

# The Lower Quad



LANCING COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT HOVE



**A Brief Overview of 2022-2023**





# The future lies ahead of us...

Our school year came to a close with our Prize Giving in Lancing College Chapel, and my musings began with a *tour de force* Prep School Head’s address, courtesy of no less than *ChatGPT*. This led me then to ponder just what it is we set out to do at Lancing Prep Hove and how we should respond to the challenges of rapidly advancing technology.



The future lies ahead of us and we’d have to hang our heads in shame if we weren’t curious enough to be part of it. The future is full of wonder, excitement and possibility, and our pupils are moving into that future. What promise these wonderful young minds possess! We encourage them to be critical thinkers, careful digesters - and dissectors - of knowledge. We want them to be resourceful, to be willing to share ideas with those around them, to be generous with their learning. We want them to strive for constant betterment of themselves, whilst being willing to say well done to themselves when they’re proud – and not to need that affirmation to come from others. We want them to be brave, fearless learners who experience failure merely as hurdles on their way to success. Our children here know these are our four Rs: resourcefulness; reflectiveness; relating to others and resilience. A child who truly develops these learning characteristics is far better prepared for the world ahead than a child who leaves school with a head crammed full of facts.

I simply couldn’t have been prouder of our Year 8 pupils who reached the end of their time at LPH. They led with humour, with passion and with intelligence. Most of all, they were always al team, working together and caring for each other constantly. I hope they never stop showing their new schools what they’re made of. The senior schools are lucky to have our pupils come their way and we are going to miss this wonderful group of young people a great deal.

I finished by reflecting on what is perhaps one of the greatest strengths we have at Lancing Prep Hove, our sense of community. Benjamin Zephaniah, when talking about the joys and challenges in growing up as one of nine very different siblings, said, ‘If we hadn’t been family we wouldn’t have been friends’. Family brings you together regardless of your differences. I often refer to LPH as a family school. Family accept you at your worst while encouraging you to be your best. I hope that everyone can look at the year that has passed and see that our school has done just that.

Kirsty L.P.

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# Autumn Term 2022

*The Autumn Term was a curious combination of looking backwards whilst also being forward-looking. No mean feat, but we love and respect our school traditions and constantly seek ways in which to improve and to innovate.*

We welcomed in our latest recruits into our Pre-School and Reception classes and, as ever, they quickly settled into life at LPH. Of course, among the exuberance and the joy that comes at the start of every new year, we took time to reflect on the passing of Her Late Majesty. We did so in an age-appropriate way throughout the school, and also in a way that celebrates the service she offered throughout Her reign.

We launched our very first Mowden Cup tournament for co-ed sports teams and it was a joy to see these U11 footballers

play with such great spirit and determination. It was fitting not only to name this brand-new competition after the original school here but also to have former owner and Head Master Chris Snell along to spectate and to award the cup to this term's winners, Copthorne Prep. The girls rose to the challenge of co-ed football with great feistiness and enthusiasm, and we are looking forward to the U13 boys getting to grips with netball in the Spring Term competition!

Our traditions continued with a fabulous firework display to mark bonfire night, organised by

the LPH PTA, and a fine time was had by all. Our Remembrance Service prayers were led by our new Chaplain, Fr Justin. We were delighted that Mr Snell was able to join us there too and add his reflections to our commemoration, along with poems and stories read beautifully by the children. The themes of kindness, principles and bravery and their importance during WWII shone through powerfully and these were very much in our thoughts at the 11am silence.

November brought darker evenings and flung daily deluges at us. I cannot commend highly



enough the resilience of pupils, and staff, who withstood the elements for break times and sports fixtures (where these were possible) with cheerful, if a trifle damp, smiles. It was rather unkind of the high winds to damage the roof of one of our smaller buildings, which necessitated some rapid room re-allocations as we assessed the damage. Again the pupils and staff took the changes in their stride and adapted quickly to lessons being

moved around the school.

Just as we were wondering what else might be thrown our way this term, we received 'The Call' from the Independent Schools Inspectorate, announcing a combined Compliance and Educational Quality inspection. The highlights from the report appear on page 20.

The end of term arrived in a flurry of our traditional Christmas celebrations, house tree decorating competitions, feasts,

nativities, Christingles and carol services. Our 'Love in a Box' appeal brought forth a huge number of contributions of gifts for teenagers who might otherwise not receive presents this year. Amongst all the festivities and fun, it was good to see so much thought and generosity being shown to those facing the prospect of a rather bleak time this Christmas.





## Autumn Term Photo Gallery



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# Spring Term 2023

*The Spring Term got off to a busy start with plenty of activities enriching the curriculum and celebrating success.*

Our 'excellent' ISI inspection report was published and shared widely – there is more about this on page 20 of this magazine. Of our local competitors who were also recently inspected, LPH comes out most favourably!

