



**Year 7 Art Work**  
**Still Life**  
**Henri Matisse**

It has been a busy and exciting term with the relaxation of covid restrictions allowing us to cautiously reinstate some traditional Langtree highlights.

Sports teams have been hugely successful in their various leagues, cups and competitions. Other extra-curricula activities have been enjoyed - not least the marvellous forensic science club which culminated last night in the students investigating a "proper" crime scene. Among the many highlights was the Langtree's Got Talent Show which was conceived, organised and hosted by the year 11 students. The show was hugely enjoyable and certainly showcased a variety of talents - from magic acts to stand up comedy and from poetry to Rubik's Cube solving. As one parent wrote afterwards

"I took a number of things away from the evening. The politeness of students, the kindness towards each other and how proud the teachers really are of their students. The celebration of creativity and individuality of pupils was palpable and I was so pleased to see so many pupils who felt able to "just be themselves".

The Red Nose Day (Week!) activities were sensational. Mrs Lackey and a team of Year 10 helpers certainly put the fun into fundraising. They raised an incredible amount of money for worthwhile causes and the staff and students got involved in lots of entertainment, games and general silliness. I still have not forgiven the biased netball referee who, at one point penalised me for breaking covid restrictions (I will get my revenge Freya!)

This week saw a brilliant drama and music evening. The specially invited audience were entertained (and were sometimes bemused) by the imagination, creativity and enjoyment of the KS3 Drama Group who had created 'Thespan Thanks on Thankfulness'. As Ms Pimm said "This is not trying to be a polished, finished piece of performance, but instead a celebration that we could just all be together and get creative."

After the interval we were treated to performances by the junior and senior choirs and the orchestra. The talent and dedication of the students was phenomenal and we were so impressed by the solos, duets and ensemble pieces chosen to showcase their obvious abilities. As always at this time of year the evening was a little bittersweet, as our year 11s were performing on the Langtree stage for the last time having made such a valued contribution to the musical life of the school for their five years here.

On the subject of the year 11 students I wish them all the very best as they embark on their examination season. I wish them all well and hope they stay calm, revise thoroughly, and simply aim to do the very best they possibly can. That way, the freedom they will enjoy through the long, hopefully hot summer will feel all the more enjoyable and satisfying!

I would like to wish all students and staff a very well-deserved and relaxing break over the Easter holiday and am looking forward to Term 5 with excitement and optimism.

Simon Bamford—Headteacher











When we came back to school after half term, a topic of conversation was centred around the crisis that Ukraine was facing, and still currently is facing. We felt helpless, as a world issue so big was not one that could be impacted by five teenagers. However, collectively as a school we knew that we had the ability to raise some money and try and help some lives, whether that would be the people of Ukraine, or people around the UK who need support.

We wanted to organise some fun events that would mean that everyone could get involved with something and raise money at the same time. So we organised the events with Mrs Lackey that took place every lunchtime in the week of Red Nose Day. We had dodgeball for year 7 to start off the week, which was extremely popular and many people came and donated, whether that was to watch or to play. Then on Tuesday we had a Red Nose and spoon obstacle course race for all years, and many people had multiple tries to aim to beat their time! There was a bake off on Wednesday, with lots of delicious cakes that were sold at breaktime, and then teachers vs students table tennis at lunchtime, which was probably one of the most popular events, with the teachers beating the students 53-20! On Thursday there was dodgeball for year 8s and 9s, which, yet again, many students came and played, and it was a great success. Finally, on Friday, the event that everyone had been waiting for, teachers vs students netball. It was a very close result, with the teachers winning 4 matches, the students winning 3, and 2 matches were a draw. Students and teachers who weren't participating came to the netball courts to cheer on the teams, and it was a really enjoyable afternoon.

We raised a total of £1186.61 from the organised events, non-uniform day and extra donations. Overall we think that the week was a huge success, not only because of all the memories made and fun that was had during the events, but also the impact that the money we raised will have on those in need. We also wanted to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lackey, the events throughout the entire week would not have been possible without her help.

