

The Lower Quad



LANCING COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT HOVE



A Brief Overview of 2021-2022



A most unusual year...

I shan't use this introduction to review the year. Quite simply, it wouldn't do justice to the exceptional calendar of events we've enjoyed. After a couple of years so brutally interrupted, the energy with which the community at LPH has embraced the return to normal has been electric. You will glimpse a flavour of that from the pages that follow.

Instead, I'm going to take my lead from the school council who are focused on our school's sustainability and have a burning desire to avoid waste. Being wasteful is habit-forming, and can happen so easily in so many ways.



In a disposable age, we can easily waste money, waste resources, even waste space. But we also waste time, waste opportunities and squander our talents. I hope the children at Lancing Prep Hove know the importance of grasping each and every opportunity that comes their way. Of never letting their own anxieties stop them from trying something new. The children at our school are reminded daily that they should be proud of their talents, and always ready to turn a spark into a flame. I want LPH boys and girls, when in doubt, to say yes. The best preparation for tomorrow is doing their best today – they don't have to be **the** best, but they always should aim to do **their** best.

I frequently refer to our school as a family, and I genuinely believe ours is a school built on family values. This year, I've asked the children to always say yes to opportunities that come their way, and I finished my talk on Prize Day by quoting not from any great philosophers or world leaders, but from the film 'Yes Day'. In amongst the ice cream breakfasts and open-window car washes, the mother reminds her children: "On a Yes Day, the last rule is the biggest - that this family has the most fun that we've ever had in our entire lives."

At LPH we can forget about a Yes Day; in our school family, I'm sure we've had a Yes Year!

Kirsty Keep

Kirsty Keep, Head Mistress

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Autumn Term 2021

After eighteen months of various restrictions, we once again had the freedom to work together and share, and there was a lovely sense of purpose as everyone set about reminding ourselves of how strong we are as a team.

It was a struggle to recall a more joyful start of a school year! We quickly returned to a more familiar way of working and life at school had a wonderfully comfortable feel. Comfortable may sound like a strange way to describe school, but comfort is important – school lost its rigidity and we all enjoyed being a large family working and playing together again.

Our two new Reception classes settled beautifully into the Pre-Prep. A particular highlight was the reinstatement of the Snell Library, right at the heart of the building, and it was wonderful to see the children poring over books with such delight. We planned trips again and the children were, as ever, wonderful

ambassadors for LPH.

On the theme of playing together, it's been a cracking time in the Games department. Our footballers (boys and girls) and hockey players from U8s to U13s enjoyed some wonderful results. While hearing the children come back reporting on a win is always a thrill, what's even more exciting is hearing the comments of coaches and parents at other schools when they note the sportsmanlike conduct of our pupils. We were particularly impressed by our team at an external cross-country meet, where one of our younger pupils had started to flag in a race and two of our older pupils came back to support her, running alongside and encouraging

her to the finish line. To be the child who keeps going when it has become tough is commendable, to be the child who helps another when they are struggling is everything we hope each pupil at LPH aims to be.

November brought with it darker days and colder weather, but also of course the glory of the vines that climb the school turning red and the joy of Bonfire Night. To have so many of the school community gathered for the PTA Fireworks felt was an utter delight. Everyone was lit up, not only with glowing accessories but also with enormous smiles. We talk often about how special the LPH family is, and occasions such as this are a reminder of how wonderful our



school community is.

We gathered outdoors to remember those who have died in wars around the world. Beau played the *Last Post* and the *Reveille* beautifully and, with heads bowed, we showed our respect. It was a timely reminder that the minor changes we have been making to keep ourselves safe are but small by comparison.

Anti-Bullying Week was celebrated with **Odd Socks Day**, once again acknowledging the fact that it is differences that make us so wonderful. The theme this year was **One**

Kind Word. In assemblies, we explored friendship and the children's ideas focused around 'kindness', 'help' and 'fun'. There's no doubt that our children understand the power and value of friendship, both in having friends and in being a friend. They showcase their kindness, support and laughter daily; these 'soft' skills are anything but, rather they are constant demonstrations of the strength of our pupils and our community.

