

SPRING 2016

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With Easter falling so early, this has been one of the shortest terms of my career. Yet, we still have demanded the very most from our staff and students.

Academically, I was very impressed with the first set of GCSE results that were secured by our English Literature students. Musically, our students have performed arias with opera companies and impressed in the DRET Music Cup. On the sports field, our Judo stars have been claiming national recognition and our netballers have been winning county tournaments. Our artists have been inspired by some amazing trips and one student has even been recognised for her stunning ICT skills by Microsoft.

In football terms, however, we are just about to approach the "business end of the season" - the time of the year where all the dedication, hard work and commitment comes together as the exams begin in earnest.

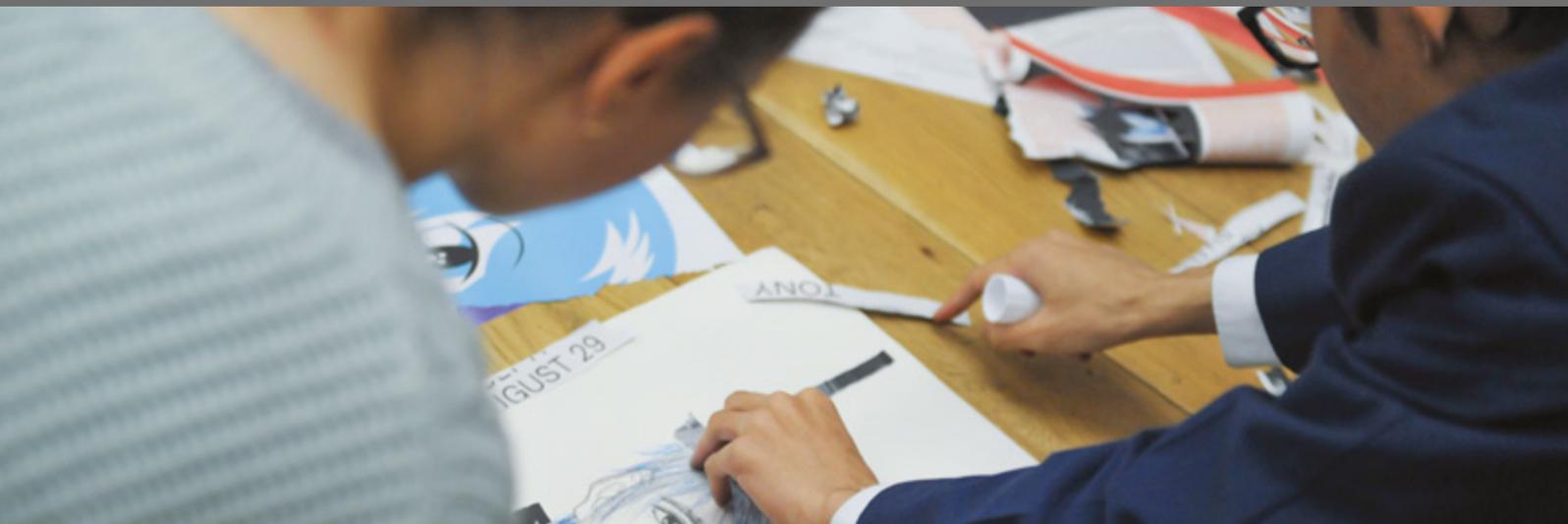
I would encourage everyone to use this Easter break wisely. Take time to relax, but also prepare for the most challenging of terms next. Every indication suggests that Lodge Park will continue to build on our recent successes, we just need to keep our focus and set our expectations high.



Alison Hayes
Principal



BUDDING ARTISTS LOOK FORWARD TO GALLERY EXHIBITION



Students and staff at Lodge Park are delighted to be working with Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery on a brand new learning programme, which will see the students' artwork displayed in a public exhibition next term.

As part of the project which has been funded by the David Ross Foundation,

talented art students from Year 10 and 12 have been taking part in a range of artist-led workshops.

This included a guided tour of the gallery with a practicing artist to discuss the inspiration behind her Yugoslavian art exhibition.

Using photographic artwork, paint and

collage techniques, the students will now put together their own unique pieces to be exhibited at the gallery.

Abbie Owen, Head of Art, commented: "It's so exciting to think that our students' artwork will soon be on display at the gallery. They have all been really inspired by the whole experience."



STUDENT IS SET FOR MICROSOFT UK CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Sarah Gunenc, a Year 9 student at Lodge Park has qualified for the prestigious Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) UK Championship final to be held at Microsoft HQ in June.

Sarah, a talented Computer Science student, has been ranked in the top 10 students within the UK and is only 1 of 2 students from state schools who have qualified for this final.

Following the final, successful competitors will then be put forward for the World Championships at Disney World Orlando, Florida.

Alison Hayes, Principal, commented: "This is fantastic news and a tremendous achievement for Sarah. She has already achieved her MOS and is working towards adding the extra units to this professional qualification."

