

LYNCH HILL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Monday 14th September

Week 1

LHEA Parent Newsletter

Welcome back

I hope that you and your family had a good summer break. We have returned with a number of changes to the operational elements of the school day but the vast majority of students have taken those in their stride and it is notable that the school already feels like a more focused environment as a result.

I wanted to remind you about school starting promptly at 8.30 and it has always been the expectation that students arrive by 8.25am. Our area of Slough seems to be affected by more than its fair share of roadworks, so please factor this in when planning your journey.

We had a well attended Welcome Evening for Year 7 this week and next week, please note that there are evenings for each of the other year groups – details are on this page.

Chris Thomas
Headteacher

Key dates & Information

- Tuesday 15th September- Year 8 & 9 Making a Success Evening 6pm
- Thursday 17th September- Year 10 & 11 Making a Success Evening 6pm
- Wednesday 23rd September- Open Evening
- Thursday 15th October- Year 7 Tutor Evening 4-6pm
- Friday 16th October- Y10 Theatre trip (Drama)

Allotment update

Our allotment has had an incredible summer and has produced some amazing fruit and vegetables, especially the tomatoes and courgettes.

A big thank you to the staff who gave up their time in the holidays to ensure it stayed watered and the students who have worked so hard throughout the year.

Well done to:

- Brian T
- Zion F
- Levi F
- Lexie G
- Mohammed E
- Aleena M
- Suraj S
- Riyan A



Year 11 Homework: Supporting Success in GCSE

At Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy, homework is a key part of helping our Year 11 students achieve their full potential. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that effective homework can add up to five months of additional progress over the course of a year, making it a powerful tool in preparing students for GCSE success.

This year, our Year 11 homework programme has been carefully designed to support examination preparation and strengthen learning. Across a two-week cycle, students complete a range of tasks including timed practice questions to develop exam technique, retrieval activities to reinforce Year 10 knowledge, targeted work on misconceptions identified through assessment, and scaffolded tasks linked to current learning. Many tasks are completed by hand to help students practise the written skills required in examinations.

To help students manage their workload, each subject follows a clear homework timetable. Parents can also support their child's learning by regularly checking ClassCharts, where all homework tasks are uploaded and deadlines are clearly displayed. This provides an easy way to monitor what has been set and ensure homework is completed on time.

We also celebrate and reward students who engage positively with homework. Every completed homework earns a positive point and entry into our homework prize draws, with rewards including free meals, drinks tokens and vouchers towards the Year 11 Prom. The more homework completed, the greater the chance of winning.

By working together, we can ensure that every Year 11 student is well prepared, confident and ready to Aspire, Achieve and Succeed in the year ahead.

		Year 11
Week 1	**Practice Question & Current Content (Written Task)**	Maths - Monday Science - Thursday English - Monday Block A - Monday Block B - Wednesday Block C - Friday RE
Week 2	**Misconceptions & Retrieval**	Maths - Monday Science - Thursday English - Tuesday Block A - Monday Block B - Wednesday Block C - Friday RE

Year 11	
Block A	11A/Bs2 11A/Cp2 11A/Sd1 11A/Gg1 11A/Fr1 11A/Gr1 11A/Ci1 11A/So1 11A/Hs1
Block B	11B/Bs1 11B/Cp1 11B/Fs1 11B/Gg2 11B/Hi1 11B/Hs1 11B/So1 11B/Fd1
Block C	11C/Bs3 11C/Dt2 11C/Fd2 11C/Fr1 11C/So2 11C/Hi2 11C/Fs2 11C/Dr1 11C/Ar1

Safeguarding: Who Can Your Child Talk To?

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We want all pupils to feel safe, supported and confident to speak to a trusted adult if they have a worry or concern.

Our **Safeguarding Poster** identifies the key members of staff your child can speak to, including our **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** and **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)**.

We encourage you to take a moment to look at the poster with your child so they know who they can turn to for help. Please remind them that they do not need to be certain that something is wrong before speaking up — **if something is worrying them, it is always okay to ask for help.**

Together, we can help ensure that every child feels safe, listened to and supported.

