



October 2019

It has been a long and busy term since we returned for the start of the academic year. As we enjoyed the last warm days of summer and shared stories of our holidays we celebrated another set of fantastic examination results. Mr Nonweiler and I joke that every school's press release always has "Best Results Ever!". However, this year at Langtree we can justifiably make that claim as the results are certainly the best we have achieved since the new GCSEs were implemented and stand up alongside any in the school's history. Overall, 83% of students achieved the Basics Measure of English **and** Mathematics at level 4 or above, and 58% did so at level 5 or above. This measure alone exceeds the very best 'basics measure' the school has ever achieved. Our Attainment 8 score, which at 54.6 is well above the previous high levels of 51, and the indicative Progress 8 score of +0.50 is again better than the previous best of +0.33, which indicates that overall, on average students at Langtree half a grade higher than expected in all their GCSE subjects.

At the time of writing we are collecting donations of food and groceries for our harvest festival which is then passed on to the lovely people at the Wallingford Food Bank.

Our sponsored walk took place after the delay of a week due to inclement weather, so far the total of sponsorship money collected stands at £9250.00 this will be used to buy some much needed new computers for the school and provide some funds to the school council so they can deliver on some of the excellent ideas for school improvement they discussed at their recent conference last week. Please collect any remaining sponsor money over half term and send into school during the first week of term 2.

Our new Year 7 cohort have settled in very well and are now fully integrated as part of the Langtree community and are looking forward to the inaugural Primary Teachers Tea. Year 7 will be welcoming some of their Year 6 teachers to Langtree to show off their new school and the work they have done in the first term. Our Year 7 have also continued the recent run of exceptional success in the sporting field winning all their matches in the recent area hockey tournament to become area champions. Well done to all the girls and to their head coach Mrs. Lackey.

Our new members of teaching staff have also settled in extremely well and are already making a fantastic contribution to Langtree life. All our staff continue to amaze me with their energy and dedication. Not only planning and delivering outstanding lessons but also providing a hugely vibrant programme of extra curricular activities, from Latin to salsa, maths problem solving, to visits from authors and other exciting and inspiring speakers. Please keep your eye on the parent calendar and the weekly bulletin so you do not miss more exciting opportunities that our staff have to offer students in the forthcoming months.

In the final week of this term we held wonderful celebration of the Performing Arts at Langtree with a KS 3 Music and Drama Evening. In our small school, it is quite amazing to note that the evening featured performances from our 2 orchestras, 3 choirs and the KS 3 Drama Club whose membership numbers over 50. That represents nearly a third of the school's KS3 school's population in one arts event! Congratulations to all the students involved and Mr Henderson and Mrs Pimm who make it all happen.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful half term and return to school ready to get involved in all that Langtree has to offer.

Mr S Bamford—Headteacher.



Artist of the Term:

Asri Southby (Y10) GCSE Fine Art





Pangbourne Library Opening

Music Department

This has already been a really busy term in the Music Department. First we celebrated some excellent music exam results. Jasmine Hogg, Alex Galtos, Amelia Hughes, Louise Carson, George Scurr, Izzy Chandler, Ani Archer, Freya McDonald, Niamh Rasmussen, Lola Bint-Savage, Hannah Weller, Hannah Bates, Ella Lovegrove, Ben Morgan and Theo Warren all passed their music exams. The highlight was Theo with a distinction at Grade 7. Well done everybody.

Before the term was hardly new, the orchestra and choir performed on a lovely sunny day (remember them?!) at the Woodcote Village Fete. We recapped some of our performances from the Summer term to much applause and praise. The Fete team commented.

"The choir and orchestra sounded great and made a wonderful contribution of musical talent on the day, thoroughly enjoyed by all."

Finally the Year 10 GCSE musicians were invited to perform at the re-opening of the newly refurbished library in Pangbourne. The group put together a varied programme of music, performing to a really high standard. One visitor was a former Ofsted inspector who was amazed at the standard of the performances. And we had this lovely email from the librarian.

"Just wanted to say thank you very much to you and your students for coming out and performing at our reopening last week. I have had lots of positive feedback on how talented and confident the students were. They are a credit to your school. Please pass on my thanks to everyone involved. Your attendance was much appreciated."

