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Lytchett Minster School



Term Dates 2010/2011

Summer Apr 26th – July 22nd

Please note that students will finish at
12.30pm on Friday 22nd July.

Term Dates 2011/2012

Sept 5th Sixth Form Induction Day
Sept 6th Staff Training Day
Sept 7th Y7 & Y9 in school
Sept 8th All years return to school

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS ... DON'T FORGET ARTS WEEK GETS UNDER WAY THIS SUNDAY *see last page*

Dear Parents,

Wimbledon is over, GCSE and A level exams are finished for the year, the Year 11 Prom is a fading memory and even the Sandwalk is behind us. Friday's walk was conducted in near perfect conditions and went without a hitch. We raised over £16,500 for Cancer Research last year and we look forward to finding out what this year's total will be. Thank you once again for your warm support for this worthy cause and excellent school event. It was very heartening to be stopped by numerous members of the public as we walked along the promenade eager to discover what was going on and to compliment us on how impeccably our young people were conducting themselves.

You may recall that some months ago we requested your email addresses so that we could send the school newsletter home to you electronically. Thank you to the many of you who have provided these details. We are now emailing the letter to all addresses that we hold on record. If you would like to receive the letter electronically, please do provide us with your email address details. At the last count, nearly 500 people had opened our previous newsletter having received it via email and we were delighted to find that we have readers all over the country—as far as Norwich, Leeds and Cumbria, but even more impressive was that we have overseas readers too—in Prague, Cancun and New York!

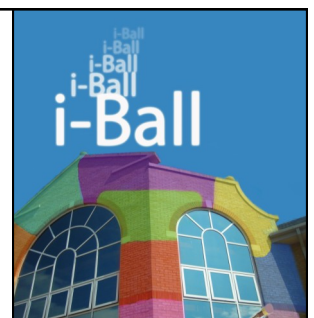
PARENT HELP!

Our senior library is perhaps the best sixth form study facility in the county. But we have a problem. The book stock which is tailored to course needs is expensive and current financial constraints mean we are unable to replace books if they go missing. Whilst we are delighted that students are using the books, many have gone home this year and not been returned when students have finished with them. Could you help us please by checking at home if your child still has any of our books? If so, could you please ensure they come back to us this week? No questions will be asked! Incoming students in years 12 and 13 will be indebted to you.

Congratulations to the following students:

- * Congratulations to **Daniel Sharland** (Year 8, Portland), **Kieran Taylor** (Year 7, Purbeck) and **Mitchell Taylor** (Year 10, Purbeck) who participated with the Poole Sea Cadets in the Southern Area Band Competition held at Chatham Docks. They were awarded first place.
- * Congratulations to **Libby Lamb** (Year 10, Kimmeridge) who recently competed in the Dorchester *Race for Life* and raised over £340 in aid of Cancer Research UK.
- * Congratulations to **Jack Sharland** (Year 12) who recently came 2nd in the *Round the Island Youth Sailing Cup* placing him 109th overall on the Island Sailing Club rating. He has also won the last two racing series at both Parkstone and Poole as a member of the youth crew. Jack will now go on to compete in the J24 national competition later this week, he will be participating in Cowes Week as part of the youth crew during the summer holidays and will be competing in the J24 European competitions in Dublin in September. Good luck to Jack in all these events— perhaps he is the next Ben Ainslie!

iBALL - Visual Arts and Media Showcase – Thursday July 7th – 6pm onwards – Gainsford Theatre—The iBALL has now become a regular feature in the school's summer arts calendar. Media, Art, Textiles and Photography students combine to present the best of their work in a relaxed setting, making the most of the Gainsford Theatre's light and space to showcase their creativity. In addition to photographic displays, arts and textile galleries, media students will present interactive screenings of animation, drama and documentary from BTEC and A Level courses. If your son or daughter is taking a creative option this year or may do so at GCSE or in the sixth form, then this is the evening for you. Come and see what our students can achieve.



Les Pieux Exchange -19th Edition!

