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SIXTH FORM BULLETIN - VOLUME 6

Friday 13th December 2024



Message from Mr Edwards, Director of Sixth Form

Merry Christmas to you all and well done for a very positive end to the Autumn Term. It was lovely to see so many of you wearing your festive jumpers and hats yesterday and we are so pleased that we exceeded our target. Thank you to all of you who helped out with the Christmas Carol concert at St George's on Tuesday and also for the many donations that we have received for the Christmas hampers. As we come towards the end of 2024 and as 2025 draws ever nearer I would like to wish you all a very restful and happy Christmas. We will see you all in the New Year!. Happy holidays from all of us in the Sixth Form team.

Message from Miss Parr, Head of Year 13

And just like that you've completed your first full term in Year 13. You've navigated your way through your Trial Exams, and persevered with your applications for university and apprenticeships. It's so exciting to hear you talk about receiving interview dates, offers and opportunities.



There is a lot to cram in when we return in January. We have the excitement of Sixth Form Open Evenings, where many of you will be supporting as prefects and in your subjects, to promote our Sixth Form. I am very excited to see our performance of Chicago. And not to forget your next set of TES exams, beginning on the 10th February.

Enjoy your holidays. Spend time with your families and friends. Channel your inner Mr Sarson and eat your body weight in chocolate oranges! But please don't forget to use this time for revision. Audit your understanding in your subjects so that you know where to start first.

Message from Mr Cook, Head of Year 12

Congratulations on a fantastic start to your sixth-form careers. In what is a tough step-up, you've proved enthusiastic, cheerful and resilient, and I am so proud of the way you have taken to your A-Level and BTEC study. Your commitment has really been exemplary: with the highest year-group attendance in the school it is clear that neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night has stayed you from your course. Please enjoy your holiday – take the chance to relax, refresh and reconnect with family and loved ones. Next term is a short but intense one, and we expect you to hit the ground running and get straight into your stride as fully-fledged sixth-formers. There is an awful lot to look forward in the New Year, with the crowning highlight no doubt to be a spectacular performance of *Chicago* in February (tickets on sale now), and you will want to be ready for it all.

Have a wonderful break and a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*The Sixth Form team would like to wish
students and families a very Merry
Christmas!*



Sixth Form Reminders

Lanyards and ID Cards—Keep Your School Safe

- ◆ These are **required for every student in the Sixth Form**
 - ◆ You are required to have **both the lanyard and the ID card**
 - ◆ These should be **visible at all times** while you are on site
 - ◆ This includes after school
 - ◆ These **must be worn round the neck**
 - ◆ This is an essential part of our **safeguarding policy**
 - ◆ **Failure to have your lanyard** means you will be **sent home**
 - ◆ If you subsequently miss lessons, then you will be expected to catch up this time
- Failure to return to school will be treated as truancy and result in further sanctions**



Lost Lanyards and ID Cards

- ◆ You need to report to Ms Cross in room 101
- ◆ New lanyards and ID cards can be purchased on sQuid
- ◆ New Card £2
- ◆ New Lanyard and Card Holder £3
- ◆ Ms Cross will contact home and issue you a temporary lanyard in exchange for a deposit
- ◆ Your deposit will be returned once you have returned your lanyard
- ◆ You will need a replacement lanyard for each day until your new card has arrived
- ◆ New Lanyards and ID cards will be collected from Main Reception
- ◆ If you lose your temporary lanyard you will need to pay for an additional replacement and be issued an ACU



Sixth Form Reminders



Punctuality

- ◆ Students **must** register punctually at 8.20am every morning and at 1.05pm every afternoon.
- ◆ If you arrive late, you **must** sign in at the late desk in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Failure to do so will result in you receiving an unauthorised absence mark.
- ◆ If you are 20 minutes late in the morning you will be given a blue card which will mean a 30-minute detention after school.



Reporting—Note to Parents/Carers

It is very important that you report your child's absence as soon as possible in the following way:

- ◆ Please call the main school number which is 020 8639 4700 and choose the Year 12 or 13 Absence Voicemail to leave a message. Please leave the student's name, tutor group and a reason for absence.
- ◆ Alternatively, please email adell@lpsb.org.uk with your absence message.
- ◆ **Absence Messages MUST be made by a parent/carer**

Schoolgateway

You can access School Gateway using the website [School Gateway Login](#) or by downloading the app if you have a smartphone.

Creating an account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
 2. School Gateway will send you a text with your four digit PIN
- Login, you are ready to go

Thank you!

Christmas Jumper Day - UPDATE



Thursday 12th December - Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day

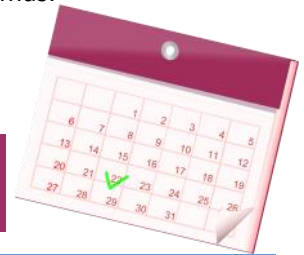
Over £700 Raised!

