



Lancing Prep Hove

A Lancing College Preparatory School

Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Keep

This week's newsletter is a rather shorter publication than usual, but I wanted to write to thank you all for helping us enjoy such a wonderful start to the new school year. Things for your children aren't an exact replica of the old normal, but in most ways they are remarkably familiar. At the start of a new school year, they would always be getting to know a new teacher in a new classroom with new routines and expectations. New children joining LPH would always be relying on their 'buddies' to show them round and help them settle. The start of the school year is never completely familiar, but it is as familiar to the children as it ever would be.

For you, however, the school feels very different. At the start and the end of the day you are being kept at a distance. Your children are quite brilliant and have already got used to this very new way of doing things – and this doesn't surprise me at all. As parents, however, and particularly the parents of our Pre-Prep children, I know this is a hard thing to do. That each of you has done so in such good spirits is worthy of mention on a newsletter front page. Thank you all.

While I sit in my office and type these words, there are some Year 2 children making their way down to Forest School who have gathered outside my window to give me a cheery wave. There are girls from Years 3 and 4 on the astro looking every bit the full St Trinian's, hockey sticks in hands and plaits flying. The Year 7 and 8 pupils are making their way in from the fields to head to their first Latin, German and Spanish lessons of the term, some of them to log in for lessons being delivered remotely by the teachers from Lancing College.

As always, the start to the school year is full of smiles and energy. Ours is a rather noisy, very happy place to learn and I have never been more glad to see it that way. Well done to your children on making such a great start, and thank you to all of you for playing your part.



Our school iPads are always cleared and prepared for the new school year and we were touched to see this lovely message left by one of our leavers at the end of the Summer Term. We are thinking about them as they settle into Senior school life.

Lancing College Exam Results
It's good to hear of the success of our former pupils who continued their education at Lancing College. We were delighted to hear that this year's Fifth Form highest-achievers included:

Ruth Banfield - a truly impressive nine Grade 9s
Archie and Finn Preston - between them clocked up sixteen Grade 9s along with a Grade 8 and a Grade 7 apiece.
Tallulah Redman - seven Grade 9s and two Grade 8s
Noah Steele - four Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and a Grade 7
Thomas Warner - two Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and three Grade 7s.

Note: Grade 9 equates to A**, Grade 8 to A* and Grade 7 to A under the previous grading system

New School Year Photo Gallery



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Diary Dates

Week 3 – Lunch Menu Week 3

Monday 14 September

18.00 Year 3 Information Evening
- Laurent Hall

Tuesday 15 September

18.00 Year 4 Information Evening
- Laurent Hall

Wednesday 16 September

13.30 Year 5 Games
at Yellowwave Beach Sports
18.00 Year 5 Information Evening
- Laurent Hall

Week 4 – Lunch Menu Week 1

Tuesday 22 September

18.00 Year 7 Information Evening
- Laurent Hall

Wednesday 23 September

13.30 Year 6 Games
at Yellowwave Beach Sports
18.00 Year 8 Information Evening
- Laurent Hall

Friday 25 September

Pret-a-Portrait School Photographs

AUTUMN TERM 2020 DATES

Half Term: from Friday 16 October 2020
usual collection times, restarting on
Monday 2 November 2020
Term ends Friday 11 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021 DATES

Term starts Tuesday 5 January 2021
Half Term: from Friday 12 February 2021
usual collection times, restarting on
Monday 22 February 2021
Term ends Wednesday 24 March 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021 DATES

Term starts Monday 19 January 2021
Bank Holiday Monday 3 May 2021
Half Term: from Friday 28 May 2021
usual collection times, restarting on
Monday 7 June 2021
Term ends Wednesday 7 July 2021

LPH PTA EVENTS

We have all very keenly missed the social and extra-curricular events that our wonderful PTA organises and the current situation sadly continues to preclude these events taking place as they would normally would this term.

Mrs Keep was delighted to have a discussion this week to explore what might be possible, within the framework of the Covid-secure arrangements we have in place. Watch this space!

Noticeboard

Academic information

Assessments

During September, children of all ages will be sitting various assessments so that we can see what gaps they may have, both as individuals and as classes / year groups.

As teachers, we adapted what and how we taught to maximise the children's remote learning, but having the children in school we now have the opportunity to establish where they may need a little extra time on certain topics or skills.

The children will all sit the standardised tests they would have sat in June, and children in the Prep School will also informally complete end of year assessments. These won't be formal exams and so the children won't be asked to revise beyond the work covered by way of normal lessons and homework.

The assessments are for us to inform our future planning, and as such will be low key and not something that the children need to be prepared for or feel anxious about. Their sole purpose is for teacher planning and results will not be given out to the children beyond normal marking.

Headphones

Just a reminder to parents that the children from Year 1 upwards need to bring in their own headphones to school, if they have not done so already. These do not need to be expensive items and it is probably better that they are not. We would recommend that headphones are kept in a case or zipped plastic bag (preferably named in some way) when they are not being used.

The children could be using headphones in a number of lessons, depending on the activity and they will definitely need them for the standardised tests for Year 4 to 8 that will start next week.

Dr Cooper