The Year 8 French Exchange group of 30 enthusiastic, if a trifle nervous, pupils set off from Poole Ferry Terminal at the uncivilised hour of 7a.m. on Wednesday 15th June. We arrived in Cherbourg and spent the afternoon picnicking in the Jardin Public and visiting the Cité de la Mer and its nuclear submarine before heading off to Les Pieux and our French correspondents. Settling in was easy, given that the French pupils had already been here and so we were all great friends already.

On Thursday 16th, we went to Mont St Michel with our tour guide, Mr Moore, who told the tale of how the church was founded by a French nobleman and how it was built. On our return journey we stopped off at a seaside resort for a quick ice cream and a breath of French sea air.

On Friday 17th, it was off to Bayeux and its famous tapestry which tells the tale of one invasion and then to the American War Cemetery at Omaha Beach, Arromanches to hear and see the account of another invasion, this time much more recently, in 1944. Of course all of these visits were punctuated by 'shopping-stops' and picnics (only one in the rain!).

On Saturday it was the turn of our French host families to look after us and there were tales of barbecues, meals out, shopping trips, walks, bike rides and horse-riding adventures amongst other activities and then on Sunday we all met up again at the Cherbourg Ferry terminal for our tearful farewells and a fairly rough sea-cat crossing back over to Poole.

The competition is now on for who can produce the most impressive project about the trip and I look forward to seeing the winners presented with their prizes at the end of July. On behalf of the staff - Mr Moore, Mrs Burdon and myself, I would like to thank the Year 8 pupils for being a most cheerful and charming group of people and for making this Exchange a most enjoyable and memorable one.

Ms Haddrell, MFL



Junior Maths Challenge 2011...



During May, 20 students in Years 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Math Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust at Leeds University. 235,000 students took part in this national event this year in which they had to answer a series of maths puzzles under examination conditions.

The top 6% nationally were awarded a gold certificate. Congratulations go to the following Year 8 students: who made this elite group: **Melissa Hanger** (Kimmeridge), **Linus Head** (Wealden) and **Tom Storey** (Gault).

The next 13% nationally were awarded a silver certificate and so congratulations to the following students: **Lauren Butterworth** (Year 8, Portland), **David Churchill** (Year 8, Gault), **Tara Prince** (Year 7, Wealden) and **Harry Ingram** (Year 7, Kimmeridge).

The next 21% nationally were awarded a bronze certificate. Congratulations to: **Brandie Tuttiett** (Year 8, Wealden), **Jack Williams** (Year 8, Kimmeridge), **Savannah Morgan** (Year 8, Gault), **Luke Scriven** (Year 7, Portland), **Cameron Fletcher** (Year 7, Kimmeridge) and **Cameron Yorke** (Year 7, Purbeck).

Well done everyone!

Miss Peggrem, Maths

Extended Project Qualification...

Nine students from years 12 and 13 have completed an EPQ this year as part of their enrichment programme. The aim of the qualification is to extend a student's learning and skills beyond their usual programme of study to an area they are personally interested in researching. As the EPQ is the equivalent of the A2 half of an A level, where students can achieve an A*, it is a very challenging and rigorous qualification.

Topics this year were very diverse, ranging from a 5000 word academic paper on the evolution/ creation debate by **Ben Honeywill** to an artefact based photographic exhibition by **Jack Cullimore**, who investigated the pros and cons of film vs digital photography. Many of the students became first class researchers as they investigated their chosen topic. For example, Jack interviewed a photojournalist, Ken Guest, who has recently photographed the war in Afghanistan. Several students grappled with serious contemporary issues as they researched their projects:



Olivia Galvin asked 'Should faith schools exist?' This contemporary and contentious area took Olivia on a journey of discovery that included interviewing a labour peer and contacting head teachers in faith schools.

Laura Burgess researched the issue of designer clothes and the ethics of conspicuous consumption – a thought provoking topic enhanced by a questionnaire conducted on Survey Monkey.

Sadie Banyard focused her attention on the qualities that young people miss by not studying foreign languages at school. Her conclusions were very convincing; très bien Sadie!

Beth Willmot investigated the link between The Big Society and Altruism; she certainly demonstrated some excellent analytical skills as she posed some carefully considered comments about how political theory links to action – or not.

Other students chose to investigate a topic of personal interest to them, related to potential career direction.

