

Lammas Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2022



THE LAMMAS
SCHOOL



Welcome to all our new students who joined us this September. Our year 7s, looked after by our head of year Ms Mordi, have settled quickly into secondary school life. On 23rd September, year 7 took part in a special team-building day. Normal lessons were put on pause for this special day of bonding, run by an external company called *WiseUp*.

We have also welcomed our largest ever cohort of year 12 students and are proud that our sixth form continues to grow.

Sporting successes

At Lammas, we've been living up to our reputation as best in the borough for sport. We have had countless successes this half term, including:

- * Year 10 football team are currently top of the league having won every match this half term and moving on to the second round of the London Cup.
- * Undefeated Year 10 netball
- * Year 9 netball team growing in strength to win their first match



We also held our Griffin Sports Festival on 6-7th October. 24 year 7 students spent 2 days at our trust partner school; Nicholas Chamberlain, where they competed for glory and enjoyed a night of sleeping in the school hall. Thank you to our dedicated PE teams, for making it happen.

We continue to welcome students from our sister school; Willowbrook, every Tuesday morning for taster lessons delivered by our fantastic PE team.

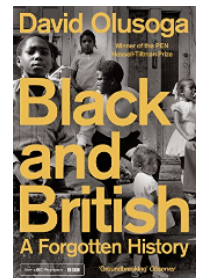
Black History Month

Black History Month is upon us and at Lammas, we have been using this as an opportunity to celebrate our school community's diversity and identity. We started our BHM events with a specialist local artist and WF volunteer, Kim Myers, who came to Lammas and hosted an exciting workshop with 30 of our Year 7 students, in which they explored their heritage through painting their own ludo boards based on subjects personal to them.



Our year 10 students also put together a very impressive assembly, where they spoke eloquently on a wide variety of notable black people throughout history, including the Ivory Bangle lady who helps demonstrate that even in Roman times, we were a much more multi-cultural society than most people would expect. They delivered this to all year groups and by the end of the week, their presentation skills were second to none! This was combined with tutor time discussions on influential black Britons, such as Mary Prince, Claudia Jones and Leary Constantine.

Within Year 8 History lessons, students learning centred around the historian David Olusoga's book on slavery. The 'Monster' provided Year 8 within an understanding of the society during this period of history, and how individuals and communities resisted and eventually abolished this trade. This scheme of learning is intentionally designed to coincide with black history month.



Sixth form



Sixth formers have been settling in well to the new academic year and making great use of the Chromebooks they've all been issued with.

They've also participated in a number of activities, outside of lessons. Earlier this month, Year 12 and 13 students learnt about the importance of animal welfare and environmental awareness from a guest speaker. Students also took part in an art workshop,



contributing to a mural design, to be shared among the wider community.

Senior students have been working hard to plan and organise Culture Day, which they have done independently and shown great leadership. This activity has also supported them in raising funds in a bid to travel to CERN and the UN in Geneva later this year. If you wish to support their efforts, please visit the go fund me page (QR code below).



They've been guiding our year 7-11s to have a more active voice as members of our school community and built positive relationships across the year groups.

We continue to invest in our sixth form, with our new furniture for our common room refurbishment having just arrived. Students were so excited they were offering to help build it!

We have also seen 2 of our students applying to Oxbridge this year. We wish them the best of luck in their applications and interviews. UCAS references for other universities are underway and have the benefit of a slightly later deadline of 14th November.

Open evening

On 4th October, we hosted our Open Evening for year 5 and 6 pupils. Each family was offered a tour by our year 8s, who showed them around our departments. Feedback was that pupils particularly enjoyed making messy bubbles in Science and the chance to try out our climbing wall in PE! Students from all year groups supported in their favourite subject areas and we thank them and their families very much for giving up their evening to do so. We were pleased to see so many attendees, that our first Head's speech was standing room only!

Democracy

We were pleased to invite our local MP, Stella Creasy, to speak to a group of 80 students from all year groups, on Thursday 20th October. We promote an interest in current affairs and particularly those that affect our students' lives. With the launch of our Student Leadership Team this term, look forward to further opportunities for our students' voices to be heard, and their positive actions to strengthen our community.



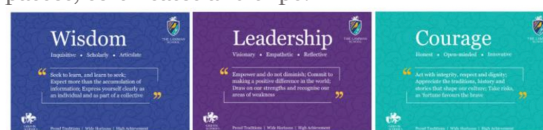
Culture Day



Finally, we closed the term with our Culture Day on Friday 21st October. Students were invited to wear an item of cultural dress as part of the non-uniform day and to bring some money to try our range of foods from a variety of cultures.

Rewards

Congratulations to all our students in receiving merits this term. We look forward to sharing their successes with families through our postcards and continuing to reward their efforts with early lunch passes, certificates and trips!



Parent events

We hosted two social events for parents this half term: one coffee morning and one afternoon tea. Thank you so much to those who came along to get to meet some of our staff with some tea and cake. Going forward, we will be holding at least one informal event like this each half term. We will also be hosting information evenings on areas of interest for our families with partners such as Place2Be. Please look out for invites on the Lammas app!

All that remains is to wish all of our students and their families a very enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on 31st October.

For further pictures and updates, please follow our twitter and Instagram @thelammaschool

Key dates for your diary

31st October – Autumn term 2 commences
4th November – INSET day for staff
11th November – Sport & Arts fund winners announced
14th November – Anti bullying week & Speak Out Challenge 2022
21st November – School photographs
22nd November – Parents coffee morning
1st December – Year 7 Parents evening
16th December – Last day of term (early closure)