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As I approach the end of my second year as Headmaster, I remain committed about my plans for the School. My mission initially was to improve the profile of the School, involve more parents in School life and engage more with the community. I feel that we have made some significant headway with these aims. Some new staff appointments next year will mean that the particular focus will be on the teaching and learning in School. Of course it is the core of what we do, and we discuss it daily, but it is always important to ask the question: 'What can we do better?' It has been such a wonderful term for sport, expressive arts, events, and induction for new girls. For the second year running we have high numbers joining us, and I will be welcoming 55 new girls on 3 September. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy some family time together over what looks to be, hopefully, a sunny summer! **ARW**



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## Whole School Prize Giving Celebrations



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Sixty girls, parents and staff collectively enjoyed celebrating the students' successes at a celebration evening to mark their departure from the Junior Department. This was a new event which has received huge appreciation from parents and girls. The evening saw the Junior Hall transformed into a 'graduation venue' where a meal was enjoyed, preceded by a heart-felt speech from the Junior Head Girl, Kareena Sobti. The evening culminated in a prize giving ceremony where each girl's talents were marked. Later during the same week, the Senior School enjoyed a day of celebrating the girls' successes in the Summer Prize Giving for Y6-Y10. The Guest Speaker was old girl Felicity Mount, who now runs her own business. She clearly relished being back at LHS and had some wise words for the girls. There was some beautiful musical entertainment from Rose Caldwell and Hannah Erlebach. Everyone also enjoyed the rousing performance of the LHS Choir, who sang a 'Take That' song. It was a lovely way to end the year, with the girls proudly receiving their prizes before enjoying refreshments in the Junior Hall.

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## Family Fun Day in the Sunshine

For the last three years, as a School community, we have enjoyed this event after Early Years' Sports afternoon. The girls, although exhausted from their races, still managed to muster the energy to enjoy the inflatables, face-painting and playing games on the stalls. This year, our Sixth Form team, led by Krista Landers, Head Girl, organised all of the face painting in aid of the Nepal Earthquake Disaster fund. Over £450 was raised for The Friends of LHS, who aim to provide opportunities and events for the School and its families. Thank you to all those who helped at the event and who attended.



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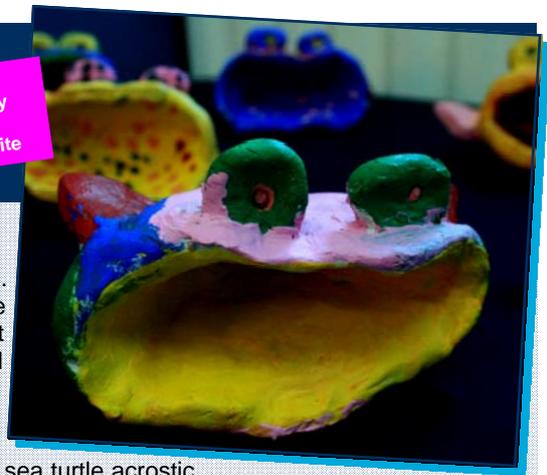
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# Junior

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## Amazing Year 1 Sea Life Experience

**Y**1 and their teacher, Miss Stell, have had a very busy and exciting Summer term. As part of their topic about oceans, the girls visited Birmingham Sea Life Centre which gave them the inspiration to open their own equivalent experience at Leicester High. In doing so, the girls had the opportunity to present their work in a fun and interactive way and invite their parents to view their achievements. It all began by finding out about the five oceans of the world and discovering what it would be like under the sea and what the girls might find there. Next, they focused their attention on three of their favourite sea creatures: jellyfish, sea turtles and whales. They created jellyfish caligrams, sea turtle acoustic poems and even made their own PowerPoint presentations on one of the animals. The classroom began to transform, as the girls created Stormy Seascape pictures inspired by William Turner, coral reef sea sculptures, a paper plate aquarium and pinch pot clay fish, all full of character and colour. Several of the girls extended their learning at home by creating fantastic pictures and models to put on show. When the day came in June to open their very own 'LHS Sea Life Centre', the girls began with a musical showcase to parents involving fish, jellyfish and a parachute! They then became tour guides for their parents, giving them a Sea Life Quiz which they filled in as they looked at all of their daughters' work. It was a wonderful afternoon. The girls were so proud of all their hard work and so excited to be sharing it with their parents. It was definitely a day that will be remembered for years to come.



