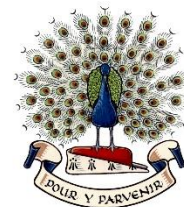


# Lady Manners School

## End of Year Newsletter (July 2022)



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year.

I would like to begin by thanking students for their resilience over the past week in coping with the extreme weather. All students should be commended for working so hard in difficult conditions and for maintaining their full concentration in lessons. Well done to you all.

We have now returned to a more familiar school routine and, although we are aware that the pandemic era is not completely behind us, we have been able to introduce new ideas and implement changes that will benefit our students for many years to come.

### Curriculum Restructure

A new faculty structure will be introduced in Lady Manners School from September 2022. This will help to improve the efficiency of our working practices and, importantly, will provide a collaborative approach to developing teaching and learning across the school.

There will be seven new faculties each containing three Curriculum Areas. Each faculty will be led by a Director of Learning who will be supported by three Curriculum Leaders. Interviews have been taking place throughout the term and appointments have now been finalised.

Faculty	Director of Learning	Curriculum Areas	Curriculum Leaders
Business and Mathematics	Mr Byrne	Mathematics (Curriculum and Assessment) Mathematics (Teaching and Learning) Business Studies and Economics	Mr Wilde Miss Pye Mrs Archer
English and Social Studies	Mrs Lansley	English Language English Literature Psychology, Health and Social Care and Media Studies	Mrs Wilcockson Mrs Johnson Mr Lee
Science	Mr Edge	Biology Chemistry Physics	Dr Lennard Mr Tattersall Dr Ebbens
Global Studies	Mrs Scott	Geography History Languages	Mr Miller Mr Woodward Mrs Pritzlaff
Creative Arts	Mr Doody	Art Drama Music	Mrs Gaunt Miss Bower Mrs Martin

Personal and Physical Development	Mr Mason	Personal Development (RE) Personal Development (PDS, Citizenship) Physical Education	Mrs Moran Miss Pownall Jones Mr Allen
Computing and Technology	Miss Bontoft	Technology (Food and DT) Technology (Vocational) ICT	Mr Bagshawe Mr O'Neal Ms Thompson

Throughout the summer we will be updating our signage and website to reflect these important changes. We look forward to fully implementing the new structure from the beginning of the new academic year.

### Inclusion Faculty

Alongside our curriculum restructure, we will be introducing a new Inclusion Faculty from September which will combine the work of our Learning Support, Pastoral and Early Help teams. This change will provide improved strategic oversight of all inclusion services and will ensure that the care of every child is supported by proactive and efficient systems.

Structural changes include the appointment of two non-teaching Heads of Year. Mrs Hallam will be our new Head of Year 7 from September, and Mrs Hobday, our current senior Pastoral Support Assistant (PSA), will be our new Head of Year 10. We will also be extending our existing PSA team and enhancing our Early Help provision.

### Values

Our three core values ('aspire, include and thrive') are now becoming embedded across the school. Students have helped to choose a logo to publicise these values and these will be displayed at various points across our school site. The values are supported by an additional seven values, as indicated in the diagram on the right below.



### Events

We have been pleased to hold a number of important events this term and have been delighted with the positive contributions made by our students.

Transition events have been effective in helping Year 6 students familiarise themselves with their new school environment. We recently hosted students from over fifty primary schools who all interacted well with each other and their new teachers. It was wonderful greeting the students during their first full assembly last week, and the associated new

intake evening provided an ideal opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's form tutor.

Our Year 12 induction week was successful and well-attended by our prospective new Sixth Form students. During the week, students had the opportunity to attend lessons in their chosen post-16 courses and this will certainly help them make a smooth transition into our Sixth Form. Additional activities included a rounders tournament and a series of team-building events led by tutors.

We held our Commemoration Service for Year 7 students on Monday 4 July. This was a re-arranged event from October and the service paid tribute to our school's founder, Grace, Lady Manners. Students heard stories about the origins and history of the school and listened to a very entertaining speech delivered by Canon Tony.

Our sports day was a huge success and once again students across all age groups performed exceptionally well across a series of athletic events. Competitive activities took place throughout the day in glorious weather as students eagerly gained points for their respective Houses. These points will contribute significantly to the award of the Wrench Shield at the end of the academic year. The distribution of free ice creams proved to be a particular hit with the students in what was an excellent event.

Thanks to the excellent work of our recently appointed Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Manager, Mr Manning, a number of DofE practice expeditions have been completed over recent weekends involving our Bronze and Gold awards students. The students performed to a very high standard and all should be proud of their achievements.

Year 10 students attended a 'World of Work' event last week. Each student experienced a comprehensive programme of events, including Higher Education talks, workshops and mock interviews. A series of challenges presented by the army also tested students on their problem-solving skills and on their ability to work effectively as part of a team. There was significant contact with employers throughout the event and links have been further strengthened with our local community.

### **Examination Results**

Examination results will be published over the summer for our Year 13 and Year 11 students. Our students have worked hard in all their subjects and deserve to succeed. A reminder that results days this year are Thursday 18 August for Year 13 and Year 12 students, and Thursday 25 August for Year 11 students.

### **Projects**

There are a number of projects planned over the summer holiday as we continue to develop our school site. We were delighted to be awarded a grant from the Wolfson Foundation to refurbish one of our science classrooms (Sc11) and now plan to transform this teaching space into a high-quality science laboratory over the next few months.

Further work is planned over the summer period, including the installation of new gates at the front of school, the refurbishment of toilets at the top of the Sports Link Corridor and the installation of additional CCTV cameras across the school site.

### **Staffing Appointments**

We look forward to welcoming new members of teaching and support staff in September following a term of interviews and appointments (see below). New staff recently attended

an induction day and all are looking forward to starting their new roles at Lady Manners School. We wish them every success.

- Miss Barber (Family Support Worker)
- Miss Boden (Science)
- Mr Carroll (Network Manager)
- Mrs Hallam (Head of Year 7)
- Miss Lloyd (Science)
- Miss Lowe (Art)
- Ms Maynard (Languages)
- Mr Minar (Maths)
- Mr Morris (Science Technician)
- Mrs VonGyer (English)
- Dr White (Science)
- Miss Wood (History)

A number of teaching and support staff will be leaving our school over the summer and we wish all departing colleagues including Miss Bowes, Miss Clinton, Mrs Cox, Miss Spooner and Mrs Ulyett every success in their future endeavours.

At the start of the new academic year in September, we have two planned Inset days before students are welcomed back to school on a phased basis. Year 7 and Year 12 students will return on Monday 5 September, before the return of all year groups the following day.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support of our school. On behalf of all staff, I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Gary Peat  
Headteacher