

# LSFWEEK

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#LSFFamily



## Message from the Chair

**As we get to the end of another challenging school year, and we all look forward to the summer holidays, I look back in pride on the achievements of our pupils and staff across the Foundation.**

For the first time in three years, we have been able to provide our full curricular and extra-curricular offer to all our pupils who have enthusiastically taken the opportunities that were not available during the pandemic. Of course, we are proud of what our staff managed to achieve during difficult Covid restrictions, but this year has seen the restoration of our full academic provision together with the normal examination timetables which our pupils have now completed. The return to 'normality' has enabled pupils to participate in the full range of sporting, dramatic and musical activities, together with our highly popular school trips. Our achievements in all these areas have been regularly reported to you in this publication, so I will not repeat these however I would like to make a special mention to our numerous sporting successes at all Foundation Schools which to no small extent, highlights the hard work of our Foundation Sports staff. The official opening of the Parkin Sports Centre this week shows the commitment of the Foundation to improving our facilities and giving our pupils the very best opportunity to excel. This was made possible, partly through a generous donation from Sheila Parkin, a former pupil at the High School.

We are obviously proud of our Schools 'Excellent' accreditations at the ISI inspection in late December confirming the Foundation's commitment to the highest academic standards. I am also pleased to see that in a number of areas, learnings from pandemic teaching have been established as mainstream particularly in terms of our use of technology which has also enabled internal and parental communications, and our improved pastoral and healthcare provision. I am sure more improvements will materialise in due course.

The past half term has been a real challenge for our students in Years 11 and 13 who had their teaching interrupted by Covid, particularly in the case of our A Level students who have taken their first set of external exams after two years of assessment-based awards. Everyone has of course been aware of this, and we are confident that our pupils and their dedicated staff have made extensive efforts to ensure that they are well prepared and give of their best.

On wider Foundation matters, I am pleased to report that our family of schools are all doing well and numbers on roll are increasing across the Foundation. There are many architects of success of course but I would like to single out the efforts of the admissions team in each School, who have worked hard to make choosing one of our four Schools as easy as possible for potential pupils and their parents. It is also apparent that our excellent online learning provision during the pandemic, has encouraged applications. In addition, we are making investments in Sixth Form facilities at both the Grammar and High Schools, as well as renovating the Amherst library, which together with other initiatives will emphasise that our Schools are a natural place to complete A Levels and secure the very best pathway to a happy and successful future.

We are delighted that after his recent illness, Mr Earnshaw has returned and is back at the helm of Fairfield. The Board are particularly grateful to Mrs Barton who has held the reins in Mr Earnshaw's absence and with support from the Senior Management Team and staff.

As the Grammar School's parents are aware, we bid farewell to our interim Headmaster, Dr Christopher Barnett, at the end of August. Dr Barnett is a vastly experienced Head and quickly immersed himself in all activities at LGS, which has been much appreciated by our pupils, staff and parents. His wise counsel has helped his staff in several ways, and he has contributed more widely to Foundation strategy. We thank Dr Barnett for his work over the past year and wish him all the best for his continued retirement.

Dr Daniel Koch has been working steadily to familiarise himself with Grammar School matters and has already attended several events. We are looking forward to officially welcoming him and his family to Loughborough Schools Foundation once he starts as our new Head at LGS next term.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents and staff the very best for the holidays, whatever you have planned.



## School Trip to Conwy

Year 5 pupils have been enjoying lots of exciting activities during their residential trip in Conwy, North Wales.

They have been on the beach, kayaking, gorge walking and using map skills on a mountain. In addition, they have tackled problem solving activities and visited the Norman castle.

A great time was had by all and thank you to the Year 5 teachers for organising and managing this interesting end-of-term trip.



## Year 6 Performance

This week the pupils of Year 6 delighted staff, parents and pupils alike, with their performance of **MATILDA**.

Every child sang, acted and danced so wonderfully that their performance could have been on a West End Stage! We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children showed. **What a wonderful way to finish their time at Fairfield!**



**Andrew Earnshaw**  
Headmaster



## Summer Term Sport

**What a summer of sport here at Fairfield!**

We welcomed the return of our regular cricket fixtures, additional athletics competitions and our showstopping sports days. Not only did these sports engage many children, but we were also treated to some wonderful U11 girls' football with a team that worked hard and represented the School with such pride at the ISFA National Finals at St George's Park back in June.

