



# Lodge Park

## Technology College

Welcome to the fifth newsletter of the 2009-10 college year with key term-dates 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

#### Yr 7 INFORMATION

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend last term's Year 7 final assembly to see their son or daughter awarded their prize. It was a really good turn out and students were pleased (and surprised!) that you were there. This is something we hope to repeat at Easter - letters will go home nearer the time.

Mrs Pendril  
Assistant Vice Principal

#### PARENTS OF YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Mr Armstrong will be Acting Head of Year 8 during my maternity leave (15th January - end of the academic year). 8G's Form Tutor will now be Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Gatiss  
Head of Year 8

### OUR HEADLINE FEATURE:

#### STUDENT REPORT & PARENTS' EVENING DATES

##### YEAR 7

25th Mar Progress Grades Issued  
6th May Parents' Evening  
8th July Full Reports Issued

##### YEAR 8

11th Feb Progress Grades Issued  
13th May Full Reports issued

##### YEAR 9

28th Jan Reports issued  
15th Jul Teacher Assessment issued

##### YEAR 10

11th Mar Reports issued  
20th May Parents' Evening  
1st Jul Progress Grades issued

##### YEAR 11

14th Jan Reports issued  
21st Jan Parents' Consultation  
4th Mar Yr 11 into Yr 12 Information Evening  
25th Mar Progress Grades issued

##### YEAR 12

4th Feb Reports Issued  
10th Mar January Results available  
22nd Mar Progress Grades issued  
25th Mar Yr 12 Parents' Evening  
20 May Progress Grades issued

#### YEAR 13

10th Mar January Results available  
18th Mar Progress Grades and Parents' Evening  
20th May Progress Grades issued

#### ICT IN YEAR 9

All parents of students in Year 9 will be aware by now that their sons and daughters are taking a full qualification this year. They are following the Diploma in Digital Applications and taking the first unit which will give them an A\* - C grade when they complete all the work required.

We are therefore not only particularly concerned about student effort and application to their studies but also their attendance. If the students are to achieve this qualification they need to work hard and have good attendance. This unit of work will take them all year to complete so holidays taken in term time will really affect their studies.

By the end of the Christmas term, we in the department, had been particularly impressed with several of the student's application to study and rewards were distributed to these students at the Achievement Assembly Mrs March held.

The students recognised for their exceptional effort were:

Lina Parv  
Rachael Kelly  
Lauren Harvey  
Lewis Peddie  
Georgia Conway

For more information about this qualification please do feel free to contact me at the school via e-mail.

Mrs A Franklin  
Head of Department



# From the Principal

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

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010. By saying how happy I am to finally see less snow I'm probably going to cause another bout of bad weather, but a sincere thank you for everyone's patience with us on the day in December when we had to close and the days in January that we pulled out all the stops to stay open.

As you may know, we have been holding assemblies with all students in Years 7 through to Year 13 recently to introduce them to the discussions we are currently having in College regarding some changes which we would like to introduce from September 2010. This is all still in its early stages with a number of processes that will take time and have to be done properly, however to try and prepare them without letting you know early on allows for rumours and misunderstandings which would never be helpful.

When we looked at the feedback from students and parents from the surveys we carried out last year, two things particularly stood out – making more time for individual support and discussion for

all students and providing a greater degree of choice over subjects. The changes we have in mind will seek to answer both these points really well, as well as providing that every individual student makes the best possible progress that they are capable of.

With this in mind we are currently discussing a system which will ensure your son/daughter will get a personalised information and guidance session every week with their Personal Tutor (without reducing their normal lesson time). This session would enable students at different points in their education to get advice and support to enable them to both make informed decisions about their future and have guidance on how to make progress in all their studies. Linked to this we are currently discussing the best possible way of grouping students to fulfil these aims.