GETTING A BUZZ FROM READING

This has also been a term of achievement for Molly Stewart, a Year 7 student, who has won a national reading competition.

Molly, who took part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, secured a copy of all 12 books available through the scheme after submitting her review of the book 'Pale' by Chris Wooding.

Alison Hayes, Principal, commented: "Our Year 7 students have been taking part in Bookbuzz as part of a reading for pleasure initiative at the academy."

"Running alongside this, our Year 7 boys are thoroughly enjoying our Reading Football Challenge, dedicated to developing a love for reading."

Molly said: "I am delighted to have won and I am really looking forward to reading all of my new books."



LODGE PARK MARKS UK SAFER INTERNET DAY

Students at the Academy have been learning about how to be safe online as part of the UK Safer Internet Day initiative.

Getting involved in the 'share a heart' social campaign, Lodge Park students have been discussing what they love about the Internet.

One of the students commented: "The internet can be a scary place, so

it's great that we can talk about our concerns and be strong together."

Alison Hayes, Principal, said: "We are so proud of our students for embracing the day and learning more about the Internet. It is clear that everyone is more knowledgeable about being safe online as a result."

WEMBLEY VISIT INSPIRES

A group of Year 11 and 12 students from Lodge Park recently visited Wembley Stadium, for a Girls into Sport day.

The day, which was run by UCFB, offered the chance for students to find out more about undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in sports and business. The girls were able to listen to inspirational speakers and explore possible subjects of study after leaving the academy.

One of the students said: "I have learnt so much about possible career paths into sport and I feel better prepared for the next stage in my education."

Alice Smyth, Head of PE at Lodge Park, added: "We know our students have the ability to achieve great things, so Wembley was the perfect location for motivating them to work hard and succeed in the future."



MUSICIANS PERFORM AT DRET MUSIC CUP

A group of our aspiring musicians recently took part in the DRET Music Cup at Kelham Hall.

From the choir, to the ensembles, and the solo singers to the instrumental performers, students at Lodge Park made the academy proud with their fantastic performances.

Alison Hayes, Principal, said: "We are delighted with the way our students performed and conducted themselves."

"It's really pleasing that our students can show off their talents and have an opportunity that will stay in their memories forever."



STUDENTS 'WRITE AN ARIA' WITH NEVILL HOLT OPERA

Nevill Holt Opera recently visited the academy to deliver a range of workshops this term.

Students had the chance to devise their own opera scene and write their own alternative versions of arias, which they would later go on to perform.

One student, who took part in the workshop, said: "I wasn't sure what to expect when I heard we were going to be learning more about opera but it was really good."

"I love learning about new things and being taken out of my comfort zone, so it was a great day."

DRET ALL STAR SUCCESS

Lodge Park students have been representing the DRET All Star teams at various competitions this term.

Year 10 students, Eloise Coombs and Selina Scott, both ran fantastic races at the Independent School League Cross-Country Meeting in Uppingham. Eloise finished 1st

in her race and Selina finished 4th, helping the All Stars running team to finish in 3rd place overall.

Eloise said of their success: "I love running and am really proud to have finished first in my race. I'll take this experience and aim to do just as well in the next competition."



LODGE PARK PLANS COMMUNITY DAYS AS PART OF OLYMPIC COUNTDOWN



As part of the countdown to this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games, students at Lodge Park Academy have been planning a range of activities to bring together the local community.

Thirty four students from Years 7 to 10 have been taking part in the Get Set for Community Action programme, a UK-wide initiative to help thousands of 14 to 19 year olds to strengthen relationships between young people and their communities.

The students have been undertaking leadership training and putting forward their ideas for different theme days.

Alice Smyth, Head of PE at Lodge Park Academy, commented: "This project will help develop our students' leadership skills and gives us the opportunity to work with a range of community groups.

"The students will also learn key skills like resilience, team work and most importantly the value of giving back to the local community."

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR LODGE PARK SPORTS STARS

We are delighted to announce that a number of our students have received national recognition for their sporting achievements this term.

After achieving a gold medal at the British School Qualifiers in Nottingham, Rory Anglia-Kumite will now go forward to the British Shotokan Karate squad.

Rory Tyrell stole the show at this year's British Judo School Qualifiers, coming away with a well-deserved gold medal. While Year 7 student, Teagan Collins, took home the title in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships with an impressive distance of 526m.

Alison Hayes, Principal, commented: "I am immensely proud of our students' achievements, they are all extremely talented and we will be cheering them on in future competitions."



YEAR 10 NETBALL TEAM WINS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

After a tough competition, our Year 10 Netball Team were recently crowned champions at the Northamptonshire County Netball Championships.

Battling it out against schools from across Northamptonshire, the girls finally claimed victory against Pitsford School to take home the title.

Alice Smyth, Head of PE, said: "The girls have had a brilliant season and the county title was thoroughly deserved."

The Year 7 and 8 Girls cricket team have also been celebrating after taking second place at the County Cricket Finals. Well done girls!

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