



LADYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

A Specialist Sports College

NEWSLETTER Autumn Term 2011



Dear Friends of Ladybridge,

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter; as action packed as always!

The Autumn term started very well indeed. Results rose once more this summer in terms of our

GCSEs and more ex Ladybridge students than ever have now started University life in all corners of the UK! This is wonderful news and I should like to take a moment to wish all ex students the very best. They richly deserve their successes, as do our current students.

Attendance at Ladybridge High School remains at an all time high. Students are looking very smart and are wearing their uniforms with pride. The atmosphere in school is purposeful and happy and we continue to flourish.

In September we held our Open Evening and, as usual, our Student Ambassadors were terrific. Many prospective parents commented that the Ladybridge students were poised, polite, smart and extremely helpful and, on the back of this, I am delighted to report that our first choice preferences for September 2012 Year 7 intake are the highest ever in the school's history. We are all fiercely determined to be 'Outstanding' on all measures and it is most gratifying to feel the deep support of our very special local community.

Enjoy the Newsletter and, as always, thank you for all your support!

Hilary D'Arcy
Headteacher



On the 15th November, the Head Boy & Girl, Idris and Jasmine were invited to the House of Commons to meet Minister Tim Loughton MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children & Families) and Jo Swinson MP. They attended the first UFA National Awards Ceremony. Ladybridge's contribution to the development of Young Leadership was recognised at the ceremony and Idris and Jasmine received an award for outstanding development of Young People's Leadership on behalf of the school.

The ceremony took place in Committee Room 10 of the House of Commons and the students were impressed by the grandeur of the occasion.

After the ceremony Jasmine and Idris, accompanied by Mrs Crawley (Deputy Headteacher), enjoyed the sights of the South Bank of London, taking in views of Big Ben, the London Eye, Whitehall, Downing Street and Westminster Abbey



Arrangements for the Last Day of Term:

Wednesday 21st December 2011:

May I remind you that school finishes for the Winter Break at 1.00 pm, with the school buses leaving at 1.10pm. Students who have free school meals will be able to pick up a packed lunch before going home

Arrangements for the First Day Back

School re-opens on Monday 9th January at 8.40am prompt.

OPEN EVENING

We held our annual Open Evening on 20th September.

This was very successful, with hundreds of parents and children attending this popular event.

We held a competition, where the children were given an Olympic passport and encouraged to collect numbered stickers from all the departments within school. The child with the most stickers and original answers on the back won one of two Kindle electronic book prizes. The two successful entrants were: Jessica from Beaumont Primary and Ben from St Mary's. The prizes were awarded to them at their school assemblies by Mrs D'Arcy, our Headteacher.

Well done to you both.



Police Cadets Training

During the school holidays two Year 11 students, Callum Fielding and Shabih Syed, were given the opportunity to take part in the Police Cadets training course at Holcombe Moor Training Centre.

They were involved in various activities ranging from undertaking a fitness assessment, working with the Underwater Search and Rescue Team, the Police Dogs and Horses Division, Mountain Rescue Service and they also spent a day in court.

Both boys are studying Public Services as an option, and have said that getting involved in this Course has made them determined to eventually follow a career in the Police Force.



The Red Devils

On Friday 7th October Miss Houghton and Mr Joseph took 30 Year 8 & 9 boys to The Cliff – Manchester United's training ground. A fabulous afternoon was had by all! Students had the opportunity to take part in activities such as 5-a-side matches, tours of the ground and the chance to meet Fred The Red, MUFC's resident mascot.

The trip was designed to boost students' engagement and enjoyment across the curriculum. The students took part in an activity to help with learning languages where they played football using only French commands. They also developed their speaking and listening skills performing a radio drama complete with sound effects. Students also had the chance to work on iPads and use professional video cameras as they explored the role of the media in sport.

The star of the day was Jordan Stanworth who put in an excellent performance. He tried his best, approached all the activities with a positive attitude and proved himself to be a real asset to Ladybridge High School. Jordan won an Android Pad as a reward for his superb effort in English

lessons and his Star Player quality on the day. Well done, Jordan!



LADYBRIDGE POETS

The Poetry Club has gone from strength to strength since its inception at the start of term.

The number of budding poets is increasing all the time, and a number of poems have been entered in The Young Writer's National Poetry Competition.

There will be other competitions running throughout the year, so there will be plenty of chances to get your poems 'out there' and maybe even published.