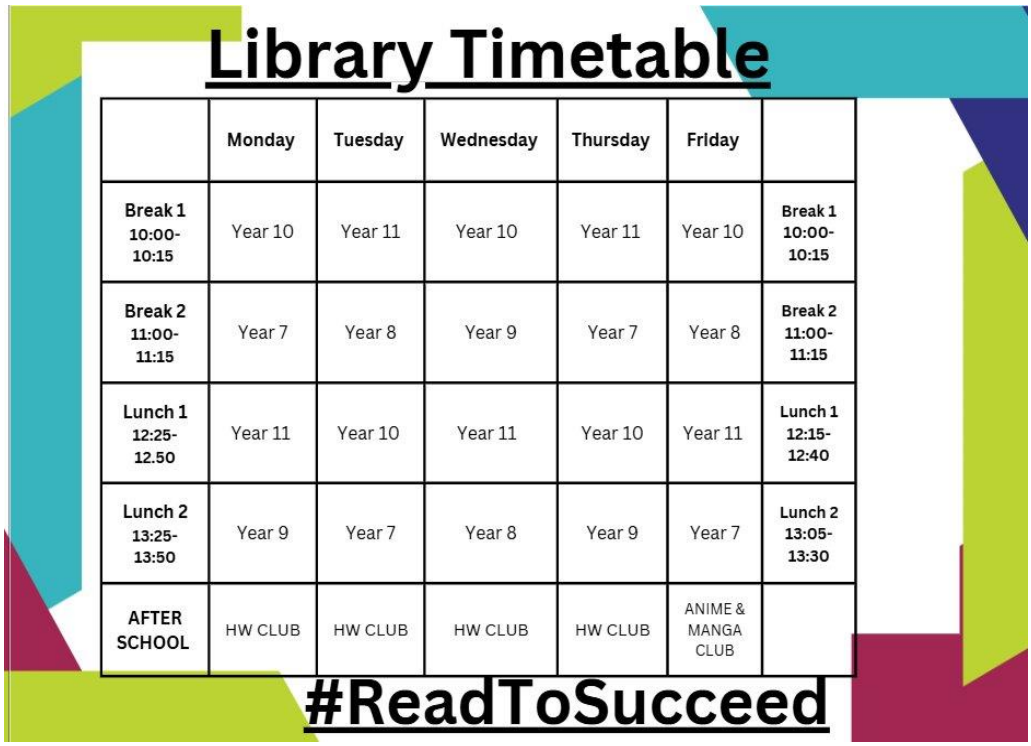


Library Timetable

Each year group has a dedicated time in the library during break or lunch. During their allocated time, students can visit the library to read, borrow books or complete their homework.

The library is also open every day after school until 4pm, and this is open to all students who would like to come in to read, study or complete their homework.

Below is the timetable for you to share with your children, so they are aware of their allocated time during the week.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Break 1 10:00-10:15	Year 10	Year 11	Year 10	Year 11	Year 10	Break 1 10:00-10:15
Break 2 11:00-11:15	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Break 2 11:00-11:15
Lunch 1 12:25-12.50	Year 11	Year 10	Year 11	Year 10	Year 11	Lunch 1 12:15-12:40
Lunch 2 13:25-13:50	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Lunch 2 13:05-13:30
AFTER SCHOOL	HW CLUB	HW CLUB	HW CLUB	HW CLUB	ANIME & MANGA CLUB	

We are also running an Anime and Manga club every Friday in the Library from 2.30pm, so please do encourage your children to attend if this is something they are interested in.

Young Writers

We are delighted to share that **63** of our students have had their stories selected to be published in a book as part of the Young Writers Competition.

Students who have been selected to have their stories featured will be receiving a certificate and letter to bring home, explaining the publication and also seeking your permission for their work to be included in the book. If you have received one of these letters, please make sure you complete the online consent form as soon as possible.

We are also awarding those students with 5 achievement points.

Well done to those who have been chosen and for all students who entered into this competition. We look forward to sharing more details once the book is published.

Discover Our After-School Clubs

There are lots of exciting opportunities for pupils to get involved in after school. Whether your child enjoys sport, creativity, music, technology or learning something new, there is a club to suit a wide range of interests.

Our after-school clubs provide a great opportunity for pupils to develop new skills, make friends and have fun outside the classroom. Please see the table below for details of the clubs available this term, including the day, time and location of each activity. Please note that sports clubs will be published very soon.

We encourage all pupils to take part and make the most of the fantastic opportunities on offer.

Day	Club	Day/Time	Who
Monday	Chess Club in T15	3-4pm	Mr King
	Christian Fellowship Group in T13	3.15-3.45pm	Ms Thomas
	Stressless Art Club in T9 (Y11 GCSE Art students only)	3-4pm (starting Mon 21st Sep)	Ms Javed
	Miniature Wargaming Club in M3	3-4pm	Mr Ameen
Wednesday	Drama Club in Drama studio	3-4pm	Ms Walsh
	Duke of Edinburgh in M3 (Bronze Week 1 & Silver Week 2)	3.15-4.30pm	Mr Ameen & Mr McLeish
	Board Games Club in T13	3.10-4.30pm	Ms Thomas
	Music Club in T11	3-4pm	Mr Martin
Friday	Manga Club in Library	2.30-4pm	Ms Khan
Mon-Fri	Library Assistance Club in Library	3-4pm	Ms Khan

The harmful impact of online misogyny: What educators need to know

Bold Voices is an award winning social enterprise bringing school communities together to learn, discuss and tackle gender inequality and cultures of gender-based violence.

This session will break down the harmful messages young people are consuming through social media, where those messages sit within a wider culture of gender inequality, and ways that schools can start to proactively tackle misogyny and gender inequality.

It is essential for all school staff to understand the lived reality of their students so they can appropriately and effectively challenge harmful stereotypes and behaviour without alienating them.

What to expect:

- An overview of key definitions and terms relating to online misogyny including the 'manosphere', incels, misogyny influencers, algorithms, red pill, blue pill, the 80-20 rule and more.
- An understanding of the key harmful ideas and messaging that young people are being exposed to online and an exploration of the root cause of these harmful ideas.
- Tips and tools for starting conversations about, and challenging, the influence of these individuals and movements within the classroom focusing on a 'call in' and 'call out' method of challenge that promotes opening up conversation and providing space for discussions that centre empathy and critical thought.

