



Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As half term draws to a close, it seems an appropriate time to update you with news on what was a very eventful first few weeks of this academic year. Back in August we received our public examinations results enabling the vast majority of our Upper Sixth to progress on to their chosen university. Just short of 80% of the grades at A Level were at A* to B and it was very satisfying to see how the hard work of the last two years was duly rewarded and our leavers could now set off on the next stage of their educational journey. A week later the GCSE results were published and once again the overall achievement was very high. The pass rate at A* - C was a pleasing 93% with the A* & A% nudging 40%. This was the first year of pupils choosing 7 options on top of the core subjects of Maths, English Language and Literature. Cutting the number of subjects down in pursuit of a higher league table position would lead to a very restricted and narrow programme for the vast majority of our students and it was pleasing to see how so many met the challenge posed by the extra GCSE and achieved outstanding results. We are proud of not being labelled an academic hothouse but the results at both A Level and GCSE once again illustrate that academic success and an emphasis on the development of the whole pupil are not mutually exclusive.

In the third week of September we were treated to four excellent nights of entertainment when the School performed their version of Grease to packed audiences. The production was of the highest standard and a number of parents have commented that they were "blown away by the quality of the performances". I thoroughly enjoyed myself and must now investigate how I can increase the size of our drama hall so that even more people could see for themselves the talent that this School has and the teamwork shown by the cast. A DVD of the Thursday night performance has been professionally recorded and the cast will be receiving a courtesy copy to thank them for the commitment shown. If you wish to purchase a copy of this please fill in the form contained within the newsletter, the price of the Grease DVD is £13.00. There is much to look forward to in the next few months. The Sixth Form will be putting on a small production of Frankenstein for one night on Wednesday 7th December and details of how to purchase tickets will be sent out later in November. Rehearsals for "Daisy pulls it off" involving mostly pupils in Years 7 -9 are already underway and this will be staged in early February. I am sure that both of these productions will be successful and encourage you to attend. However the main focus for "the Arts" at LOGS this academic year remains our festival at Glyndebourne on Sunday March 25th. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to perform at this world famous venue and we hope that they will perform to a packed house of in excess of 1000. Ticket sales were launched last June and the response has been good and I urge you to use the application form should you wish to witness what will be "a one off occasion" as part of our 2012 celebrations.

David Arscott, the local historian has been working on the book "Floreat Lewys" recounting the history of the School. The first draft of the book has been seen by the 1512 committee organising the events for the School. It is truly impressive. The book will include both the history of the School and a record of the events of 2012 in both pictures and words written by the pupils involved. The final event will need to be the bonfire celebrations in November 2012. The book will then be sent for printing and be ready in time for Christmas. Details of how to purchase this collectors item will be sent at Easter of next year. David has agreed to deliver a talk about his findings on Tuesday 29th November and I hope that many of you will attend this fact filled event.

There are two other events for the quincentenary that I wish to draw to your attention at this time. One of the highlights of the 2012 celebrations will involve firstly a "living timeline" on Founders day on May 25th. We have secured the necessary permission to have a moving road block to enable us to parade down Lewes High Street and round to the paddock where there will be a party weather permitting. Morley House pupils will take the lead in making costumes to illustrate 500 years of the School's history. The Senior School body will also be involved with each department showcasing its current day activities. The intention is to celebrate the School's achievements, both past and present, in an informative and entertaining way. The second highlight will be the Summer Ball to be held at Firlie Place on July 7th 2012. This will be a special night with only 300 tickets available. The first tranche of 100 tickets released in May was quickly sold out. The tickets released to former pupils is selling equally fast. Please act quickly if you wish to secure your place at this prestigious event. An application form is contained in this newsletter.

Our whole school walk took place on the last Friday of September and for once the sun came out and the rain clouds stayed away. The staff reported that it was the most successful of all the walks that they can remember. The pupils went about their challenge with purpose and good humour and some of the items of fancy dress were fantastic. The proportion of pupils that completed the walk was the best ever and initial signs of the money that it is likely to raise are very promising. We hope that our target of £8000 is reached because one key aspect of this event is the supporting of worthy charitable causes.

OCTOBER 2011
Autumn Term

...a lifelong love of learning

LEWES OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The School continues to encourage trips which extend the educational experiences of our pupils. So far this term we have had a very well received visit to Tate Modern to improve the artistic skills of our older artists and an excellent trip for our designers to the V & A. In addition nearly 60 pupils went to Club La Santa in Lanzarote to develop their sporting skills with expert coaching and another 15 visited Montpelier to enhance their French skills. Some visits are only possible because of the dedication of the staff and I would like to thank them all on your behalf.

Please note that, St John Sub Castro, the venue for our carol concert in December has been forced to further restrict the congregation to an absolute maximum of 400 because the galleries have now been deemed as unusable by Health and Safety authorities. We will therefore have 3 concerts on the Monday evening of the 12th December and Tuesday afternoon and evening of the 13th. The traditional House Suppers at the Town Hall will take place after the final performance and everyone is welcome to attend. Details of how to book tickets for these performances will be sent out towards the end of November.