The engagement of both the boys and girls in cricket this term has been outstanding, and the School regularly fields multiple teams. The display of talent has also been noted with many of the children, both boys and girls, going on to represent their county.

Athletics has also been taken to a new level. Several children have been selected to represent Fairfield at the national finals in the girl's relay and the boy's long jump on Monday 4 July.

We now look forward to our U11 cricket tour to Jersey and finishing the year in style. Thank you to everybody that has supported us this year, we appreciate you!



## Prize Giving

On Wednesday 22 June we held our annual Prize Giving ceremony which, as ever, was a joyous and humbling occasion.

We celebrated not just the finest achievements of our pupils during the last year, but also those individuals who had most fully displayed the Minerva values of resilience, self-criticism, and self-improvement.

As ever, my thanks to Mrs Cope for organising the event and to all those staff who gave up their time to make it so successful.



## Sports Day

Monday 27 June was our annual Sports Day which, for the first time ever, took place at Quorn playing fields.

As ever, this was a joyous occasion, with the Amherst spirit of camaraderie, celebration, and fun on full display. **Agnes** was the winning house on the day, but **Teresa** ran them a very close second. Thanks to Mrs Hopper for masterminding what is always a logistically complex event, and special thanks to both Catering and the Amherst PA for organising refreshments.



## Pre-Prep Sports Day

No rest for the Sports department, as a mere two days after Sports Day, we held our annual Pre-Prep Sports Day on the Amherst lawn.

The theme for the event was superheroes, and special thanks must go to Sports Prefect **Tamara** and our fantastic Sports Leaders in Year 9 for helping create and run the various events such as Thor's hammer!

Our Pre-Prep and nursery children showed great competitive and team spirit, and I suspect we may have some future athletes in the making to challenge the likes of **James, Katie, Eva** and **Daisy!**

## Latest ISA Sporting Achievements

In our last LSF Week we reported on our outstanding results in ISA regional sporting competitions.

This time we have a few updates on the success of our finest athletes at national level. Huge congratulations to **James** in Year 10, who qualified to compete in the ISA National competition in shot put and won a silver medal. Also, **Eva** in Year 7 and **Daisy** in Year 11 both represented Amherst at the ISA national swimming and gained second and third respectively in the back stroke and relay. Last but by no means least, **Katie** qualified for the ISA National triathlon finals and came second in the Under 14s category. Kudos to James, Eva, Daisy and Katie for their impressive sporting achievements.





## Holocaust Museum Visit

Amidst these various joyous summer events, Year 10 had the altogether more sobering experience of their visit to the National Holocaust Centre at Newark.

As ever, statistics of this darkest of chapters in modern human history numb the mind, so I will turn instead to an extract from Bonnie's excellent write up of the trip, which relays an individual experience of heartbreak:

*"We were also privileged to hear a personal story from a survivor called Joan Salter. In her incredible story, Joan described to us how the Holocaust led to her being a refugee. In her original home in France, she and her family were treated terribly, and were moved to a ghetto. Joan managed to escape to America along with her half-sister. Unfortunately, her half-sister became ill, and ended up with a different American family. After some time, when Joan had become accustomed to her new family, she was able to return to Europe to be reunited with her biological family. Due to the fact she had joined her American family at just three years old, Joan struggled with the concept of leaving them. After the reunion, Joan travelled back and forth spending time with both of her families before later settling in England. Sadly, only a few members of her biological family survived the Holocaust. Joan's story enlightened us to ways in which the Holocaust affected people that we had not previously considered."*



## Reading Zone Competition

Exciting activities and academic achievements have continued to take place within the School.

Space precludes us from mentioning them all, but special mention must go to Marie in Year 7, whose entry for the Reading Zone competition to design a picture book, entitled The Funny Bunny has been shortlisted for a national prize. Entries were judged by acclaimed author and illustrator Sarah McIntyre (Grumpycorn, The New Neighbours and Pugs of the Frozen North), who pronounced Marie's book 'genuinely funny.' Congratulations Marie!



## Year 10 Rutland Water Trip

An altogether lighter post-exam experience for Year 10 was their day trip to Rutland Water on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so far.