As is tradition, on Thursday 12th December saw LPSB Sixth Form delve into their cupboards to wear their most fabulous (and classy) Christmas Jumpers. It was lovely to see so many students getting involved. All our fundraising will go to Save the Children who do remarkable work to provide vital care and support to children across the world and in the UK.

Our fundraising target this year was £500. At the time of writing, we have comfortably exceeded this, with our total sitting at over **£700!** If you would still like to make a donation, our just giving page will remain open over the Christmas holidays.

I would like to thank everyone for their donations and participation. I am very proud to be part of a community of students, staff and families who have been able to donate so generously. This is a real show of the spirit of LPSB and a reflection of the spirit of Christmas.

Miss Parr—Head of Year 13



Dates for

LPSB Christmas Showcase	Thursday 19th December @ 7.30pm
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 20th December - dismissal at
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Sixth Form Open Evening for LPSB Year 11	Tuesday 14th January 2025
Year 12 Post 18 Pathways Event	Tuesday 21st January 2025
Sixth Form Open Evening for External Students	Thursday 30th January 2025
Upper School Musical - CHICAGO	Wed 5th Feb - Friday 7th Feb 2025
Year 13 Trial Exam Series	Week beginning 10th February 2025
Half Term	17th Feb—21st Feb 2025
Year 12 UCAS DISCOVERY event - London	Monday 24th March 2025
Year 12 Work Experience Week	16th –20th June 2025

LPSB Hosts BBC's Question Time!



Our Media Studies students were on-set at BBC Question Time, hosted by LPSB on Thursday evening!

First they were taught how to use the cameras, practicing moving them around the studio and operating the pull focus. Next, they were taken into the production teams trucks where they saw how BBC Question Time is edited 'as live' using the desks to cut between shots, adjust colour balance and attach on-screen graphics and captions. An incredible experience to work alongside industry professionals as they set up for yesterday's recording.



Med Prep



Med Prep - Medical School Mock Interviews 2024

As the Interview season starts for our year 13 medics, we held our annual MMI (multiple mini interviews) mock on Friday 6th December 2024 in the library.

Students started off working together on a group task, where they were scored on various attributes such as:-contribution, cooperation, time management and leadership.

They had a formal interview session with Dr Oliver Mercer (Med Prep alumni 2012), a Critical Thinking task with Rodos Hawrami, who is a 3rd year medical student at Bristol University, and a biochemistry and anatomy task with Mrs Hasan. We are delighted with the current cohort who have already secured interviews at Oxford, Cambridge, UEA, Birmingham, Brighton & Sussex, Exeter and Anglia Ruskin medical schools, and it is still early days! We wish you all the best of luck with the official ones, but we know you are all really well prepared for them!



Graphic Design - LPSB Christmas Card



Our new Year 12 graphic designers have been attending the Adobe Illustrator enrichment class with Ms Hamil on Wednesday afternoons since October and have created designs using the software which is completely new to most of them.

They brainstormed ideas and decided to base the card design on glass Christmas tree decorations. Each student created designs based on objects used in classrooms and subjects around school, such as food technology scales, a Bunsen burner and a pencil.

The finished design is quite striking featuring Langley burgundy and demonstrating some very skilful work by this talented, dedicated group of students.

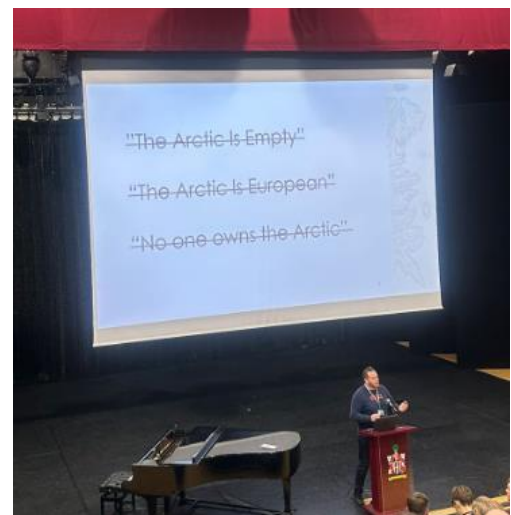


Geography



Geography Monday Night Lecture - Arctic Geopolitics with Mr Scarr-Hall

On Monday the 9th of December, the Geography Department hosted the latest Monday Night Lecture aimed at A-Level Geography Students from across the Trust as Mr Scarr-Hall spoke on issues of geopolitics and climate change in the Arctic. Drawing from his research on institutional responses to air pollutants, indigenous rights and territorialisation in the Arctic, he started by exploring the ways in which the Arctic has been defined and understood by ancient cultures going back to the early Vikings and Victorian explorers. This history of how countries and governments have conceptualised the Arctic has proven pivotal in how the Arctic is misconceived and misused, even today as the expansionist political agenda of some nations derives from a history of exploration in order to command and control Earth's final untouched frontier.