Stephen Henderson
Director of Music



Woodcote Fete

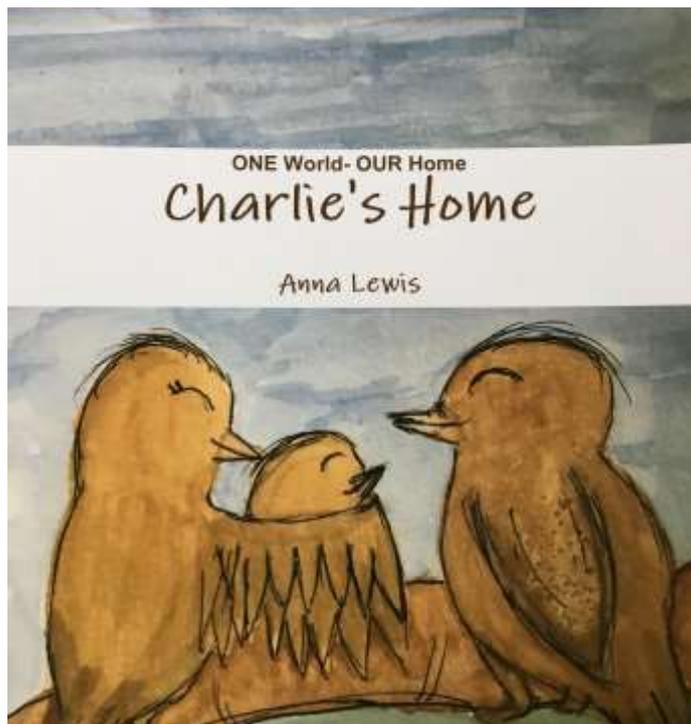


Music Exam Success

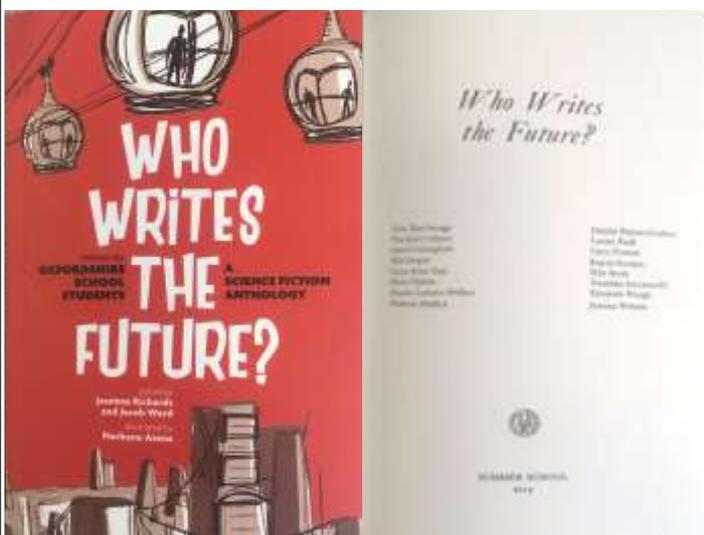


Langtree School is proud to say that we have not one BUT three published authors!

Year 10 student Anna Lewis has written, illustrated and published her first book. A tale about deforestation and habitat loss, aimed at reception aged children.



And Finn Bint-Savage, Year 11 and Harriet Palmer-Coulson (ex Y11) took part in a Summer School at The Bodelian Libraries and both have had a short science fiction story published in the anthology "Who Writes the Future"



Another success for a Langtree student.

Audrey Snowden has qualified to ride in The Sunshine Tour at Hickstead and also won third place in the Junior Supreme Championships on her pony Prince. This is a great achievement for her and for Prince. Well done Audrey.

Langtree Student success...

Jake Humphrey took part in a karting race at the Roy Mortara Memorial Meeting at Camberley Kart Club on Saturday 28th September. Jake got his own racing kart last year. After a couple of testing days at Camberley Kart Club, and then passing his ARKS (Association of Racing Kart School) test at Shennington Kart Club in April of this year, he has been able to compete in the Honda cadet novice class.