They participated in stand up paddleboarding as well as the infamous Aquapark where pupils threw themselves off great heights, flung themselves down huge slides and got catapulted off giant inflatable pillows. On such a warm day it was a pleasure being in the water, just as it was a pleasure to take the pupils, who were a credit to the School.



## Goodbye to Year 13

**On Saturday 25 June we said goodbye our Year 13 leavers and their families with high tea in the Amherst Cloister.**

It was a lovely afternoon, and a chance to catch up not only with our leavers,

but with families who have been loyal supporters of the School for many years.

We also enjoyed a heartfelt final speech from our wonderful Head Prefect, Yasmin.

On Thursday 30 June, we held our final event for the Year 13 leavers, the famous Leavers Ball, which this year took place at The City Rooms in Leicester.





## STEM Finalists

Congratulations to the two Year 6 STEM teams who reached the final of the 3M STEM competitions.



## Eco News

**The LGS Eco Club organised the collection of unused textbooks from across the Foundation. These will be delivered to a charity that ships them to schools across Africa, with few resources.**

Boys collected a few thousand books and loaded them into a minibus for delivery. This recycling of these books benefits many children and reuses books that may have been thrown away. The Eco Club hope to repeat this next year and so will be accepting donations of unwanted books suitable for young people.



**Christopher Barnett**  
Headmaster

## Farewell and Thank You

**It was with genuine sadness that Year 7 said goodbye to Mr Morse at the House Cricket tournament on Saturday.**

It is typical of Mr Morse that he had given up a significant part of Saturday to help run the Year 7 tournament with the good humour and kindness that we all know so well.

**Mr Morse has dedicated 29 years to helping with Saturday sport at the Grammar School, never asking for any reward or thanks.**

Boys and colleagues will miss him so much because they know that he is a truly special and dedicated teacher.



## Take Your Child to Work

**On Wednesday 15 June, Year 8 participated in a Take Your Child To Work day.**

Boys attended the workplace with their parent or relative, gaining valuable insights into various industries including retail, banking, hospitality, accountancy, medicine, law, construction and landscape gardening!

Those who remained in-school were immersed in a virtual work experience environment followed by a teamwork exercise to design a charity fundraising event which culminated in a presentation to staff members. A very worthwhile 'careers' day introducing boys to the world of work.



## UCAS

**In June, the UCAS deadline passed by which date most students who were aspiring to university, had to select their places for the coming year.**

Our students at LGS have excelled themselves in their offers and choices. Overwhelmingly, the boys university of choice in 2022 was Sheffield - with 26 applications, 23 offers and 13 boys confirming their offer to study here in subjects including law, medicine, engineering and geography. Other Midlands cities were equally popular with our students; eight boys heading to Birmingham, six to Leicester, four to Manchester and three to Nottingham.

Boys have accepted offers from 37 universities spanning the entire country for a hugely diverse range of courses. With offers ranging from A\*A\*A\* to BBC, the boys have had plenty to keep them focussed throughout the exam season, the only one that this year group have experienced.

With exams behind them, we look forward to welcoming them back to School next week for valedictorian events and the Year 13 transition day. When they receive their results on 18 August, we hope to be celebrating with them the places that they have achieved.



## GB Athlete

**Congratulations to Etty in Year 12 who has been selected to represent GB in the European Junior Athletics Championship to be held in Jerusalem from Saturday 2 July.**

She confirmed her selection with an excellent win at the under 18 England Athletics Finals held at Bedford International Stadium on 19 June. She placed first in the 400m in a time of 54.18 which was just 0.01 outside of her PB.

**We wish Etty all the best** in the individual 400m and hopefully, she might also make an appearance in the Medley relay.



## LAMDA Showcase

**The LHS Drama department were proud to present the inaugural LAMDA showcase this week.**

The evening allowed the students the opportunity to present and perform their exam pieces to a live audience further developing the essential skills of confidence building, resilience and communication which undertaking LAMDA qualifications nurtures within the individual. It was a pleasure to witness the power of storytelling through the medium of the spoken word and performance. We look forward to being able to host further events in the coming year.



**Fiona Miles**  
Head

## Biology Olympiad

**The Intermediate Biology Olympiad is an international competition set by the Royal Society of Biology aimed at Year 12 students.**

Over 12,566 students from 608 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition.

