

LYNCH HILL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

LHEA End of Term Newsletter

The end of year is always a time of reflection, looking back over the year that is just ending but also a time for anticipation, looking ahead to the new school year and everything that brings.

To begin, I would like to share staff who are leaving today – we wish them all well in their new venture, whether that be a new school or job outside of education.
Mr Trenchfield (SLT), Ms Adams- Campbell (DT & HoY), Ms Dillon (English), Mrs Rodrigues (Geography), Ms Haynes (PE), Ms. Iqbal (SEND), Mr Charles (Pastoral), Mr Khan (Technician), Ms Khan (Cover) & finally, Mrs Fereira who is retiring from our dining room – her wonderful desserts will be missed!

Looking forward – you can read my end of term letter setting out changes planned for September.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer!

Chris Thomas
Headteacher

Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy
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Safeguarding Over the Summer Holidays

As we break for the summer holidays, we would like to remind families of the safeguarding support available.

Our safeguarding team will be available throughout the holidays and can be contacted at safeguarding@lhea.org.uk.

Students have also been sent a helpful guide via their school email with details of organisations offering support if they need it.

If you have an urgent concern about the welfare of a young person, please contact:

- **Slough Children First:** 01753 875362
- **Out of Hours Service:** 01344 351 999
- **Emergency Services:** 999
- **Police (non-emergency):** 101
- **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS):** 0300 365 1234

We wish all our students and their families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

Safeguarding Team

Changes from September

There are some changes happening from September which will affect the day-to-day experience of your children that I want to explain to you. Our student council and the student surveys that we conduct have told us that there are times in the day when school feels overly busy, crowded and sometimes a small minority of our students can make the day unpleasant for others. This aligns with the government's push to ensure that schools are generally more inclusive and calm places for young people to be. The mobile-free approach is another aspect of this drive from the government.

We have therefore been reviewing how school operates and identified several changes which we have seen elsewhere to have a significant impact on this area.

- **The role of the tutor:** This has always been important to us, but we have decided to more tutor time back to the start of the day in order to make sure that there is a pastoral 'check-in' each morning. This will allow tutors to quickly identify students who may not be 100% in terms of their mood, attitude or maybe uniform or equipment issues. We want them all to begin the day 'ready to learn' and this will promote that as well as giving us time to share key messages and celebrate successes. As part of this change, we have also moved the locations of tutor groups so that each year group is grouped in one area of school which will enable the Head of Year to be more effective in their role. This has meant a change in tutor for some classes, but we believe that the overall gain outweighs the loss.

- **Line-Ups:** These link with the first point but are not purely at the start of the day. We will be asking students to line up in their tutor groups at the start of the day and then also again at the end of break and lunchtime. This will allow a calmer start to each period of learning and cause less congestion and noise in corridors.

- **Break and lunchtimes:** We have operated a split lunch for some time and will also be having a split break from September. This will mean fewer students outside at these points in the day meaning calmer social times and hopefully fewer disagreements over things like spaces for football etc.

- Mobile Phones: we will be amending our policy on the use of mobile phones during the school day, in line with the government's expectation of schools but I will write to you in September to explain exactly how that will work. The change will not happen until October.

•BROMCOM: We have recently changed our School Management Information System (MIS) to a new provider, Bromcom. The MIS is the system that holds all our student and school data and with this move brings the ability to make things easier for our parents, by providing access to a parent portal built into Bromcom called My Child at School (MCAS).

MCAS will allow you to receive live insights on your child's attendance to school, allow purchase of items, pay for trips and organise lunches. Parents can also ensure their data is up to date, for example if contact details change you can update this within the app for the school to review without needing to go through a longer process! We will be able to send communications through MCAS, which will give parents a centralised place for everything to do with their child, no more jumping between applications for making payments, finding emails, or having to email the school office for getting simple information!

MCAS will launch in the new school year, login details for the application will be sent to your registered email address with the school and you will then be able to use this information to log in. We will then gradually add elements to it during the year until we reach the point where it is fully operational. For parents who do not want to use the application or cannot use it, then traditional methods will be used for communication. All payments will need to be placed through MCAS much as they currently are through Parent Pay.

To prepare, look for "MyChildAtSchool" in the Apple App Store or the Google Play store and install it, or scan the relevant QR code below. If you do not have a mobile device, you will be able to use the MCAS website – https://www.mychildatschool.com

Google Play

Apple App Store

Some general reminders now:

Uniform

- Hoodies are not allowed at any time during the school day, including at break and lunch times. Students should have a suitable coat to wear outside in cold or wet weather.
- There has been an increase in the range of different hair colours and streaks of hair colour. Whilst acknowledging that elements of this are cultural, they should always be a natural colour, so blonde highlights are ok, but colours like blue, pink etc. are not.
- There has also been an increase in the range of colours of Hijabs. These should be black or white.
- Jewellery has always been limited to:

  A small, plain single stud in each ear lobe (to be removed for PE).
  one small stud to be worn in the nose. Nose rings are not allowed.

Other areas

- A reminder that e-scooters are not allowed on site.
- Students should ensure that they have a lock if they bring a bike to school.
- Spray deodorants/perfumes/ouds are not allowed.
- The only drink that students are allowed to bring on site is water.
- We are a nut-free school – please do not send your children in with nuts or nut-related products.

