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LADY HAWKINS' SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Time has flown by; it seems only yesterday that I was meeting parents for the first time as a guest at the induction meetings in the primary schools. Now, a year on, the tables have been turned and I had great pleasure introducing Miss Barlow as our new Head of Year 7 and Primary Liaison. All our new Heads of Year are now supported by an Assistant Head of Year, Miss Barlow by Miss T Dawe, in Year 8 and 9 Mrs Harper by Mrs H Powers, in Year 10 and 11 Ms Wilsher by Miss V Lambert and in Year 12 and 13 Mr Kay by Miss K Davies. We have completed the review of our pastoral system by creating specialist teams for each age range allowing tutors to develop and share expertise in the key focus areas for each year e.g. Induction, Key Stage 3 and Options, GCSE including the new controlled assessments, AS, A2 and UCAS university applications. All of this will contribute to our overall aim of raising the achievement and maximising the potential of every student.

At the time of writing Activity Week has got off to a cracking start, our Year 7's are at Cefn Lea, our new Sixth Form students are visiting Bristol University, Year 8 have just saved Rainbow Island from economic and environmental disaster, Year 9 have made outdoor art work, constructed a capsule to save the world from a "deadly" virus, built flying machines and practised healthy cooking and eating, each year group being ably assisted by our current sixth form as they work to develop their leadership skills. All in a days work for our talented students, and it's only day one of activity week!

Among our successes there is some sad news as we say goodbye to several staff who are leaving us to seek new challenges. It is thank you, farewell and best wishes to Miss K Bayliss, Miss A Burnham, Mrs J Selley and Mrs W Watkins. We are joined by Miss E Clarke (Humanities) and Miss K Hallum (Science), Mr N Waring (Construction). I wish all our leavers and joiners happiness and success in the years to come.

We have our Summer School on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th August, Staff Training on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September with the new term for students beginning on Monday 6th September.

Thank you for your help, support and encouragement during my first year. Take care and have a good break.

Gary I House, Headteacher

BEATBANGBONG!

Year 10 & 11 BTEC groups enjoyed a day learning about the music and culture of Brazil. Students worked with local professional percussionist Bym Wealthy to learn and re-create Samba music. The day was organised by the music department as part of the students' programme of study at Key Stage 4. The students even managed to create a presentation piece for Year 8 on what they had learned throughout the day. Well done to all students involved.

SUMMER FUN EVENING

On Monday 19th July 2010 there will be a Summer Fun Evening held on the playing fields at Lady Hawkins' School. The event begins at 6.30pm and promises live music from LHS Music and Dance Company, BBQ, raffles, face painting, bouncy castles and much more. Bring your picnic blankets or outdoor seats and join us on the fields for this fantastic family event.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Lady Hawkins' School Christian Union held it's final meeting for this year on Wednesday 30th June 2010. Students took the opportunity to thank Maureen Weston for the hard work she has put in with the group this year and also think about activities for next year's meetings. From September LHS CU will now meet in the music room after school on Tuesdays so that more students can participate in the sessions. Bring your friends along to our first meeting on Tuesday 14th September, the group is open for all students not just those who attend St Mary's Church.

PALESTINE/ISRAEL MORNING

The new Sixth Formers spent the first morning of their induction week by studying issues relating to the Palestine/Israel conflict. Mr Draper gave an introduction to the foundation of Israel in 1948 and to the Palestine-Israel wars, bringing his insights from a trip to the West Bank and Jerusalem a few years ago.

The session was followed by a presentation by Mr Stan Rowe of the Quaker-based EAPPI. He reported on his recent work in East Jerusalem, monitoring the Israeli Government's demolitions of Palestinian homes in Sheikh Jarrah. Later in the week, the students applied their new knowledge to the Gaza Blockade issue.

ADVENTURE CLUB

This has been a busy term for the Adventure Club. We completed our aim to visit The Buzzards each term and the students helped out with a biodynamic stirring. We also had a look at the badger sets and piglets. The group have helped in a number of ways this year and to round it off we had a fire and ate some sausages produced by The Buzzards. The students also presented Elaine (the owner) with a wheel barrow they chose to buy to thank her for all her help and generous hospitality over the year. We hope to continue this partnership next year.

We have also been Mountain Boarding this term. This is a new activity to all of the students who took part. It consists of a cross between skate boarding and snowboarding and takes place on grass slopes. The students built up their courage and made a good attempt to master the sport. A number of students took to it straight away and were soon trying out the more advanced skills. The trainers were very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of the group. Well done to everyone who took part.

