

LOCKERS PARK NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Tue 21 st	6.30 pm	Parents' reception for A7D & A7S
	7.00 pm	Boarders & Flexi-Boarders return
Wed 22 nd	8.20 am	Day Boys return
	2.30 pm	1 st XI (h), 2 nd XI (a), Colts A XI (h), Colts B XI (a) v York House
Thu 23 rd		Cross-Curricular day
	10.00 am	Colts Cricket tour departs
	2.30 pm	U9 A XI (a) v Manor Lodge Art & Technology Exhibition ends
Fri 24 th	9.00 am	Leavers' Trip-The Children's Trust
	1.30 pm	Leavers' photographs
Sat 25 th	2.30 pm	1 st XI (a), 2 nd XI (h), 3 rd XI (a), Colts B XI (h) v Beechwood Park
Sun 26 th	6.30 pm	Chapel Service (B6D)
Mon 27 th	9.00 am	Magistrate's Talk to Leavers Prep Schools' Athletics Finals (Birmingham)
Tue 28 th	7.00 pm	Balloon Debate
Wed 29 th	2.30 pm	1 st XI (a), 2 nd XI (a), 3 rd XI (a) v Haileybury. 4 th XI (h) v Edge Grove
Thu 30 th	8.30 am	Leavers to Young Scientist Centre at the Royal Institution and the Cabinet War Rooms

JULY

Fri 1 st	12.30 pm	Concert given by Lockers Park Musicians at St John's, Boxmoor
	7.00 pm	Lecture on Afghanistan by Capt. Gerald Johnston (all welcome)
Sat 2 nd	11.00 am	Athletics Finals
Sun 3 rd	11.30 am	Leavers' service
	12.45 pm	Leavers' lunch
	2.15 pm	Fathers & Sons' cricket match
	2.15 pm	Mothers and Sons' tennis
	6.15 pm	Summer Concert (whole school event with picnic suppers)
Mon 4 th	2.30 pm	Swimming Finals
	5.15 pm	Set Supper
	6.30 pm	Old Boys' BBQ
Tue 5 th		Expedition Day
Wed 6 th	7.30 pm	Year 8 BBQ
Thu 7 th	11.00 am	Prizegiving
	12.30 pm	Term Ends
Sun 10 th	7.00 am	French Trip leaves
Sat 16 th	2.30 pm	French Trip returns
Sun 17 th		Green Power Races at Goodwood

FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is rather exciting to think that we are now looking forward to the last exeat of the academic year 2010-2011. At a school like Lockers, this heralds a fortnight or so of frenetic activity as well as a great deal of important work still to attend to. What with the end of exams, a cricket tour to the Isle of Wight, concerts, a multitude of sporting activities and of course the FOLP Summer Ball, all of us - boys, parents and staff - have a huge amount to do and look forward to before we meet up for the last time to go our separate ways on 7th July.

CHAPEL SERVICES

There are two chapel services remaining this term.

Sunday 26th June at 6.30 pm – B6D

The preacher will be Sam Dewhurst, Housemaster of Meadhurst, Uppingham School. B6D will be hosting this service and all members of that form will need to attend as well as the Chapel Choir. ***Please note: this service is not on the school calendar.***

Sunday 3rd July at 11.30 am

Leavers' Service

The final service of term is our traditional Leavers' Service. For this, all members of Year 8 will be required plus the Chapel Choir and there will only be space for their parents. The preacher on this occasion will be Robert Taylor, Registrar for Harrow.

VGS



SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday 3rd July - 6.15pm

The Summer Concert is a whole school event in which every boy performs. Parents bring picnics for the second part of the concert, which, weather permitting, is held outside.

The first half will take place in the Centenary Hall and then we make our way to the Private Garden for music and picnics. Day Boys should arrive by 6.00 pm and dress will be Best.

We will try to maximize seating space in the first half by not sitting boys on the benches in the pit; even so, seating in the Hall may have to be restricted. There is of course no restriction on numbers for the second half in the Private Garden. If for any reason you are unable to bring a picnic for your son, please let Mrs McCarron know by Friday 1st at the latest. Please would parents of overseas boarders let us know if you are expecting to attend. Many thanks. **VGS**

SKI TRIP – CORMAYEUR

**Sunday 1st – Sunday 8th
January 2012**



We had such a wonderful time last year that we have arranged to return to Cormayeur in 2012. To guarantee a place on the trip, we need the form and deposit by **Friday 24th June**. Forms can be downloaded from the website by clicking this link. **TD**

<http://www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk/forms-to-download.php>

EXPEDITION DAY ARRANGEMENTS

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

Tuesday 5th July

The venues and timings are shown below, although the return times are obviously subject to traffic. Boys do **NOT** need to wear Best that day – just their normal Lockers Park casuals, and trainers rather than black school shoes. If rain is forecast, boys must have their waterproof school coat and, if hot sun is likely, they should have their Lockers Park baseball cap. Please ensure that your son is equipped with both of these items, as all the visits involve a substantial period outdoors.