## Sporty Girls!

**O**n Wednesday 3 June a number of Y4 and Y5 girls competed in the annual **Primary Area Athletics** event at Saffron Lane. In Y4 Beatrice Davies won her heat and went through to the final where she also won a Gold Medal. Lauren Fowler came second in her heat for the 400m. Also in Y4, Frantasia came 6th in the 400m distance race, whilst the relay team came 5th overall. In the long jump Beatrice came 3rd overall, whilst Esme came 7th in the throwing event and Lytheah came 18th. In Y5 there were no finalists in the sprint races, but in the 600m Nya came 5th and Laura 9th, whilst the relay the team came 6th overall. In the throwing event Isha came 4th and Sakina 9th and in the long jump Neva came 4th overall, whilst Aalishah came 13th. On Thursday 4 June the Junior Department held their **Annual Swimming Gala** for Y4 and Y5. In the front crawl lengths race Laura Luthi just managed to pip Raquel Berry to the post. However, in the backstroke event, Raquel was able to beat Laura. In the breaststroke race, Laura was again able to beat Raquel in a very tight finish. Other notable results were in the breaststroke width race, where Lauren Fowler and Safiya Nehra managed to touch together to come third, whilst Sneha Daga managed to win all her width races. Final results for the event were as follows: Charnwood came third with 21 points, with Bradgate in second place with 27 points, whilst Beaumanor romped way with a win of 42 points. Everyone enjoyed another successful **Junior Sports Day** with dry weather and hard work from all pupils and staff. The winner of the Victrix Ludorum for Y3 was Lola Kermode, Y4 was Lytheah Heskey-Morrison and for Y5 it was Nya Patel. Points at the half way stage saw Beaumanor in the lead with 97, Bradgate with 84 and Charnwood with 94. After the final race, points were collated and the results were Bradgate in third place with 163 points, Beaumanor in second place with 165 points, whilst Charnwood were able to overtake Beaumanor and were crowned overall winners for the fourth year running with 199 points.



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## 'Grow £20' Initiative



**I**n January Y2-Y5 were given £20 by the Head of Juniors, Mrs Fowler. 'I want you to use your talents and skills to make this £20 grow', was the message. The classes put their entrepreneurial plans into action and led money-making opportunities such as: refreshments at productions, investing in a book funding enterprise and the creation of personalised key rings. Overall profits were impressive with Y3-Y5 making £40 each and Y2 making £105 profit! Each class will retain their profits and use them to purchase something for their class next year, but also keep some aside for reinvestment. 'The importance of economic wellbeing can be understood by young children, and it gives them vital life-skills that will provide a sound foundation for future success,' said Mrs Fowler. 'I am delighted with the girls' efforts.'

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## UTTERLY BUTTERLY BRILLIANT UKULELE

**I**n late June, the Utterly Butterly Ukulele Project (TUBUP) arrived at School, and Y3-Y5 had a most enjoyable day, making, learning to play and singing with a ukulele. The project is the brainchild of Steve Nutter, Nick 'Prof' Penny and Simon 'Toff' Ferraby. All three are exceptional musicians in their own right and have a vast amount of experience working in primary schools, delivering community workshops and instrumental teaching. The girls were very excited about and committed to the project from the beginning. By the end of the day they were able to perform five songs to the families and girls attending the Family Fun Day. Mr Alan Tang, Head of Music, said: 'This project epitomises everything that the School represents: community, independence, enjoyment, opportunity, and confidence. It was delivered by people that were passionate about what they were doing, and the girls responded fantastically to it.'



# Senior

## Tennis Training & Tournaments



**G**irls from Y7 and Y9 visited the Nottingham Tennis Centre on a very sunny day in June. The Nottingham Schools Tennis Festival 2015 is part of the Aegon Open Nottingham WTA (women's) events, which are pre-Wimbledon grass court events starring international players. The girls all took part in interactive practical sessions in the morning, including Cardio-Tennis where they were able to demonstrate their tennis skills (and dancing skills!) whilst jumping around to music. They then took on the boys from Crown Hills in the exciting 'Touch Tennis Games'. After lunch, the girls were able to tour around the centre and following the lead of our super guide, Holly, watch and meet some of the international players. All girls came away with a signed tennis ball by Daniela Hantuchová, a Slovak tennis player and, as of April 2015, ranked world number 46 in singles. This must have inspired the girls as there were high numbers entering the Annual Tennis Tournament this year: 27 girls from Y7 –Y12 played on a beautiful afternoon of sunny weather which saw three hours of play and 45 competitive matches. It was lovely to see parents coming to support, as well as some 'old girls' who had returned to support the event.

