a nightline – a hilarious blindfold obstacle course team challenge.

Saturday brought better weather and the students went out in their activity groups to take part in either climbing or a water activity (canoeing, sit-on top kayaking or surfing), and gorge walking. All Ludlow School staff and the Arthog instructors were impressed by our students' willingness to have a go, caring team-work and resilience during challenging activities.

That evening, the sun continued to shine, and we enjoyed a walk to the beach, with ice-cream and time for chilling on the beach, watching the sun set or playing in a large and very competitive football match – no quarter was given to Mr Moseley, Mr Figliola and Mr Rees!

On Sunday, the students were back into their activity groups for a final session. By 4pm, we were back on the coach to return home with bags full of wet clothes and minds full of fun memories.



Reporting your child's absence

Please make sure you either make a phone call into school, or send an email to admin@ludlowschool.com, if your child is too unwell to attend school. This contact needs to be made *each day* of your child's absence, not just the first day. We also need *written confirmation* of the absence when your child returns to school, either as a separate letter, or a note in the Student Planner. We ask that all routine dental and medical appointments are not made in school time. However, if this is unavoidable, please send in a note with your child. It is very difficult for our Reception staff to manage last minute phone calls.



Are you interested in becoming a Parent Member of our Local Academy Board ?

- Make a contribution to the future of our young people at Ludlow CE School
- Help shape school improvement
- Become part of a Local Academy Board (LAB) who asks the right questions and listens to the responses
- Bring your own personal and professional experience to the team

Make a positive contribution to our children's futures

School governors, or LAB members, are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. The LAB has a key role in the development and oversight of the strategic development of the school. It is LAB members who oversee financial performance, and make sure money is well spent. Also, it is LAB members who hold the Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the performance management of staff.

Become a critical friend

A LAB member's role is about asking key questions; it is not about doing, or getting involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Parent LAB members have a three-year term of office, and attend three LAB meetings a year, as well as sit on a sub-committee that most suits their interests, or skills, be it financial management, buildings and resources, or teaching and learning, as examples. You may be asked to become a Link LAB member of a particular subject in the school, to support its progress.

If you want to find out more...

- Email: s.vickers@ludlowschool.com
- Call: 01584 872691 to express your interest



Ludlow Church of England School

Year 9 Healthy Lifestyles

Year 9s have had the opportunity to experience a valuable day away from normal timetable to work on essential life skills. The five areas covered included Road Safety, Resilience and Coping strategies, and Dangerous Substances Awareness. There was also a session on Relationships and a session led by West Mercia Police. All students in Year 9 engaged with the speakers and learned vital life skills to help themselves and others around them. Our students continue to impress external speakers with their knowledge and attention to detail, as well as their positive attitude.

Costume Appeal

In December, we will be putting on the fantastic musical, Grease (School Edition), and we are appealing for donations of clothes and shoes. If you happen to be having a summer clear out and come across any suitable costumes, please could you put them aside and donate them to school. Anything unused will then be passed on to charity shops. We are in need of leather jackets for the Greasers, colourful skirts for the High-Schoolers, canvas pumps and high heels for the Ensemble. Please send any donations of costume to Mr Harrison in Drama.



Dance lessons—bare feet or grip socks

We would like to return to wearing bare feet in the Dance Studio, next year, now that we are out of the other side of the pandemic, with health and safety restrictions. For a variety of reasons, some students find working in bare feet difficult, or have infections/injuries that can prevent this. As an alternative, we would like to encourage students to wear grip socks. They will provide students with comfort but also are safer than working in normal socks. If your child does not want to wear bare feet, they will need to wear grip socks, please. We will have a small stock of these in school, which can be purchased for £1.50



Terms Dates 2023-24

Date	Term
4th and 5th Sept	PD Days
6th Sept	Yr7 and 11 Only return
7th Sept	All Year Groups return (Wk1 timetable)
11th Oct	Y11 Early PTCE
27th Oct	PD Day
30th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half Term
6th Nov	Return to School
8th Nov	Y7 & 10 Settling-In PTCE
20th Dec - 2nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
3rd Jan	PD Day
4th Jan	Return to School
18th Jan	Y8 PTCE
12th - 16th Feb	Half Term

Date	Term
19th Feb	Return to School
13th Mar	Y9 PTCE
19th Mar	Y11 PTCE
25th Mar - 5th April	Easter Holiday
8th April	Return to School
1st May	Y10 PTCE
6th May	May Bank Holiday
27th - 31st May	Half Term
4rd June	Return to School
13th June	Y7 PTCE
2nd July	Y6 PTCE
19th July	End of Term

Geography photography competition 2023

The theme of the competition is 'Mobile Earth'.

The Earth is a flowing machine with earth materials constantly on the move from one place to another. Your photograph needs to show how something **natural** that has moved on Earth.

1. Take the photograph.
2. Record the precise location.
3. Write 250 words describing what it shows, describing how the movement happened, explain what it reveals about the mobile Earth.
4. Email your entry to Mr Webb (d.webb@ludlowschool.com).

Further details and tips are available here <https://geography.org.uk/physical-geography-student-photo-competition/>



School and national competition

COME & MEET YOUR SOUTH WEST SOCIAL PRESCRIBING TEAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Anne-Marie

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Social Prescribing is for Children and Young People between the ages of 11 (school year 7) and 18 years of age who live across Shropshire. It is a non-medical approach to empower you to improve your health and wellbeing.

Focussing on 'What Matters to You', you will be supported by a Healthy Lives Adviser who may introduce you to a community group, a new activity or a local club. They could help you meet new people, find information or access advice about an issue.

For Social Prescribing for ages 18 plus ask at your GP practice.

WHEN & WHERE WE WILL BE?

Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton
31st July 2023 & 14th August 2023
Time 9.30am to 3.30pm

Helena Lane Community Centre, Ludlow
2nd August 2023 & 16th August 2023
Time 9.30am to 3.30pm

Bishops Castle Library
4th August 2023 & 15th August 2023
Time 10.00am to 3.30pm



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WHAT TO EXPECT

- Get Active
- Get Outdoors
- Get Inspired
- Get Chilled
- Get Expressive
- Get Connected

WHO IS IT FOR?

Young People who may:

- feel isolated and want support to meet other young people
- feel better joining a social group
- have a health condition which can be supported through community activities
- need support and advice on practical issues such as housing or money
- need support with their wellbeing and education

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