Aspiring teacher **Charlee Tummon** engaged with primary research in order to draw conclusions about learning styles in the classroom. This involved observing several teachers in action and analysis of individual methods for teaching A level.

Pippa Woods decided to extend her historical knowledge by researching evacuation, in the context of the Second World War in comparison to modern day conflict. Her unique perspective drew on ideas that connected the past with very recent crises, and asked us to consider how evacuees might be cared for in our 21st Century society.

Olivia Batchelor's project was all about the 'Glee' and what effect show choirs have on society compared to traditional church choirs. Olivia's analysis of this topic resulted in some deep thinking about the impact of individualism vs collective and community engagement; perhaps the two types of choirs have more in common than you might first think.

Each student presented their project to an audience of governors, teachers, parents and fellow students in March and then submitted their work in late April. Following a rigorous marking and moderation process, the projects were sent to the exam board moderator in May. We eagerly await the outcome.

We would like to commend all of the EPQ students for their hard work and perseverance with their projects this year; it has been a pleasure to work with them in supervising their research.

Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Clark, Mrs Hobbs

Good luck to the following staff who will be raising money for various charities over the coming months :

- * **Reverend Meachin** who will be cycling 60 miles in the Macmillan Dorset Bike Ride later this month
- * **Mrs White** who will be participating in the Bournemouth Pier to Pier swim later this month in aid of the British Heart Foundation
- * **Mr Sears** who will be taking part in the London to Paris bike ride during September in aid of the Stroke Association, covering an incredible 234 miles in just 4 days!

Year 12 Activities Week...

Each year, following their examinations, Year 12 participate in an activities week based around team-building events and tasks to develop leadership skills. This year, the challenges were certainly varied and there was something for everyone!

Some challenges were of a physical nature e.g. team events such as tug-of-war; some were more creative events, for example, Project Catwalk where students have to make costumes out of scraps, and other challenges such as baking a celebratory cake and composing their own songs; and then there were more academically-based tasks including making a newspaper and preparing a political campaign. Students also visited London for the day.

The students went on to celebrate their successes throughout the week in a prize ceremony. As you can see from the photographs, this was a fabulous week enjoyed by both staff and students!



Introducing the New Arts Award...

Our Performing Arts Department has this year introduced a new Arts Award for Gifted and Talented students. Here, **Daniel Adams** (Year 9) shares his experience:

“The Arts Award is perfect for all of those people who just love the arts, you couldn’t ask for anything better! From acting to costume design, lighting effects to media there’s something for every type of artistic talent. In the Arts Award you look at several different types of art to broaden your skill, each one with its own set of criteria. Each week we have been introduced to a new skill or aspect of theatre including acting, studying practitioners, street dance, lighting and sound, costume design, marketing and graphic design, and creative writing. For example: in the Technical theatre workshop we looked at lighting effects. You have got to know which button does what, what sort of lighting you want, where you want the light coming from; the list is endless, but all the skills you learn widen your capability. Every Tuesday lunchtime there’s always something new to do and something new to be learnt and the result is always fulfilling.

It’s really interesting to learn these new skills and you certainly get a lot out of it - I know I have! I have found that the Arts Award programme inspires creativity and I enjoy working and learning with like-minded people. At first it’s a bit awkward with lots of people you don’t know very well, but soon you become familiar with everyone and it becomes a lot easier to work with them. The work is challenging but once I have accomplished the tasks, it’s very rewarding. Even if there’s something you do one week that you’re not particularly enjoying or you’re not that great at then there is always something another week that you’ll enjoy and do well at. Every session is a lunch time well spent! I am looking forward to researching into my Arts! Hero over the summer holidays and also having to run a workshop that will inform others about a skill I have developed through the course.

So if the arts are something you’re interested in then I highly recommend it. It’s fun, enjoyable, you always learn a new skill and it looks great on a CV!”

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Update...

Under the capable leadership of Miss Elliott and supported by a very committed team of staff, we currently have over 60 Students who are involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Students achieve their Award by completing a personal programme of activities including a volunteering, physical and skills activity. Here, some of those students share their programmes:

Jack Crompton (Year 9, Wealden) is currently working towards the Bronze award: "I am volunteering to clean at the local scout hut once a week. This is tough, but it will be worth it when I get my award. I am learning to cook for my skills section—so far it has been fun and I've learnt a lot of new skills that will come in handy later in life. For my physical I am helping out at a small football club on a Saturday in which I lead some of the warm-ups and help out the younger players whilst developing my own skills."