The girls who entered had to answer an online one hour paper of unfamiliar questions relating to their Biology A level course and congratulations to the following students on their achievements.

**Gold;** Etty.  
**Silver;** Precious-Pearl, Shai, Sareena, Catherine.  
**Bronze;** Esther, Annissa, Samia Lottie.  
**Highly Commended;** Anabelle, Isabel, Anya, Maha.  
**Commended;** Shivali



## Design and Technology

**As part of STEM activities at the High School, Year 8 pupils were introduced to the Design and Technology department this academic year.**

During their Junior Science lessons, pupils were shown various examples of Computer Aided Design and taught the basic principles of how to create an object using the 3D modelling software package, Solidworks.

Following this broad introduction, pupils were further shown examples of Computer Aided Manufacture within the department. They were shown how 3D printers operate and how they can be used to create multiple part objects from one print followed by a demonstration of the department's laser cutter.

Pupils are now working towards a Bronze Crest Award in Junior Science. This introduces them to project work and empowers them to take responsibility for a project of their choice. They have to plan how they will spend their time in the classroom in order to complete their project with the guidance and support from the Science department.



## French Cafes

**Year 8 had fun in their French lessons by playing at being waitresses in a French café.**

The pupils were not allowed to write down the orders and had to race to serve their customers!





# LOUGHBOROUGH Nursery

We have been enjoying a variety of activities throughout the rooms at Nursery and have been making the most of the lovely weather with lots of outdoor activities for everyone.

Our Developers have created a wonderful 'Three Little Pigs' display. The babies got very messy painting the pigs and using lots of different textures to create the houses such as spaghetti, hay and tissue paper. The children have also been enjoying some new books delivered by Usborne books following our successful sponsored listen.

Over the past couple of weeks, Investigators children have been busy with their 'Under the Sea' topic. The children have been researching the sea, looking at books and using the internet to see which creatures live in the ocean. The children made their own turtles and seahorses and created a lovely display. They also had fun making oceans with jelly and a beach and ocean tray with corn flour and biscuits.

The children in Pioneers had a fantastic time visiting the farm for their end of year trip. The children were very excited to hold the baby animals and even got to feed some of them too! A big thank you to our parent helpers who came with us on the trip, on a really hot day, you were all fantastic.



As big school fast approaches for our Pioneers, the children have been spending lots of time practicing their Graduation! They have been learning a special song for the big day and have relished the opportunity to sing in Amherst chapel. In readiness for school, the children are continuing to look at phonics, particularly building their confidence when recognising, reading and writing their own names.

We wish all of our pre-schoolers lots of luck at big school, where we know, they will continue to flourish.

Like Investigators, our Innovators have also been busy exploring 'Under the Sea'. They have been perfecting their fine motor skills by finger painting different under the sea pictures, choosing which colours they want to use and where to put them. The children also enjoyed making their own jellyfish, decorating paper plates with sponges before sticking on googly eyes as well as attaching their legs. Innovators have been taking part in group discussions during all activities, sharing their knowledge and what they know about the sea creatures they are creating.

Pathfinders have been concentrating on their fairy tales' topic, looking specifically at The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children baked and decorated gingerbread men as they acted out the story; thankfully, none of our gingerbread men ran away!



The Pathfinders over in our Priest House have been having great fun with their 'Hook a Duck' game outside, the children have been learning to share, take turns and use their skills to hook that duck.



# IN THE NEWS...

Year 13

## YEAR 13 LEAVERS BALL

Year 13 students from the Grammar School, High School and Amherst School attended their Leavers Ball this week. Students gathered with their parents and LSF staff in the Grammar School Quad for reception drinks before heading off to The City Rooms in Leicester for a three-course meal, speeches from the Head Prefects and lots of dancing.

Thank you to the Sixth Form staff for organising this tremendous event. A good evening was had by all!

Please click [here](#) to view pictures from this event.





## TRACK AND FIELD

Last Friday at the track and field cup competition Anthony in Year 9 at LGS recorded 23.7 seconds for 200 m which is an English schools qualifying time.

He has since been selected to represent Leicestershire at the English Schools Championships on 8-9 July in Manchester.

