

Message from the Principal

As the school year is coming to its close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of Lyndon School through what has been another busy year.

Formal examinations have now finished and we eagerly await what we believe to be a positive set of results for our year 11 leavers. We wish them well, and we are convinced they take the necessary skills, knowledge and qualifications that will enable them to be successful lifelong learners.

As I write to you, we are actively finalising our planning for the year ahead and I am excited at the developments scheduled for our learners upon their return in the autumn term. **The current school term will end on Tuesday 25th July and learners will be dismissed at 3.00 pm.**

The new academic year will start following the summer break and will follow the format below:

Wednesday 6th September, 2023

Year 7 & Year 11 Registration 8.30am

Year 8, 9 & 10 Registration at 10.40am

Thursday 7th September, 2023

All Year Groups normal timetable

We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of Year 7 learners in September

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful summer break and I look forward to welcoming all learners back in September

Abid Butt—**Principal**

Sparx—Highest Achieving Points

The following learners are learners who earned the highest achieving XP points in the last 12 months, for their year group on Sparx Maths. They have all received a Sparx Award badge for their successes.

Well done everyone!

Year 7—Tauheed Syed (30,604 XP)

Year 8—Sahara Zane (111,012 XP)

Year 9—Ellie So (36,251 XP)

Year 10—Irfhan Asghar (73, 771 XP)

Year 11—Ali Asghar (59,135 XP)

Tarmac Website Winners 2023

Arham Chowdhury, Archie Guy, Neave Tomlinson, Rayan Malang, Benson Kam, Hannah Unlu, Sufiya Dinally, Bok Him Fung, Zak Groom, Amy Kavanagh, Rome Willock, Janelle Jo, Yuri Zengwa, Charlie Weeransinghe, Carly Facer, Summer Haslam, Thomas Cresswell, Dylan Sutton, Daniel Hayter and Ihsan Raid were all winners for the Tarmac Website 2023 Competition.

Tarmac is a Multinational Company which has their Head Office based in Solihull. Tarmac paves the way in building the future for our future making the Railways faster, Airports smarter and our Housing attainable. The company aspires in creating a skilled diverse workforce.

Lyndon School have been working with Tarmac to teach Year 8 learners about their Apprenticeship schemes. Learners have created website designs for the Apprenticeship section of the Tarmac website. This has been an invaluable experience for our students to learn all about what an Apprenticeship scheme entails and what is available for learners when they apply for further learning/education in Year 11.



100% attendance

Congratulations to Anaya Codner for winning an iPad as part of the 100% attendance raffle last half-term.



Year 10 DofE—June 2023

In June, 27 of our Year 10 learners finished their DofE practice by advancing their map skills, tent building and cooking skills.

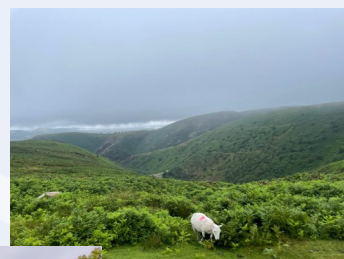
This prepared the learners for their Expedition assessment at the Long Mynd in Shropshire.

Thank you to all the staff and Parent/Carers for their support.



Year 10 DofE– July 2023

On Friday 14th and Saturday 15th July, 30 of our Year 10 Lyndon Learners completed their final DofE expedition. Although it was in very harsh conditions, they made their way successfully to the top of Long Mynd in Shropshire. We are very proud of their efforts and we are sure their parents will be too, well done everyone and a special thank you to the colleagues that have supported them all.



Year 9 DofE

An amazing time was had by all for 10 Lyndon School Year 9 learners who climbed Pen Y Fan mountain. They had not done anything like this before. It was a challenge but was so rewarding. A big thank you to all the staff that supported and the Mountain Leaders.



Family Forces Learning Evening

Doctor Jenny Watson presented our 'Forces Family Learning Evening', funding from Ogden Trust. It was great to welcome so many families to Lyndon School to watch the demonstrations and practical work. Everyone especially enjoyed the magic carpet. Thank you!

