

Message from the Principal

As some of our community may have heard one of our Year 10 learners, Sophie, sadly lost her life on Saturday 18th March, Sophie's family and friends have been in our thoughts and prayers. We wish to thank learners, parents/carers and colleagues for supporting each other during this sad time. Colleagues and learners have raised and uploaded £685.25 to Sophie's Just Giving page. (Please see leaflet attached from SMBC).

As we draw to the end of another busy and productive term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our learners, parents and carers for their support throughout the busy internal examination period. I am both heartened and reassured by the way learners prepared for their Pre-Public Examinations. I am sure the collective efforts of colleagues and learners will show in the summer exams.

We wish our Year 10 learners good luck in their PPE's after Easter.

I would like to remind our families that the school term will finish for learners on Friday 31st March at **3.00pm** Year 7—Year 10 and **4.00pm** for Year 11 learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our learners and their families a very happy Easter break and, I look forward to welcoming all learners on their return on Monday 17th March 2023.

ITV's Des Coleman Visit

In early February it was amazing to have the inspiring Des Coleman from ITV in school to talk to our learners about careers in Media and talk about his own journey. All the learners and some of our colleagues were star



Uniform Bank

Just before February half term Mrs O'Gorman arranged for a uniform bank, food bank and sanitary products display. Many of our families were extremely grateful for this support during the current economic crisis and a lot of families collected some lost property items also. Please look out for "Lyndon Pantry", which will open shortly to help support parent/carers in need.



Get help with the increased cost of living

If you're struggling with the rising cost of essential items and you live close to an EH Smith location, the EH Smith Charitable Trust may be able to help by providing supermarket vouchers.

For more information on who is eligible and how to apply, visit our website:

ehsmithtrust.org/foodvoucher

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Pancake sale for Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to all learners and colleagues who helped with making cakes, pancakes, donated and promoted the fund raising event for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal. It was really appreciated.

A special Thanks to "Team Food" and the Y11 hospitality group who served the delicious pancakes.

£567.86 was raised in total.

100% Attendance Winner for HT3 January—February

Congratulations to Ima'an Malik who was the winner of the 100% Attendance Award for the half term January-February 2023. Ima'an was awarded an Ipad by Mrs O'Gorman.



Principal's Pick of The Week

Alisha Fazil Year 11—Focus and work demonstrated in Art & Design

Kayla Clark Year 11—excellent work in Business

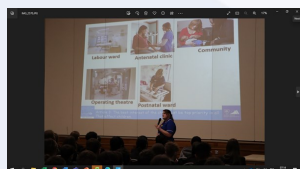
Megan Cherry Year 10— attitude and work in the past two half terms has been excellent in History

Ibrahim Rahman Year 7, taking the lead during prayer for Year 7 learners during Ramadan

UNICEF Rights Respecting School

We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and all learners have the right to have access to information (Article 17) and the right to have access to education (Article 28). This half term, Year 9 learners have had visitors from different work sectors to talk about careers and raise their aspirations. We were fortunate to have Mental Health Nurses and a Midwife from the NHS join us.

All year groups have had a visit from Kooth (online counselling service), linked to Article 3 Best Interests of the Child, Article 12 Respect for Children's Views, Article 17 Access to Information.



World Book Day

Year 8 enjoyed a visit from Dave Shelton, author and illustrator, for World Book Day. All KS3 learners enjoyed his visit and some of our colleagues dressed up for the occasion too!



Character Virtues

Character Virtues refer to behaviour which demonstrates the high moral standards which we expect learners to demonstrate both within, and outside, Lyndon School. One of the ways we have been working with learners on this is through praise, and how praise can be used to acknowledge the high standards we have of learners every day.

Moving forward, several character virtues have been agreed on by learners (through our student council) and all colleagues at Lyndon, and will start being implemented later this academic year.

These character virtues are:

Compassion
Curiosity
Integrity
Resilience
Resourcefulness

Over the next term, we will work with learners to demonstrate how they can show these virtues around school and how these virtues link to Lyndon's values of 'Trust, Respect, Success'.

Key Dates 2022

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| Year 8 Progress Evening | 9 th May 2023 4.00 pm—6.30 pm |
| Year 10 Work Experience Week | w/C 3rd July 2023 |
| Year 8 HPV 1 | 7th & 10th July 2023 |
| Y11 Prom | Friday 7th July 2023 |
| Y10 Information Evening | 11 th July 2023—6.00 pm |

Learners attend Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration at Westminster Abbey

On Monday 13th March 2023, Lyndon learners joined peers from across Summit Learning Trust at the Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration at Westminster Abbey, which was attended by King Charles and The Queen Consort, The Prince and Princess of Wales, Members of the Royal Family and other dignitaries. Also in attendance were faith leaders and athletes who had competed in the highly successful Commonwealth Games hosted in Birmingham last year. The event was broadcast live on BBC One and BBC iPlayer, as well as internationally on the BBC's YouTube channel.

The service, which has been held at the Abbey since 1972, celebrates the diversity of the Commonwealth, which comprises 56 countries and has a combined population of 2.6 billion. A range of performances and readings demonstrated its rich diversity, whilst also acknowledging the tremendous contribution of young people, who now make up a majority of its population. This year, the focus was on youth and peace, with the service highlighting the connections between communities across the Commonwealth and also providing opportunities to reflect. In his speech, King Charles reiterated the importance of the Commonwealth's defining values, "peace and justice; tolerance, respect and solidarity; care for our environment and for the most vulnerable among us".

Malak Atwi, a Year 10 prefect at Lyndon School, commented, "It was a privilege to attend the service at Westminster Abbey and see Members of the Royal Family and others in person. The performances which celebrated diversity were a real highlight as many took place right in front of where we were sitting. It was a fantastic opportunity to see people from so many different countries come together at Westminster Abbey."



Black Country Museum

Year 8 learners visited the Black Country Museum in February and had an amazing time looking around the museum of rebuilt historic buildings. Learners enjoyed the experience of sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the Black Country, exploring shops, houses and industrial workshops in the canal side village.

From the Industrial Revolution to post-war prosperity, learners discovered the history of a small region that made a big impact on the people, culture and industry of the world.

Learners and colleagues thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



Charity Football Tournament

On Friday 24th March, Miss Brogan organised a charity football tournament for Year 7 learners. Other Year 7 and Year 10 learners also came along to cheer the teams on.

This was a brilliant event with high levels of enthusiasm and participation. We were even greeted by a double rainbow at the start of play! Well done to Josh Sadler and the blue team who won overall and to all teams that took part. We managed to raise £242 for the family of Sophie and this was donated to the Just Giving Page.

Team One

Joshua Sadler
Joshua Hawker
Ellis Silvester
Qasim Ali
Maizie Chapman
Ethan Mann
Eric Lotana
Riley Smith
Mason Moss

Team Two

Ollie Shaw
Harry Rawlins
Logan Davies
Alfie Park
Nancy Seery
Syed Tauheed
Danial Carless
Alex Overton

Team Three

Ethan Bohemia
Jacob Verbraggen
Alfie Slaughter
Liam Mumford
Olivia Vale
Aden Coley
Kalonjay Moore
Sam Johnson

Team Four

Jasper Fee
Charlie Brettell
Thomas Mills
Cole Saunders
Grace Newman
Conor Green
Jake Williams
Jan Panek
Ayyan Sufian

Team Five

Oliver Pinfield
Rohan Ajimal
Ethan Latusek
Dominic Piatek
Maja Nedza
Assinat Hatto
Jaydan Hasson

Team Six

Lewis Taylor
Blake Smith
Aqib Ali
Ibrahim Rahman
Muski Malik
Fleur Coughlan- Feeney
Aiden Davis
Bilal Ahmed
Umer Murad





INFORMATION



Learners leaving during the school day

If your child needs to leave school during the school day for an appointment, **please send your child with the appointment letter or note to excuse them from lesson** saying what time they have to leave lesson and to show at reception. Could you also please state on the note whether your child is leaving on their own or you are meeting them in reception. **Please remind your child to remember to make their way down to reception at the time you have asked them to.**

Learners who feel unwell during the school day Please remind learners that if they feel unwell during the school day, they must visit First Aid or their Pastoral Manager to contact home.

Learners must not call home using their own mobile phones.

Equipment

Please remind learners to check their planner/timetable each day, to ensure they bring in the correct equipment for the day.

Please ensure that they have their planner, reading book, pen, pencil, ruler and full PE kit if they have PE on the day.

It is the learner's responsibility to remember their equipment and we cannot always guarantee we can loan items to learners or send equipment to them during the school day.

Attendance

Please can you report any absences before 8.30 am. You can leave any messages on the **absence line on 0121 743 3402.**

Please can you clearly state your child's name, year group and the reason for absence. Thank you.

Football boot exchange

We are arranging a football boot exchange within the PE Department to assist families in the current cost of living crisis. If you have any old football boots that are no longer required and would be happy to donate to the school, we would very much appreciate this. All used boots will be sanitised and cleaned before use.

Please ask your child to hand any donations into the PE. Many thanks

Food Bank

Lyndon school is a recognised centre to support families and individuals in crisis. There are many reasons why a family is in crisis and unable to access support to be able to buy food. We are here to help. As a registered food bank referral agency we can support a family to access food.

Contact Mrs O'Gorman for further information:

Jacqueline.O'Gorman@lyndon.org.uk

Sanitary Products

We are in a position to support learners who need sanitary products. They are allocated in the girls' toilets and are also available for any learner that wants to take products home:

Jacqueline.O'Gorman@lyndon.org.uk

Uniform Bank

We have a Uniform Bank. If any learner is in need, please contact Mrs O'Gorman in the Pastoral Team for further details: **Jacqueline.O'Gorman@lyndon.org.uk**

Cycling to School

We request parents and carers remind learners to take extra care when cycling to and from school.

Please also ensure that your child wears a suitable bike helmet when cycling to school.

Breakfast Club

Lyndon is part of the National School Breakfast Programme and offers learners a toasted bagel before school every day. Breakfast is served every morning from 8.00 am in the canteen.

School Reception

Please note that Reception opening times are:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Friday:
8.00 am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 8.00 am - 3.00 pm

Please ensure that learners are picked up from school promptly.

Return Phone Calls

Please be reminded that all phone calls should be returned within one working day; thus **by the close of play on the day after the request is made.**



INFORMATION



Attendance and Punctuality at Lyndon School

At Lyndon, we believe that excellent attendance and punctuality are both important in helping our learners to achieve their full potential. As such, at Lyndon School our expectations are that all learners should be at school and on time every day the school is open unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

To meet our statutory obligations and to ensure our learners benefit from consistent high quality learning Lyndon School will:

Promote perfect attendance and work closely with our families to ensure all learners attend school each day.

Act proactively to identify and address patterns of absence which may hamper a child's life chances.

Communicate regularly with our families to provide information regarding their child's attendance and the impact it is having on their progress at the academy.

Working in partnership with various agencies to support the work of Pastoral Managers, Attendance Officers, and the Education Welfare Service Remember, excellent attendance is key to your child being able to fulfil their potential and make good progress in school.

Improving attendance: What parents and carers can do?

One of the most important ways a parent or carer can support the personal and academic development of their child is to ensure they attend every day and on time. At Lyndon, we have a clear expectation that learners should aim for 100% attendance every year. We recognise however, that illness happens, children can become unwell and there will be occasions when your child is too poorly to come into school. The academy expects the support of parents and carers in ensuring that children always attend, when possible.

Please encourage your child to come to school even if they are feeling slightly unwell. Pastoral Managers will contact you if it becomes necessary for your child to go home however, creating an ethos of getting into school, prepares them for further education and the workplace.

Where a child is unwell, parents and carers should ensure they follow the 'Reporting' procedures below.

Reporting an absence

All absences must be reported to the Attendance Officer before the start of school by 8.30am, on the absence line, giving the reason for absence. If it is a prolonged absence a call is required, each day

Absences can be reported via the school absence line on 0121 743 3402 (option 1) or by email to office@lyndon.org.uk

If you know your child is going to be absent due to medical appointment, please let us know in advance with evidence for the absence. In such instances, absences from school should be limited to the length of the appointment and traveling time.

Absence due to illness will be authorised unless there is a concern about the authenticity of the illness, in which case you may be asked to provide medical evidence. Unexplained absences will be unauthorised by the academy.

Examples of authorised absence

Medical or dental appointments. Routine appointments should be made for outside of school hours. Evidence of these appointments is required. The academy will only authorise a maximum of half a day's absence for unavoidable medical appointments (e.g., hospital consultant, CAMHS or orthodontist appointments).

College/employment interviews. Evidence is required.

Family funerals of close and immediate family members or recognised religious observations. (One day will be granted on prior notification).

For exceptional circumstances a Leave of Absence request form can be obtained from the school for completion. On receipt of this form the Principal will decide and write to you to confirm whether authorisation is granted.

Examples of unauthorised absence

- Unauthorised leave of absence.
- A full day absence for a medical appointment
- Absence not reported on the day or supported by written explanation upon return to school
- Arriving late after the register has closed (9.30 am)
- Truancy: isolation will be given as a sanction

Examples of medical evidence

- Medical appointment card or photo with one appointment entered
- Letter from a professional
- Medical note
- Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Print screen of medical notes
- Letters concerning hospital appointments
- Slip with date, pupils name and surgery stamp, signed by Receptionist

Request for leave of absence during term time

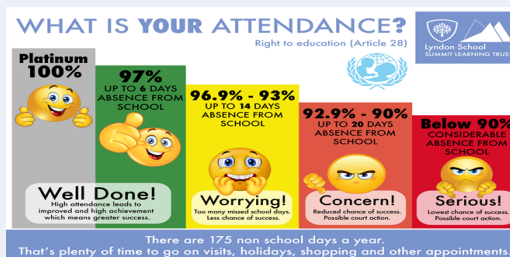
Parents/ carers should not take book holidays or similar arrangements during term time. It is unlawful for learners to be granted holidays during term time; therefore, the principal will be unable to give authorise absences unless there are genuine exceptional circumstances.