LADY HAWKINS' STUDENTS MEET THE FUTURE

A small group of Lady Hawkins' students were invited to the Honda Swindon Academy to meet ASIMO (**A**dvanced **S**tep in **I**nnovative **M**obility), the world's most advanced humanoid robot. The students have been involved with the *Honda School of Dreams* programme since September last year and as part of their legacy project they are investigating ways to improve the school environment, mainly by the reduction of litter. With their Honda Schools partner, Steels of Hereford, the students have been working on a specific problem and that is to eradicate the use of disposable plastic drinks bottles in their school. As reward for their innovative proposals the nine students were personally invited by Honda to have a meeting with the \$3,000,000.00 robot, watching it perform a number of complex tasks and talking to ASIMO's creators.

UGANDA

After a great deal of hard work and planning the Uganda group headed off to visit Nakigo, our link school last week. The group of 9 students and 2 staff would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us through fundraising events and donations. We have raised over £15,000. We have taken out a huge quantity of resources and gifts that will all be put to good use. We hope that we will have enough money left over to be able to subsidise a return visit for staff from our link school next year. Thank you again for all the support. *Uganda Group 2010*

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS

The Year 6's came for their first true experience of Lady Hawkins' School on the induction days. All the students were a credit to their primary schools. They were enthusiastic and worked very hard over the two days which were packed with activities. They followed a timetable which allowed them to sample the full range of lessons. The students were able to meet new people and explore the school as a whole. We are looking forward to welcoming all the students in September and hope the induction days have excited and encouraged them about the opportunities available at LHS.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM SEPTEMBER 2010

The new school uniform is for Year 7 students only and should be phased in as uniform is replaced.

Jumper Black v-neck with school logo.

Shirt/Blouse Plain white with a button allowing the collar to be closed so that the school tie can be worn correctly. Shirts and blouses must be long enough to prevent them becoming untucked. T-shirts or vests worn as under garments must also be plain white in colour without lettering or logos.

Tie Clip on red and black school tie.

Trousers Black. Tailored fit. Not too narrow or too wide.

Skirt Black. Knee length without splits.

Shoes Black. Sensibly styled plain shoes - flat or low heel. Offering adequate protection and support for practical lessons.

Outdoor coat Optional black waterproof coat.

Summer shirt Optional red polo shirt with school logo.

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS!

The Lady Hawkins' Equestrian Team entered the Four Counties Inter Schools Show Jumping 2010. Schools from across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Powys and Shropshire took part, and the standard of competition was extremely high. The school entered in 3 team events, and the individual clear round.

All the students were well turned out and represented the school with pride. Highlights of the day were 4 students going clear in the individual event - Holly Preece, Lydia Dray, Amy Betts and Elliott Barnes. These same 4 also competed in the team event and were placed 3rd, and the top Herefordshire School beating strong competition from Wigmore (2 teams), Bishops (3 teams), Lucton, Queen Elizabeth, Minster and last years winners of this event Hereford Cathedral. A fantastic achievement and one that we hope will inspire other riders in the school to compete next year.

The Equestrian Team 2010: Eloise Bonney, Laura Wright, Georgia Park, Louisa Hill, Holly Preece, Lydia Dray, Amy Betts, Elliott Barnes and Zoe Whittall. Congratulations to all the riders.

A huge thank you to all the parents involved in this year's event, particular thanks must go to Mrs Preece and the LHSA for their amazing work with getting the team and the Numners organised. See you all at next year's Inter Schools!

LIBRARY NEWS

In June 10 students took part in the Carnegie Shadowing event for Herefordshire Schools through the Library. For several weeks students had to read the 8 shortlisted books, discuss them and give a presentation on 'Revolver' by Marcus Sedgwick.

On 22nd June we travelled to the Shire Hall in Hereford to take part in the event, which included 12 other secondary schools from the county. The students gave a fantastic presentation, took part in discussions and quizzes then got to vote for their favourite book. They also got to meet author Joe Craig who writes the Jimmy Coates book series.

Well done to Henry Beaumont, Sally Wood, Drew Hough, Naomi Carpenter, Alice Bond, Dale Simcock, Robert Clough, Isobel Beaumont, Yolanda Dwyer and Issy Pyle.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Gold group completed their first expedition. Despite the heat of the weekend the group worked really well as a team, completing the 3 day hike across the Cambrian Mountains. They were completely self sufficient for the weekend and managed to navigate themselves across the countryside with confidence and efficiency. The group are now ready to start planning their next expedition which will take place in September. This will set them up for the final 4 day assessed expedition which will take place next summer.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

21st July 2010 to 5th September 2010
RETURN TO SCHOOL 6TH SEPTEMBER!