



Message from the Headteacher

What an exciting year we have had, this newsletter really is a fantastic reminder of all the amazing experiences our pupils have participated in. It truly reminds me what a privilege it is to be the Headteacher of our amazing school.

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to some of our valued staff this year. Jenny Francis is retiring after 32 years working at Lindsworth. She is going to be missed by everyone, especially our pupils who access residential provision where she has been a constant and familiar face.

Tony Fray is also retiring after joining us 7 years ago working in both the classroom and in residence.

We also say goodbye to Julia Greaves, one of our Directors of Learning and Head of English after 9 years. We wish every single one of them success in their next endeavours.

September will see all our pupils returning to school wearing their brand-new uniforms with the new school logo. We also have lots of building works being undertaken over the summer break, so I really am looking forward to seeing everyone at the start of the new Autumn term ready to learn and create lots of new memories.

Important dates

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

KS2, Yr 7 and Yr 11 return to school

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school

We're proud to announce we are now a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School!**



Highlights from last term

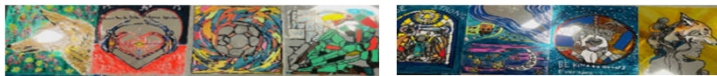
Key Stage 2 – Angela and Vicky are super proud of the year 6's that took part in their SATs assessments this term! Key stage 2 have also taken part in a Tudor Village competition, a trip to London to the Harry Potter Studios and have enjoyed a residential off site for 3 days this half term!

Year 7 – Have enjoyed a new personal development program where they completed a Rock Climbing assessment; working together to belay and climb as part of a team and participated in gymnastic lessons. Year 7 have also participated in a special VR workshop with the police which was a real highlight!

Year 8 and 9 have enjoyed a new personal development project and have thrived at enjoying new activities including dragon boating, skiing, archery and climbing. They also completed visits to a synagogue and learned about a new religion.

Year 10 – As part of a Duke of Edinburgh project 10N planned, budgeted shopped for and delivered a cooking lesson to Key Stage 2. 8 members of Year 10 also attended an expedition camp and earned their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 11 – This term we have said goodbye to our year 11's. We wish them lots of luck in their next paths and hope to hear wonderful things about them in the future!



Highlights of the Year!

Bonjour!

In September, 25 of our pupils from Key Stage 2 all the way to Year 11 headed to France for 5 days. Fantastic experience had by all!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year 20 pupils from Years 9-11 have participated in and successfully completed either their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. This included a 3 day residential expedition.

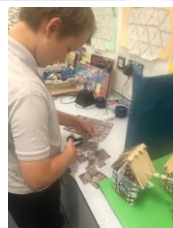
Music

A group of pupils from the Lindsworth band took part in a live performance off site with other schools and blew everyone away! What confidence! The school also enjoyed the opportunity to listen to some live music in our school hall.

Art

The Barber institute came into school in March 2024 to deliver a mental health art based workshop looking at some of the art in the Gallery and a discussion of what improves their feelings of well-being. Students then made a glass painted image on their mirrors, based on things that they considered would help lift their spirits.

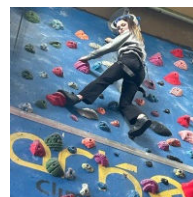
This term a leading international artist came into school and delivered a silversmith workshop. Pupils learned the process and made their own to take away.



Key Stage 2 Tudor Village



Year 8/9 Synagogue



Year 8 personal Development

Lily Mae Yr8 - "I did the silversmith workshop. I loved making a chain and tag with my baby brothers name on it. The lady who showed us was really nice and helped us".

Damien KS2 - "This year I have loved going off site for personal development and being with my friends".

Kieron Yr10 - "I really enjoyed the DofE camp and fire lighting".

Uniform

Each pupil will receive 2 polo shirts and 2 jumpers with our new school logo ready for September.

All pupils need to wear full school uniform to school every day.

- School jumper or fleece.
- School white polo shirt or t-shirt
- Black trousers or tailored shorts/skirt
- Plain black trainers or shoes.



Food and Catering

Well done to all the students who have made terrific progress and learnt many new skills in Food / Catering this academic year. Enthusiasm for the subject has been largely excellent across all the year groups. Catering is a great career option for many pupils moving forwards when they leave school and go to college. From restaurants and bars to hotels, music venues, festivals and much more. There is lots of flexible part time and full time work in many different locations all over the city. You get to meet new people, learn new skills and really develop your confidence in the world of work.



The lessons we do at Lindsworth on all subjects, can turn into the jobs of tomorrow for our pupils and it is such an advantage to pupils if they can understand this at as an early age as possible. Wishing all our pupils a fabulous summer holiday and I hope they keep developing those cooking skills and engaging with what is going on in the kitchen at home.

Why Reading is Important for Young People

Reading is incredibly valuable for young people. It helps them learn, think better, and enjoy the world of stories and information. In a time when screens are everywhere, reading books is more important than ever.

Brain and School Benefits Reading helps young minds grow and think more clearly. It teaches new words, different ways of writing, and boosts understanding. Kids who read a lot do better in school because they can grasp tough subjects more easily.

Feelings and Friendships Books take kids on adventures and introduce them to different people and places. This helps them understand their own feelings and those of others, making it easier to make friends and build strong relationships.

How to Help Kids Love Reading

To help kids get into reading, try these tips:

1. Be a Reading Role Model: Show that you love reading too. Kids often follow what adults do, so seeing you read can inspire them.
2. Offer a Mix of Books: Give them a variety of things to read, like stories, comics, and magazines. This way, they can discover what they enjoy most.
3. Visit Libraries and Book stores: Take them to libraries and book stores regularly. Many libraries have fun reading programs and activities that make reading exciting.
4. Use Tech Wisely: E-books and audio books can be great for kids who are reluctant to read traditional books. There are also many apps that make reading fun and engaging. Switch subtitles on!

By encouraging a love for reading, we give young people the skills they need to do well in school and life. Helping kids develop a reading habit early on can lead to a richer, more informed, and happier life.

Next Year's Pastoral Managers

KS2 – Kate Knutton

Year 7 – Vicky Cook

Year 8 – Trevor Francis

Year 9 – Jason Brookes

Year 10 – Carmel Ruhan

Year 11- Tracey Cook

Career support

The website information for Careers has been updated to provide support for pupils and parents with post-16 options.

In the student area there is information about options post-16, where to look for guidance, websites to help build employability skills, helpful guides and additional resources.

In the **parents area** there is information and guides to help you support your child in making the right decision regarding post-16 options. There is also information in this area regarding the careers program at the school.

To access our Careers sections please follow this link:-

<https://www.lindsworth.co.uk/latest/Careers.html>

Careers

At Lindsworth we want all of our pupils to be ambitious about their future and what they can achieve.

Work Experience

As part of our work with the NHS one of our Year 11 pupils secured a six week work experience placement at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Khalisha Ward completed this placement on the liver ward and was a credit to the school during her time there.

Careers Fair

On Thursday 11th April pupils in Yrs 9, 10 and 11 took part in a Careers Fair at school. They met with representatives from a number of post-16 providers to discuss their options post-16. Pupils discussed careers they were interested in and were given guidance about the pathways they could take towards them. Providers included Nova, Solihull Moors Football Academy, Cadbury College, British Creative Institute and more.

Also as part of this all of our pupils have had the opportunity to meet 1:1 with an external careers advisor.

**The future depends on
what you do today -
Mahatma Gandhi**

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