



Lodge Park

Technology College

Welcome to the sixth newsletter of the 2009-10 college year giving information and an update on events at Lodge Park

SOME IMPORTANT QUICK ITEMS OF NEWS:

COLLEGE POLICIES

All our College policies are reviewed, updated regularly and ratified by our Board of Governors. If you wish to see any of the College policies at any time, please ask at reception and we will provide you with a copy of the relevant document within 5 working days of your request.

Tracey Nelson,
Clerk to the Governors

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council meet every Wednesday Lunchtime to discuss any issues and views of the students. The Council is represented by students across all Year groups. If you have any topic you want to raise please feel free to contact your Student Council Representative.

Mrs Z Ballard
Student Council

FREE SCHOOL MEALS BY TEXT

If you receive benefits or are on a low income you could be entitled to receive free school meals for your child. Find out if you are eligible by texting FSM followed by your surname, date of birth (in ddmmyy format) and National Insurance Number to 60622. Or go to www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/mychild

OUR HEADLINE FEATURE:

KICK BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations goes to Nicola Gemmill from 10A featured below. Nicola took part in the National Kick Boxing Championships in Dublin at the end of 2009. Nicola came 3rd in the 55 kg category and 2nd in the Team Event.

Well done Nicola.

Mrs C Folan
HLTA in PE



CONNECTING CLASSROOMS PROJECT



Are you interested in learning more about Africa? Would you like to know what life is like for people your age in Nigeria or Ethiopia? If so, come and join our group on Tuesday lunchtimes in Room R6. The group is establishing links with Nigeria and Ethiopia and have already made contact with schools in both of these countries.

If you are still a little unsure, please come and join us for a taster session and find out more about what it is we are doing.

Mrs G Lemelle-Brown
Head of MFL

AS GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK



Twenty A Level Geographers visited Stanwick Lakes, Rushden. They observed the impact of gravel extraction for the construction industry along the river valley. The extensive restoration programme was investigated. The site also provides sample examples for the river management and tourism modules of the course.

Dr P Addison-Pettit
Geography Teacher

From the Principal

Each week we publish College news at www.lodgepark.org.uk - have a look at the Principal's blog to get the latest information as it happens.

Mixed Age Tutor Groups

As many of you who have had a longer association with Lodge Park will remember, the College used to be organised into Houses and 'families'; mixed-age tutor groups where students in the different year groups had assemblies and tutor time together. We've been looking into the idea of re-introducing this system into College to help give our College a greater sense of community, and to allow for much better individual support and tutoring right through College. This wouldn't have to mean splitting up friends and it wouldn't mean mixed-age lessons.

As with any change people will always be nervous and we know from talking to students that there are many who are quite anxious about the idea (we also know from talking to other schools that introduced something similar in recent years that this is perfectly normal and once mixed-age groups are working they are really popular and effective). With that in mind, Mr Steed has started work on setting up a trial group of volunteers to try working together in this way and to report back on how it works, and in arranging some visits for staff and students to other schools.

Student Council

It's been a busy few weeks for our student councillors, visiting classes to get ideas and opinions from tutor groups. The posters around College showing the number to text with ideas, concerns and suggestions (07624 806527 – start your message with 78002) and the email address (studentcouncil@lodgepark.org.uk) have started to get used and are now part of our weekly meetings.

Uniform

I'm glad to be able to give you advance notice now of what will be happening with uniform for September 2010. Between the evening session where parents and students looked at samples, the groups of students who met in College to look at ideas and the online poll, more than 700 people have expressed their opinions on a practical, good-value and smart uniform for Lodge Park which we presented to Governors and reached agreement on this week.

Firstly, the real basics will stay the same. Rules on jewellery and make-up won't alter, neither will PE and Expressive Arts uniform items. In the normal day to day uniform shoes (black), trousers (black) and shirt (white) will all carry on into the new year as before. The changes will firstly be in the choice of jumper, which from September will no longer be the black Lodge Park design. Instead you will have a choice of one of three – long sleeved V neck, sleeveless V neck or cardigan all in dark blue with the College logo. We have agreed a way to support anyone for who the cost of the change of uniform will present a genuine hardship and to support families whose children will go into Year 11 next year (details will be out soon).

We've decided not to have a blazer in our College uniform and to no longer have a tie. As I'm sure you'd imagine, these were both topics that raised strong emotions. In the end the decision was based on:

- Listening to what the strong majority of parents, students and staff said – as it happens the choices were supported by most people in all three groups.
- Wanting a simple, easy to manage and affordable uniform.
- Wanting our students to present a modern and smart image of themselves and their school that was distinctive and genuinely different to the current and future uniforms of other schools in Corby.
- Wanting our students to have comfortable work-clothes that are practical.