Climate Action Club

Members of the School Council, Climate Action Group and prefects carried out a litter pick in the local area on 3rd July. They were surprised by some of the litter found in the local area. In school, the Climate Action Group Learners have been looking at ways we can reduce litter around the school site and in the local community. Learners have spent time speaking to different year groups in assemblies and producing information to be shared in tutor time around the importance of looking after the environment and reducing the impact we have. They will be continuing this work next year, with support from the School Council and Prefects.



Year 7 Football—Amazing Achievement

Congratulations to Rosie Steele, Daisy Allen, Scarlett-Ann Bratby, Ella Biddle, Eva Burrows and Maizie Chapman!

Throughout the year our Year 7/8 football team competed in 3 different tournaments against schools in North Solihull. They finished 2nd in the league and qualified for finals night, which took place in June. The girls played a semi-final game against St Peter's, after being 3-1 down at halftime the girls put together an outstanding second half performance to come back and win 4-3 advancing to the finals where they competed against Grace Academy. After a close first half and some excellent game play, Grace Academy's home field advantage proved to be the decider with Lyndon narrowly missing out on being crowned champions. The girls finished 2nd out of all of the schools in Solihull which is an outstanding effort to keep the momentum going throughout the year! Well done to all involved!



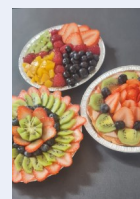
Ark Tindall Primary Academy

Mr Tomlins and Miss Aiston took several of Lyndon's sports Learners to the KS2 Sports Day at Ark Tindall Primary Academy. Our learners offered support and guidance to the primary school learners. Ark Tindall thanked our Sport Leaders for their caring and professional help during the day. Well done everyone for representing Lyndon in such a positive way!



Year 9's Fresh Fruit Tarts

Year 9's made stunning fresh fruit tarts.



Year 7 Decorative Skills

Year 7 started their decorative skills journey. Amazing start and great work, well done!



Hospitality Group

Beautiful afternoon cream tea made by our new Hospitality Group, well done to you all!



Year 10 Information Evening

Thank you to Vice Principal Jamie Staddon, Solihull Sixth Form College, Solihull College and Workpays who attended our Year 10 Information Evening for parents. Parents who attended went away with lots of information to inspire our Year 10 Learners in readiness for Year 11.

The Quality in Careers Standard

We are delighted to have been awarded 'The Quality in Careers Standard' by CSW to affirm the work that we do with our learners to ensure that they leave Lyndon School with all the information and tools they need for a successful future.

Summit Learning Trust—Awards Evening 2023

Congratulations to all learners that were recognised for their achievements during the school year by Summit Learning Trust. Our learners, along with other learners from the Trust, were presented with an award by Sir Nigel Swift of West Midlands Lieutenancy. Thank you to all the parent/carers that came along to support our learners.



Subway

Year 10 and 11 Learners studying GCSE in Business Studies, listened to a demonstration from Subway operations manager Daljit Nihal and learnt about the intricacies of franchises.

Students were captivated as he explained how new franchise agreements are taken out, the benefits of setting up a new business in this way, and how to manage local store marketing. Nihal also stressed the importance of community engagement as a business owner, and social responsibility.

Year 10 students Zahnah and Mohammed loved the experience. Zahnah said "I really enjoyed learning about Subway and how it was set up", while Mohammed commented "It really linked to franchising which we have been taught in class."

Ranjit Samrai, head of business at Lyndon School, said:

"Daljit's lecture was incredibly inspirational for our learners, and he gave them a real insight into the benefits of franchising. Ownership plays an important part of the GCSE Business exam and these types of experiences really enhance and support their understanding".

Football Achievement

Anthony Norton Year 10, attended Wolverhampton Football ground to take part in a tournament with multiple teams. Anthony plays for the Aston Villa Ability Counts, who provide inclusive, accessible football for a range of team members.

Anthony's team were successful and won the tournament, it was linked to the Premier league and Anthony was lucky enough to have his photograph taken alongside the Premier League trophy.

