



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

Recently, we sent out a parent newsletter in which we set out a weekly schedule of tasks for June and July. We can see from the number of positive emails we received that so many of you were pleased to see a clearly laid out plan for this half term. It's always nice to receive such positive communications and particularly at such a demanding time. In line with the previously published schedule, we now write to you with news of Wellness Week and a period of enhanced learning provision for Year 10 and Year 12 students. The information below sets out what your child will be able to access during the next three weeks including information about the exciting launch of our **Lakes School Badges!**



## Wellness Week 22nd June - 26th June 2020

During Wellness Week, your child's Form Tutor will be organising audio meetings via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of these meetings is to set aside time so that Form Tutors can engage in conversation with their tutees about remote learning, plans for September, answer questions and to discuss responses to the student survey which closes on 19th June 2020 at 10am. We know that Teams sessions work more effectively with smaller groups so your child's Form Tutor will send an invitation to your child to attend a Teams session between 1.30-2.30pm between 22nd June and 26th June 2020. Please encourage your child to liaise directly with their Form Tutor if they are not able to attend the session to which they have been invited. These sessions are an important part of our provision to support all students and we would like to thank all parents for encouraging your child to take part. Guidance for taking part in these sessions via Microsoft Teams can be found later in this newsletter.

Remote learning will cease during Wellness Week to enable students to consolidate the work they need to complete and to also engage in a range of other personal and family based activities that will support their own well-being. *For example, Miss Harris has been working hard on our Lakes School Badges and you can read more about these later in this newsletter.*

## Enhanced remote learning provision for Year 10 and Year 12 students

Following Wellness Week, remote learning will continue for all students from 29th June 2020 until Friday 10th July 2020. In line with our previously published schedule, we have planned for 2 weeks of enhanced remote learning for Year 10 and Year 12 students during the weeks beginning 29th June and 6th July. The guidance below will help all students have a positive experience of these sessions. Whilst teachers will remind students of the main expectations set out below, we would be very grateful if you could share these with your child and talk them through so that your child's teachers can begin lessons in a timely manner, just as if they were arriving at a normal lesson in school where similar routines are so important to ensure that lessons begin purposefully.



## Guidance for students when attending a Microsoft Teams meeting

1. Meetings will be audio calls only
2. Student video facility to be switched off at all times
3. Student microphone facility to be switched off until teacher asks for it to be switched on
4. Students can communicate with teacher through the chat facility
5. Students should not record sessions
6. At the start of each session, the teacher will remind students of expectations above
7. Teacher may share a presentation on screen but not themselves in person
8. Teacher will schedule sessions in line with normal timetabled lessons
9. Teacher will consider the optimum number of students attending each session
10. Teacher may split a class in to smaller groups to help with the running of each session so a 1 hour timetabled lesson may be split in to two or three shorter sessions with different class members invited to each mini-session
11. Teacher may use the scheduled sessions for setting new work, revisiting previously set work, checking understanding of previous work and a range of other activities
12. Most sessions are likely to follow a similar format of the teacher reminding students about expectations, providing some input on a topic, setting an assignment, confirming submission date and confirming time of next session
13. Lengthy pieces of work will be done away from the scheduled session and submitted later for feedback
14. Teachers will email the parents of students who were not able to attend a scheduled session. This is a supportive step in line with our duty to keep parents informed

### Provision for Year 7, 8 and 9

We know from communicating with so many families that each household has taken a unique approach to this period of remote learning. We are aware of children working hard to achieve a balance between academic work, being at a computer and practical, creative and spiritual activities. Our school curriculum is broad and well balanced and it has been lovely to hear stories of children taking part in such a wonderful mix of activities; just like they would in school.

Whilst adverts on the TV appear to advocate live learning sessions for all children, this is not our intention at this stage. We will continue to provide all year groups with assignments and activities through Microsoft Teams or by post and, in so doing, we can maintain provision that is as equitable and as accessible as possible. At this point in the term, we still do not know what September will look like but we do have in mind the possibility that schools may be closed or only partially open. If this is the case, then we may well be better placed as a school to enhance remote learning provision for all students in line with the forthcoming work we will be doing with Year 10 and Year 12 students. Thank you to all of our Key Stage 3 parents for your ongoing patience and support whilst we manage the considerable challenges ahead.

