

A Year in the life of Lytchett
Minster School



August 2008 - September 2009



August

Work began on the Artificial Sports Pitch

Outstanding Key Stage 3 results in English, Mathematics and Science

72% of students achieved 5+ GCSE's at grades A* - C (best ever!)

99.5% of students gained 5+ GCSE's at grades A* - G

87 students gained 10+ GCSE's at grades A* - C

Beckie White, Charlie White and Jack Otter gained the equivalent of 11 A*'s at GCSE

100% pass rate in 13 subjects at AS Level and 27 subjects at A2 Level

John Kinnersley, Claudio Bollani, Elizabeth Kenyon and Helena Mason achieved the equivalent of 4 or more A's at AS Level



99% pass rate at A2 Level with 54% of students were awarded A or B grades

Another year of outstanding results at A level and in BTEC National courses.

85% of all A level/BTEC entries exceeded or met target grades, showing excellent value added.

Adam Vaughan achieved 4 A grades at A level in Geography, History, Law and Food Technology, and secured a place at King's College, University of London to study Geography.

Wesley Durdle achieved 4 A grades and 1 B grade at A level in Drama, English, French, Spanish and Geography. He has progressed to the University of Southampton to study Modern Foreign Languages.

Rowan McCarthy achieved 3 A's and 1 B at A level in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Business and Economics, a took a place at Cardiff University to study Medicine.

Lauren Bishop, Hannah Farwell, Hannah Leach and Laura Wilmot all achieved 3 A grades at A level and went on to study the following courses at University: Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Philosophy and Photography.

12 students from Years 11 and 12 participated in a 4 week World Challenge expedition to Malawi, Africa where they undertook building work, a mountain trek and a safari. They were accompanied by teachers, Mr Boyes (Science) and Miss Bugden (RE)

September

Students and Staff took part in Lytchett's first Fantasy Football League which was run by Channel 4

30 Year 10 and 11 students took part in a Wealden House paintballing "reward" trip

Jacob Thomas (Year 10, Purbeck) was selected to play for the County Junior Badminton Team

2 students from Years 9 and 12 attended an Eco Schools Induction Day as part of the launch of Eco Schools

The Year 8 boys' football team beat Royal Manor 2-1 in a County Cup game

The Year 7 Readathon was launched and students entered a number of reading-related competitions
Sam Hearn (Year 11, Gault) was selected to represent England at the 2009 World Cycle Speedway Championships

Year 12 BTEC students worked with a professional

Dance Company

Molly Tighe (Year 9, Purbeck) was selected to represent Dorset Under 14 Girls' Football

Emma Acott and Alice Fisher (Year 10, Portland) were selected to represent the Under 16 Girls' County Football Squad



October

25 Sixth Formers attended an ICT Discovery Workshop in Portsmouth
61 Performing Arts students attended a performance by The Jasmin Vandimon Dance Company at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre

14 Year 12 BTEC students participated in a dance performance

A number of Sixth Formers watched a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre

65 Year 11 Drama students attended a performance of Blood Brothers, one of their GCSE exam texts, at a London Theatre
Molly Tighe, Alice Fisher and Emma Acott were selected to play for the Under 14 Girls' County Football Squad

Year 8 pupils produced a large scale drawing based on the school buildings as part of the national Big Draw event

Sam Unsworth was selected to play for the Under 14 Yeovil Town Football Team

A number of drama students visited the Nuffield Theatre in Southampton to watch a performance of "Othello"

25 Year 11 students took part in a Welcome Host Customer Service Course as part of their Leisure and Tourism studies

Jayden Stockley was selected to play for the AFC Bournemouth Football Team

30 Sixth Form students visited the Houses of Parliament and attend a seminar with local MP, Annette Brooke
Over 300 students were involved in our annual Open Evening

7 Year 11 students took part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Qualifying Expedition

A number of Year 10 and 11 students attended a vocational skills festival at Kingston Maurward College

13 Sixth Form students gave a presentation to parents to show the work undertaken during their Malawi World Challenge Expedition



November

70 Year 10 students gained an insight into the production of chocolate on their trip to Cadbury World to complement their Food Tech studies