Currently working towards their Silver Awards:

Charlotte Butler (Year 10, Kimmeridge): "I have started my volunteering at Holton Lee horse riding for the disabled. I have been out on the bikes assisting the drives, cleaned the tac and brushed the horses down. I will learn many facts about horses and how to drive a horse and also communicate with people with disabilities. I will be doing my physical activity at the Purbeck Sports Centre. I will learn a new and exciting alternative to the normal way of dance—Zumba. I am looking into doing a life saving course for my skills section."

Sam Wrobel (Year 10, Kimmeridge): "For my volunteer work, I am going to keep check of my neighbour who has dementia. He loved his garden and so I am going to keep his garden neat and tidy. I am going to learn something new for physical recreation—climbing it is thrilling and exciting! For my skill, I will be doing some conservation work at Durlleston Country Park, where I also did my work experience. I want to go on to study zoology at University."

Lauren Kitson (Year 10, Portland): "I have started to volunteer at Holton Lee horse riding for the disabled. By the end of the volunteering I will know how to attach the equipment to the horses and I will be taught how to control the horse when on a carriage. I will also be able to interact with people with disabilities. I will soon be joining a Zumba class and will learn some Latin dance sequences. Before I start my skills section, I need to find out details of a life saving course."

Luca Infante (Year 10, Purbeck): "Every Tuesday and Thursday I take part in ju-jitsu. Additionally, I occasionally teach the children. On Friday evenings I volunteer and co-produce a radio show live on Hope FM—it's really diverse and I really appreciate all kinds of music and thoroughly enjoy the show. One of my own tracks has even been played to thousands of listeners! For my skill, I am currently working on producing new House and Dance tracks. I am starting to collaborate with different musicians and infusing different real instruments with synthesised sounds and VSTS. It's great fun."

Chester Elliot (Year 10, Portland): "For my skill I have chosen golf—I am currently working on a new handicap but at the moment I am playing off 14. For my physical recreation I am mountain biking with the Dorset Rough Riders and will start competing this summer. I can also use this for my GCSE PE work and vice versa. For my volunteering I am gardening for the elder community in my local area."

Chloe Bailey (Year 10, Wealden): "For my volunteering section I have chosen to work at the Holton Driving School for the Disabled. I will learn a number of horse related skills and how to interact with people who have a number of disabilities. For my physical section I will learn a new alternative style of dance, Zumba, a Latin style dance exercise. I am looking into taking a life guard class for my skills section of the programme."

We wish the students all the very best with completing their Awards.

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have successfully completed their Bronze D of E Award: **George Woods** and **Stef Bamber** (both of Portland House), **Oliver Levy** (Wealden), **Sam Wrobel** and **Daniel Mulryan** (both of Purbeck House), **James Dickson**, **Megan Brown**, **Sebastian Moore**, **Hannah Ewers** and **Hannah Calver** (all of Kimmeridge House).



Year 7 Conquer Corfe Castle...



“On the 28th June, 132 Year 7 students went on a Humanities fieldtrip to Corfe Castle. Our first stop was St Edwards Church, where we learnt about the history of the church and why it was called St Edwards. After that we drew some gargoyles — medieval people believed that when they went to bed, the gargoyles came to life and scared away all the bad spirits. Our second stop was Corfe Castle itself, where we labelled a map and then we explored the castle. When we got to the top of the castle, we could see Langton Matravers Church, Poole Harbour and lots of fields!

Our final stop was West Hill. After we had climbed the never ending path, we could see for miles. We could see all of Corfe Castle, Poole Harbour (which is the largest natural harbour in the world), Wytch Farm and we could hear and feel the ranges at Kimmeridge and Tyneham,

My favourite part was being at the top of West Hill and being able to see for miles around.”

Ellie White, Year 7

Who is the Greatest Briton...?

