

# Lady Manners School

## Headteacher's Newsletter

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I would like to begin this newsletter by sending our best wishes to students who are currently taking their examinations. Preparations have been robust and revision lessons have been well-attended. We were delighted to see so many of our students attend the school's Easter revision programme which covered a wide range of subjects. Students are well-placed to fulfil their potential and should be proud of the positive attitude they have shown during this important period.

I would like to thank parents and carers for the support and encouragement they continually offer to our students. I would also like to acknowledge our dedicated teaching and support staff who have consistently provided additional lessons for students and provided helpful advice throughout the year.

Good luck to all our students who are taking examinations this summer. We look forward to celebrating their achievements when outcomes are published over the summer.

A reminder that results days are scheduled for the following days:

A Level / AS Level / Level 3 VTQs: **Thursday 14 August**

GCSE / Level 1/2 VTQs: **Thursday 21 August**

### Time Capsule

Governors, staff and students attended a ceremony on 23 April to excavate a time capsule which had been buried by former Lady Manners' students in the year 2000.

The ceremony generated a significant amount of interest. Two of our current School Officers, Charlotte and Ben, delivered excellent speeches before all the unearthed items were displayed. Items included a lunch menu, a school map, a Star Wars toy, a VHS tape and a Spice Girls CD!

As part of the ceremony, current students buried their own time capsule, filled with items which reflect life in 2025. These items were selected by our students and will be revealed in the year 2050.



## Farewell to Canon Tony



Following years of distinguished service, Canon Tony is leaving us to enjoy a well-earned retirement in North Yorkshire. He has been closely connected to Lady Manners School for many years and his work has been appreciated by students across all age groups.

Canon Tony has regularly delivered inspirational and thought-provoking assemblies containing powerful messages, each relayed in a clear and accessible manner. Former and present students often recall their Commemoration Service which is held to celebrate the life of the school's founder, Grace, Lady Manners. An interactive element is invariably included in the service, which is always met with an enthusiastic response from our students.

The Christmas Service at Bakewell Church (Nine Lessons and Carols) has always been a memorable occasion. This event, led by Canon Tony, provides an opportunity for our students to interact with the local community. Our school choir and musicians always perform impeccably at the service, and students across all year groups deliver their readings with confidence and eloquence.

We are also appreciative of the work of Canon Tony's wife, Rachel, who has been a valued member of our school governing body for nine years. Rachel has always been a strong and positive advocate of our community, and has supported the school on many levels, including in her role as a mental health practitioner.

On behalf of all students and staff, we send our best wishes and gratitude to Canon Tony and Rachel for all they have done for Lady Manners School. We wish them well for the future.

## PTFA

Thanks again go to our excellent PTFA who have continued to raise funds for our school over the course of the academic year.

Car boot sales continue to generate significant interest in the local community. Attendance at these events continues to increase, and members of the public consistently provide positive feedback about their experiences, whether buying, selling or simply enjoying the available refreshments.

We are always seeking to extend our PTFA team. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Business Manager, Janet Snell, for an informal, no-obligation chat ([janet.snell@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:janet.snell@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk)).

## House Events and Fundraising

### Charity Day - Friday 02 May

A big thank you to Hayley Athey and all who contributed to the organisation of our recent Charity Day. Year 12 students helped to organise four simultaneous events on behalf of each house: Barker, Cockerton, Glossop and Taylor.

Significant funds were raised by each house amounting to a grand total of well over £3000. We appreciate the excellent work of both staff and students.

Students had a great time at the events, and once again there was a strong sense of community throughout the day. The 'Sponge a Teacher' event proved very popular and was enjoyed by particularly large audiences. However, the event proved less popular with volunteering members of staff!





## Focus on Reading



Reading remains a key priority at Lady Manners School. We were delighted that this was recognised in our recent Ofsted inspection report:

'The school has prioritised reading. Pupils who need extra help to gain the skills and knowledge to read receive well thought out support. In key stage 3, pupils read regularly in lessons, which supports them in developing a love of reading'.

A particularly successful aspect of our programme is the 'buddy reading' scheme which involves a selection of Sixth Form students working closely to support the reading of their younger peers. Students and mentors meet twice a week during form time and thrive within a positive and inclusive learning environment.

## Careers

We recognise that you, our parents and carers, are one of the biggest influences on a young person's education and career decision-making. The following two websites may be of use, particularly if your child is currently making post-16 and post-18 decisions:

[Parents Advice for Career Conversations - Talking Futures Skills for Careers](#)

A reminder that we also have a wide range of careers information on our school website.