There are a number of ways we could do this, and what looks to be the best one at the moment is to introduce mixed-age Tutor Groups which in some ways is a return to tradition at Lodge Park where

tutoring, as many parents will remember, was based in 'families'. If we implement something like that we don't expect it to affect Sixth Form who will retain their own Year 12/13 groups. This would mean that for assemblies, and some form time every day, students will be in mixed age groups (with friends) but for the rest of the working day will stay in their Year Group. The changes might also mean a very small alteration in the timing of our College day, which we will need to put to all parents as a formal consultation.

Staff will be involved in a process of consultation to make sure that their professional judgement and experience shapes the proposals, parents will have a number of opportunities all through the planning process to make their voice heard and ultimately, of course, it will be our Governing Body that needs to approve the changes.

**Guy Shearer  
Principal**

## 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

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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.



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.

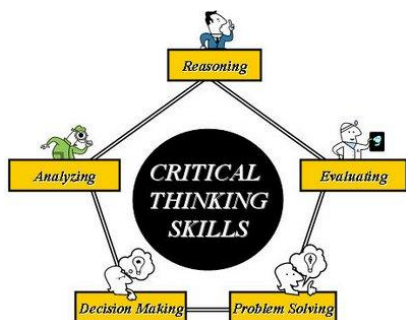
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Date: .....

## Featuring our Student Stars and more College News

### STUDENT STARS

#### THINKING SKILLS



Josh Donnelly Rees 7D; Evan Williams 7P; Alfie Wilson; Shannen Bradshaw; Autumn Long; Rasmina Begum; Valentino Mujic; Olivia Stark; Robert Dunn; Victoria Bartlam 7G ; Jessica Lucas 7A; Eerik Parv 60 TS 7P

#### RE

Kerry Lee Chalmers 8E ; Chris Simpkins 8L; Ryan Watson 8L

#### MATHS

##### Year 7

Natasha Brand; Thomas Lyon; Michael English.

##### Year 8

Lauren Aitchison

##### Year 9

Michael Kelly; Phivos Papachristoforus; Lauren Harvey; Amie McKay; Bethany-Jane Morgan; Stacey Fawcett; Lloyd Carson; Dalton Cooper; Lindsay Munro; Lina Parv; Bethany Scott; Caoimhe Friel; Lauren Hailes; Paige Toner; Tasmin Toner; Colin Diack; Kayla Goldman; Connor Mcshane; Jay Reid; Rachel Kelly; Dylan Maciuk; Luke Samuels; Aimee Corner; Jade Howie; Gemma Wilson; Jack Scales; Macaulay Wade; Charlie Irving; Sapphire Rooney; Lauren Gibb.

##### Year 10

Ryan Campbell; Michael Isted; Emily Tierney; Jordan Langley; Ross Mutch; Alex Thomson; Aleks Javor; Lauren Bradshaw; Geogina Moore; Laura Curran; James Beattie; Jennifer Burlington; Dean Fairburn; Dean Goodall; Georgia Park.

##### Year 11

Nicole Devlin; Greg Connor; Jacob Taylor; Alistair Taylor; Ross Callaghan;

Dylan Greer; Jonathan Davies; Kerrie-Ann Isted; Ross White; Callum Leech; Max Baillie; Tasha Brooks; Erin Rodger

#### SCIENCE

The following students have made a great start to the year. Keep up the good work.  
Miss. Partridge

Sharleigh Miller - 81M; Connor Isted - 81M  
Alice Knowles - 81M; Caitlin King-81P  
Hannah Beattie - 91L; Connor Duncan - 91L; Aiden Elliot - 91L; Sema Mujic-94P;  
Zoe Johnson - 10Ty; Alex Home - 10Ty;  
Reece Sandall-10S3; Georgia Harper - 11Tx; Ayo Ogundero - 11Tx; Leah O'Neill - 11S5; Luke Cruickshank - 11S5



#### SCIENCE GIFTED & TALENTED

G & T club are starting their CREST AWARD this term, with the topic of Forensic Investigation. This will give them the chance to work closely in self-organised teams in which everyone has a specific role, to consider the use of the microscope in forensic investigation. There will be an emphasis on independent learning, team work and problem solving.