As part of their History work all Year 9 students have for the past few years completed a "Greatest Briton" presentation. Inspired by the BBC programme of the same name, students are given, at random, one of the 100 Greatest Britons as their individual and then have to do some research to explain not just what that person did, but why that individual is the most significant Briton. Students first present their findings to their teaching group, then the winners from each group have the daunting task of having to repeat their work to the whole year group - unsurprisingly having to stand up in front of 220+ students (not to say anything of the 10+ teachers also present!) is a nerve-wracking experience for all of them.

Previous winners include Jonny Wilkinson, Elizabeth I and Sir Winston Churchill, but this year's nominees were Princess Diana, Sir Francis Drake, Sir James Dyson, Elizabeth I, Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Steve Redgrave, Helen Skelton, Barnes Wallis and Jonny Wilkinson.

After nine presentations it wasn't at all clear how the voting (first past the post!) would go - each and every one of the presentations had things that commended themselves to the audience (and none of them tried bribery this year -previous presenters have given away sweets to try and influence the voters!); but in a closely fought contest the top three were Sir Francis Drake (**Adrian Hobbs** and **Jack Crompton**), Princess Diana (**Jordan Andrews** and **Todd Coombs**) just being pipped to the top spot by **Mitchell Cooper's** work on Sir James Dyson - perhaps a much needed triumph for British engineering?

Congratulations to all the presenters - who will win next year?

Mr Williams, Head of Humanities

A Day in the Life Of...

...Past student, James Palmer...

James was a student at Lytchett from September 1994—June 2005. He took his A Levels here in the summer of 2005 (English, French, Geography and Maths) before going on to Cambridge University. Here, James gives us an account of “a day in his life...”

“The summer of 2005 was a significant time in my life. In the space of just a few months, I was transformed from a sixth-form student at Lytchett to an undergraduate studying Geography at Downing College, University of Cambridge. Six years later, I am now a graduate student working towards a PhD on European renewable energy policy, and Cambridge has become something of a second home to me. But what does my day to day life as a researcher here actually involve?

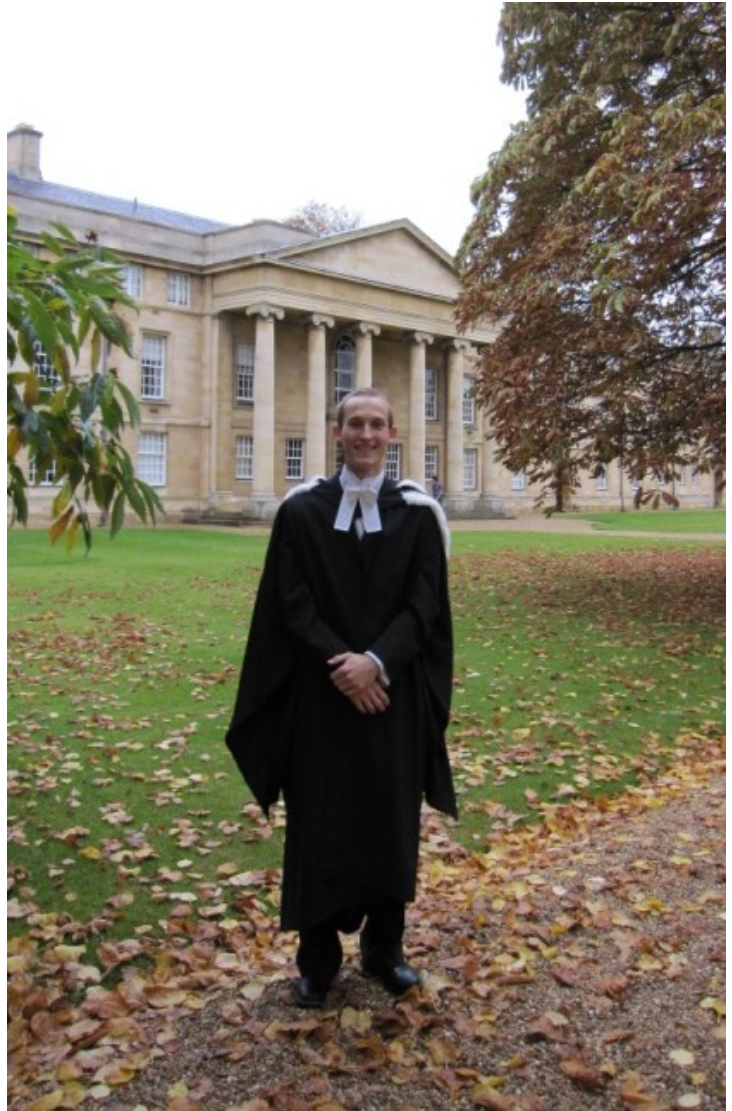
To give an entirely honest answer to that question, I have to begin by admitting that I spend a lot of time at my desk, either typing up notes on my computer or – more often – buried under a vast pile of reading. Whilst this may sound (and certainly can seem!) a little tedious however, I am pleased to say that it is only a small part of this particular story.