Hannah Rainsborough

I would like to thank: Hannah Rainsborough, Perdy Beard, Lola Bint-Savage, Sienna Beckwith and Mary Jones for all their hard work to make the Comic Relief Week happen. They gave up many lunch and break times to help with the planning and delivery of each event and were fully committed throughout the process. It would not have been possible without them!

Together as a whole school we raised a grand total of

Thank you, Mrs Lackey





## Easter 2022 - Music Department News

Dominic Servais (Year 10) played at the Woodley Festival on 6th March and won the Woodwind Solo class for 16 and under and he was given a first (gold medal) in his class as well as a distinction for his performance. He also won the TSB award for the Best in solo wind and brass classes too! Well done Dominic.

Thanks to Lillian (Year 8) parents for donation of a lovely guitar and amp

**Music Examination success:** Congratulations to the following students. Eleni Southby Grade 2 piano distinction, Tom Scurr Grade 4 french horn with distinction and Grade 5 piano with merit Lucy Parkins Grade 4 piano with merit and Rebecca Servais, Grade 6 clarinet.

A massive thank you to the Year 11 orchestral musicians who leave this year and have made a fantastic contribution to the musical life of the school during their five years with us. They are Louise Carson (77), Amelia Hughes (67), Leo Sentinella (68), Rebecca Servais (61), Lloyd Singleton (73), Annie Sutherland (93), Ed Swift (76), and Toby Weller (70). Numbers in brackets are squad numbers!



## Easter Concert

The Orchestra and Choirs performed brilliantly in the Music and Drama Evening on Tuesday 5th April. In addition there were spectacular saxophone solos from Dominic Servais and Hannah Bates on saxophone. Lloyd Singleton impressed once again with a whirlwind solo drum performance. Well done to all the students who took part.







**The KS3 Drama Club** plays a hugely important part in Langtree's creative arts programme.

It is a valuable opportunity to get creative with students from other classes and year groups. It is an opportunity for each student to exercise their creative muscles - with only the loosest of briefs and lots of freedom to try things out in a low risk environment. It is an opportunity for our students to create drama relevant and entertaining to them - for its own sake, just for fun. My goodness, how we have missed this!

The Easter Concert was an opportunity to share some of the wonderfully weird drama which has come from your children's imaginations!



We've tried to pull our explorations together in a way which will give you some idea of what we've been up to for the last few weeks.

The pictures here are from the concert and also some taken during drama club.

Mrs Pimm and Mrs Child







### February 2022 Year 11 Ski Trip

We were very lucky to be able to travel to Crans-Montana, Switzerland in February this year after the planned trip for last year was unable to go ahead due the pandemic.

I have been skiing before so was placed in the intermediate group, our instructor was Patrick. He was incredible, he never made it seem that he was better than us, but worked with us at the level we could. This gave us confidence in ourselves. Not only did he help me improve my original skills such as parallel turning and carving, Patrick gave us the opportunity to learn to ski backwards, climb onto and jump of snowed over houses, have speed races down the face of the mountains.



Not only was the skiing thrilling and infinitely fun, in the evenings extra activities bought all the students together on a closer level and gave the teachers a chance to relax. One activity that we attended was a large sports centre with a pool table, tennis courts and badminton sets. This created a competitive drive between friends, and showed all of us that we don't always have to be on our phones! A second activity we participated in was a lantern walk; frosted paths and trees had been lit up with hundreds of decorative lights. Everyone chatted about their adven-

tures on the slopes and music was played as we celebrated our time together on this once in a lifetime group trip.

The ski trip was one of my favourite trips away, ever. The way I strengthened more friendships, learnt new skills and discovered I am terrible at table football, all made the experience enjoyable and definitely worth the time and energy needed for it.

A special thanks to the teachers who joined us on the trip: Mr Vitty, Mrs Taylor-Lane, Mr Jones, Mrs Davies, Mrs Satterley and Mr Clark. We all appreciate you taking the time out of your half term to look after all 45 of us for a whole week and still make sure that everyone one of us is still happy and enjoying our stay. Thank you again.