All Year 8 students attended a Geography fieldwork trip to the Jurassic Coast

23 Year 12 Business and Economics students participated in the Global Business Challenge

11 Sixth Form Food Technology students visited the Good Food Show at the Birmingham NEC

12 Year 10 Leisure and Tourism students visited Paulton's Park to complete their Marketing unit

20 Sixth Form Mathematicians took part in the Senior Maths Challenge

20 Year 12 students gained their "Appointed First Aider" Certificate following an intensive course

8 students from Years 10 and 11 participated in the "Yes Chef" Food Technology competition

30 musicians from Years 8 and 9 performed at the Young at Heart Christmas Party in the Upton Community Centre

Year 7, 8 and 9 students from the Samba Band performed at our feeder schools

Events including a Playstation competition, leg waxing and a non-uniform day took place to raise money in aid of Children in Need raising over £1,600

The Year 9 and 10 Boys' Badminton teams went through to the County Final

The PTA ran a Picnic and Quiz Night to raise money for the school

50 Sixth Form Geographers attended the Student Earth Summit in London

A guest speaker presented a talk to Year 11 Health and Social Care students about residential care

Current and past Sixth Form students took part in an Awards Afternoon to celebrate their academic achievements



December

30 students performed in the Poole Schools Christmas Concert
The Art and Design Department staged an exhibition of A Level and GCSE Art, Textiles and Photography projects
23 Year 10 students visited the Tate Modern Gallery in London
Year 9 students performed 'Romeo and Juliet'
Year 13 BTEC students performed in a 'One Night in Vegas' cabaret show
A number of students from Year 12 and 13 visited the Lighthouse Theatre to watch a production of 'The Merchant of Venice'
All Year 9 students participated in a Health Education day in conjunction with PSHE
A number of Year 7 and 8 students took part in a Christmas Disco to celebrate a successful first term
The annual Carol Service took place at Lytchett Minster Church
Over 100 students and the Staff Choir performed in the annual Christmas Concert
Year 12 students enhanced their practical skills in a Photography Workshop day led by a local artist
7 Year 9 students participated in a Ready, Steady, Cook competition, which was won by Katie Gillion
Our new Website is launched – www.lytchettminster.org.uk

January

2 Year 7 students attended a Mathematics course for Gifted and Talented students at a residential centre in Somerset
More than 200 Year 9 students participated in an environmental awareness Theatre in Education presentation with cross curricular links to Geography and Science
Year 12 Geographers took part in a fieldtrip to Portsmouth to investigate the redevelopments and rebranding of the "Waterfront"
Over 50 students perform in the production of 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Through the Looking Glass'
Louise Wellstead won the 'Yes Chef' semi-final at the Carrington Hotel, Bournemouth
7 Year 7 students competed in a 5-a-side Football Tournament
15 Year 12 students took part in a Geography field trip to Barton-on-Sea and Studland to collect data for their project work
Rachel Pugh won the District Final of the Rotary 'Young Chef' competition at The Bournemouth College
Year 11 English students attended a GCSE Poetry workshop and production at a Bristol theatre
27 students attended a presentation on The Holocaust in readiness for a visit to Auschwitz, Poland
Two teams competed in the Dorset Badminton Finals in Bournemouth
12 girls from Years 8 and Year 9 competed in the U14 Girls County Cup Football Quarter Final



February

The opening of a Maths, Science and Humanities Centre for teaching and learning offering outstanding new facilities and the opening of a brand new spacious cafeteria increasing capacity by 600%
The opening of a Sixth Form and KS4 learning centre which significantly enhanced facilities to support learning and the potential for independent study
Rachel Pugh competed in the Regional Final of the Rotary Chef competition and was placed third overall
A number of Sixth Form students studying French, Business and Photography undertook a study tour to Paris
25 Year 10 Business students participated in an Enterprise workshop entitled "Marketing Theory into Practice"
20 Mathematicians from Years 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge
Louise Wellstead was a runner-up in the "Yes Chef Competition" Final at the Haven Hotel
A number of students took part in a Business Studies trip to Chelsea Football Club
13 Year 12 students took part in a trip to 2CR to complement their Media Studies BTEC Course
The school Choir and Orchestra perform Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Handel's "Zadok the Priest"

March

A number of students from Years 11 to 13 took part in a trip to Krakow and Auschwitz, Poland