There will still be a College tie, but it will be free, and it will only be available to students once they earn the right to wear it (for example by representing their College in sport or the Arts, or for taking in part in things like Student Council).

I wanted to get the information to everyone as quickly as possible. In the next few weeks we'll write to you with how we plan to manage the current uniform up until 1st September 2010, and what the arrangements will be for the changeover. In the meantime we will be looking at the different suppliers and working to get the best possible deal on your behalf.

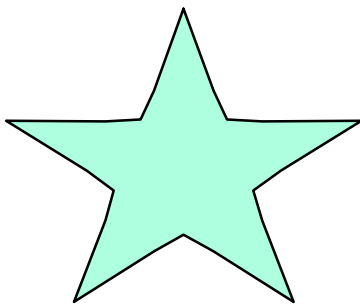
Pride

Finally, I can't finish without mentioning something that has really impressed me this month. I've said before how welcoming and positive I've found our students, but recently I made two visits to the Design & Technology team with two of our Governors, Mr Delbridge and Mr Wiseman. We went into a total of 10 classes over a four-hour period and spoke to students from different years about their work and how they felt about it. I wasn't just pleased with the great way our students talked to the Governors and the quality of their work - I would expect that anyway - but I was really encouraged by the way that the older students, especially Year 11, were able to talk intelligently about how they were progressing and what they need to do to improve.

One thing is to wait for your Teachers to tell you what you need to do, but to me what counts is thinking for yourself and taking full responsibility for your own work. The positive attitudes and enthusiasm to go for it and make something to be proud of that we saw in those students was a real credit to them and their College.

Guy Shearer
Principal

THINKING SKILLS



60: Eerik Parv 7P; Elizabeth Burlington 7D. **30:** Libby Dunn 7P; Kenzie Campbell 7P; Morgan Curtis 7P; Sophie Goodwin 7G; Monika Kolesinskaite 7G ; Elland Neave 7G; Jake McLear 7G; Lee Robertson 7D; Hollie Crawford 7A; Craig MacInnes 7E; Mike Sharpe 7E; Paige Hepburn 7P; Dylan Rush 7P

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60: Josh Tinto 7D; Rebecca Mabbutt 7P; Harry Barwell 8O; Leonie Weston 8L; Harry Toseland 8L; Ellen Odell 8L. **30:** James Murray 7D; Rylee Magee; Lauren Sharkey 7E; Kyle McGregor 7E; Sam Boath 7E; Ewan McShane 7D; Chris Simpkins 8L; Felipe Guzman 8E; Martin Dalziel 8O; Eamonn Kelly 8E; Connor Isted 8L



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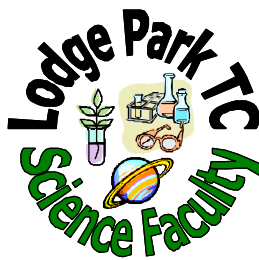
Congratulations to the following students, who have earned 10 credits in Mathematics and have been sent a postcard home up to 3rd February.

Year 7 Karina Duda; Monica Kolesinkate Daniel Coull; Luis Rodrigues; Victoria Bartlam (30 stars) **Year 9:** Connor McFarlane; Laura Butcher; Hayleigh McKay; Connor Smart; Martyn Still **Year 10** Mollie Gracie; Nicole Park; Megan Cowan; Milica Kovacevic; Emily Tierney; Laura Curran; Joe Walsh; Curtis Macleod; Jennifer Dunn Merve Gunenc; Jake Softley; Maisie McInnes; Cam Street; Peter Simpkins Jack Barwell **Special mention goes** to the Jordan Carey & Michael Wade from Year 10 who achieved A grades in the first module.

Well done

Mrs Wiles
Head of Maths

SCIENCE



10Ty. Well done to Jack Murdin for an improved effort in Biology over the past few weeks. **91L** Excellent efforts from all of you for the past few weeks in the run-up to the end of KS3 exam. Well done for a fantastic start to your GCSE Science effort in Biology over the past few weeks. **91L** Excellent efforts from all of you for the past few weeks in the run-up to the end of KS3 exam. Well done for a fantastic start to your GCSE Science! **81L, 10TX and 11TY** To all of the students in these forms for working so hard this year. **94P** Jak, Aaron, Tom, Ann, Abigail, Sema, Luke, Stephen, Liam and Adrianna in 94P have made a very positive start to their GCSE. Well Done!