I am really sad that the Year 10's have at very short notice been told that they are unable to go on their Easter ski trip, but should get the chance to go in December, the wait will be worth it. Ned Garrett.







### The Talent Show

Wow, what an evening. We were entertained by 12 amazing acts, judged by 3 of our finest teachers accompanied by our very own Year 11 commentators. The evening was such a success we had 150 people attend including acts and helpers. All this meant that we have raised a total of £672.85 for our Year 11 prom. We are incredibly grateful to all who attended and helped out.

Thank you

Leo Sentinella



## Term 4 Sports Results

1/3	Year 8 Boys football South Oxon League Away v Wheatley Park and Aureus	Drew 0-0 WP Won 3-0 Aureus	Oscar Gardner with a fantastic finish. Cooper Tull
2/3	Year 9 Boys Football South Oxon League Home v Chiltern Edge and Gillotts	Won 2-0 C.E. Drew 0-0 Gill	Finn Beckwith and Stepan Coey
7/3	Year 9 Girls Netball Oratory	Won 17-15	POM: Amelie McDavid
8/3	Year 11 boys football South Oxon League Home v Wallingford and Icknield	Lost 1-0 Wall Lost 1-0 Ick	Very strong performance from this term and deserved more.
8/3	Year 8 Girls Area Tournament Local Schools	Langtree one- 4th Langtree two- 6th	
9/3	Year 9 Boys Football South Oxon League v Wallingford 'A' and 'B' & Wheatley	Won 3-0 Wall B Drew 0-0 Wall A Won 2-0 WP	Adam, Stepan and Jimbo. Adam and Jimbo
9/3	Year 9 Girls Netball Aureus	Won 17-10	POM: Amelie McDavid
10/3	Year 7 Boys Football South Oxon League Home v Gillotts	Lost 9-1	Noah Hall scored. Dexter and Joe players of the match
10/3	Year 10 Girls Netball Icknield	Lost 16-5	POM: Lola Bint Savage
10/3	Year 7 Girls Netball Chiltern Edge and Icknield	Won vs CE 7-1 Won vs Icknield 3-1	POM Lydia Carter POM Emily Lewis
15/3	Year 8 boys football South Oxon league v Gillotts, John Mason, Wallingford	Won v JM 1-0 Drew v Gill 1-1 Drew Wall 0-0	Cooper Tull best player Aedan Griggs 2 goals
15/3	Year 7 Netball Area Tournament Away Wallingford	Team 1= 1st Team 2= 8th	POM: Abbie Priaulx POM: Megan Wilcock
16/3	Year 9 Netball Home v Wallingford	Won 21-3	POM: Geneva Venter
17/3	Year 10 South Oxon football league Home v Gillotts	Lost 5-2	POM: Aurny Aitchison
22/3	Year 8 Netball Home vs Gillotts & DGS	Lost 5-4 vs Gillotts Lost 15-1 vs DGS	POM: Melissa
22/3	Year 11 Netball Away vs Chiltern Edge & DGS	Won 12-0 vs Chiltern Edge Lost 18-2 vs DGS	POM: Frances and Poppy
22/3	Year 11 South Oxon Football League Home v Chiltern Edge	Lost 2-1	Goal - Jack Clift
23/3	Year 9 Netball Home vs Gillotts	Won 17-3	POM: Amelie McDavid
24/3	Year 7 South Oxon football league Home v Chiltern Edge and Wallingford	won 3-0 CE Drew 1-1 Wall	
29/3	year 8 South Oxon Football League Icknield & Aureus	Lost 2-0 Ick Drew 0-0 Aur	
30/3	Year 9 South Oxon Football Larkmead and Aureus	Won 1-0 Aur Won 1-0 Lark	George Godfrey Jimbo Davies
31/3	Year 10 South Oxon football John Mason and Wallingford	Drew 1-1 JM Drew 0-0 Wall	Harry Hunt - Goal
31/1	Year 7 South Oxon football tournament @Wallingford	4th in the group stages	
4/4	Year 9 South Oxon Football Icknield	Won 7-1 - Waiting for result of league position	Finn 3, Jimbo, Ben, Stepan and Caden
5/4	Year 11 South Oxon Football League Wallingford B & Wheatley Park	Drew 0-0 Wall Drew 1-1 WP	Lewis with the goal
5/4	Year 7 Netball Didcot Girls	Won 12-1	POM: Emily Lewis
5/4	Year 8 Netball Icknield	Lost 11-10	POM Melissa and Iris
6/4	Year 10 South Oxon Football League Icknield & Wheatley Park	Won 1-0 Ick Won 1-0 WP Drew 1-1 Wall - Friendly	John Vincent David Spiers (2)
6/4	Year 9 Netball Icknield & Chiltern Edge	Won 8-3 Icknield Won 7-6 CE	Geneva Venter Polly Gillion
7/4	Year 7 South Oxon Football League Icknield	Drew 2-2	Joe Gibbons, Spencer Bishop
7/4	Year 7 Netball Gillotts	Drew 11-11	Bea Cusack