Following this, the lecture addressed contemporary governance in the Arctic, looked towards analysing the effectiveness of important treaties and organisations such as the Convention on the Law and the Sea, the development of the Arctic Council beyond its somewhat apolitical purpose and research bodies who provide vital research upon which governments can act to conserve the region's biodiversity. As such a vulnerable but unique and interdependent ecosystem, reliant both on international governance and individual responsibility, the students gained valuable insight into the undeniable importance of the Arctic, the realities of a future in which climate change is not challenged and a more optimistic history of politics, security and conservation that has inspired our students to grow a greater awareness of these conflicting issues.

The talk is part of a series of Monday Night Lectures aimed at expanding our A-Level Geographers' knowledge and understanding beyond the exam specification, whilst also ensuring that this academic offering was available to our fellow Geographers at both Ravenswood and Langley Park School for Girls. As always some great Geography in Action!

Mr C James, Head of Geography

Next Steps



Year 12

Please hold the date in your new diaries for the Post 18 Pathway event, on Tuesday 21 January from 6-8:30 pm. A letter will be sent home next week with more details.



Sixth Form - We are hosting a series of careers talks from representatives from the NHS on Friday 10 January from 1:30-3 pm in the Performance Hall. Details of presenters will be posted on Teams by next week. Please sign up with Miss Lovett in the Careers Hub (Room 153)

The Careers team would like to wish all our students and families a very happy and restful Christmas!



LPSB Music, Drama and Dance



A reminder that our Christmas Showcase takes place next Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Performance Hall, showcasing some great dance, music and comedy from across the school.

It is always a great way to round off the term! [Tickets are still available here](#)



The Upper School Musical - CHICAGO

Wednesday 5th February - Friday 7th February 2025

In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, and acquittal. This sharp-edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse.

[Tickets are still available here for this 'not to be missed' show!](#)

LPSB SPORTS



Kent Finals– LPSB Netball

Way back in September, we took part in the Kent Schools tournament. We finished second in our group, and only for the second time in six years, qualified for the Kent Regional Finals! So on Friday 29th November, on a bitterly cold day, we met nice and early to travel to Rainham school. As usual, we were the only non-selective state school in our age group!

We knew this this was going to be tough. Conditions were very cold, and the squad carrying injuries. We may not have been as successful as we had wanted, but the team spirit was there in abundance. They really pulled together, with us playing around with players in different positions, trying different combinations and enjoying their netball. A plus side of not winning everything was that we got to leave early, which made for a much nicer journey home!

Having qualified for the finals we can say that we are ranked as the 8th best netball side in Kent, so that's a pretty good Christmas present! I'm really proud of the girls and am looking forward to seeing how they continue to grow as a team and perform for the rest of the season.

Squad:

Libby James(Capt)

Grace James(Vice-Capt)

Maisie Roberts

Alexia Moren-Rosado

Hannah Chamadia

Zoe Cozma

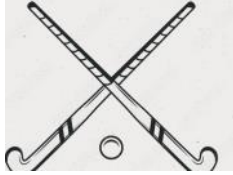
Lily Tahaney

Ruby Sheldon

Megan Barlow

Isobella Ellis





LPSB SPORTS

Congratulations to the ladies first 11 hockey team for a very successful season. We have played 12 fixtures, winning 4 and losing 8. Wins included stunning performances against Trinity and Royal Russell. This group of players has really driven the standard, professionalism and competitiveness of a girl's hockey programme to new heights that I hope we can maintain. The engine room of this ultra-competitive ethos are captain Kathleen Sparrow, Carla Forsyth, Libby Berry, Grace Lake and top goal scorer Tallulah Ndikanwu.