Anthony was awarded a Principals Award for such an amazing achievement. Well done, Anthony, we are very proud of your achievements!



South Solihull SSP

Congratulations to all of our learners who participated in the Super 6 Athletics Competition at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. The competition was a team event and involved members of the squad competing in the 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Javelin, Shot Put and Relay. Our learners displayed a fantastic attitude throughout the competition and gave every event their absolute best. A special mention for the year 8 boys team who secured 2nd place overall, narrowly missing out on representing South Solihull at the Level 3 Competition.

Team

Oliver Pinfield, Joshua Sadler, Aizaan Mohammed, Joshua Hawker, Jasper Fee, Harry Pittman, Archie Guy, Rayan Malang, Noah Latusek, Lewis Cockerill, Ansu Sanoe, Kayden King, Oliver Walker, Thomas Palmer, Hugh Campbell, Jake Johnston, Eleanor Ariss, Joyce Yaya, Olivia Vale, Ava Johnson, Maja Nedza, Rosie Steele, Daisy Allen, Ella Biddle, Hannah Unlu, Sophie Rossiter, Amelie Kenning, Shallom Tayong, Connie Sheridan, Florence Downes, Amber Pickering and Kayleigh Cleaver.

Year 9 Adventure to France

On Monday 29th May, 22 year 9 learners embarked on an exciting experience of going to apply the French that they have acquired over the last 3 years in the French town of Boulogne. Boulogne is known as a major fishing port, on the north coast of France. This fits in with the Lyndon vision as we aim to deliver an ambitious, inclusive and knowledge rich curriculum as well as providing experiences where learners can increase their cultural capital in and out of the classroom.

Learners had the opportunity to go to a French restaurant and were taught how to make a crepe. As well as this, they explored the culture within the Old Town and experienced French shopping in a hypermarket.



Captain Ketchall—Inspirational Presentation

Such an inspiring assembly with Captain Ketchall—it was fantastic for our Year 9 and Year 10 learners to hear about his incredible adventures, challenges he faced and his approach to overcome them and succeed. Our learners were mesmerised.



Lush Workshop

All business learners had the opportunity to be involved with an interactive workshop provided by Lush Cosmetics, a company well known for their ethical vision and charitable focus. The learners heard about how the business was set up and how it had managed to develop itself as one of the leaders in ethical based products, such as their bath bombs. The learners then took part in making their own bath bomb, that they packaged and took home. The learners were astounded to learn that Lush has donated over £65 million to charities over the years, enabling them to put into practice their understanding of ethical decision making and how important sustainability is to the planet. Lush also spoke about their commitment to a no social media policy since Covid 19. They also learnt about the effort that goes into making products and how this links to manufacturing decisions that businesses have to make.

Year 10 Taster Day at Solihull Sixth Form College

All Year 10 learners from Cockshut Hill, Lyndon and Ninestiles spent the day at Solihull Sixth Form College, experiencing lessons and the beautiful environment there. This was in line with our Trust's mission to ensure that all our children and young people are provided with the highest levels of expectation. Thank you to colleagues at our college and all who were involved in organising and facilitating the day. We look forward to more Summit learners moving from our secondary academies to our college in 2024.

Cycle of Stars

Our learners had a wonderful day learning about the life cycle of stars in a pop up planetarium, demonstrated by the Ogden Trust.



Principal's Pick of the Week

Eleanor Ariss—Year 7— for highest score in the Trust in the MFL EOY assessment, achieving 67 out of 68 marks.



Aliyah Teksut & Lily Palmer—Year 10 were both awarded Principal's Pick of the Week, for their help in the community following a parents praise.

Ella Chubb, Bella Haycock, Shay Tracey, Charlie Tatton, Madiha Aslam, Kai Clayton and Rehan Muradi all Year 7.

All produced some absolutely amazing resources to go alongside their 'Me, myself and I' project and were absolutely brilliant when presenting.