Details of forthcoming Parents Evening and other events are contained within this newsletter and I hope to see you at these in due course.

Robert Blewitt



Key dates for Autumn and Spring Terms

Tuesday November 8 th	Year 11 Information & Parents Evening
Thursday November 17 th	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday November 29 th	“Floreat Lewys” Lecture by David Arscott
Wednesday December 7 th	Frankenstein Production
Monday 12 th - Tuesday 13 th December	Senior School Carol Services & House Suppers
Wednesday December 14 th	School closes for Christmas at 12.30
Sunday January 8 th	Firework Display to open 2012 celebrations
Monday January 9 th	School reopens
Thursday January 19 th	Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday January 25 th	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday February 1 st	Year 9 Options Meeting & Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 th – Thursday 9 th February	School Production “ Daisy pulls it off”
Tuesday March 6 th	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening
Sunday March 25 th	Arts Festival at Glyndebourne
Friday March 30 th	School closes for Easter

SCHOOL WALK 2011



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**COME AND CELEBRATE!
500 YEARS OF LOGS
SATURDAY 7TH JULY**

**FIRLE PLACE
DRINKS ON THE LAWN AT 6.45PM
SUMPTUOUS 3 COURSE DINNER
FIREWORKS
DANCING TO A LIVE BAND
UNTIL 1AM
£75 PER PERSON**

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATIONS, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED REPLY SLIP TO THE SENIOR SCHOOL OFFICE IN TYNE HOUSE FAO. MRS GOULD, TOGETHER WITH YOUR PAYMENT. CHEQUES ARE MADE PAYABLE TO LEWES OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST.



**LOGS ARTS FESTIVAL
AT GLYNDEBOURNE**

**SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2012
AT 2:00PM**

**TICKETS £7.00 PER PERSON
TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS**

If you wish to book tickets for the art festival, please complete and return the attached reply slip to the Senior School Office in Tyne House FAO. Mr Laker, together with your payment. Cheques are payable to Lewes Old Grammar School Trust.

REPLY SLIP: Summer Ball, Firlle Place on Saturday 7th July 2012
FAO: Mrs Gould, Business Development Officer in the Senior School Office or email goulds@logs.uk.com

Full name

Student name Form

Contact No:

Number of tickets required (£75.00 per person) I enclose a payment of £..... for tickets

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian) Date

REPLY SLIP: LOGS Arts Festival, Glyndebourne on Sunday 25th March 2012
FAO: Mr Laker, Operations Manager in the Senior School Office or email lakert@logs.uk.com

Full name

Student name Form

Contact No:

Number of tickets required (£7.00 per person) I enclose a payment of £..... for tickets

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian) Date

GREASE DVD ORDER SLIP: Please return to Miss Bibby in the Senior School office by Monday 14th November.
All cheques are made payable to Lewes Old Grammar School Trust.

Full Name.....

Student name.....Form.....

Number of DVD's..... (£13.00 Per DVD) I enclose a payment of £.....for the Grease performance DVD

Signed.....(Parent/Guardian) Date.....

On Saturday 8th October the School's folk ensemble comprising of Maxim Gamble (fiddle), Ella Partington (fiddle), Gemma Steer (flute) and Mr. Orchin (guitar) were special guest performers at Lewes Folk Festival. The group were booked to support the 'Long Hill Ramblers' and played a blistering 15 minutes of traditional tunes from as far afield as Sussex, USA and Ireland. The group rose to the occasion and delighted the audience which included Shirley Collins MBE who is president of the English Folk Song and Dance Society (EFDSS). LOGS was given a fantastic introduction by the hosts and praised for promoting traditional music with young musicians. It is very likely that the group will be asked again next year when we hope to include more members and singers.

Term Dates Academic Year 2011 – 2012

Autumn Term 2012

End of Term 12.45 pm Wednesday 14th December

Spring Term 2012

Pupils return Monday 9th January
 Half term 13th – 17th February
 End of Term 3.30 pm Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2012

Pupils return Monday 23rd April
 Half term 4th – 8th June
 End of Term 3.30 pm Friday 13th July

Term Dates Academic Year 2012 — 2013 (Provisional)

Autumn Term 2012

Staff meeting Thursday 6th September
 Induction Day Friday 7th September
 Pupils return Monday 10th September
 Half term 22nd October— 2nd November
 End of Term 12.45 pm Friday 14th December

Spring Term 2013

Staff Meeting Monday 7th January
 Pupils return Tuesday 8th January
 Half term 11th - 15th February
 End of Term 3.30 pm Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2013

Pupils return Monday 22nd April
 Half term 27th May — 31st May
 End of Term 3.30 pm Friday 12th July

TARTAN KILTS WANTED

Do you have any school uniform tartan kilts that your child no longer requires. If so, we would be most grateful if you could donate them to the Senior School Office, marked for the attention of Mrs A Prior, Deputy Head, Pastoral.

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