



# The tree



A very warm welcome back to school to everyone; I hope that you all had a good summer and that every student is ready to get down to hard work this term. I particularly want to welcome our new Year 7s who have settled in wonderfully, quickly finding their way around our large school site, and confidently asking for directions if they cannot remember where a particular classroom is located. Well done! As to the exam results for 2014, there were some very pleasing outcomes, and I am delighted to report that:

- 55% of students gained five or more A\*-C grades, including English and Maths (maintaining our previous record)
- 74% of students gained an A\*-C grade in English (our best yet!)
- 67% of students gained an A\*-C grade in Maths (also an all-time record!)



These are some of the students whose results warrant special mention as I am sure you will agree:

- Hannah Biddle - 6 A, 3 B, and 2 C grades
- Meescha Bhamra - 1 A\*, 4 A, 2 B and 4 C grades
- Heather Crowton - 3 A\*, 5 A, 2 B, and 1 C grades
- James Davies - 6 A, 4 B and 1 C grade
- Debrasi Deb - 6 A and 5 B grades
- Kathryn Sainsbury-Wilkes - 2 A\*, 8 A, and 1 C grades
- Dan Sutheran - 2 A\*, 6 A, 2 B and 1 C grades
- Laura Wilkie - 2 A\*, 7 A and 2 B grades

Very well done to everyone!

Mr A Butt, Associate Head Teacher

## INTER-COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

During the last week of the summer term, seventy students competed for their College in The Inter College Performing Arts Championships. Acts ranged from large musical ensembles performing songs by artists as diverse as The Killers and Marvin Gaye, to soloists and duets performing tap dance and contemporary dance routines, comedy sketches and serious hard-hitting dramatic performances. The standard of work was of the highest order and the evening was truly magical. Guest judges came from outside school to choose one act who would win the cup for their College. Well done to everyone who took part; Lyndon School's talented students are amazing! The winning artists were from Birmingham College in Year 8: Hope Jennings, Aemelia Afford and Lucy Yorke, performing their own arrangement of songs with two un-microphoned voices and djembe. Our judges were very impressed by everyone and most importantly were so touched by the genuinely supportive and friendly atmosphere of the school.



We currently have three vacancies for Parent Governors at Lyndon. If you are interested in applying, please check the school website for details: [www.lyndonschool.co.uk](http://www.lyndonschool.co.uk). Closing date is Friday 26 September.

## Lyndon School Open Evening

On Wednesday 24th September students will leave school at 2pm so that preparations can be made for Open Evening.

Open Evening is from 6-8pm on Wednesday 24th September, with Associate Head Teacher presentations at 6.15pm and 7.15pm as well as tours of the school.

There will also be tours of the school on:

- Thursday 25th September at 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Friday 26th September at 9.15am

## Key Term Dates 2014-2015

- 24th September OPEN EVENING
- 2nd October New Year 7 Parents' evening
- 8th October Year 11 Post-16 Information Evening for Parents
- 27th October - 31st October HALF TERM
- 27th November Year 11 Parents' evening
- 19th December END OF AUTUMN TERM
- 5th January 2015 START OF SPRING TERM
- 16th February - 20th February 2015 HALF TERM
- 27th March 2015 END OF SPRING TERM
- 13th April 2015 Staff Training Day (3) START OF SUMMER TERM
- 14th April 2015 First day of term for students
- 25th May - 29th May 2015 HALF TERM
- 24th June 2015 Staff Training Day (4)
- 17th July 2015 Last day of term for students
- 20th July 2015 Staff Training Day (5) END OF SUMMER TERM

## New Year 7 information

Parents and carers of all Year 7 students are invited to attend our 'Welcome' evening on Thursday 2nd October, from 4.30-5.30pm. You will be able to meet your child's Tutor, and the parents of other children in their Tutor Group, as well as find out about clubs, targets, Learning to Learn, attendance, and much more.

Should you wish to speak to someone at school about your child, in the first instance please contact their Tutor:

- 7BL Mr R Bohdanowitsch
- 7BY Mr D Spurr
- 7BN Mrs E Vigers, Mrs Z Vale
- 7CL Mrs J Burrows
- 7CY Miss Z Robbins
- 7CN Miss R Edmonds
- 7WL Mr C Hole
- 7WY Miss L Belford-Thomas
- 7WN Miss L Leband

If you are having difficulties contacting your child's Tutor or if you have a problem that the Tutor has not been able to resolve, please call one of the following:

- Mrs A Newman - Pastoral Manager for Year 7
- Mrs P Martin - Year 7 Team Leader
- Mr C Brown - Assistant Head Teacher



PLEASE label your child's uniform, PE kit, bags and other belongings!  
It means we can return items which are brought to reception as 'lost property'. Thank you!

## SIMS 'Learning Gateway'

This system, which enables parents and carers to access information about your child's Progress, is no longer available. We are working towards having a new system which we hope will be installed this term. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Improvements to the school site

A smart, new, safer playground surface was laid during the summer break, including improved drainage. Benches and trees will follow shortly.

A two year plan to refurbish the Science block started this summer, work so far has included two up-graded labs and improved gas, electrics and ventilation.

New traffic management systems have been installed in the main car park. Please follow the new signs, and note that the gate by reception is IN only. Thank you.

Please note that the grassed areas outside of the school fences are out of bounds for students, whether in school time or out of school hours. Thank you.

## The Skills Show at the NEC

By popular demand, The Skills Show is back at the NEC Birmingham from 13th-15th November. This is a fantastic free event that will inspire your child to learn the skills that will help them build a successful future. With over forty five hands-on skills experiences, expert advice on hundreds of different careers as well the opportunity to speak to employers from top national and local industries, this really is a 'must attend' event. To book a place for Saturday 15th November, please visit [www.theskillsshow.com](http://www.theskillsshow.com)

*Other important dates for your diary regarding careers:*

- Wed 8 Oct 5.30-6.30pm Year 11 Post-16 Information evening for parents
- Wed 12 Nov 6-8pm Joint Careers Convention held at Lode Heath School

## Clubs and after-school Activities

There are numerous clubs and activities at Lyndon and a current list of all of these, including those run at lunchtime and after school, is displayed on a board in the dining hall.

## Lyndon School Association (the LSA)

Parents or carers who might be interested in supporting Lyndon by being part of our parents' association (the LSA), please contact the school office on 0121 743 3402 and leave a message for Mr Finn, who will return your call.

## Texting the School

The school number for text messages is:

**441212850876**

If you use this system to text into school, please add this to your contacts exactly in this format. Thank you.

## Let's keep our school tidy and green!

We are 'in' to recycling at Lyndon and are sure that parents and carers will want to support us in encouraging students to do their part to reduce negative impact on our environment, by recycling their plastic bottles and paper.

Thank you!



## First World War Project

Lyndon's History team are working on an exciting project to research and commemorate people from the local area who served in the First World War, but we need your help.

If you have any information about relatives who served in the war, perhaps some photographs or newspaper clippings then we would love to hear from you. Your information could be used to form a display as part of a permanent installation and help complete an exhibition commemorating the great sacrifice made by those serving in the war. In addition students will research this information as part of their History lessons.

**If you think you can help, please contact Mr Heath by email at [s209jheath@lyndon.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s209jheath@lyndon.solihull.sch.uk) or phone the school office. Thank you!**



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