Indeed, the real beauty of doing doctoral research in Geography lies in the diversity of the opportunities that are opened up for travelling and meeting new and exciting people. As a result, for every hour that I spend in Cambridge’s labyrinthine libraries, I might spend another in Brussels or Copenhagen engaging face-to-face with scientists, policymakers and renewable energy experts, or another again attending conferences which are specifically designed to bring academics with similar interests together from Universities across the country

It isn’t just in my working life that I am treated to diversity either. Socially as well, the post-graduate scene in Cambridge has something for everyone. At this time of year for instance, a typical evening might be spent enjoying formal hall dinners at one of the University’s 31 colleges (these occasions are often described by visitors as “like being at Hogwarts”), punting serenely along the river Cam (which offers unique views of some of Cambridge’s most iconic architecture), or even attending one of the University’s world-famous May Balls!

As a result, there is simply no such thing as a typical day for me as a graduate student working at Cambridge. In short, if you do have a burning desire to learn more about the world in which we live, post-graduate study offers you the tools and opportunities to do that not just through reading and writing, but through travelling and exploring too! As a post-graduate, the world really is your oyster”.

James Palmer (Ex Lytchett student)



Congratulations to ex-student **Sam Fowlie**, who has graduated from Bristol University with a 2:1 BSc Degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare as part of his Veterinary studies. Sam will return to complete his final two clinical years in the Autumn.

Lytchett Sailing Club...

On Tuesday afternoons during the Summer term, 8 of Lytchett Minster's sea faring students head down to Hamworthy Outdoor Education Centre eager to get onto the water. The winds over the past few weeks have given our sailors challenging conditions including choppy waters and sharp gusts. Reverend Meachin has been running the sailing club at Lytchett Minster since 2004. Rescue cover when the conditions are more extreme is helped by Mr Hampson.



* 'I find sailing exhilarating and very wet. VERY wet. But that is just half the fun of it '
Matt English (Year 8, Gault)

* 'Sailing is an amazing experience and you can get to places no-one else can'
Laurence Skinner (Year 8, Kimmeridge)

* 'Its amazing and everyone has fun, it's great !'
Lewis Moorhouse (Year 9, Purbeck)

The strong winds haven't stopped them and when the winds finally calmed down this week 4 Pico's were whizzing around navigating themselves around the waters adjacent to Hamworthy Park.

See you on the water !

Miss Fisher

The School Uniform Shop is open between 3.40 pm and 4.10 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 6th July, Wednesday 13th July, Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 7th September, Wednesday 14th September, Wednesday 5th October

Alternatively, **students only** can buy items from the Uniform Shop on Monday lunchtimes between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

Please could I remind parents to ensure that all personal items including uniform, PE bags, pencil cases, lunch containers and coats are clearly labelled with their child's full name and house. Please avoid using initials only as with over 1,270 students in school, this can make it very difficult to reunite lost items with their owners! Also, if you bring belongings in reception for your child to collect, please could you ensure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name and house.