Congratulations to everyone who played, especially those who entered for the first time.

### RESULTS:

**Junior singles:** Hritika Modi

**Junior doubles:** Hritika Modi and Riya Ghosh

**Senior singles:** Morgan Williams

**Senior doubles:** Anna Galeva and Morgan Williams



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## French Trip to St. Omer

**O**n Friday 12 June a group of 20 Y7-Y9 girls along with Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Formoy and Mrs Buxton-Thomas, arrived at Château d'Ebblinghem, in the village of Ebblinghem, not far from St. Omer, to begin a three day stay discovering the cultural delights of France and practising language skills. It was a really hot afternoon as the girls were welcomed and shown around the grounds. In Boulogne the next day the girls saw the Château, the old Belfry, the Town Hall, the magnificent Cathedral and learnt all about Boulogne's important role as the fourth pilgrimage site in France. A visit to the market and the cake shop enabled the girls to order in French as did the cafés in St. Omer. A trip to Nausicaà, a sea-life centre, allowed the girls to marvel at the creatures there and learn more French vocabulary. On Sunday everyone visited the historic town of St. Omer and followed a town trail, looking at French shop names and types. The girls were also able to visit the First World War Cemetery at Ebblinghem, a poignant reminder of the men who died there.



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## GCSE Geography Trip to Swanage

**O**n Monday 15 June the GCSE Geography group gathered at 6am to begin the long journey to Dorset for the geography field trip. On arrival everyone checked in at the Youth Hostel and had an introductory lesson, before setting off for different areas of the town for some data collection. After dinner the girls headed off to visit Old Harry Rocks for some sunset sketching. On Tuesday morning everyone travelled off to Swanworth Quarry to find out all about the different aspects of quarrying limestone and restoring the quarry to limestone grassland. The girls were amazed by the number and size of the ammonites found in the rock and enjoyed the ammonite sculptures in the quarry. After lunch the girls travelled to the spectacular Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, in fantastic sunshine. Ice cream and the gift shop were also very popular in Lulworth! For the final day the girls returned to Swanage and measured longshore drift on different parts of the beach, before travelling to picturesque Corfe Castle to practise some data collection techniques in a tourist area.



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## School invites South Lodge Residents to Tea

**G**irls in Y10 entertained residents from the local care home, South Lodge, giving them a delicious tea and some musical performances. The residents appreciated the change of scene, and the girls very much enjoyed caring for them and seeing their appreciation. The visit was such a success

## Year 10 Discovery Days

**T**his year saw the introduction of some new career experiences for Y10, after the School exams and in preparation for A level choices next year. Eleven of the girls visited Cambridge and its University for the day, had tours of two different colleges, Trinity Hall and Robinson, and learnt about the admissions process. The girls found the trip 'inspiring' and 'daunting', and it will certainly start them thinking about the future! Girls who think they may be interested in taking medicine, visited Birmingham University and took part in a simulation of key hole surgery, listened to lectures and learnt about the content of the course at Birmingham.

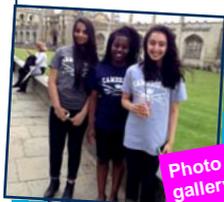


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## Skipathon raises £1403

**O**n 8 June, 66 girls from Y6-Y8 took part in the British Heart Foundation Skipathon in order to raise money for essential research and support for families living with heart defects. The girls entered in teams, created their own promotional posters, baked their own treats, competed against each other in skipping challenges AND made sure they kept a skipping relay going for the whole lunch time. The grand total of sponsorship money raised was an incredible £1,403. Well done to all girls who took part and to all parents and friends who sponsored the skippers.



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# Sixth

## Sixth Form COLUMN

The termly musings of  
Media Prefect, Aditi Pandey



Hi

Exams are over, but unlike our older counterparts, the Y12s are not out of the frying pan just yet. Now starts the gruelling UCAS process as we all try to decide what course, what university, and even what country. With the time to start drafting personal statements looming, many girls spent a week completing valuable work experience and I interviewed a few about their time spent in 'the real world'. Of course, we did have some pure fun this term: the Family Fun Day fundraising event raised money for the devastating earthquakes in Nepal. It was an enjoyable, sunny afternoon and the whole prefect team was surprised by the popularity of our face painting stall with the junior girls. Apologies for the amateur art, but many girls were wielding paintbrushes on skin for the first time that day - including myself! We prefects have been trained and recently had our first team meeting which was definitely an experience and went as smoothly as could be expected. We've also had our first event: a refreshment stall at sports day. With summer term coming to an end I always feel a bit nostalgic, especially since we're saying goodbye to the Y13s. We wish them all the very best.