The race on Saturday 28th September, was only his fifth race. Jake had to compete in practice, and heats 1,2 and 3. Jake finished 3rd novice in heats 1 and 2, and was 1st novice in heat 3. This gave him enough points to compete in the finals. Jake started 3rd novice in the finals, and after the 1st lap was 1st novice. But there was an incident on the 2nd lap which stopped the race and they had to reform the grid from their original starting positions. So Jake had to do it all again. He drove brilliantly and carried out some great overtaking manoeuvres and won the Honda cadet novice class.



Because this event was a memorial meeting there were additional trophies. Not only did he take home the trophy for 1st Honda cadet novice, Jake was also awarded the Henry Surtees most promising novice cadet.

Well Done Jake.

More Langtree Student success:

In November Bella Barter is part of TEAM GB and will be performing at the World Dance Championships, which take place in Germany this year. During the 2019 World Dance championships she will be doing a solo, a trio and a group dance. Good Luck Bella





The last week in September saw students at Langtree celebrate European Day of Languages with a 'languages theme Bake Off' for KS3 and KS4. All the cakes were sold in aid of Macmillan. Across the school we raised £163.45. A big thanks to all the students who helped out with the cake sale and here are a few pictures of the amazing and delicious creations for the event! Finally, a Year 11 student was given the opportunity to help out teaching Italian at a local primary school on the European Day of Languages. This was a great opportunity for them to use their language skills and enjoy some time working with younger children.



Anti Bullying Training

On Thursday 10th of October a group of students from Langtree went on an anti bullying training award course with the Diana Award Charity. On the day, there were students from 3 other schools doing the course with us. Our trainers, Hannah and Carlton were very nice and informative. We learnt a variety of things including what types of bullying there are, how to raise awareness of bullying and how to be an up-stander. Alongside this, we did team building with the people from the other schools. Since the course the Langtree group have made many plans on how we are going to build up an even more positive atmosphere in school. These include signing t-shirts, affirmations, raising awareness of the anti-bullying ambassadors and many more! The day was really great and fun and we are excited for what we are now going to do with our brilliant training!

Stella Cleverley



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2019 -2020 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Date	Team	Where	Result	Special mention to....
19/9	U16 boys rugby tournament 10 a side @ Wallingford	South Oxon Schools	Beat Icknield, lost to Didcot and Wallingford. 3rd place	
25/9	Year 8 boys 10's tournament	South Oxon Schools	Beat Icknield, Wallingford, Wheatley Park, Drew with Lord Bills and lost to Gillotts - 2nd Place overall	David Spiers, Giacomo Bottini, Will Parsons and Josh Livesey
26/9	Year 10 boys 10's tournament	South Oxon Schools	beat St Birinus and Icknield Lost to Wallingford and Lord Williams 2nd place overall	Fin Morel and Henry Leadbeater-Hart
17/9	Year 11 Area Hockey	South Oxon Schools	4th	
26/9	Year 11 v Icknield	Icknield	2-2	Hannah Weller player of the match
2/10	U14 Reading - Reading League	St Birinus & Maiden Erlegh	Lost 15-0 to St Birinus Beat Maiden Erlegh 17-12	Josh Livesey
8/10	U16 Reading League Rugby	Theale Green & Home Grange	Beat Theale Green 19-0 Beat Holme Grange 43-5	
9/10	U14 Reading League Rugby	Denefield & Prospect	Lost 29-0 to Denefield And 29-0 to Prospect	
10/10	Year 7 10's tournament @ Wheatley Park	South Oxon Schools	4th Place Beat Wheatley and Chiltern Edge lost to Wallingford, Didcot and Lord Williams	A great first experience of competitive rugby for some of the boys and they performed really well
3/10	Year 8 Hockey	Icknield	A - lost 5-0 B - drew 2-2	Molly Youthend
3/10	U16 Girls Football County Cup Round 1	Fitzharrys	Won 3-0	
8/10	Year 8 Area Hockey	Gillotts	4th out of 8 teams	
9/10	U13 Girls Football County Cup - Round 1	Didcot	Lost 6-1	
10/10	Year 10 Hockey	Icknield	Won	Charlotte Wilson player of match
15/10	U16 Reading League Rugby (Reading Boys and)	RBS	Beat Reading Boys 33-10	Matt Purnell
16/10	U14 Reading League (Theale Green)	Theale Green and Oakbank	Drew 17-17 with Oakbank Lost 17-0 v Theale	
18/10	Year 8 Rugby Tournament @ Abbey	5 Schools	Tied for 2nd Bt Highdown, Chiltern Edge & Denefield, Lost to Bohunt & Little Heath	A great tournament after losing the first game the boys won the next three on the bounce but were out on their feet as they lost to the eventual winners Bohunt
15/10	Year 7 Area Hockey Tournament	6 Schools	Won all their games and won the tournament!	
16/10	Year 7 Hockey vs Icknield A team won 8-0 B team drew 3-3	Icknield		
17/10	Year 11 Hockey	Gillotts	Lost 2-1	Josephine Snowden Player of Match
21/10	Year 11 football	Marlborough	Lost 3-1	
22/10	Year 10/11 Rugby League @ Denefield	Denefield	Bt Denefield 24-5 Drew 5-5 with Chiltern Edge	Finish Top of the League and qualify for finals day. V Denefield in Semi Final 1
23/10	Year 8/9 Rugby League @ Icknield	Icknield	Bt Chiltern Edge 19-0 Lost to Icknield 33-0	Came 7th in 9 team league
24/10	Year 8 Football @ Icknield - County Cup 2nd Round	Icknield	Won 2-1	David Spiers and John Vincent