Other dates for your diaries:

Friday 15th and Monday 18th July

Thursday 21st July

Friday 22nd July

Thursday 18th August

Thursday 25th August

Cross-Curricular Days

Prize Giving

End of term—students finish school at 12.30 pm

A Level Results Day

GCSE Results Day

Inevitably at this time of year we have to bid a sad farewell to many staff. I would particularly like to mention Mr Hobbs (MFL) and Mr Notley (English and Media) who, having clocked up between them 40 years of service at Lytchett, are our longest standing leavers. We wish them both every happiness in their retirement. Farewell and good luck also to the following members of staff who will be leaving us to go on to pastures new: Mrs Jenkins (Head of Maths), Miss Bugden (Head of RE), Reverend Meachin (Head of Science), Miss Sansome (RE), Mr Sears (Geography), Miss Cousens (PE) and Mr Hendra (Student Support). We value the contributions they have made to the school. We will miss them greatly but wish them all the best for the future.

Stuart Clark
Headmaster

The Grove Youth Club, Sea View Road, Upton, will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **21st July at 7.30pm** to raise awareness of the club facilities and to encourage parents to discuss how the club can help our young people. All are welcome to come along. The Grove Youth Club Management Team consists of: Paul Johns – Chairman Tel. 01202 622169, Rob Blake – Youth Leader, Richard Hiles, Sue Wellsted, Jane Godfrey, Bill Pipe, Adam Vaughan, Sally Webster and Danny Harrington.

Lytchett Arts Festival...

The fourth annual **Lytchett Arts Festival** will build on the success of the last three years' events and help the school and its community to celebrate the arts and our location. This year we are planning a really exciting new departure by launching the week with a full day-long festival - **Lytchett Live** - during Sunday 10 July. This family day will feature the **Anonymous Travelling Market** which brings a rich variety of stalls selling top-quality produce as well as a whole range of live music played by local artists. All this will take place in the beautiful terraced grounds of the Lytchett Minster School manor house. Our festival will then run all week in the evenings. It will be broader and richer this year, with new and top-flight performers. We are delighted to announce that our headline act is **Tenors Unlimited**, the very popular trio who have wowed audiences internationally and here in England.

Other top acts so far confirmed include **Chris Garrick** (of the Budapest Cafe Orchestra) in a new line-up called **Butterfly Wing** with lead singer **Jacqui Dankworth** (Cleo Laine's daughter). The stunning Brittany-based Celtic folk band, **Churchfitters**, who recently enthralled audiences at Poole Theatre, will also feature, as will **Isambarde**, a superb midlands folk trio, who will perform in our secret garden.

As a Performing Arts College, we know the power of the arts to open up new worlds for pupils and for the community. So, once again, we will use our state-of-the-art theatre and beautiful grounds as a backdrop to the events. Integral to this week will be our **photographic competition**, which is open to all ages. The exhibition and judging of entries will take place during the festival week. With a rich and varied line-up of performances, participants may enjoy a uniquely varied mix of events including music, song, photography and a family day of musical entertainment with quality local products on offer.



Full details of the arts festival and of Lytchett Live are now on the Events section of our website . Tickets may be reserved by telephoning Alison Colvin on 01202 622413, or you can reserve online at www.lytchett.org.uk/events

Sunday 10 July - Lytchett Live

The Anonymous Travelling Market will bring Dorset produce, live music and children's activities for a great family day out on the school terrace from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

Adults: £2.00; Children: £1.00

Monday 11 July - Butterfly Wing (Chris Garrick)

Chris Garrick (of Budapest Cafe Orchestra) with new line-up - Butterfly Wing - also featuring top jazz singer Jacqui Dankworth. 7.00pm in the Gainsford Theatre.

Adults: £10.00; Concessions: £8.00

Tuesday 12 July - Isambarde

Top-flight midlands folk trio who epitomise all that's best in current British folk. They will play in the school's secret garden from 7.00pm.

Adults: £8.00; Concessions: £7.00

Wednesday 13 July - Offenbach Operetta ("Not in front of the Waiter") and Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens

Students of the school sing and play in the secret garden from 7.00pm.

Adults: £4.00; Concessions: £3.00

Thursday 14 July - Churchfitters

This Brittany-based group of musicians from England, Ireland and France is taking UK audiences by storm with their unique and energetic performances. From 7.00pm in the Gainsford Theatre.

Adults: £10.00; Concessions: £8.00

Friday 15 July - Tenors Unlimited

This stunning trio of tenors bring our festival to an amazing climax. See their website for more information about them - and their latest CD! From 7.00pm in the Gainsford Theatre.

Adults: £12.00; Concessions: £10.00