**Mrs Hale-askew**

#### SCIENCE CLUB

Our young scientists have been having lots of fun on Monday afternoons; they have been making things like fat balls to feed all the hungry birds around school and bath bombs for Christmas presents! We also had a 'Christmas tricks' session where they learnt how to wow their families with some amazing magic around the dinner table! We always welcome any budding young scientists so if you are interested please see Miss. Bray in B4 for a letter.

**Miss Hill**

#### EXAMS

As we enter the exam season for January, students are reminded that they are expected to bring the correct equipment for their science exams:

Black biro (and a spare)  
Pencil and eraser  
Ruler  
Protractor  
Calculator (scientific calculators for A level)

Please check your exam timetables and ensure you arrive to your exams on time, with the correct equipment.

**Miss. Partridge**  
Head of Science

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT NUMBERS

If you have changed your mobile telephone number over the Christmas holidays please remember to send in a note to your child's Form Tutor with the new number for our records.

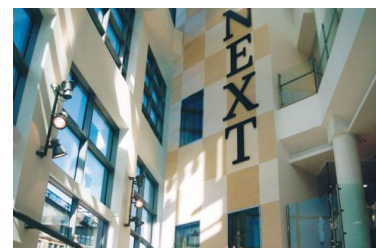


#### FIRST AID AND ILLNESS

If a child is injured or feels ill during the school day, please be advised that a member of the school staff will ring to say if they can go home. Students are not allowed to make telephone calls or text during lesson time. If your child rings/texts you please advise them to speak to the appropriate member of staff.

**Mrs E Palmer**  
First Aider

#### SPECIAL THANKS



Go to Next for their generous donations of a TV/DVD combination, cushions and a rug for the Inclusion Department. These items have enhance our department and will benefit students we work with.

**Mrs T Keogh**  
Inclusion

## REMAINING TERM DATES 2009-2010

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| Term 3 | School Closes  | Friday 12 February 2010   |
| Term 4 | School re-opens<br>School Closes<br>Training Day                 | Monday 22 February 2010<br>Wednesday 31 March 2010<br>Thursday 1 April 2010 |
| Term 5 | School re-opens<br>School Closed (Bank Holiday)<br>School Closes | Monday 19 April 2010<br>Monday 3 May 2010<br>Friday 28 May 2010             |
| Term 6 | School re-opens<br>School Closes<br>School Closes                | Monday 7 June 2010<br>Friday 23 July 2010                                   |

## 2010 - 2011 TERM DATES

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| Term 1 | Training Day<br>Training Day<br><br>School Re-opens to Students:<br>New Yr7 Students<br><br>Targeted interviews for:<br>Yr11, Yr 12, Yr 13<br><br>Whole College Starts<br>school Closes | Monday 6 September 2010<br>Tuesday 7 September 2010<br><br>Wednesday 8 September 2010<br><br>Thursday 9 September 2010<br>Friday 22 October 2010 |
| Term 2 | School Re-opens<br>School Closes  | Monday 1 November 2010<br>Friday 17 December 2010  |
| Term 3 | Excellence Cluster Training Day<br>School Re-opens to students<br>School Closes   | Tuesday 4 January 2011<br>Wednesday 5 January 2011<br>Friday 18 February 2011  |
| Term 4 | School re-opens<br>School Closes to students  | Monday 28 February 2011<br>Friday 8 April 2011   |
| Term 5 | School re-opens<br>School Closed (Bank Holiday)<br>School Closes  | Tuesday 26 April 2011<br>Monday 2 May 2011<br>Friday 27 May 2011   |
| Term 6 | School re-opens<br>School Closes<br>School Closes   | Monday 6 June 2011<br>Friday 22 July 2011  |