We were not complacent about the pandemic and the swirl of COVID-19 locally

inevitably led to the return of some restrictions, in line with government guidelines. These were fortunately a little less onerous than during the previous lockdowns. Tiresome yes, but we were well prepared for it and everyone rose superbly to any challenges this brought.

We went ahead with Nativities and Christmas events with appropriate distancing, a far cry from last year's remote experiences and felt a real sense of achievement as we headed off into the Christmas break with our families.



Autumn Term Photo Gallery



Autumn Term Photo Gallery



Spring Term 2022

Life at LPH is once again alive with its customary bustle and buzz, and the activity around the place is a joy to behold.

It's been good to see our pupils venturing out from school this term – from the Pre-School visiting the Lancing Farm for the first time in many months, Reception marvelling at the exotic beasts in the nearby Butterfly Farm, Year 1 exploring the prehistoric exhibits of the Booth Museum to Year 2 having a fabulous time at Wilderness Woods putting their Forest School skills into action. The Prep children have gone a little further afield, from Year 3 visiting Drusillas to older pupils in Year 7 investigating climate change and the impact of waste at an exhibition and workshop at the London Design Museum and Year 8 going on an art trip to the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill as part of this term's mask-making project.

Sport is also firmly back on

our agenda and we have been encouraging our teams to become co-ed wherever possible, with players chosen on merit rather than solely by gender. So we have had boys playing netball and girls playing tag rugby! Our Boys' U11 team won the Brighton Small Schools competition, complete with a girl player in the squad. For the first time this year, we also entered the Girls' competition and were thrilled that they won that title too. We have this term played more tournaments and fixtures against other schools, with some outstanding wins along the way. What has been clear that is that LPH competitive spirit continues to burn brightly, as does the high standard of sportsmanship, which has been remarked upon by many staff from opponent schools. We have a talented group of

tennis players who are playing at increasingly high levels in county and national tennis and we were immensely flattered to win the 2022 Tennis Sussex School of the Year award. This is all testament to hard work to nurture and develop sporting talent at LPH.

World Book Day brought all manner of joyful dressing up as ever and the children enjoyed playing the Reading Bingo Challenge to earn Pride (for the Pre-Prep) and House (for the Prep) points. This was alongside the NEAF Readathon, where the school's target to read 5,000 pages within a week more than doubled its total and raised funds to support St George's School in Ethiopia, to improve their children's library and access to books. We marked International Women's Day with an assembly delivered

by a small group of Year 4 girls who raised money through selling the badges they had made for Women for Women International, a charity supporting women in Afghanistan.

In school, we also have children whose families are being impacted by the events in Ukraine. We are encouraging the children to ask questions when they have them and to talk about what is happening in the news with

sensitivity, thoughtfulness and respect. There has been a real desire from the children to do something to help those in need, and Reception put forward a Blue & Gold Mufti Day to raise money for the Lewisham Polish Centre, which is delivering essential goods to refugees arriving at the Polish border. The Year 7 children organised a sponsored overnight sleep at school, with no electronic devices and minimal home comforts, with

suitable adult supervision.

We encourage the children at LPH to look beyond the bounds of school and to consider what is happening in the wider world. They do so with empathy and care, and we are proud of them for their determination to make a difference where they can.

Our thanks to all parents, families and friends who support and encourage them in their charitable giving.



Spring Term Photo Gallery



World Book Day



Summer Term 2022

The children have been building wonderful memories this term

As ever, once exams are behind us, the summer term becomes both more relaxed and energised, as we embark upon our residential trips for the older year groups and Curriculum Collapse week for the younger ones, along with days out and themed days at school.

Year 8 had a fabulous week in Wales, basking in sunlight and blue skies for their action-packed adventure holiday, with mountain biking, white water rafting and wild swimming just a few highlights. They raised funds for charity on a sponsored hike along part of the South Downs Way as part of Giving Back Week. They have just received their Lancing Prep Hove 'Passport' certificates – the first year we have awarded these records

of their achievements and contributions to our school. We bade them a slightly sad farewell at our Prize Giving service, this year back again at Lancing College Chapel after a pandemic-enforced hiatus for the past two years. They have become a delightful group of young people and we wish them well in their future schools.

