



NEWSLETTER

Excellence in a caring, learning community

Welcome to our end of year newsletter and I would like to begin with the warmest thanks for your continued support of all that we are doing at The Lake School to provide a unique experience for all of our students. Whether you are a parent, a member of staff, a student, or a member of the local community, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

This academic year seems to have flown by faster than any other and yet our students seemed to have fitted in so much more this year than they ever have in the past. Just one glance at our Facebook page and you can see that every day of the school year we are alive with trips, visits and experiences that enrich the lives of not only our students but also our staff. I'm sure that you would join me in saying a huge Lakes School thank you to all of the staff who devote so much time to organising such priceless opportunities and there can be no better advert for a school than the willingness with which staff take our students out of school for such amazing experiences.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of our most recent adventures. We recently welcomed students from Year 5 and Year 6 who came to The Lakes School for their taster days and it was wonderful to see so many smiley and caring children who settled in so wonderfully well during the short time they spent with us. In September, we warmly welcome 88 children into Year 7 and we very much look forward to following their journey during the years ahead as they make the most of everything we offer at The Lakes School. During recent months, it has been my pleasure to receive a number of wonderful letters from children in Year 5 and Year 6 who write of their excitement about joining The Lakes School and their ambitions for the future. It is certainly heartwarming to know that our new Year 7s are heading off for the summer break feeling comfortable and confident about their transition to The Lakes School in September.



In closing, I hope you enjoy reading about life at The Lakes School in our end of year newsletter and I wish you a relaxing and adventurous summer. We all look forward to welcoming you back safe and sound in September.

Andy Cunningham

Fond Farewells

This summer, we say very fond farewells to two members of staff who have settled in wonderfully well at The Lakes School.

We say farewell to Mrs Hird, History, and Mr Mitchell, English. We would like to formally thank both members of staff for their dedication to the students at The Lakes School and we wish you all the very best for the future.

Warm Welcomes

In September, we extend the warmest of Lakes School welcomes to two new members of our teaching staff. We welcome Mrs Parry who joins our English team and also Miss Fisher who joins our History and Humanities team. It's always an exciting time welcoming new staff to the school and we know they both have great ideas for things they would like to develop at The Lakes School.

Summer Works

We are excited to announce that contractors will be on site for the duration of the summer break as part of a heating, roofing and glazing update.

Cumbria County Council are funding the work and investing £453,354 in improvements at The Lakes School.

Specifically, we will benefit from a new gas boiler system which involves improving the gas supply to the front of the school along with replacement windows and improved flat roof areas near the science rooms and the gym.

This work should be completed before the end of the summer holiday so that we can all return at the start of term on Wednesday 4th September 2019 as planned.

This is phase 1 of the planned work at the school and phase 2 will take place next year.

Sixth Form Leaders

One of the highlights of our year is when we receive applications from Year 12 students for our prestigious leadership positions. The application letters and interviews never fail to impress and we are very pleased to announce that the following students have secured key leadership positions at the school.

Head Boy: Isaac Parkinson

Head Girl: Jane Townley

Deputy Head Boy: Matthew Thornley

Deputy Head Girl: Jasmine Bell

We also have a large team of senior prefects who will provide an important support group for the leadership team above.

The interview process never fails to amaze. This year, during their interviews, our Year 12 applicants showed that they really do know the school well and they are so passionate and articulate about what they would like to achieve during the next 12 months.

We are particularly excited about the year ahead as we know that our sixth form team have plans to develop their links with tutor groups in the lower school, to develop our Accelerated Reader programme in Year 7 and Year 8, to develop their roles as Peer Mentors to the younger students, to develop the school's approach to recycling and to continue supporting the amazing links with primary schools.

We are very privileged to work with such a caring and devoted sixth form who we know care very deeply about The Lakes School. Thank you to all of our sixth form students; we are very lucky indeed to enjoy your caring and can-do approach to life.

Attendance

We are pleased to be able to award many students for their excellent attendance this year. Students receive a merit for every week of 100% attendance and we have an increasing number of students who are achieving 100% attendance each term and also during the whole year. We look forward to rewarding these students at our end of year celebration assembly.

Please see the [attendance page](#) on our website for more information about the school's expectations regarding attendance.

Archaeological Dig

You will no doubt be aware of the very special history of The Lakes School site. In the 1940s the Calgarth Estate welcomed 300 Windermere Boys as refugees and it is on the site of Calgarth that The Lakes School now stands.