This term, Emma, from the DWP visited school to share local Labour Market Information (LMI), specifically focussed on the 'growth and priority sectors' in Bakewell and Derbyshire. Students learned about the job market, supply and demand of the labour force, local skills gaps, and challenging stereotypes.

Next term, our Year 10 students will participate in the very exciting World of Work Week, and Year 12 students will complete their work experience.

To stay up to date, please review ClassCharts, where we will be sharing the latest opportunities and careers information.

## Student Achievements



Congratulations to Harry who has been invited to join the Yorkshire Academy U17 core squad for next season. This reflects Harry's dedication to training and his clear determination to succeed.

Congratulations also to Year 8 student, Jamie, who recently attended the schools' golf championships. Jamie won the trophy for the best gross score. He will go on to represent Lady Manners School in the Midlands Championships and will be Derbyshire's representative in the national schools U16 competition. His sister, Evie, won the nett trophy. Congratulations to them both.

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Josh, who recently took part in a 3-day international tournament in Gniewino Poland with Derby County. Facing academy teams from Poland, England, Lithuania and Germany, Josh helped his side win every game without conceding a goal. He even added a goal and an assist to cap off an impressive performance.

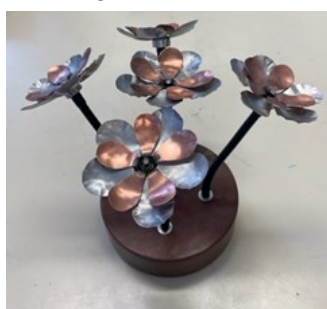
## School Officers



Congratulations to all School Officers who have done an excellent job in their roles. They have represented the school during many community events and have worked enthusiastically to showcase the school in a positive light.

All Officers have shown a genuine commitment to improve the school and have communicated the views of students across all year groups to the benefit of future cohorts. They should be proud of their collective achievements, and we wish them every success in the next stage of their education.

## Faculty in Focus: Computing and Technology



**Year 12 A Level Product Design students** have been responding to a brief to design and make a table light. They have demonstrated excellent knowledge, design flair and commitment and have developed an innovative range of high-quality products that fit the brief.

Our excellent **Year 7 Design and Technology students** are completing their new 'Flip-tastic' toys. They have designed some amazing characters and used their manufacturing and engineering skills to cut, drill and thread their plywood, pine and brass materials successfully.



**Year 10 GCSE Food Technology students** have been learning about industrial food production methods. To help demonstrate their understanding, they examined the function of the ingredients and processes involved in soft cheese production, and then went on to make a batch of soft cheese. It was fascinating to see the process in the classroom.

## Lego



This academic year marked the return of Computing students to the First Lego League competition following a break since the COVID pandemic. Since September, a committed group of students has been attending a weekly lunchtime club where they have been building and programming LEGO robots. This has developed both their technical and teamworking skills.

The students have taken part in the regional First Lego League competition at Sheffield Hallam University. All represented the school with enthusiasm, creativity and resilience. Their months of hard work paid off as they achieved an impressive second place in the robot knock-out challenge - a commendable result and a proud moment for the team. This return to the competition has been an exciting experience for everyone involved, and we look forward to seeing the club continue to grow.

**Advance Notice: Early Closure on Final Day of Term**

As last year, we will be finishing school slightly earlier than usual on the final day of the academic year (Thursday 24 July 2025). Lessons will run as normal throughout the morning, before our final end-of-year assembly is held after lunch. Students will be free to leave at 2.30pm following this assembly. As well as ensuring a smooth end to the academic year, this early closure will enable staff to deliver farewell speeches to colleagues who are retiring after years of distinguished service at our school. Transport companies have been informed of this change and buses will arrive at school at this earlier time to collect students. You will be notified in advance of any adaptations to the timings of individual routes.

**Dates for your Diary**

Date	Time	Event
Monday 2 June		Start of Term 6
Sunday 8 June	7.00 am	PTFA Car Boot Sale
Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 June	All Day	Sixth Form Induction Day
Wednesday 25 June	6.00 pm	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 26 June	6.30 pm	Summer Concert (Main Hall)
Friday 27 June	All Day	Sports Day
Wednesday 2 July	All Day	Year 6 Taster Day / Intake Evening
Wednesday 9 July	Evening	Lower School Showcase
Saturday 12 July	11.00 am - 2.00 pm	Uniform Selling Day (Sports Hall)
Sunday 13 July	7.00 am	PTFA Car Boot Sale
Tuesday 15 July	All Day	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 24 July	2.30 pm	End of Term 6

On behalf of all staff, I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break.

Mr Peat  
Headteacher