Have a good summer,

Aditi

## WORK EXPERIENCES

For a whole week in June, Y12 go out on work experience. It's perfect timing for them. The exams are over, and university courses are about to be chosen. Over the summer the girls will be starting to write their personal statements for UCAS, the university admissions body. The work experience they gain not only helps with this, but also focuses them on careers after university. Many of the girls secure some impressive placements, often entirely by their own efforts, and a few are outlined below:

Interviews by Aditi Pandey

I have a real interest in physiotherapy and how we are able to manipulate the body in order to restore health. It took some confidence to find the position, as I had to physically walk into my local hospital, but I managed to spend four days in three different hospitals, observing stroke patients and the elderly on the rehab wards, spending time with the out patients and even taking part in a hydrotherapy session. I learnt a variety of techniques and exercises for many different parts of the body and different types of classes and equipment that can be used such as rotunders, stand aids and hoists. I thought the stand aid was a particularly innovative machine, as it allowed bariatric patients to stand up when they may have been in bed for over six weeks.

**Morgan Williams**



I spent a week at Leicester University Radio and Space Plasma Physics group in the Physics and Astronomy Department. I was given an overview of space plasma physics: basically it's the study of the interaction between particles coming from the sun (aka solar wind) and the magnetic fields of the planets in the solar system. FUN FACT: when solar wind interacts with the charged layer of Earth's atmosphere the result is the northern and southern lights (aurora). Interesting things I did included: I was given a tour of the Space Research Centre (SRC) and I got to see 'clean rooms' where the university builds parts of satellites that are launched into space. We built our own radio wave filter which isolated a particular radio frequency. The team let me keep it! The week was fantastic and contributed to my passion for physics. **Jade Askew**

I spent my week at the company Cargill, where I shadowed many types of engineers, worked on projects and was able to have in depth tours of a wheat and ethanol plant. It was interesting to go up to the operating rooms to see how they'd deal with a problem on the plant, such as high water pressure in pipes, or the breakage of machinery belts. I especially enjoyed the ethanol plant as I was able to carry out sniff tests on the different ethanol fractions. **Priya Patel**

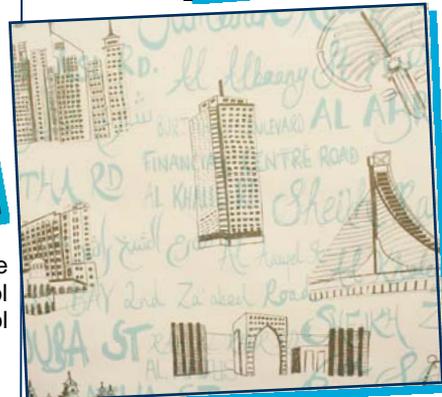
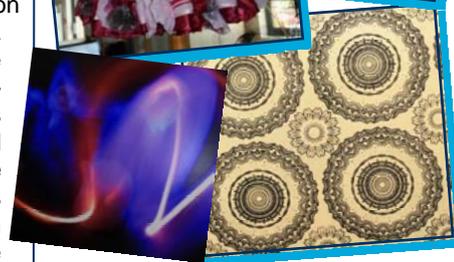


I spent a week at John Ashworth's (the local Labour MP) office as I wanted to dabble in some politics. I was shown around the office and took part in case work. This was where constituents came into the office to seek help with immigration issues and benefits etc. I wrote letters to other agencies, referring cases which needed outside help, for example, for a lady with housing problems I wrote a letter to Leicester City Council. It was a great opportunity which really improved my people skills and opened my eyes to the different circumstances of the general public.' **Marriyah Sabat**



## Art & Photography A level Work

The Summer Celebration in the Senior School in late June saw every year group displaying their work in expressive arts across the year. Many parents came, and it was lovely to see them in School as always. Below are some examples of just a few of the A level girls' work which is inspiring to see, and is a snapshot of the best art in School.



# OPEN DAY

Saturday 10 October  
9.30-am - 12.30pm

Everyone welcome