As always, we would continue to encourage all students to instigate contact with their Form Tutor, class teacher or the pastoral team should any support be needed. The best way to do this is via Microsoft Teams or school email as it is safe and secure and we would very much like to hear from you if you require any help with any aspect of school or your future plans.

## Lakes School Badges

We are so excited to announce the launch of our Lakes School Badges. The inspiration for the badges came through Miss Harris who, alongside the rest of the staff, has been overwhelmed to see all of the good news stories that we share via our staff Microsoft Teams channel. When staff receive photos and scans of amazing achievements, we share them amongst the staff via our good news team and we continue to be delighted and impressed by the achievements of our students. Miss Harris thought it was a great time for the school to recognise the work of our students who we know have learned so many new skills since the school closed in March 2020.

The Lakes School Badges Scheme rewards students for demonstrating achievement in four key areas where you can earn the following badges.



**Sports  
Badge**



**Creativity  
Badge**



**Community  
Badge**



**Environmental  
Badge**

We are currently sourcing a range of ones above!) and we look forward to badges to our students. And the best are available to all current students at children in our partner primary schools. apply for a **Gold Badge** once you have wasn't enough good news, here's some Scheme is here to stay! That's right, we awards system so whatever year group you



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Badge**

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### How do I apply?

First of all, think back to how you have spent your time since school closed on 18th March 2020. What have you achieved? How have you spent your time helping the community or improving the environment? Are you proud of your creative work or have you done something particularly impressive in the world of sport? Make a few notes and get together some photos so that you are ready for the launch of the Lakes School Badges on Monday 22nd June 2020!

It's really easy to apply for your badge. Simply complete a short application form telling us all about what you did, add photos if you have them and you could even make a video or a presentation or a collage if you like; the choice is yours.

On Monday 22nd June 2020, we will be sharing more information about our Lakes School Badges Scheme via email, our website and also via our Facebook page so keep your eyes peeled for more detail about the badges and news about how you can apply.

The Lakes School will always work hard to reward students for their achievements and we are very pleased to launch the badges scheme which sits nicely alongside our established rewards system through which our students receive merits that can be exchanged for Amazon vouchers or for a wide range of items in our merit shop.

***Will you be the first to apply for one of our new Lakes School Badges?***

***We look forward to hearing from you soon!***



# The Lakes School's Inclusive Curriculum



Our curriculum inspires, challenges and empowers students

## INSPIRES

### INTENT

We **inspire** young people to be ambitious, creative and to develop a lifelong love of learning

### IMPACT

We will see young people:

- Enquiring
- Investigating
- Experimenting
- Being Inventive
- Being Creative
- Being Engaged
- Being Motivated
- Asking Questions
- Trying New Things
- Showing Commitment
- Making the most of Opportunities

### IMPLEMENTATION

We provide a curriculum that is engaging, relevant and rich with a diverse range of experiences

## CHALLENGES

### INTENT

We **challenge** young people to achieve the high standards we set for them and encourage them to be proud of their achievements

### IMPACT

We will see young people:

- Being Proud
- Working Hard
- Remembering
- Being Tolerant
- Being Respectful
- Showing Integrity
- Showing Resilience
- Overcoming Barriers
- Taking Pride in their Work
- Struggling and Succeeding
- Showing a Good Work Ethic
- Revisiting Work and Improving
- Going out of their Comfort Zone

### IMPLEMENTATION

We provide a curriculum that sets high standards, responds to the needs of our students and instills self belief

## EMPOWERS

### INTENT

We **empower** young people to become knowledgeable, skilled, independent and socially aware

### IMPACT

We will see young people:

- Caring
- Leading
- Being Kind
- Applying Skills
- Communicating
- Being Successful
- Taking Ownership
- Being Independent
- Showing Confidence
- Taking Responsibility
- Applying Knowledge
- Voicing their Opinions
- Expressing Themselves
- Showing Understanding
- Contributing to the Community
- Understanding Links to the World

### IMPLEMENTATION

We provide a curriculum that ensures our students learn the knowledge, skills and qualities they need to make a positive contribution to their community