70 Year 7 students visited Legoland to enhance their understanding of ICT and DT

Year 12 Drama students participated in the National Student Drama Festival in Scarborough



25 Year 10 students attended a presentation entitled 'Make it in

Marketing' Day in conjunction with their Business Studies Course

12 Year 9 students participated in the Live Launch of BBC News Day

4 Year 10 students took part in a cultural trip to Budapest as part of the Comenius project

120 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a Maths morning as part of the Gifted and Talented programme

A number of Year 9 students participated in the Magistrates Mock Trial at Poole Magistrates Court

A number of Year 10 and 6th Form students attended a presentation about charity work in Uganda

Events including cake sales, car washes, talent show and a jumble sale raised money for Comic Relief
A number of pupils from our feeder schools performed alongside a number of students from all years on the Pyramid Music Day

18 Year 12 Drama students visited the Bristol Hippodrome to see a production of 'Don John'

Y10 students participated in the Rock Challenge Showcase at the Pavilion Theatre

Y9 students ran a Fair Trade stall

20 Sixth Form students gained their "Appointed First Aider" Certificate following an intensive training course

89 Year 9 students took part in a trip to the Natural History Museum and the London Eye to complement their Geography studies

April

All Year 9 students attended a performance of Romeo and Juliet

100 Year 12 students attended a Higher Education Convention at Bournemouth University

20 students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge

30 Year 11 students visited London as part of the Wealden "reward" day

A number of students studying Spanish in Years 10—13 took part in a study tour to Andalucia

Over 100 students from Years 7 to 13 performed in or helped out at the Lower School Concert

22 Year 10 GSCE Drama students interviewed a Homeless Project Worker and Day Centre Manager to help complete the Documentary Theatre unit of their course

May

A firework display rounded off the Grand Opening of our long-awaited teaching and learning centre for Mathematics, Science and Humanities attended by over 500 guests and visitors

70 Year 9 students took part in a trip to Thorpe Park to study ICT applications

4 Year 10 students travelled to Jaen, Spain to meet with our Spanish Comenius partner school

50 Year 10 Historians visited the Imperial War Museum to complement their studies

79 Year 8 Geographers went on a fieldtrip to the Jurassic Coast

60 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 enjoyed a

performance of 'Oliver' at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre



Year 9 students took part in a History learning activity to select the 2009 'Greatest Briton'
Over 40 students performed in the Regional Final of Rock Challenge in Portsmouth



Lucas Jones and Todd Coombs participated in a Regional Multi Skills activity held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy as part of the Gifted and Talented programme

3 Sixth Form musicians performed a recital at our Secret Garden

3 Sixth Form musicians performed at St James' Church, Kingston

30 Year 9 students took part in a training day for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Over 200 Year 11 students enjoyed a splendid evening at their "Prom"

A Year 9 team competed in the Magistrate Mock Trial at Poole Magistrates Court and won the local heat

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June

30 Year 9 students took part in a History trip to the Black Country

36 Year 8 students took part in the annual Les Pieux French Exchange visit

All Year 9 students took part in a Flamenco Dancing event as part of the Comenius Project

A number of Year 10 students took part in a visit to the Battlefields of France and Belgium to complement their GCSE History studies

A Year 9 team completed and came runner up in the Magistrates Mock Trial Southern Finals

15 students from our Jazz Band performed at the Spetisbury Music Festival

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Over 90 students from Years 7 to 10 took part in a Paintballing "reward" trip run by Purbeck and Portland

All Year 7 students took part in a Humanities Field Trip to Corfe Castle

Year 10 Geographers attended a talk from a National Trust Warden to complement their fieldwork on Studland

9 Year 12 BTEC Media students carried out some filming in Bath as part of their studies

The Senior Band performed at our Feeder Schools

8 Year 8 and 10 Year 10 students attended a sculpture workshop at Walford Mill, Wimborne as part of a Gifted and Talented programme

The 5 students who raised the most money in our charity "2008 Sandwalk" were rewarded with a scenic flight of the local coastline