YEAR 10 SCIENCE

Well done to the following students who achieved a good grade in the recent Science exams:

Biology 1A:

Ahsan Anderson; Jack Barwell; James Beattie; Corey Briffa; Kimberley Briglin; Ryan Britton ; James Burlington; Jordan Carey; Emma Carson; Catherine Creedon Laura Curran; Jamie Day; Claire Devenney; Courtney Devlin; Jennifer Dunn; Benjamin Finan; Joe Forster; Demi-Garvey; Nicola Gemmill; Dean Goodall Lorna Goreham; Merve Gunenc; Jodie-Hamlett; Danielle Hammond; Joshua-Havens; Rebecka Heath; Aimee Hipkiss; Darrel Hodges; Alexander Horne; Michael Isted; Slobodan Ivanovic; Bradley Jackson; Zoe Johnson; Seanine Kelly; Milica Kovacevic; Alistair Lacey; Karl Lewis; Kayleigh MacDonald; Curtis Macleod; Thomas McAlindon; Stuart McCallum; Sarah McGillick; Jack McLachlan; Sarah-McLean; Aishling McNally; Ryan Meredith; Connor Miller; Jack Murdin; Louis Mutch-Belton; Lauren Page; Georgia Park; Nicole Park; Lara Pheasant; Natalie Polley; Danni Richardson; Lee Richmond; Reece Sandall; Thomas Scarborough; Ryan Sheerin; Peter Simpkins; Lucy Skelton; Gemma Skelton; Liam Smith; Jake Softley; Erin Stark; Thomas Stone; Cammeron Street; Daniel Street; Matthew Taylor; Harriet Truss; Michael Wade; Joseph Walsh; Nicole Ward

Physics 1A

Lemaine Agambi; Kimberley Briglin; Patryk Brzozowski; Anderson Buchan; Emma Carson; Cameron Craig; Laura Curran; Jamie Day; Opal Gilchrist; Dean Goodall; Lorna Goreham; Hayley Gray; Aimee Hiiss; Demi Johnson; Milica Kovacevic; Alistair Lacey; Jordan Langley; Kayleigh Macdonald; Ryan Meredith; Shannon O'Neill; Nicole Park; Lee Richmond; Heidi Scales; Thomas Scarborough; Ryan Sheerin Erin Stark; Thomas Stone; Alexandra Thomson; Michael Wade; Nicole Ward; Michal Zajackowski.

Miss Partridge
& the Science Department

LIBRARY NEWS

Sixty-eight students from Year 7 are now taking part in the Premier League Reading Challenge. There are 17 teams, each consisting of 4 'players', with each team representing one of the teams from the Premier League. For every book that a 'player' reads they score a goal for their team. So far, 168 books have been read with Manchester City overtaking Sunderland to take top spot in the league table. There is still plenty of time for teams to score goals, with the challenge ending in May when the league winners will be announced.

Good luck to all the 'players' taking part.

PREMIER LEAGUE READING TABLE



1	Manchester City	41
2	Sunderland	39
3	West Ham United	24
4	Arsenal	10
5	Blackburn Rovers	08
6	Everton	07
7	Chelsea	06
8	Manchester United	06
9	Wigan Athletic	05
10	Tottenham Hotspur	05
11	Stoke City	04
12	Portsmouth	04
13	Aston Villa	03
14	Bolton Wanderers	0 3
15	Fulham	02
16	Liverpool	01
17	Hull City	0

Mrs McCabe
Library Assistant

DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME

As part of our Disability Equality Scheme we are committed to ensuring our College policies promote equality of opportunity for disabled people: students, staff, Governors'; parents, carers and other people who use the College. This is reflected in our mission statement, which states;

"We wish to create a caring and safe environment in which all students can have the opportunities and experiences they need to succeed. We appoint, train and nurture staff of the highest calibre, who challenge each student regardless of ability or aptitude to reach their full academic and social potential. We value honesty, integrity and hard work and we will strive to make sure that every student is able to take an active role in the adult world".

We would like to form a Consultative Group at Lodge Park to look at a range of policies in order to ensure they meet the needs of our disabled community. In view of this I am requesting parents/carers who would be interested in becoming part of our Consultative Group or would like more information on what this would entail please complete and return the form below to the College office by Friday 26th February 2010.

Donna Hewett
Every Child Matters Faculty PA

Name:

Address:

Nature of Disability:

Student Name:

BILL BURTON DISCO

**AT
LODGE PARK TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE**

SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2010

8.00 P.M.

Tickets £5.00

Bring your own drinks/glasses/nibbles

Donation towards school fundraising.

If you fancy a great night out and would like to support the College then please complete the slip below and bring it to the Student Reception for tickets. This is a very popular function, in order to avoid disappointment, please be sure to book your tickets early.

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Lodge Park Technology College

Gift Aid Certificate

Name:

Bill Burton Tickets:

Address:

Amount payable:

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I am a UK taxpayer and make this gift under gift aid.

Signed:

Date: