

## Message from the Principal

As we draw to the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our learner's, parents and carers for their support throughout the busy examination period. I am both heartened and reassured by the way learners in Year 11 have risen to the challenge of their Public Examinations. I am sure the collective efforts of staff and students will show when the results are published in the summer exams.

Please note the term dates for 2023/2024 are also attached at the back of the newsletter.

Have a good break and good luck to those all our Year 11 learners and those who are attending the Year 11 Revision Sessions during the break.

Abid Butt

**Principal**

## Congratulations Corey!

Corey Roper Year 7 took part in a large competition in Bristol for Skateboard GB. Corey did amazingly and came 3rd in his age category and was awarded a trophy. Well done Corey from everyone at Lyndon School.



## Street Dance

On Wednesday 17th May, a selected group of our learners were able to take part in a Street Dance competition, competing against other schools in the borough. They had two days to learn and polish a two minute routine, that was then performed on the stage at the Core Theatre in Solihull in front of around 200 learners from other schools. Both the year 7/8 and 9/10 teams gave it their all!

The year 7 and 8 team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The year 9 and 10 team placed 5th.

They performed brilliantly and were all so enthusiastic and excited to take part. We are so proud that so many learners volunteered to give up their time to represent our school, we hope to continue with this ethos across the performing arts department.



## 100% attendance

Congratulations to Kayla Clarke (Year 10) for winning the 100% attendance raffle last half-term.





## Colourful stir fry!

Year 7 learners prepared and cooked a colourful, healthy, nutritious and very delicious stir fry. The smells around school were amazing.



## Sushi

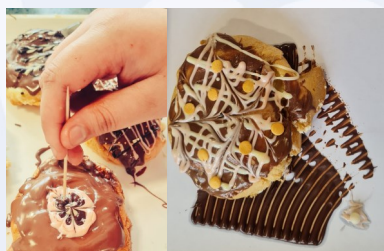


Never too old to learn! Mrs Whittaker and Ms Daly joined the Japanese club learning the art of making Sushi, they thoroughly enjoyed learning skills and the sushi was delicious.



## Year 9 applying their skills!

Year 9 learners achieved a high level of skilled work on their choux buns using their artistic flair. Well done to all learners, their skills have improved vastly from Year 7.



## Fundraising

Faith Lovell one of our ex learners asked us to share the below with you.

"I have decided to do a sunrise-sunset walk on May 30<sup>th</sup> for part of my fundraising. Please take a look at my link below, that would be much appreciated".

The link is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/faithsfundraising?utm\\_term=28Kk2zaqz&fbclid=PAAaagiO1QtO3YEIApT-8daCg8shzbS4i2BJ\\_JGpMC\\_cMpK-FWEWY68K-qvPs](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/faithsfundraising?utm_term=28Kk2zaqz&fbclid=PAAaagiO1QtO3YEIApT-8daCg8shzbS4i2BJ_JGpMC_cMpK-FWEWY68K-qvPs)

Thank you,

Faith Lovell.

## King's Bunting Art Workshop— Solihull Sixth Form

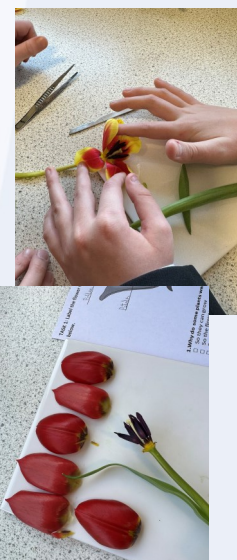
During April, 12 of our learners attended a "King's Bunting Art workshop at Solihull Sixth Form College with two professional artists. It gave the learners the priviledged opportunity to have work displayed at the Ikon Gallery, Birmingham for their families, friends and members of the public to view. All learners had an amazing time and really enjoyed watching artists at work.

## Apprenticeship Webinar

Year 9 learners had a very interesting webinar session on apprenticeships in the healthcare sector. They will certainly be well prepared with the options available to them for when they leave school.

## Reproductive Systems

Year 7 learners had a fantastic time dissecting plants and identifying the reproductive systems in their Biology lesson.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND...



THE DESIGN  
EXHIBITION  
OF  
EXCELLENCE  
AT THE POD GALLERY

TUESDAY 6TH JULY  
2023  
4PM - 6PM



THE POD GALLERY, Lyndon School, Daylesford Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8EJ



## Great Results in Athletics

A group of our talented athletes from years 8-10 to the Solihull Borough Athletics trials, where they competed against the best athletes from other Solihull schools in the hope of being selected to represent Solihull in the West Midlands competition in June. Selection for the Solihull squad is based on times/distances rather than position achieved. Some of our learners qualified and will compete at the West Midlands competition at the Alexander stadium on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations to everyone, they held their own against some of the best athletes in the Midlands and in some cases the country.

Y8 Rosie Steele, Year 8 Lilly Brown,  
Y9 Amber Pickering, Y9 Kayden King,  
Y8 Rayan Malang, Y8 Noah Latusek, Y10 Abigail Unlu,  
Y10 Taejon Miller, Y10 Harry Latusek, Y8 Archie Guy,  
Y8 Harry Pittman, Y8 Hannah Unlu, Y9 Olivia Cardin,  
Y9 Connie Sheridan

## Year 10 DfE

On the 25th March 27 of our Year 10 DofE learners travelled to the Alfey Centre in Coventry, carrying backpacks full of snacks and all the equipment needed to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme (DofE) Bronze practice expedition. As part of the challenge the year 10 learners had to plan their own route, set up their tents and cooked a basic meal—all to prepare them for their final expedition later this term. The expedition is the culmination of the months' long challenge, which has seen them develop new skills, take part in physical activities and participate in voluntary work.

Mr Butt said, "I am incredibly proud of our learners, who threw themselves into the challenge of their expedition weekend with courage and determination. Through this opportunity they have learnt that by digging deep and working as a team they can achieve something really worthwhile—lessons that will serve them well throughout life.



## Year 11 D of E Bronze Award Certificate Evening

In March 27 Year 11 Lyndon School learners received their D of E Bronze Award Certificate at the Ceremony at Solihull Sixth Form. It was a brilliant evening which the learners and the Parents/ Carers really enjoyed.



## Principal's Pick of The Week

Paige McClure Year 11

Leah Cope Year 11

Ibrahim Rahman Year 7

Lilianna Vitello Year 10



**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](https://ehsmithtrust.org/foodvoucher)

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# 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](mailto: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**

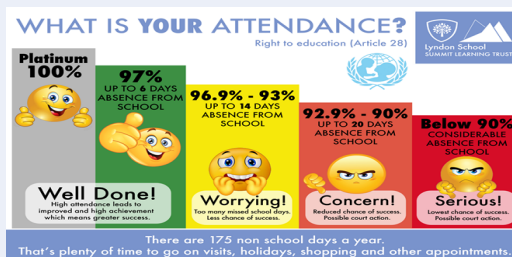
Parents/ carers should not take book holidays or similar arrangements during term time. It is unlawful for learners to be granted holidays during term time; therefore, the principal will be unable to give authorise absences unless there are genuine exceptional circumstances.

## **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

Summer Term 2023		
Half Term	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023	
		Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (Learners not in school)
Term Ends	Tuesday 25th July 2023	

## School Term Dates 2023—2024

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

## Key Dates 2022

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 <sup>th</sup> July 2023—6.00 pm

## 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 – 4:15	Performing Arts
Cricket	Sports Hall	All Years	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
Homework Club	TLC	Year 7 -10	3:00 - 3:30	Mrs Stokes
WEDNESDAY				
Breakfast Club	Dining Hall	All Years	8:00 – 8:30	
Homework Club	TLC	Year 7 - 10	3:00 - 3:30	Mrs Stokes
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
Rounders	Sports Hall	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
Cooking Club 10 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May (if joined and paid)	U105	Year 7 – 10 (if joined and paid)	3:00 – 4:00	Ms Daly
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	Mrs Stokes
Japanese Club	U103	Limited Spaces	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	3:00-4:15/5:00	Performing Arts
Debate Club	U104	Year 7 – 10	3:00 – 4:00	Miss Blanchard
Computer Club		Year 7 – 10	3:00 – 4:00	Mr Bains
Athletics	Sports Hall	Year 7 – 10	3:00 – 4:00	PE Team
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	Mrs Stokes
Year 7 Band	Music Room	Year 7	3:00 – 4:00	Performing Arts