40 Year 9 students prepare and train for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

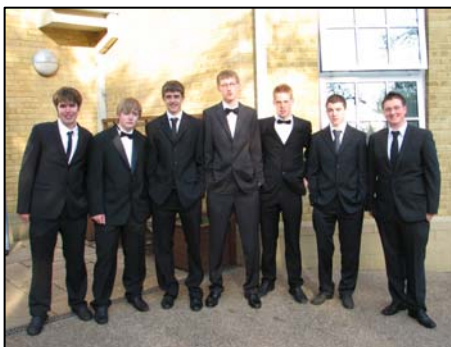
24 Year 12 students carry out their fieldwork at Studland for their A Level Biology course

120 Year 9 students participate in a Maths and English Key Skills workshop to prepare for their GCSE course

180 Sixth Form students celebrate the end of the year at the Sixth Form Summer Ball

Year 9 students participate in a "Celebration of Cakes" competition with the theme – A Taste of Dorset – which is won by Sarah Warbis and Holly May Gladwin

All Year 7 watched a play in French performed by the mime and cabaret artist Dan Roro as part of the Comenius project



July

40 Year 9 students took part in a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition to Weymouth
24 Year 10 students took part in a practice for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Year 9 students participated in a Maths Roadshow
Wealden House held a family BBQ to welcome new students and celebrate House successes
Our Folk Group performed at Lytchett Matravers School Fayre
All students participated in the annual Sandwalk event, raising £11,000 for Cancer Research in the process
20 students in each of years 7-10 went on a "Reward" trip to the Allnat Outdoor Centre in Swanage to do a high ropes course, archery and team building exercises as recognition of their outstanding commitment and effort in their studies
Over 200 awards were presented to students at the annual Prize Giving Ceremony by special guest, Jeremy Heath-Smith
Sarah Warbis (Year 9) won the Food Technology Cake Competition
The second Arts Festival took place including a photographic competition, a partner school dance competition and a number of musical performances by professional musicians and dancers
Oliver Twist production by Key Stage 3 students
19 Year 7 students attended a Bowling "reward" trip run by Kimmeridge House
A number of Year 7 students enjoyed a performance of 'Horrid Henry' at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre
All students and teachers participate in two days of cross-curricular enrichment activities in the last week of the academic year
Media, Art and Photography students presented "iBALL" - a showcase of their visual arts and digital media work
The Lytchett Learning Gateway was launched providing electronic resources for both staff and students

August

Jacob Lewis and Eleanor Morris achieved A* and A grades in all 12 subjects taken at GCSE
Beth Willmott, Tom Rolls, Henry Watkins and Ben Newton achieved A* and A grades in 11 subjects at GCSE
38% of students achieved 10 or more grades A* to C
64% of students achieved 5 or more grades A* to C
Our best ever A level and BTEC National examination results - 99% pass rate and 54% A level grades at A or B, 81% at Grades A-C. Value-added is rated as Outstanding for A level and BTEC
Claudio Bollani progresses to Durham University to study Foreign Languages having gained Grade A in four subjects at A level in French, Spanish, Italian and Music
Helena Mason progresses to Bath Spa university to study Childhood, Youth and Education after securing four Grade A passes at A level in Psychology, Sociology, Geography and RE
Head Girl Jessica Shepherd secures 3 A Grades and 2 B grades at A level in Biology, Chemistry, PE, English Literature and Critical Thinking and takes up a place to study Medicine at Peninsular Medical School at the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth
John Kinnersley successfully progresses to Exeter University to study Mathematics and Economics having achieved 5 passes at A level including 3 Grade A and two Grade B passes in Maths, Physics, Psychology, Geography and Critical Thinking
Lizzie Kenyon is taking a Gap Year to travel after securing 3 Grade A passes at A level and 1 Grade B pass in Geography, Psychology, Business Studies and Critical Thinking
Becky Neudegg and Ben Wynn, who both gained 3 Grade A passes at A level, are spending a Gap Year working and travelling before taking up University places next September.
Emma Whiting is also taking a Gap Year before progressing to Winchester University to study Journalism and Media Production after securing 2 A Grade passes at A level in Media and English Literature and Double Distinction In BTEC National Performing Arts
Jonathan Bridges has taken up a place at Sussex University to study Media after achieving a Double Distinction in Media Production, Grade A in A level Photography and Grade A in AS level Media
The work of hundreds of students on our international projects and trips is recognised by the award of the prestigious International Schools Award



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