Wednesday 14 October, 2-3pm

Teacher training session

Register at: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/457691e9-5f1a-4b00-9ac7-b270a9f1dc25@5b68e17b-e5f9-469e-b0cf-bed4fb97f95b

Safer Slough Partnership

BOLD VOICES

Conversations we can't avoid: The manosphere, misogyny, and risks to teens

Helping parents navigate online risks and tough conversations about gender issues.

Young people today are navigating a complex world online, at school, in relationships, at parties, and in public spaces, where they may encounter pressures, influences, and situations that can be difficult to understand and respond to.

This session, delivered by Bold Voices, will help you make sense of the challenges teens are facing, including the wider influences shaping their views on gender, relationships, and behaviour. It will explore how these issues connect to broader patterns of inequality, and why they matter now more than ever.

The session will also reflect on some of the well-intentioned approaches parents often take that may not have the impact they hope for, and what can work better instead.

You'll leave feeling more confident, informed, and equipped, with practical tips, conversation starters, and trusted resources to help you support your teen and open up meaningful discussions at home.

Tuesday 20 October, 6.30-7.30pm

Parent and Carer training session

Register at: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/457691e9-5f1a-4b00-9ac7-b270a9f1dc25@5b68e17b-e5f9-469e-b0cf-bed4fb97f95b

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Penalty Notice Changes from Slough Borough Council

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following came into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and also across borders if you move school or house. Term Time leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be :
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence onwards

Within 3 years of the first offence
The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.
Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found to be guilty in Magistrates' Court can show as a criminal record and also on the parent's future DBS certificates due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Don't forget

Penalty Notices are issues **Per Parent**, **Per child.**
For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines.
This could amount to £960

10 sessions in 10 weeks
Penalty notice will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks

5 consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

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Please ensure you communicate with our attendance team

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Term Dates/Events

Term Dates 2026-27	
Tuesday 15th September	Year 8 & Year 9 Parent information evening 6pm
Thursday 17th September	Year 10 & Year 11 Parent information evening 6pm
Wednesday 23rd September	Open Evening
Thursday 15th October	Y7 Tutor Evening 4-6pm
Friday 16th October	Y10 Drama Theatre Trip
Monday 26th October – Friday 6th November	**HALF TERM**
Thursday 10th December	Year 8 Parent's Evening 4-7pm
Friday 18th December	End of term –1pm finish
Monday 21st to Friday 1st January	**Christmas Holidays**
Monday 4th January	Students return
Thursday 7th January	Year 11 Parent's Evening 4-7pm
Friday 12th February	**INSET Day (school closed)**
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February	**HALF TERM**
Thursday 25th February	Year 9 Parent's Evening
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 25th March	End of term –1pm finish

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Term Dates 2026-27	
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 10th May- Friday 18th June	GCSE Exams
Thursday 20th May	Year 10 Parent's Evening 4-7pm
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	**HALF TERM**
Thursday 17th June	Year 7 Parent's Evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 6th July	Y6 Induction Day
Monday 12th July	Awards Evening 5.30-7.45pm
Wednesday 14th July	Whole school activities day
Friday 23rd July	End of term-1pm finish

VIRTUAL GEMS

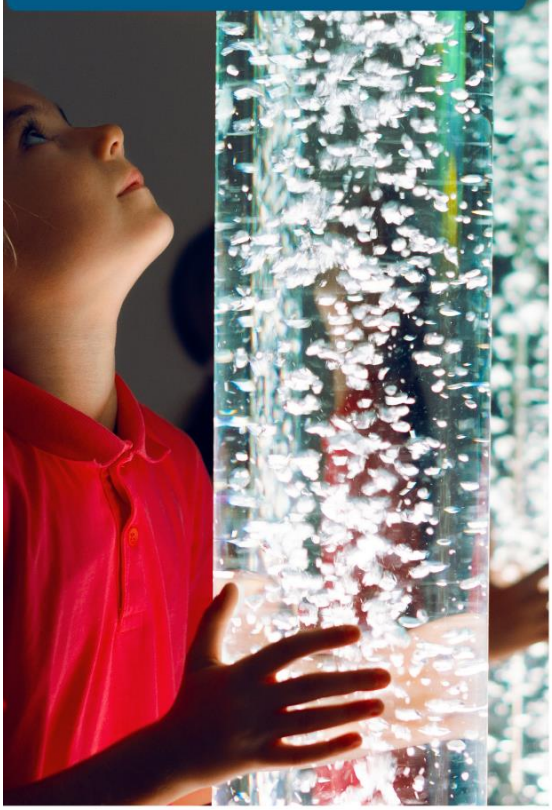
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

10:00 TO 11:00 AM

25 SPACES



Sensory Processing

Meet with fellow parents and carers to share together

Sensory difficulties
Preventing overload
Sensory strategies

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

SIGN UP TODAY!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT GEMS:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net

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