## BADMINTON

Well done to pupils who played Badminton in the County Championships. All players competed well and against several England players. Congratulations to the following pupils.

Joshua (Grammar, Year 7) - Gold in U13 boys singles, level double & mixed doubles.

Bella (Fairfield, Year 6) - Gold in U13 girls level doubles & silver in Single

Mutiara (Fairfield, Year 4) - Gold in U13 girls doubles

Dani (Grammar, Year 11) - Silver in U19 men's doubles

## CRICKET

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys who won the Solihull 6s Plate Competition.

The team played five matches and beat RGS Worcester in the semi-final before winning against Bablake in the final. All eight boys deserve credit for their fantastic efforts and contribution on the hottest day of the year!

This week three games have been played; the u14A beat a strong Leicester Grammar team in the last over whilst the u14B team lost in the last over; the u15 chased 163 to beat Grantham.

On Thursday our u14 team welcomed Uppingham in the County Cup semi-final and despite a fine batting performance from Sam S, the boys lost by eight runs in a well fought contest. Friday saw the 1st XI beat Ratcliffe by 130 runs with Captain Aryan P leading from the front with 76 not out.

Finally, Saturday saw the annual House Cricket Competition for Years 7 through to 10. The weather was kind and over 110 boys represented their Houses at Quorn supported by parents who enjoyed the competitiveness that House competitions bring. Well done to all the boys who took part.



## PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

Good to see two Grammar School alumni at the Rugby Premiership Final. George Martin was playing for the Tigers and Chrisoph Ridley was officiating as a line judge.



## DANCEWORKS

Pupils from across Amherst and the High School visited the professional Danceworks studio in Mayfair, London, and had an amazing experience!

They took part in four different dance workshops with professional choreographers Livio Salvi and Ezzy Nzewi.

The students enjoyed; Contemporary Jazz, Musical theatre, Hip hop and Kpop. Both choreographers have exceptional biographies and were truly inspirational to our young dancers.

Our students were as ever an absolute credit, and many were recognised for their dance abilities.

The Q and A session was valuable, and students experienced an insight into the day in the life of a performer.



### FAIRFIELD PREP

It has given us immense pleasure to be able to host our annual Pre-Prep and Upper Prep Sports Days on the Fairfield Clock Field.

It was great to see a huge number of spectators at both events where they contributed to a fabulous atmosphere which could be heard all over campus.



All of the children from our 3-year-olds in Kindie to our leavers in Year 6, competed in a number of events on the track and in the field. We were treated to some impressive performances by the children and also their mums and dads in the 14 parent races!

It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the contribution that Mrs Collington has made to Fairfield Sport, and in particular athletics and cross country, as she presented our prestigious awards.



### AMHERST SCHOOL

For the first time, Amherst pupils from Years 3-10 and Year 12 competed at the Quorn playing fields as a coeducational sports day. The Minerva school spirit was high as pupils started the day in the rain however this did not dampen spirits and as the competition heated up, so did the weather!

The School Prefects led a whole school warm up to music which raised motivation levels ready for the first round of events. Every pupil then rotated around the activities and competed for their House in a sprint race, a long-distance race, one field event, tug of war and plank walking. They also joined as a team to play in a new and very popular sport of Tchoukball.



After an excellent day of competition, the last relay events saw Agnes house claiming the Sports Cup for 2022.

The Pioneers and Pre-Preparatory pupils soared their way into sports afternoon in a superhero training camp.

The children took part in a rotation of superhero named events to demonstrate their throwing, jumping, and climbing

the Parkour equipment and jumping off a vault, to rescuing a kitten! This was followed by the races which included super speed, flying on boards, capturing their teachers and Hulk smashing through to a medal.



### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The whole School enjoyed Sports Day on Wednesday 29 June at Quorn playing fields. Year groups 6 to 9 participated in the morning whilst the senior athletes competed in the afternoon.

Boys competed in the track and field program throughout the day. It was lovely to see some Year 11 and Year 13 boys returning post-exams, to participate in this event and it was great to see a large number of parents in attendance as well.

Boys not involved in the athletics programme, enjoyed several House Competitions including Tchoukball, Ultimate Frisbee, Handball and Shooting. These proved popular with the boys and added to the whole School atmosphere of the day.