We enjoy very close links with the Lake District Holocaust Project (LDHP) based at Windermere library and it is because of these links that we are excited to announce that a group of our students are involved in the exploration of key parts of our school site where the Calgarth Estate once stood.



Working closely with the University of Staffordshire, the LDHP has been able to coordinate the scanning and excavation of parts of our site in the hope of discovering buildings and artefacts from all those years ago. Archaeologists will be working on the site of The Lakes School until Friday 26th of July and the team very much welcome visitors who would like to find out more about their work or to view any of their findings which will be displayed in our sports hall. Thank you to the Lake District Holocaust Project and the team from the University of Staffordshire for bringing such an exciting opportunity to The Lakes School.



A thought for our local residents

As you all know, The Lakes School is not only nestled in the most beautiful setting within the Lake District National Park but we are also situated amongst a picturesque residential area and with this brings a huge responsibility to ensure that we are considerate of our local residents. We are always keen to maintain a positive relationship with local residents and we must work collectively in this regard, particularly when so many people travel to and from the school on a daily basis.

You will be aware that there is a private road through the Broadfield homes which leads up to the Spar garage and this provides a naturally tempting cut-through for motorists and pedestrians.

We would politely request that all those connected with The Lakes School avoid using this route and instead use the preferred route which is the main road leading down to the school from the A591. We hope you will agree that this is not much of a detour and that this route also ensures the private road through the Broadfield homes remains a safe and calm place for residents. Thank you for your support with this request and for your consideration of our local residents.

Year 11 and Sixth Form Leavers

The summer term is always a special time for our Year 11 and Sixth Form students as they finish their exams and look forward to their Leavers' Ball. Once again, our Year 11 students were very well looked after by the team at The Low Wood Hotel and Spa and our Year 13 students enjoyed a wonderful evening at Windermere Golf Club who provided staff and students with lovely food in a relaxed atmosphere.

Across both evenings, our students presented themselves as ladies and gentlemen and were once again fantastic ambassadors for the school. We enjoyed photos from years gone by and presentations of certificates in memory of the wonderful talents who were leaving the school as Year 13 students. We hope you enjoy a selection of photos from both events; it won't be long before it's that time of year again!

Arbor

Recently we launched our Parent Portal and Parent App through our new partnership with Arbor who provide us with our information management system.

The parent uptake for the portal has been fantastic and seems to have run very smoothly. If you are still to set up your account then please look out for a recent email to the address that we have on our system which will guide you through the setup process.

We would also recommend that you read our Arbor newsletter which provides you with a step-by-step guide to setting up your access. The newsletter can be found in the letters section of our website or by clicking on this link. We hope you enjoy using this new facility which will help you to keep up to date with your child's life at The Lakes School.

[Click for Arbor Parent Newsletter](#)





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Please find below The Lakes School Term Dates for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Whilst we have once again set dates which follow those set out by Cumbria County Council, we would draw your attention to January 2020 and January 2021 when our students will return to school on the Monday rather than the Tuesday. This ensures that all students access 190 days of schooling in each academic year.

Term Dates 2019-2020

Half Term	Term Begins on	Term Ends at 3.10pm on
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Thursday 17 th October 2019
Autumn Term 2	Monday 28 th October 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February 2020	Friday 27 th March 2020
Easter Weekend	Good Friday 10 th April 2020	Easter Monday 13 th April 2020
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 14 th April 2020	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020

Staff Training Day Arrangements

Staff Training Day 1	Monday 2 nd September 2019	Suggested CCC Date
Staff Training Day 2	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Suggested CCC Date
Staff Training Day 3	Friday 18 th October 2019	School Day reclaimed 6 th January 2020
Staff Training Day 4	These will be taken as 2½ Hour twilight sessions throughout the year	2 x February for Mid-Year Reviews
Staff Training Day 5		1x Autumn Term and 1 x Summer Term

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Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	Thursday 22 nd October 2020
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020
Spring Term 1	Monday 4 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2021	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Easter Weekend	Good Friday 2 nd April 2021	Leads in to holiday fortnight
Summer Term 1	Monday 19 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 th June 2021	Friday 16 th July 2021

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Staff Training Day 2	Friday 23 rd October 2020	School Day reclaimed 4 th January 2021
Staff Training Days 3, 4, 5	These will be taken as twilight sessions throughout the year	