

Farewell, but we'll see you soon!

This week, we said farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who begin their exam leave. After lunch on Friday we began our farewell with the Year 11 students, showing them a series of photos from when they were much younger and looked very different! We were then joined by the rest of the school and treated to a film produced by the Year 13 students which was a fantastic celebration of their achievements and all of the fun they have had during their life at The Lakes School.

When I arrived at the school in January, I very quickly realised what a fantastic group of young people we had in Years 11 and 13. We look forward to welcoming back many of our Year 11 students to our Sixth Form in September and it is important for all of the young people who leave The Lakes School to know that our door is always open should you need advice, support or you just feel like coming back for a visit.

On behalf of all of the staff and Governors at The Lakes School, we wish you all the very best with your exams over the next few weeks.

UK Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 8 maths students who entered the UK maths challenge recently and came 20th out of 31 teams. Many of the other teams consisted of Year 9 students so we did extremely well to achieve 20th place. The team were faced with a huge variety of very challenging maths problems which were made more difficult

because this was their first time at the UK Maths Challenge and didn't know what to expect.

You can see from the photos that our team were completely engrossed in solving the problems and they all received certificates of participation for their efforts. We look forward to next year when they will have another year of maths under their belt. Thank you to Miss Watson for giving our maths team the chance to take part in such a prestigious event.



I don't like cricket...

...I love it! Two great cricketing nations met at the Troutbeck Bridge cricket ground this week for their annual clash.

The Lakes School, captained by Mr Busbridge, were put in to bat by the Windermere Taverners and scored 109 off their twenty overs. With the light failing, Windermere Taverners took to the field and set about the massive total they had been set.

After a brisk start, The Lakes School tightened up the bowling, closed in the field to stop the singles and took a handful of wickets. This was going to be close!

Miss Gilbert took the ball to bowl the final over. The Taverners needed two runs to win off the final ball. Miss Gilbert sent down a fearsome ball that pitched off the seam and was clipped away on the leg side but only for a single to tie the scores at 109. A truly historic result at the end of a match which was rooted in the best spirit of amateur sport, respect and friendship - and a bit of healthy competition on the side.

At the end of the evening, both teams came together for a raffle and an auction which helped to raise over £100 for local charities.

Thanks must go to The Windermere Taverners for such a memorable evening. We are already looking forward to next year's match.



Bowling for Cumbria

Maisie and I play for the rural league at Windermere Crown Green Bowling Club which is on Queens Park. We have a junior practice on Saturday morning from 10 until 12 with Jackie and Ian Edger. And on Friday evenings we play in the rural team matches along with Beth Backhouse.

When we were selected to play for Cumbria we were both really pleased and so were our coaches. We set off on the coach down to Manchester with team manager Jo and arrived at Hyde bowling green which is considerably different to our home green. I think we were both very nervous because there were a lot more people watching than we had had watching before.

Unfortunately neither Maisie nor I won. It's first to get 21 points; I got 1 and Maisie got 3. It was safe to say we



were a little disappointed but we were playing against people who had been playing for Greater Manchester and attending clubs since they were very young and it being our first match we weren't expecting to win.

All in all it was a very fun day and we learnt a lot from the way people bowl in our team and others. It was a great experience and we play next on the 8th of June on Burneside Bowling. **Anya Rands-Trevor**

Padding for England

Congratulations to Mhairi Callingham who recently came first in the U16 England Canoe Championships and fifth overall! She also came second in the division one race having achieved a faster time than the winner but with a pole touch which put her one place off the top.

Mhairi paddles 11 times a week and attends the gym three times a week. Every Wednesday she travels to Teeside for training and takes part in races all over the country including Wales, Scotland, Nottingham and London.

This is an amazing story of success and it just shows what can be achieved with such fabulous dedication and hard work. Oh, and a smattering of loving support from parents. Do let us know if you have a story to tell about your interests and achievements outside of school.

Andy Cunningham

Extreme Physics 2014

During the Easter holidays, four keen Year 10 physicists arrived at Dallam School for three days of Extreme Physics.

They took part in a range of activities which included launching rockets and building a trebuchet but the highlight was the sky diving as you can see from the photo below. The group had had an amazing, fun-filled three days. They were a fantastic team winning 6 rosettes for teamwork, achievement and creativity. They came second in the rockets competition and were overall winners in the trebuchet task. Well done, team you have done yourselves and The Lakes School proud.



I really enjoyed the whole weekend! Everything we did from indoor skydiving to the rocket challenge was amazing. Winning the trebuchet challenge was a definite highlight. I'm sure the team can say we learnt a lot. **Ellie Williamson**

It was great fun, especially the indoor skydiving and I would definitely go again if I had the opportunity. **Joe Slader**

It was so much fun! I was so inspired by all the people involved. It was an amazing experience and I learnt so much! I would definitely recommend it if you are given the opportunity and you get to go indoor skydiving!!! **Wren Brammall**

I thought extreme physics was good because we got to meet people and do fun challenges. **Jack Tyson**

Mr L Dickinson

Plant Sale

Come and enjoy a great day out at The Lakes School Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May from 10am-3pm. Lots of bargains to be found including refreshments and homemade cakes. All proceeds will support Miss Saigon, our autumn term musical. See you there!