Even if you don't think your poetry is any good, the joy of poetry is that the quality is in the eye of the reader, and what they get out of it.



Come along on Thursday lunchtimes to C11, where you can write, read and discuss all aspects of poetry.

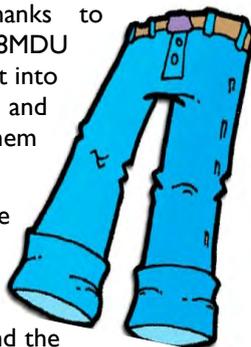
See Mr Joseph for more details.

Jeans for Genes

A massive thank you to everyone for their support in raising £1050.22 for *Jeans for Genes Day* on the 7th October 2011.

Particular thanks to 8SKL and 8MDU who really got into the spirit and between them raised £400.

Also a huge thanks to the Pastoral Leads, Mrs K Halliwell and the girls in Finance for helping with the collection and counting.



Bright Sparks

We are excited to announce that we are now part of the Gifted & Talented Academy at Runshaw College. Students will have the opportunity to attend workshops there.

Two new after school clubs have already started on Mondays between 3.10 - 4.00pm, Miss Helliwell will be holding a Philosophy & Ethics Club, 'The Only Way is Ethics'.

Topics to be discussed are evil and suffering and moral & cultural issues. On Wednesdays, Mrs Ball will be holding a Japanese club.



European Day of Languages

As part of our celebrations for the European Day of Languages on the 26th September, students were invited to take part in a poster competition, incorporating the sentence 'I love languages because...' into their design. First prize was awarded to Jordan Court in 8NSH, and second prize went to Matthew Pollitt in 7JDN. Well done to all students who took part in the competition!



GCSE Languages 2012

This summer, students from Years 7-11 were entered for GCSEs in eight different languages, including Polish, Dutch, Russian and Arabic. If you are able to speak and write in another language and would be interested in taking an additional GCSE next summer, please see Miss Rogers in B21 to find out which languages are available. Students from all year groups welcome!



Weekend at Winmarleigh Hall, Garstang



On November 4th, 96 students from Years 8 & 9 went to Winmarleigh Hall, Garstang for an outdoor activity weekend. The aim of the weekend was to encourage students to improve their team work and communication skills

with others. It was also a fantastic opportunity to build positive relationships between staff and students and to spend time out of the school environment. They did activities such as archery, quad biking, team challenge, zip wire, climbing and vertical challenge. A number of students really surprised themselves with what they could achieve with the support and encouragement of their peers.

Everyone was fantastic and participated in all activities on offer. The weather was very kind to us and the school staff that attended were really proud of how the students conducted themselves over the weekend. Roll on PGL 2012!



On Friday 18th November, eight Year 10 students attended a Team Challenge at the DeVere Whites Hotel at the Reebok Stadium.



This event run by C o c a - C o l a Enterprises is designed to give

students a better understanding of business, enterprise and the skills and attributes needed in a work environment.

Teams made up of students and teachers from ten secondary schools from across the North West region took part on the day. The students were given a challenge to design a campaign to encourage people to "Litter Less and Recycle More" and asked to present their work to a panel of judges at the end of the day.

The Ladybridge students – Jenna Bonney, Olivia Brodrick, Jack Iley, Aqeel Khan, Shauna Linden, Samuel Mahmud, Lincoln Martins and Kaitlin Young were commended by the judges for their presentation.



On Monday the 31st October and Friday the 4th of November two groups of students got the opportunity to attend Runshaw College. The

students were collected by minibus and taken to attend taster sessions of courses they had opted to do in the future.

The first group were G and T Students who took part in Physics, Chemistry and Biology sessions and experienced campus life and everything that would be available to them as students in higher education.

The second group - GCSE Group - had a gruelling but highly enjoyable day spent in one of the very impressive dance studios at Runshaw. The group was led by a professional dancer and Runshaw Tutor who spent the day teaching the students dance routines taken from different genres including Ballet, Street Dance and African music.

Our students were highly commended by the Runshaw staff who are looking forward to receiving their Runshaw applications.

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

On Friday 23rd September 2011, the Geography

Department took fifty-eight students to Salford Quays as part of their Controlled Assessment. They were exceptionally well behaved and embraced the learning about how the area has been developed in sustainable ways. The glorious weather was welcome as much of the day was spent outdoors. Part of the visit took in the new Media City which is innovative in every aspect of its development. The trip was rounded off with a visit to the Imperial War Museum, with its modern architecture and recollections of world conflicts.