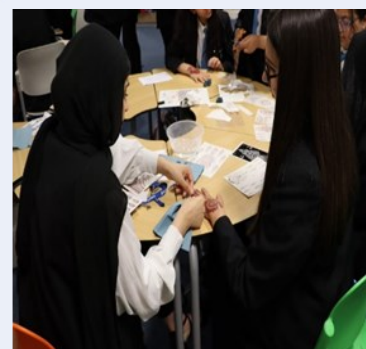
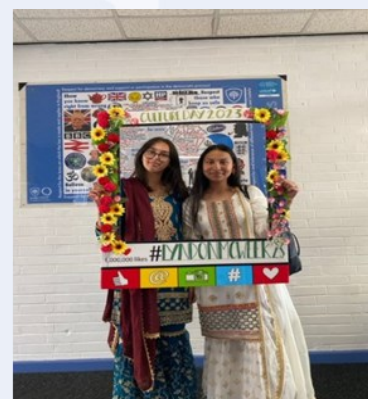
They really showed the class who they were and how the people in their lives have helped them become who they are today. We also had some amazing discussions about loss and how that has affected their lives.



Multicultural Week Newsletter

The RE department had the pleasure of offering multi-cultural week which took place on the 26th June – 30th June 2023. This was an exciting week for everyone at Lyndon as it gave both learners and teachers the opportunity to embrace their cultures in school. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together to show diversity and inclusion, reflecting the values and virtues of Lyndon School. There were many activities that took place including: an assembly from Miss Khattak, a variety of cultural foods offered in the canteen, henna activities as well as multi-cultural non – uniform day.

Learners and teachers were very excited to take part in these events. Everyone at Lyndon was able to share their identity and what makes them who they are. It was amazing to see the vast array of cultures being represented as well as the increase in inquisitiveness from learners and teachers about the differences that we are surrounded by and what makes us who we are. It was clear that the Unicef articles were truly reflected through activities like these throughout the week. Please see below, pictures from the henna activities as well as pictures that were taken using Lyndon's selfie frame to showcase the lovely cultural outfits worn by both learners and colleagues.



A big thank you from the RE department to all that participated during the multi-cultural week. It was a successful week for all, and it was wonderful to see both learners and colleagues enjoy themselves throughout the week.



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 Office. Many thanks PE Department

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.

Sanitary Products

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

Uniform Bank

We have a Uniform Bank. If any learner is in need, please contact Mrs O'Gorman.

TO SEEK SUPPORT WITH FOOD, SANITARY PRODUCTS OR UNIFORM, PLEASE EMAIL MRS O'GORMAN:

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, Thursday and Friday: 8.00 am - 4.30pm

Tuesday 8.00 am - 3.30 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

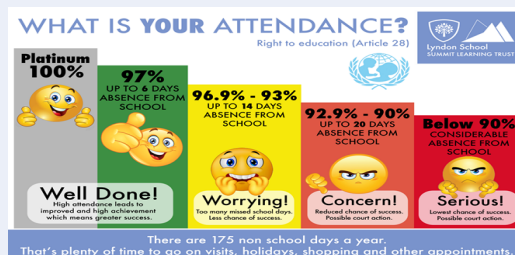
Parents/ carers should not book holidays or similar arrangements during term time. It is unlawful for learners to be granted holidays during term time; therefore, the principal will be unable to give authorise absences unless there are genuine exceptional circumstances.

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.





Character Virtues



Character Virtues refers 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.

More information on this exciting initiative will be sent out early in the next academic year.



School Term Dates 2022—2023

Term Ends	Tuesday 25th July 2023	
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School Term Dates 2023—2024

Autumn Term 2023		INSET DAYS
Term starts	Monday 4 th September 2023	Monday 4 th September 2023 (Learners not in school) Tuesday 5 th September 2023 (Learners not in school)
	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 24 th November 2023 (Learners not in school)
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 (Learners not in school)
	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	(Learners not in school)
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	
		Friday 5 th July 2024 (Learners not in school)
Term Ends	Friday 19 th July 2024 Learners last day – Normal Finish Time	