Boys will be given an appropriate amount of pocket money for the trip, which will be billed to parents – please do not give your son any extra money. No mobile phones or devices with internet access are allowed on any of the visits. Boys may take MP3 players, electronic games (provided these do not have internet access), or books to amuse themselves on the coach journey. These remain the responsibility of the boys at all times and should be left on the coach on arrival at the venue.

If your son is a day boy, please ensure that he is in school at least 15 minutes before the departure time shown below. There will be no one in school that day to supervise children, so you will have to take your son home again if he misses the coach.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your son's form teacher if you have any concerns about these arrangements. **JD**

Timings for the visits are as follows:

Chestnuts, C3G, C4E, C4T – Chiltern Open Air Museum

9.15 am	Depart from Lockers Park
4.00 pm	Return to Lockers Park

B5M, B6D, B7P - Tower of London, followed by Thames river trip to the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich

8.30 am	Depart from Lockers Park
6.00 pm	Return to Lockers Park

A7D, A7S, A8G, A8M - The Globe Theatre and the London Dungeon

8.15 am	Depart from Lockers Park
6.00 pm	Return to Lockers Park

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Please take a look at the 2011 whole school photograph, which is on display in the Boys' Hall. All orders should be placed directly with the school photography company, using the order form in your exeat envelope. **BTF**

MOTHERS & SONS'

TENNIS

Sunday 3rd July



This hugely popular annual event will take place on Sunday 3rd at the same time as the Fathers and Sons' cricket match. Anyone not involved with the cricket is welcome to take part in a relaxed and enjoyable tennis tournament. All standards of expertise are catered for – the only condition is that everyone has fun! Play starts at 2.15 pm and should be completed by 4.30 pm. Please let me know if you would like to enter. **MJHR**

AFGHANISTAN LECTURE

Friday 1st July at 7pm in the Centenary Hall



We are delighted to welcome back Captain Gerald Johnston of the Coldstream Guards to speak to us about his recent tour of Afghanistan.

His visit to us in 2009 was one of the highlights of the year and this evening promises to be just as exciting. **CJM**

BOARDING FORMS

Please return your boarding request forms by the end of exeat so that we can do our best to accommodate the boys' wishes regarding the friends they will be sharing dorms with. Thank you. **CJM**

F&P The Friends of Lockers Park

The New Lockers Park Mug

by Emma Bridgewater

In the traditional Emma Bridgewater cream with royal blue script, the new mug is a must have for your coffee tables at home. It's the perfect present for Mums, Dads, Godparents and Grandparents. They will be on sale at The Ball and on Sports Day. Order Forms will also be available in the Boys Hall.

ON SALE NOW the new Lockers Park Mug - £15

ART AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

2011

Friday 17th June from 4pm in the Old Gym

The Exhibition has opened and there is lots to see from both departments. Perhaps you could get your son to give you a guided tour of the woodwork, pottery, paintings and drawings on display. The Exhibition will be taken down on 24th June. **JC**

BABY COCKROACHES LOOKING FOR GOOD HOMES!

The warm weather has brought a happy event in the Science Department. About 25 baby Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches appeared overnight and were making a break for freedom when I managed to intercept them! If anyone would like to adopt a few, please let me know. They really are very clean and no trouble to keep. They don't eat much – a bit of banana every few days, some dry cat or rat food, any fruit or lettuce that's going. They can be left for a week or so without much attention and just need normal room temperature. When they get a bit bigger, they like being handled and they don't bite or sting – they just hiss if you annoy them. They can be kept in a small, cheap plastic aquarium with some compost and a

few bits of bark and they are NOT going to escape and infest your neighbourhood - they only breed once a year and would probably die outside in the winter. If you are interested, please e-mail me on jdungworth@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk or just ask if you see me. **JD**

TRIP TO LORDS

Nine Year 8 boys went up to Lords for a floodlit 20/20 Cup Match, Middlesex v Essex. It was a 6.15 pm start preceded by supper in the garden behind the pavilion and a wander round the souvenir shops. Played before a large crowd, we had the atmosphere of an international match with most of the excitement coming in the second innings. Chasing 151 to win, Essex were 1 for 2 after seven deliveries but, after falling well behind the run rate, Owais Shah hit an unbeaten 78 from 50 balls, including five sixes, to steer Essex home. We were back at School by 10.15 pm and a good time was had by all. **CRS**

'MY FIRST DAY IN CHESTNUTS'

We asked the Chestnuts what it is like to be new at Lockers Park and this is what two of them had to say.