Punctuality

We ask that learners arrive at the academy prior to 8.30am ready to attend tutor time at 8.40am. If your child is going to be late, please call the main office to inform them of the reason. The school gates close at 8.30am and should any learners arrive after this time, they must sign in at the 'late desk', located at the Upper School Gate entrance. If a learner arrives late, without a genuine reason, they will be issued with a 20-minute detention which will need to be sat at the end of the same school day. For learners who arrive after 9.30am, without a valid reason, they will be marked as a 'U' which is an unauthorised absence.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager who will be able to advise and support you as well as putting you in touch with other agencies should this be required.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to raise attendance, punctuality, attainment, and achievement at Lyndon School. If you are unsure of any of the details regarding attendance, a full Trust Attendance Policy can be viewed on our website.



School Term Dates 2022—2023

| Autumn Term 2022 | | INSET DAYS |
|---|--|--|
| Term Ends | Friday 31 st March 2023 | |
| Summer Term 2023 | | |
| Term starts | Monday 17 th April 2023 | |
| May Day | Monday 1 st May 2023 | <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles | Monday 8 th May 2023 | <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Half Term | Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023 | |
| | | Friday 30th June 2023 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Term Ends | Tuesday 25 th July 2023 | |

School Term Dates 2023—2024

| Autumn Term 2023 | | INSET DAYS |
|------------------|---|---|
| Term starts | Monday 4 th September 2023 | Monday 4 th September 2023 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> Tuesday 5 th September 2023 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| | Wednesday 6th September 2023 Year 7 & Year 11 Registration 8.30am Year 8, 9 & 10 Registration at 10.45am | |
| | Thursday 7 th September 2023 ALL Year Groups | |
| Half Term | Monday 30 th - Friday 3 rd November 2023 | |
| | | Friday 24th November 2023 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Term Ends | Friday 22 nd December 2023 Learners last day – Normal Finish Time | |
| Spring Term 2024 | | |
| Term Starts | Monday 8 th January 2024 | Monday 8 th January 2024 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| | Tuesday 9 th January 2024 Learners return to school | |
| Half Term | Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February 2024 | |
| Term Ends | Friday 22 nd March 2024 Learners last day – Normal Finish Time | |
| Summer Term 2023 | | |
| Term starts | Monday 8 th April 2024 | |
| May Day | Monday 6 th May 2024 | <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Half Term | Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024 | |
| | | Friday 5th July 2024 <i>(Learners not in school)</i> |
| Term Ends | Friday 19 th July 2024 Learners last day – Normal Finish Time | |

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

| MONDAY | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Breakfast Club | Dining Hall | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Homework Club | TLC | Year 7 - 10 | 3:00 - 3:30 | Miss Roslyn |
| Silver Alchemist | Music Room | Year 8 – 9 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Black n Blues | Music Room | Year 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Musical Theatre | Dance Studio | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Netball | Sports Hall | Year 7 - 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Dodgeball | Gym | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Rugby | Outside | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Science Club | S204 | Year 7 – 9 | 3:15 – 4:00 | Science Team |
| TUESDAY | | | | |
| Breakfast Club | Dining Hall | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Table Tennis | The Hub | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Dance Group | Dance Studio | Year 7 - 10 | 3:00 – 4:15 | Performing Arts |
| WEDNESDAY | | | | |
| Breakfast Club | Dining Hall | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Homework Club | TLC | Year 7 - 10 | 3:00 - 3:30 | Miss Roslyn |
| Vocal Group | Music Room | Year 7 - 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Maths Club | L304 | Year 7 - 9 | 3:05 – 4:00 | Ms Thai |
| Badminton | Sports Hall | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Gymnastics | Gym | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Football | Outside | Year 7 -10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | PE Team |
| Engineering Club | POD's | Limited Spaces | 3:00 – 4:00 | Miss Jones |
| Duke of Edinburgh | L107 | Year 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Mr Roberts |
| THURSDAY | | | | |
| Breakfast Club | Dining Hall | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Table Tennis | The Hub | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Homework Club | TLC | Year 7-10 | 3:00 - 3:30 | Miss Roslyn |
| Japanese Club | U103 | Limited Spaces Y8 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Mr Francis |
| Dance Club | Dance Studio | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Modulo/School Of Rock | Music Room | Year 7 –10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |
| Debate Club | | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Mr Maiden |
| Computer Club | | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Mr Bains |
| Basketball Club | Sports Hall | Year 7 – 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Team PE |
| KS3 Homework Club | U204 | Year 7-9 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Ms Ahmed |
| FRIDAY | | | | |
| Breakfast Club | Dining Hall | All Years | 8:00 – 8:30 | |
| Homework Club | TLC | Year 7-10 | 3:00 - 3:30 | Miss Roslyn |
| Year 7 Band | Music Room | Year 7 | 3:00 – 4:00 | Performing Arts |