September return

- **Thursday September 3rd – Year 7 & 11 only**
- **Friday September 4th – all students**

Students Show Generosity Through Foodbank Appeal



We are incredibly proud of the 111 students who chose to donate their achievement points to support our local foodbank this term. Rather than spending their hard-earned points on rewards for themselves, these students demonstrated kindness, compassion and a strong sense of community by donating them to help others.



Together, students donated an impressive **3,780 achievement points**, which were converted into foodbank items purchased by the school and added to our collection.

Year 9 led the way with the highest number of donations, while forms **9 Da Vinci**, **9 Tesla** and **9 Einstein** were our top contributing tutor groups.



This initiative reflects the values we seek to develop at Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy: kindness, responsibility and a commitment to supporting our local community.

We would like to thank every student who donated and congratulate them on making a positive difference to the lives of others. Their selfless actions are something of which they should be very proud.

Well done to all our donors, and thank you for helping us make a difference.



A Fantastic Year in the School Allotment

As another fantastic school year draws to a close, we are delighted to celebrate the incredible success of our school allotment.

Our students have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of planting, caring for and growing their crops. Their enthusiasm, dedication and teamwork have resulted in a thriving allotment that everyone can be proud of.

Thanks to their efforts, we harvested an impressive crop of onions and garlic from last year's winter planting. Throughout the spring and summer terms, students continued to develop their gardening skills by planting and nurturing a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, potatoes, radishes, carrots, sweetcorn, pumpkins, beetroot, spring onions and courgettes.

One of the most exciting additions to the allotment this year is a watermelon plant! We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a successful harvest before the end of the growing season. 🍉

The allotment has provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about growing their own food, caring for the environment and working together as a team. It has been fantastic to see their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm flourish alongside the crops.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this year. Well done to everyone involved for their hard work and commitment in making the school allotment such a wonderful success.
Please enjoy the accompanying photographs, which showcase the students' achievements and the fantastic progress made in the allotment throughout the year.







ChildLine: Telephone 0800 1111 ChildLine is a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of 19. You can contact a ChildLine counsellor about anything -no problem is too big or too small. **http://www.childline.org.uk**	**SHOUT- Text Messaging Crisis Line – Text '85258'** Free, Safe, and anonymous text messaging service. You can text 24/7 if you are struggling to cope and need immediate help. **http://www.giveusashout.org**
Child Bereavement UK: Telephone 0800 02 888 40 **Child Bereavement UK supports children and their families who have been affected by bereavement of someone close to them. Download the mobile app from your App Store.** **https://www.childbereavementuk.org**	**Child Exploitation and online protection centre (CEOP)** The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse. You can make a report directly to them if you are worried about online sexual abuse or something has happened online which has made either you or the child/young person feel unsafe, scared, or worried. CEOP Education
KOOTH Counselling Free, safe, and anonymous online support for young people. **https://www.kooth.com**	**Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** FGM is a procedure where the female genitals are deliberately cut, injured, or changed, but there's no medical reason for this to be done. FGM is against the law in the UK and has been a criminal offence since 1985. It is a serious crime. **If you believe that a victim or potential victim of FGM is in immediate danger, always dial 999.**
Forced Marriage Unit: Telephone 020 7008 0151 You have the right to choose who you marry, when you marry or if you marry at all. Contact the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) if you're trying to stop a forced marriage or you need help leaving a marriage you've been forced into. **https://www.gov.uk/stop-forced-marriage**	**Domestic Abuse** Domestic abuse is when a grown-up threatens, bullies, or hurts another adult in the family. Sometimes it's called domestic violence, and it can happen in any family. It can be very hard to deal with but remember that it's never your fault. If this is happening in your home, and you need help, contact ChildLine. **ChildLine: Telephone 0800 1111** Domestic abuse | Childline

Neglect

Every child and young person has the right to be looked after properly. If you're not getting the important things you need at home, you could be being neglected. There's a difference between things we want and things we need. Some people might want a new games console, or a new phone, but these aren't things you need. You need things like enough to eat and drink, protection from danger and clean clothes. Your parents or carers should make sure you have these things. If you think you are being neglected and you need help, contact ChildLine.

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Removal of sexual images shared on-line

The link below provides details of a service where children can request the removal of sexual images of themselves, which have been shared on-line.
You will be asked to provide a link to the image and verify your age.

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/

Young Minds: Telephone 0808 802 5544

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing.

https://youngminds.org.uk/

Stonewall: Telephone 020 7593 1850

Supports all LGBTQ+ people.

http://www.stonewall.org.uk

New Stop Vaping Service for Teens Now Available in Slough

Health and Wellbeing Slough is launching a brand-new, free service to help teens in Slough quit vaping. Whether you started vaping because of peer pressure, curiosity, or just thought it was "no big deal," this is your chance to stop—and we're here to support you every step of the way

New stop vaping service **for teens now available in Slough – Slough Borough Council**
or

text QUIT Vape to 66777 to get started today!

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

The UK's leading children's charity. Working to stop child abuse and neglect for over 140 years. The only UK children's charity with statutory powers, which means we can take action to safeguard children at risk of abuse.

NSPCC | The UK children's charity

KEY INFORMATION

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Term Dates/Events

Term Dates 2026-27	
Tuesday 1st September	**INSET Day**
Wednesday 2nd September	**INSET Day**
Thursday 3rd September	Y7 & Y11 Students return
Friday 4th September	All year groups return
Thursday 10th September	Year 7 Parent information evening 6pm
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
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

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Term Dates/Events

Term Dates 2026-27	
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 25th March	End of term-1pm finish
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