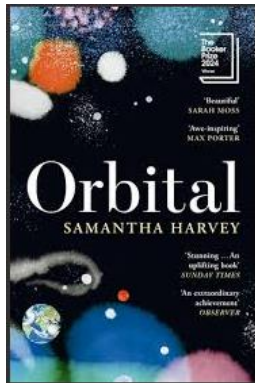
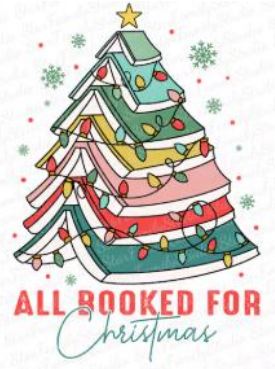
They have provided a strong backbone in every game. There has been excellent improvement from year 13 players, Abbie Coates and Cassia Barrett in their respective positions. New players including Emma Stockwell, Nina Gordge, Hannah Chamadia, Keira Campbell, Megan Barlow and Evie Kench have made their mark and will continue to excel into next year. Goal keeping is often an issue for the girls team but this year we have had the remarkable skills of Jess Fernie in goal. Jess had never played in goal before this year but you wouldn't know it. Jess has been excellent all year and has started playing regular hockey outside of school as well. Completing the squad and developing rapidly are Lois O'Flaherty and Emma Yoko Redfearn.

Well done to all those that have played this year.



A Word from the Library....

A few suggestions of what to read over the Christmas holidays.....



Orbital by Samantha Harvey

Winner of the Booker Prize 2024 and Shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction 2024.

Six astronauts and cosmonauts – from America, Russia, Italy, the UK and Japan – rotate in the International Space Station. They are there to do vital work, but slowly they begin to wonder: what is life without Earth? What is Earth without humanity?

Together, as they travel at speeds of over 17,000 miles per hour, they watch their silent blue planet, circling it 16 times in a single day, spinning past continents, and cycling through seasons, taking in glaciers and deserts, the peaks of mountains and the swells of oceans.

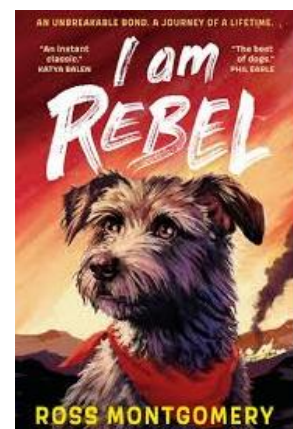
We glimpse moments of their earthly lives through brief communications with family, their photos and talismans; we watch them whip up dehydrated meals, float in gravity-free sleep, and exercise in regimented routines to prevent atrophying muscles; we witness them form bonds that will stand between them and utter solitude.

Yet although separated from the world, they cannot escape its constant pull. News reaches them of the death of a mother, and with it comes thoughts of returning home. They look on as a typhoon gathers over an island and people they love, in awe of its magnificence and fearful of its destruction.

I am Rebel by Ross Montgomery

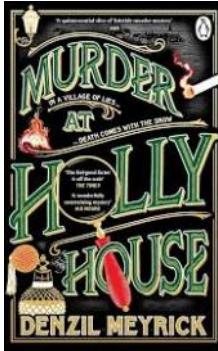
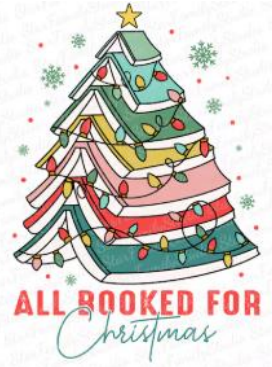
Waterstones Children's book of the year

Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner, Tom, until one day the war comes too close. Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the King's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves.



A Word from the Library....

A few suggestions of what to read over the Christmas holidays.....



Murder at Holly House by Denzil Meyrick

Perfect for the Christmas break, this cosy murder mystery is a great book to curl up with. A village of secrets.

It's December 1952, and a dead stranger has been found lodged up the chimney of Holly House in the snow-covered town of Elderby. Is he a simple thief, or a would-be killer? Either way, he wasn't on anyone's Christmas wish-list.

A mystery that can't be solved.

Inspector Frank Grasby is ordered to investigate. But as is often the way for him, things don't go according to plan.

A Christmas to remember.

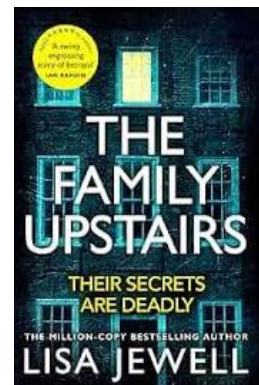
When the local doctor's husband is murdered, Grasby begins to realize that everyone in Elderby is hiding something – and if he can't uncover the truth soon, the whole country will pay a dreadful price...

The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell

In a large house in London's fashionable Chelsea, a baby is awake in her cot. Well-fed and cared for, she is happily waiting for someone to pick her up.

In the kitchen lie three decomposing corpses. Close to them is a hastily scrawled note. They've been dead for several days.

Who has been looking after the baby? And where did they go?



What are you reading at the moment? Would you recommend it? If you would like your recommendation to be included in the next edition of the Sixth Form Bulletin, please email Mrs Cross ccross@lpsb.org.uk with a short reason why others should read it!