I came to the school. Mr Stephens showed me round. I felt quite nervous and excited when I started. Huw was my first friend. George was my Pater. He took me to the art room. I like it here. **Danny Munro**

I was shown round the school by a year seven boy. I thought it was going to be lovely. When I walked in the door I said to myself just to keep calm. My first day was very nice and here I see my brother a lot. Hadley was my first friend. I like doing P.E. best because I'm the fastest. I think I'm going to like it very much.

George Weldon

Note: original spelling and punctuation!

SCHOLARS' TRIP TO WESTMINSTER



The Houses of Parliament

On the 7th June, Terence Cheong, James Hughes, Freddie Walters and I were lucky enough to be taken to the Houses of Parliament. We arrived in Westminster Hall where many notable things have happened such as the trial of Charles I. We then met our tour guide and proceeded to the 'Norman Porch' in which the busts of many Prime Ministers were kept. After that we moved on to the Robing room where the Queen puts on her robes prior to the state opening of Parliament. After that it was on to the Royal Gallery in which there were many paintings of different Monarchs and then to the House of Lords. We were allowed up into the row where the lords sit but we were not allowed to sit down. We saw many different things including the royal throne and the wooolsack and the amount of finery was astonishing. Before Entering the House of Commons we walked through the 'Aye' and 'No' lobbies and finally arrived behind the Speaker's Chair. What I found incredible was the huge number of microphones hanging from the ceiling. We saw the famous objects such as the dispatch boxes and the Speaker's Sack. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank Mr Moubray and Miss McGregor for taking us.

Henry Millen, A8M

The Spaghetti House

After touring round the Houses of Parliament, we walked past Downing Street to Charing Cross Station to look at the Eleanor Cross and then onto the Spaghetti House in Haymarket. We were allowed anything we wanted, as long as it cost less than £10. We all settled on pizzas and burgers, which were pronounced by both Hughes and Mr Moubray to be the best burger/pizza they had ever had. Henry and Terence didn't have time for comment, as they were too busy licking their plates. Miss McGregor was thinking about her favourite books. Most of us then had Cassata (Italian ice Cream) for pudding. It was a great meal.

Freddie Walters, A8M

Westminster Abbey

Upon arriving at the Abbey, we collected our free audio guides. We started in front of the high altar where the now Duke and Duchess of Cambridge recently got married. This was one of the most awesome sights that I have ever seen due to the amount of gold present. We then proceeded past the Islip Chapel where we saw a gruesome monument which shows a man trying to protect his wife from the hellish figure of Death (it was so well carved that most of us thought that 'death' consisted of real bones encased in stone: which it wasn't).

After this we progressed through many small chapels one of which contained the tombs of Elizabeth and Mary Tudor to that of Henry the VII. This also contained the RAF chapel dedicated to 'The Few' from the Battle of Britain; this was interesting in that it had a hole in the wall, now filled with glass which was as a result of a WWII bomb.

We then proceeded round the Chapter House and through the Cloister and into the museum. Finally, we saw the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

It was a fantastic day and thank you to Mr Moubray and Miss McGregor for taking us.

James Hughes, A8M

BOARDERS' ACTIVITIES

Trip to Frinton



While most of us coped with torrential rain, the boarders went to Frinton with Mr and Mrs Farquharson. They must have found the only dry part of the country and the first thing most of them did was get wet by having a dip in the sea. It was a great day out, ending up with a visit to Clacton Pier. (And, if someone hadn't dragged Karamvir away, he'd probably have dug to Australia by now!).

News from The Cubs

Congratulations to the Cubs who achieved the following badges: Outdoor Challenge; Community Challenge; Athletics; Swimming 1 & 2; First Aid; and Artist. In addition, Jonathan Woof was awarded the Equestrian badge; Henry di Monaco the Entertainers badge; and William Watson the Hobby badge.

Perhaps the sewing badge should be next!