This event allows boys of all abilities to test themselves against each other, as well as trying new events which they are not necessarily well practiced in. There were many excellent performances on the day, with the following athletes being awarded the Victor Ludorum.



**Y7, Harry B, Darryl Y  
Y8, Charles W, James O  
Y9, Tiernan M, Alex C  
Y10, Johnson O  
Sixth Form, Jonty I, Ruaidhri M**



### HIGH SCHOOL

Where else would you find a banana, an alien and multiple dinosaurs in an egg and spoon race? The answer to this, is of course, a Loughborough High School Sports Day!!!

Last week saw the return of our annual whole school Sports Day at Quorn, after a 3-year forced hiatus due to lockdown.

As per tradition, all pupils and staff travelled in style via the Great Central Railway, adorned with an array of House coloured face paint, accessories and fancy dress!

Throughout the day students took part in a combination of more traditional events in track and field such as Javelin, High Jump and 100m, as well as new events such as Orienteering, Tug of War and the Egg and Spoon race.

The whole day culminated in a staff v Prefect relay, with Hastings staff team retaining the gold medal for the second year running.

The atmosphere throughout the day was incredible, and there was a real buzz of excitement from students, staff, and spectators. Aside from the sporting events, there were several charity stalls, a BBQ lunch and our very own House Band, made up of our senior musicians. All of which helped to create a wonderfully 'brilliant and bonkers' atmosphere, enjoyed by all!

We were lucky enough to be joined on the day by Loughborough Lightning and England rugby player, Sadia Kabeya, who presented our award winners with their trophies. The final House results were:

- 1st place – Hastings (813 points)**
- 2nd place – Storer (798 points)**
- 3rd place – Fearon (791 points)**
- 4th place – Burton (687 points)**

Special mentions to the following students who were awarded trophies for outstanding performance: **Florence** (Year 8), **Lorelie** (Year 12), **Jess** (Year 8), **Ruby** (Year 9), **Liv** (Year 10), **Isabelle** (Year 10), **Megan** (Year 12), **Hermione** (Year 8), **Elena** (Year 9).



# IN THE NEWS...

## Development

On Tuesday 28 June, we were delighted to welcome our special community of donors and friends back to campus for the official opening of the Parkin Sports Centre at Loughborough Schools Foundation. Guests explored the archives, met Sports Prefects and received a personal update from Dr Fiona Miles, Head of Loughborough High School, and Jo Hackett, Director of Sports, before touring the new facility.

Originally opening in 1959, Loughborough High School's gymnasium had remained much the same. Alumnae often recall fond memories of playing 'Pirates' using the ropes and wall bars and less fond recollections of the compulsory communal showers! For girls in particular, sport has a transformative power at whatever level they play. It builds confidence and self-esteem, develops teamwork and grit, perseverance and resilience. It is where girls learn to win and lose graciously and to pick themselves up again. Most importantly, it is through sport that lifelong friendships were formed.



In 2017, with Loughborough Amherst School (formerly known as Our Lady's Convent School) having recently joined the Loughborough School family, there was a pressing need to modernise the sports facilities to enable the growing numbers of current pupils to enjoy the same spirit of participation, engagement, variety, fitness and competitive success enjoyed by all those who had passed through the Gymnasium before them.

We launched the #GetSetGo Sports Appeal to help fund the development and purchase new equipment for the Fitness Studio.

We were humbled by the generosity of our donor community whose contributions enabled the fit out of the new Margaret Leigh Fitness Suite within the Parkin Sports Centre.

The Parkin Sports Centre is named after an alumna of LHS, Sheila Parkin, who generously chose to remember Loughborough High School in her Will. Sheila attended the School between 1964 and 1953 and described her school days as some of the happiest of her life. She remained local to Loughborough for all her life and stayed in touch with LHS through the alumni association.

Sheila's best friends were thrilled to attend and unanimously agreed that she would have been thrilled with the new facility.

If you would like to hear more about how you can get involved with supporting our pupils, please email [development@lsf.org](mailto:development@lsf.org)



# IN THE NEWS...

## Fundraising

### DONATION TO ORPHANAGE

Laksh attends Fairfield Prep and for his 7th Birthday he decided that he wanted to send all his presents to an orphanage that his father supports when he is visiting Africa for work.

His parents were proud of his kindness and thoughtfulness and explained that instead of sending toys, it would be better to accumulate monies which would stretch further and could be used to buy necessities. Laksh therefore asked all his friends not to buy him toys for his birthday and instead make a donation.

He raised a tremendous £360, and his father personally took and donated the items in the picture to an orphanage in Mozambique, including a personalised card signed by Laksh's Fairfield friends. The values of Fairfield are flying globally!



### 'RACE FOR REFUGEES'

Boys and staff at the Grammar School have recently completed their target of accumulating 2,500 miles to raise money for The Baca Charity which supports young people seeking asylum to rebuild their lives and have restored hope.

Most year groups got involved and the figure of 2,500 miles was chosen to represent the average journey that a refugee takes to reach safety.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation.



### INTREPID WALKERS

Pupils at the Grammar School have also climbed Mount Snowden in an inspiring effort to raise money for Leicester Hospitals Charity and to meet personal challenges; Aryan for his Thomas Burton Award, Krishan and Kayan for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Please click [here](#) to read an account of the climb from the boys.

**Congratulations to all three boys** for a fantastic achievement and please click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation to Leicester Hospitals Charity.



### LEAP OF FAITH

Good luck to Sally Agar (TA in the Kindergarten Unit) who is taking part in her first ever Tandem Skydive on Thursday 4 August. She will be leaping out of a plane at 14,000 ft and reaching speeds of 120 mph!

Sally is raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) and the initial target of £1,000 has already been smashed. Due to her success already, Sally is now aiming to make over £2,000 for the charity!

If you would like to help the charity and support Sally with her skydive, please click [here](#)



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## Notices

### CAREERS

Interested in a career at Loughborough Schools Foundation?

Our Vacancy page is updated regularly showing both academic and support staff vacancies.

If you are interested in working for Loughborough Schools Foundation, please follow the link to our Careers & Vacancy page

[Vacancies - Careers | Loughborough Schools Foundation](#)

If we have a suitable vacancy, we very much look forward to receiving your application and perhaps, in the near future, welcoming you into the Foundation family.



### AL FRESCO – SUNDAY 3 JULY

Loughborough Schools Music would love to invite all families and friends to Al Fresco this weekend.

This musical extravaganza features multiple concerts and is a wonderful chance to see and hear our musicians from all four Schools.

The sunshine looks set to shine, so please bring the family, a picnic and chair, and join us for a sociable afternoon of great music.



Tickets cost £10 for adults (under 18s free) and can be purchased [here](#).



### HOLIDAY COURSES

There are some places still available at the Fairfield Holiday Courses.

Children can enjoy multi-activities including crafting, painting, baking, outdoor games, multi-sports, indoor gym, and lots of fun! The team would love to welcome pupils from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Please click [here](#) to make a booking.



# IN THE NEWS...

## News in pictures

### DANCE WORKSHOP

Mrs Davey, Head of Dance, held a dance workshop for the pre-schoolers in the Nursery on Tuesday.

Along with a handful of student volunteers, the children were escorted to the Parkin Dance Studio to provide a fun experience of using one of the Foundation's facilities.

They took part in a series of Disney inspired dances and created a dance to Heigh Ho! Their enthusiasm was endearing and the Year 12 students who helped, were a credit to Amherst. The workshop concluded with lots of red faces, drinks, and cookies! **Smiles all round!**



### STEINWAY & SONS UK

Last week, 12 pianists from Loughborough Schools Music made the annual trip to Steinway Hall in London for a workshop with Steinway Artist Martin Roscoe, leading to a wonderful evening concert.

**Congratulations to all our excellent performers.**



### KINDIEBITES

Parents of Fairfield Kindergarten pupils were treated to a wonderful performance of 'Kindiebites'. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing songs, playing instruments and performing with puppets.



### PRIDE

Students in the Foundation celebrated Pride this week with cake sales, badges, balloons, music and a fun photo booth!

Pupils showed their support by baking and buying cakes, and attending activities hosted on the Quad.



### FURNITURE DONATION

Amherst School have donated the furniture from their old library to Beacon Academy.

**We are grateful to Wrightmove who generously donated their transport to move all the tables, chairs and bookcases.**



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