Humanities and MFL French Trip 18th - 22nd July 2011

The Humanities and MFL department led the annual visit to France during the summer term.



Forty- three students from KS3 & KS4 enjoyed the five day residential which began with a poignant tour of the Somme battlefields. On the Wednesday, they visited many of the main attractions in central Paris which included the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Tuileires Gardens and an ascent to the top of the Eiffel Tower. The day was rounded off nicely with a relaxing boat ride along the River Seine.

The last day of the trip involved a visit to Disneyland Resort and Studios, a great end to a wonderful week! Many thanks to Miss Soal, Miss Rogers, Miss Taylor and Mr Wyatt for their support with the trip. The visit will run again from Monday 16th – Friday 20th July, 2012.

Primary Liaison

What a FANTASTIC Term we've had!! It has been wonderful to work closely with lots of our local feeder Primary Schools, offering either after school Master Classes or supporting them with their curriculum subjects during the school day. There are no lengths our dedicated band of teachers won't go to, to deliver their chosen topics. We have Romans, boxers, dinosaurs, World War veterans, Wizards, Einstein's CSI investigators to name but a few. We have been delighted to work with: Markland Hill, Beaumont, Lostock, Ladybridge, St Mary's, Gilnow and Devonshire Road. There have been too many sessions to mention individually but here is a snapshot : Art, Spanish, cooking, Brain Box, ICT, Writing Wizards, Maths, Celebration Cake club.

We are delighted to have been asked to perform at Markland Hill Christmas Fair in December and to support Gilnow Primary with their whole school art project, which will see 12 of our Year 10 students working with the primary children to produce quality art pieces to have on display at their school. We have also enjoyed having two local primaries come in to learn about World War 2 food rationing and take part in a cookery session. It has been an action packed term and we look forward to continuing to work with our local primaries in the New Year. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and children involved for making the sessions as successful as they have proved to be. Mrs N Burgess - Transition Lead



(Beaumont School pupils enjoying the Cookery Club)

Down on the Farm



Next Year, on Sunday 15th July, we will be holding a Pet Show here at our school after a break of 10 years.

Students from all schools in Bolton will be invited to bring their pets - rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, hamsters, snakes, lizards and lots more to the Show for the chance to win a prize. There will also be lots of other attractions, including a



Junior Five-a-Side football competition.

To raise some funds for our School Farm, some Year 7 students have planted bulbs to sell in Spring.

Callum is seen here using his 'green fingers'.

Ladybridge High School
presents

The Wizard
of
Oz

Wednesday 21 — Friday 23 March 2012

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Retina Dance Company

On Thursday 24th November the BTEC dancers and some Year 9 students went to Edge Hill University to watch the Retina Dance Company perform *Layers of Skin*. The students were able to observe and analyse professional contemporary dancers and use this as stimulus for their own contemporary dance. The students were excellent and benefited massively from attending the show. On Friday 25th November, the BTEC dancers and selected Year 9 students attended a Retina Dance workshop, where 3 professional dancers came into school to work with the students for 4 hours. Throughout the 4 hour session, the students gained an insight into the types of warm up dancers participate in, partner work, lifts and choreographing their own original piece using a variety of phrases from the workshop. The students were excellent, highly motivated and enthusiastic and the workshop really encouraged them to change their ideas on contemporary dance.

Community Cohesion Project

Gilnow Primary School asked for our help with a Community cohesion project they were having. They wanted a number of our Year 10 students, who are studying art at GCSE, to work with their pupils to create a set of canvas masterpieces.

Twelve eager students signed up for the three day project, these were; Sennia Ahmed, Raeesa Mulla, Roberta Pokutova, Danielle Orrell, Amy Walsh, Molly Patton, Bethany Roscoe, Matthew Kelway, Kaitlin Young, Muna Ahmed, Warda Mahmood and Rachel Ryder. The students worked with groups of children from the nursery class up to Year 6. They organized and led the sessions, creating seven canvases, representing different countries. The results were superb and the children impressed the Headteacher and staff. Jo Riley, the Headteacher remarked how fabulous they had been and if any one or all of them required a work placement they were more than welcome back there at any time. They were a credit to our school and a pleasure to work with.