More news From The Cubs



As one of our activities the Cubs have been canoeing on the Grand Union canal with the Hemel Hempstead Canoe Club. Half the pack canoed, the other half did a litter pick and didn't they find a lot!

Next week they will swap roles and Akela might even show his expertise in a canoe and demonstrate how to properly soak someone with a paddle. Many thanks to the Hemel Hempstead Canoe Club for providing their facilities. **SG**

ATHLETICS



The sporting success continues on the track with superb performances at Bedford in the East Area Prep Schools Championship and the Quadrangular Athletics at Jarman Park. 9 boys qualified for the Bedford meet and all performed well. G Garrett (100m) and B Weldon (70m Hurdles) both qualified for the National after fantastic runs. At Jarman Park, the senior team won the meet for the 2nd year in succession and the Junior team came

close to winning but were pipped to the title after a hard run relay. **GT**



TENNIS

Colts tennis v Berkhamsted

It was a pleasure this year to host our regular fixture with Berkhamsted, and as usual Mrs Kent fielded a strong squad of five couples. The sun shone, and the low bounce off our astrocourt surface gave every player a good chance to reach and return the ball. Overall the Berkhamsted boys and girls did so rather more often and with slightly greater accuracy than Lockers, but no matches were too one-sided to be enjoyable. Oscar Merifield and Heath Ostrer won three of their four sets, as did Benedict Weldon playing with Ollie Powell-Tuck as our second pair. Our three other couples fared a little less well but played in some good rallies and with great enthusiasm. The final result was Berkhamsted 39 games to Lockers 21. **MJHR**

2nd XI CRICKET

The 2nd XI brushed aside a weakish Edge Grove 2^{nds} after exeat with a powerful team effort. A special well done to Ben Alderson for a stunning maiden half century, crashing the ball to all parts of the pitch, with good support from Henry Millen, Daminiyi Solebo and Alex Williams. Having put up 153 we skittled Edge Grove for 76 with all the bowlers making a positive contribution, especially Kyle Gibson who took 3 wickets.

If team 'A' thrashes team 'B' and then team 'B' thrashes team 'C', then you wouldn't fancy team C's chances against team A. Well, this was the scenario they faced having been taken apart earlier in the season by The Beacon who, in turn, were hammered by Aldwickbury as we went away to play the latter. Still, the team had been strengthened by Akhil Seth coming down from the 1st XI and Molloy regaining his place in the team. After a slow but steady start from Akhil and Harry who opened the batting, Olley and Alderson followed with some more lusty hitting to build on the solid foundations and we reached 155 for 8. It is often a good idea to put up a good total to chase as it can daunt the opposition. Indeed, most of the opposition looked like they had given up before they even started and after some accurate bowling from Olley, Seth, Solebo and McCran, the run rate crept up until they soon needed 10+ an over and they fell 20 runs short in the end. A mention also needs to go to the wicketkeeper, Ben Ramsay, who has made huge progress over the term. **CP**

COLTS A CRICKET



The Colts A has gradually improved over the first half of term. A good win over Aldwickbury, during which William Gardener hit a solid 57, enabled us to build our confidence for the future. Most importantly the boys are starting to field and play as a team. Recently, the team won the 10/10

tournament at Westbrook Hay and now have the prospect of a tour to the South Coast during which they will play three matches. I am looking forward to further success over the next few weeks. **TD**

COLTS B CRICKET

Colts B continued their great run with a strong performance at the 10/10 Festival. First game was against Westbrook and superb batting by H Doyle and M Newsome posted a target that was going to be very hard to chase down. Good accurate bowling meant that Westbrook fell short.

The second game was against Edge Grove and Lockers fielded first. Edge Grove batted well and scored 72. This proved to be a difficult target and came down to the final ball where L Campbell scored 2 runs to win the festival. **GT**

COLTS C CRICKET

The Colts Cs managed to win both games they played against Edge Grove and Westbrook Hay. The first match against Westbrook was a tense affair with a last ball finish. Some excellent calling and running had kept Lockers in touch, with all batsmen who lost their wickets being run out. The second match was an easier affair with Lockers setting a tough total of 80 for the Grove to chase. William Lintott excelled with the bat and retired on 25, whilst Freddie Deane came in for some power hitting and pushed Lockers on to a commanding total, which almost guaranteed victory. **TAE**

There are lots more news items and pictures on our website, which is updated regularly.

Just click this link.

<http://www.lockerspark.herts.sch.uk/atest-news.php>