For our Year 8 scholars, it was a term of hard work and examinations. There were notable scholarship successes with six Academic, one Art, two Sport and two Ken Shearwood All-rounder Awards to Lancing College.

It was a term filled with teamwork demonstrated by all the children in a plethora of ways. There was a cracking start to our new season of rugby and netball, when conditions on the pitches have allowed, with our co-ed

teams showing tenacity and not a jot of bending to old-fashioned gender stereotypes. We added a twist to International Women's Day by taking part in the 'Let Girls Play' initiative, with co-ed coaching sessions led by three football professionals - two from Brighton & Hove Albion currently flying high in the Premier League and with Tara Barratt from Lewes Football Club Women. Lewes FC is commendable in offering equal pay to its male and female professional players.

Sadly defeated by a combination of torrential rain and high winds, our Mowden Cup co-ed netball tournament had to be cancelled. There was nevertheless much to celebrate for our sports teams,

with one highlight being our girls and boys doing very well this year at the annual Handcross Park Cross Country meet, against a large number of other highly competitive schools.

School was a hive of activity with all manner of workshops, trips and activities taking place to support and enrich the curriculum. We celebrated World Book Day with a gentle but important emphasis on sustainability, something the children on the school council remind us regularly matters to them enormously. A large number of children (and staff!) clearly put effort into creating costumes using clothing they already had, and each child went shopping for a pre-loved book to take home to



Cross-Country squad at Handcross



enjoy courtesy of our school book swap. The school community came together to comfortably exceed the sponsorship target of 10,000 pages in a 'Readathon' which raised money for *Read for Good*, a charity that provides reading and literacy resources to children otherwise unable to access these key learning skills.

This was further exemplified by a wide range of events, including a poetry showcase, an informal evening designed to reflect the recent focus on poetry in the English Department. In the Prep school, the children enjoyed an Art Day with workshops led by a number of local artists on the theme of surrealism. This

was part of the school's *Able, Gifted & Talented* programme – a reminder that AGT in school reaches far beyond academia, and is there for every child to access.

Our younger pupils in Pre-Prep prepared together superbly for their Mothers' Day teas and celebrations, which were a joy to behold.

The highlight of the term had to be our production of *Matilda the Musical Jr*, and there is more about this on page 10.

Creative and artistic endeavours are very dear to our hearts at LPH. They fuel the imagination, creativity and encourage our

pupils to develop the mindset essential for problem-solving and learning beyond that which is taught. Working with others in their interpretation of a creative task, be that art, dance, drama or music, hones the children's communication and teamworking skills. This was demonstrated at every turn and we are very proud of everything that the pupils achieved.





Spring Term Photo Gallery



World Book Day





## Matilda the Musical Jr

The exceptional production of Matilda in the Lancing College Theatre played to packed and appreciative audiences each night. The staging was kept to a minimum which enabled the performances to shine through. The ensemble and the backstage team ensured that scenery shifting was slick and seamless, with an impressive level of professionalism. After a few weeks of rehearsals in school, it was gratifying to witness how teamwork and mutual support of each other flourished. The cast, drawn from Years 6 to 8, delivered the ultimate all-singing, all-dancing revolt as they brought Roald Dahl's somewhat alternative view of school to the stage.

The whole cast put on a show which earned them a standing ovation each performance and no doubt has given them memories to last a lifetime. It was a triumph, and thanks go to all involved. #BambinatumEstMaggitum!



## Ski Trip to Bormio

Over the Easter break we were thrilled to embark on the annual LPH ski trip, this year to Bormio in Italy.

The skiing was wonderful, and everything we hoped it would be. We had a 'no devices' policy for the children in their leisure time. It was good to see that, despite perhaps some initial misgivings, they all enjoyed playing board games, cards and chess or simply just talking to each other, rather than being glued to mobile phone screens. It was a lesson for us all, although the staff were still feverishly sending back photographs to 'mission control' at LPH each day to share with the parents on social media.





# Summer Term 2023

*The Summer Term is always a mixture of quiet industry in the classroom with end of year examinations, followed by exuberant events to celebrate the school heading into the summer months.*

The Summer Term got under way with its usual sense of purpose and the classrooms and corridors became, as ever, unusually hushed as the children sat various exams and assessments, albeit more creatively in our post-Common Entrance landscape. It's no surprise therefore that they have since taken to the outdoors at every available opportunity.

We waved off those in the older year groups heading to various points west on their adventure trips, with Year 5 in the New Forest, Years 6 and 7 at separate outdoor activity

centres in Dorset and Year 8 having the longest journey to West Wales. Traditionally these trips are a combination of developing team spirit and resilience, learning to co-operate with physical tasks, problem-solving and confidence building, generally with bucketloads of traditional British summer rain thrown in for good measure. It was therefore super to see them all basking in sunshine, under halcyon skies, and having a fabulous time. They returned exhilarated but weary (and that goes for the accompanying staff as well as the children).

Meanwhile for the younger children back at school, we ran our Curriculum Collapse week, with workshops, activities and an enormous inflatable obstacle course on our school field. The children were out and about too, with days out to Hove Lagoon, beach cleaning (with a truly shocking 66kg of detritus collected from a beach in Brighton in just over an hour by Years 3 and 4) and a spot of beach volleyball training. A tented village sprung up at the end of the week for Years 3 and 4 to have their own overnight camp at school. They were very excited to eat supper together



(and breakfast the next morning) and played games outside as the sun went down. I can only hope that they slept well when they returned home on Saturday.

Our Summer Fair, organised by the PTA, was a lovely occasion, albeit on a baking hot Saturday and for once I almost envied the staff in the stocks having wet sponges thrown at them by the children who eagerly paid for the opportunity to pelt them. Shaun the Sheep – a model that the children have decorated as part of a fund-raising campaign for the Martlets Hospice – was also at the fair on a fundraising stall and he will be joining the 'Shaun by the Sea' trail in Brighton and

Hove in September, along with the other decorated sheep.

Sports days and a swimming gala were highlights amongst a fixture list of summer sport and our girls and boys have been resplendent in their new cricket kits, which have been well-received and an example of the collaboration between the pupils' school council and the school in working together to agree the design and the colourways. The horsebox donated to the school as an outdoor catering facility looks very smart in its new LPH colours and has been dubbed 'Petunia'. The parent spectators have greatly enjoyed the refreshments available during

matches.

There were music concerts and drama evenings, and a lovely occasion for our Pre-Prep daddies to come for tea and cake with their children. They certainly earned their cake as they ran around the school field playing cricket and football.

As we moved towards the end of term, it was the time to say goodbye to our Year 8 children, who joined their new schools in September, well-prepared for life in senior education. This culminated in our prize giving in the Lancing College Chapel, a celebration which brought the school year to a close in fine style.





## Summer Term Photo Gallery



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## Curriculum Collapse Week Years 3 & 4



## Residential Trips Years 5 & 6





## Residential Trips Years 7 & 8



## Prize Day





## LPH 'Excellent'

*Lancing Prep Hove has been judged 'excellent' across the board*



We were delighted at the outcome of the Independent Schools Inspectorate visit in November 2022. This was a focused Compliance and Educational Quality inspection and the first full inspection since 2015. The full report is available on our website and on the ISI website.

With regard to the compliance part of the inspection, the school met all the regulatory standards for independent schools and for the statutory framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The Educational Quality Inspection reports on the quality of the school's work. It focuses on the two key outcomes: the achievement of the pupils, including their academic development, and the personal development of the pupils.

The key findings of the Educational Quality inspection for both these areas were rated as excellent. 'Excellent' is the very highest grading that the ISI awards (and equates to the 'outstanding' grading used by Ofsted in its inspections).

It was very pleasing to receive this grading which is of course based upon our children's experience of school life at LPH.

*I am very proud of our pupils who impressed the ISI inspectors just as they impress everyone who visits our school.*  
**Mrs Keep, Head Mistress**

### The quality of pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent

- Pupils apply their excellent communication skills to all areas of learning.
- Pupils demonstrate excellent study skills. They routinely ask thought-provoking questions, confidently draw on a range of resources and analyse information.
- Pupils have extremely positive attitudes to learning. They are self-sufficient and proficient working independently or in groups.
- Pupils show high levels of knowledge, skills and understanding for their age in many areas.

### The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent

- Pupils' self-understanding is excellent. They are confident, resilient and strongly engaged with their own learning.
- Pupils understand right from wrong and have a strong sense of fair play. They take responsibility for their own behaviour and display mutual respect and positive relationships with others.
- Pupils have an excellent awareness of community and collaborate productively in groups and teams.
- Pupils are highly respectful of diversity in all its forms.

## Valete



The Year 8 children have led the school with abundant care and consideration in their senior years, and theirs will be a hard act to follow. Although we are always a little sad to say farewell, we know they will continue to thrive in their chosen schools and, we hope, will look back at their time at LPH with affection and good memories.

### Lancing College:

Benjamin A - Academic Scholarship  
Naomi B - Head Master's Award  
Zoe B  
Lily B  
Isobel C-B - Academic Scholarship  
Honor C - Head Master's Award  
Florence C  
Rafferty C-J  
George F - Academic Scholarship  
Aggie Macp  
Otis M  
Coco M - Academic Exhibition & Sports Scholarship  
George O-H  
Francis R - Academic Scholarship & Ken Shearwood Award  
Thomas R - Academic Scholarship & Ken Shearwood Award  
Jack R - Sports Exhibition  
Jacob T - Art Scholarship

### Bede's

Benjamin D  
Bruce R  
Archie W

### Hurstpierpoint College

Ella F  
Charlotte H  
Daniel M  
Hannah M  
William M  
Jack W

### Oxford International School

Chong Z



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