**Year 8 Rugby
Tournament
Team**

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On 26th September 2019 we were delighted to welcome **Paperbirds Theatre Company** to Langtree, with their show 'Thirsty'. This piece combined verbatim, physical theatre and theatre-in-education. The focus was binge drinking, and our nation's relationship with alcohol. It was watched by Year 9 and our GCSE Drama students. We were also pleased to welcome students from The Oratory and The Cooper School who joined us to watch the performance. Mrs G Pimm

Here are some reviews from some of our students:

"A key moment in the play was when they were in the toilet cubicles, 'reading' the verbatim stories about drinking off the toilet rolls. They used a very caring quality of touch and gentle tone of voice, as if they were holding people's lives in their hands. This showed me that they had respect for the stories" - Izzy Ambler

"I found the play quite interesting on the subject of being drunk. They had a very good skill of acting and the "creativity" of the toilets background. I loved the effects and lighting, I pretty much enjoyed the whole thing."
Amelia Hughes

"The way that they were reading the stories from the graffiti on the walls made it feel like actual people really said those words. It was more effective than just saying them. It added humour and was not the way you would expect them to do it" - Audrey Snowden

"I thought the way they used the toilet cubicles to separate the characters emphasised their loneliness"
Maea Rulton-Best



Langtree School Harvest Festival

Wallingford Emergency Food Bank would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those students and parents who were so generous in their donations for the Langtree Harvest Festival. For the last four years the donations from the Langtree School Harvest Festival have been the single largest donation made during the year to the food bank.



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Absence Requests (other than for medical appointments)

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence they deem appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act.

What to do:

Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to the Deputy Headteacher Ms S Burman, via the attendance officer: Mrs Debbie Hayward studentabsence@langtreeschool.com stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence

2019 – 2020 Term Dates

October Break – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019

Monday 4th November	Start of term 2
Thursday 14th November	Y11 Henley College Taster day and CREATIVITY DAY 1
Wednesday 20th November	7.30pm GCSE Presentation Evening
Wednesday 11th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Extravaganza Concert
Wednesday 18th December	End of Term 2 (School closes at 12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – Thursday 19th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020	
Monday 6th January	Start of Term 3
Monday 6th January - Friday 17th January Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams	
Monday 20th January	Inset Day
Thursday 13th February	End of Term 3
Friday 14th February	Inset Day (Disaggregated)
February Break – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020	
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
Monday 2nd March - Thursday 12th March Year 10 Exams	
Friday 3rd April	End of Term 4
Easter Holiday – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020	
Monday 20th April	Start of Term 5
Friday 8th May	May Day Bank Holiday (moved for VE Day Anniversary)
Friday 22nd May	End of Term 5
May Holiday – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020	
Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6
Friday 3rd July	National Inset Day
Mon 13th - Fri 17th July	Activities Week Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex.
Monday 20th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 21st July	End of Term 6 (School closes at 12.30pm)

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If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office: finance@langtreeschool.com

Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, this is particularly useful for school trips. There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.



LOST PROPERTY

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the un-named lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. please help us to return belongings to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings. Thank you.