Years 6 and 7 headed west to Dorset – Year 6 for an adventure-based trip at Bere Regis and Year 7 to the Jurassic Coast for a combined Geography field trip and adventure activity break, with coasteering and a whirl of water-based activities. Year 5 were a little closer to Sussex in the wonderful Ferny Crofts centre in the heart of the New Forest, with the annual

raft-building competition a highlight. We welcomed them all back to school, exhausted from their endeavours but also very happy with their time away.

Curriculum Collapse week for the younger year groups combined day trips to the seaside for a beach clean and sports fun at Yellowwave with a series of fun workshops back at school. Years 3 and 4 danced their way around the world in a series of national dances, including a terrifying haka from New Zealand.

We held our first-ever careers conference for older pupils with guest speakers talking about a range of professions from a barrister through to a prison-based Forensic Psychologist to a



keynote speaker on media and journalism. The pupils listened attentively and gained much from the day. STEAM week was a fabulous programme of events for all year groups, culminating in a day out in London on the Friday for Year 8, who enjoyed walking through the capital to the West End theatre production of the musical *& Juliet*. Here they got to appreciate the performance on stage alongside the technical aspects that support the theatre, showcasing why

we include the 'A' in our STEAM activities.

The School Council organised a fabulous Eco day at the school in the last week of term. Using the school grounds to their fullest, the children were challenged to complete a packed checklist of activities to promote ecology in all its guises. Food is always an important aspect to school life for our pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed building their own plant-based burgers for lunch!

We were delighted that the Brighton Children's Parade returned this year and was so well supported by our families. It was also good to see so many parents at school events this term, from the School Fete organised by our enthusiastic PTA to full Sports Days for Prep and Pre-Prep and our end of year Prize Giving. Our parents are so very much part of our school community and it has been wonderful to see that community in full flow again.



"This summer, Lancing Prep Hove has emerged from the shadow of the pandemic to its usual bustle and joyfully noisy school community; long may that continue!"



Summer Term Photo Gallery



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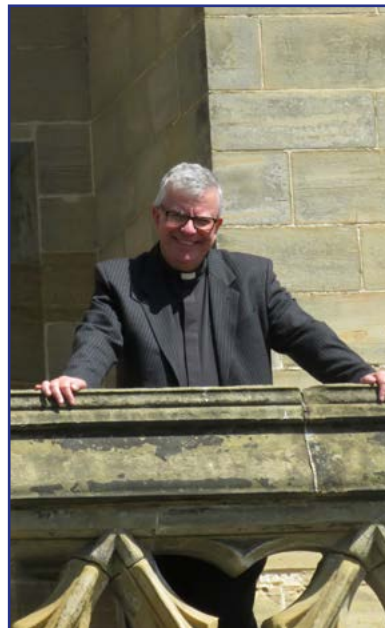
Curriculum Collapse Week Reception to Year 4



Residential Trips Years 5 to 8



Prize Day



Valete



The Class of 2022

Lancing College:

Casper D
Daisy D-P
Cyrus D
Ronas E
Charlotte E
Alexander G
Ciara H - Academic Scholarship
& Ken Shearwood Award
Joseph J
Alexandra K
Suoyoon K
Ruben L
Alexander McG - Peter Robinson Cricket Award
Harrison P
Amelia P – Sports Scholarship
Jethro S - Melsome Academic ScholarSHIP

Bede's

Cole S
Daniel C
Henry H - Academic Scholarship & Tennis Exhibition
Sienna-Mae J
Arun M
Calum O
Bertie R-T

Brighton College

Forrest C - Millennium Award
Oliver M - Academic Scholarship

Brighton Girls

Darcey L - Dance & Drama Scholarship
& Music Exhibition (voice)

Dorothy Stringer School

Leo A

Hurstpierpoint College

Dylan K
Tom M
Clancy M
Kavi M

Shoreham College

Beau B - All Rounder Award
Senna J B
Freddie S

Overseas:

English Speaking School, Dubai

Zac C

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Be You**

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