### Y7 Netball



### Y9 Football



### Y9 Netball



### Y10 Netball





## UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge – 2022

**Intermediate Mathematical Challenge**—Promoting a love of problem solving. The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages **mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency** in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are **designed to make students think**. Most are **accessible**, yet still challenge those with more experience.

Some awesome mathematics students in Years 9 and 10 entered the national Intermediate Maths Challenge competition this February, with some outstanding results.

The Challenges are run annually by the University of Leeds and over 200,000 students across the United Kingdom participated, with the top 6% receiving a gold award, the next 13% receiving silver, and the next 21% bronze.

Overall there were two Gold Awards, for Ben Hawes and Jacob Wallis, 11 silver awards and 26 bronze awards. Congratulations to all who participated!

Mr Jones



### CSI Club

This term has seen the start of a new club for Langtree—CSI Club for Years 10 and 11. Run by Hayley Scott an ex Metropolitan Police CSI. The club has been looking at many aspects of forensic science: Introduction about forensics and life of a CSI. What actually happens behind the crime scene tape. All about fingerprints coding their own fingerprints. Finding hidden fingerprints on different surfaces using brushes and powders used in the Police. Retrieving the fingerprint evidence. DNA, retrieval and examination of DNA evidence. Looking at items and considering what could be taken from them. Shoemarks, toolmarks, soil excavation and bone identification.



### Geography Department using PTA purchased equipment.

Year 8's have been studying microclimates around the school site. Year 8 classes have recently carried out an investigation of the school site using equipment to measure wind speed and temperature. This is part of their Weather and Climate unit and gave them their first experience of Geographical fieldwork. The students made predictions before collecting data and then returned to the classroom to analyse their results. They worked well in their teams and it was great to see them all getting chance to test their predictions and build their Geography skills. We have been using the PTA weather equipment to measure the wind speed and temperature around school. We discovered that the field was the windiest place and the quad was the warmest place.

Mrs Brockwell and Mrs Phipps





**On the last day of Term 3 all year groups took part in a Creativity Day.**

Year 11 took part in a careers focussed day in school, every student had a mock interview and took part in careers focussed enrichment activities.

Year 10 had a exciting trip to Silverstone that offered them insight into the educational and career opportunities surrounding the world of motorsports and the site of Silverstone itself.



Year 9 visited Bletchley Park, during the day students took part in an interactive workshop, involving problem solving and team work, a guided tour of the buildings and had time to explore their surroundings at their own pace.



Year 8 travelled to Bristol, they visited the MShed museum to enrich their knowledge of the slave trade and the role Bristol played in this and enjoyed a trip on the river

Year 7 went to London—they enjoyed a walking tour and then took in a show—Mamma Mia

Incredible singing and acting, an amazing experience! - Emily Lewis

The best bit of the show was the ending and it was my first time in the theatre and will go again—Joshua smith

I loved the show and museum, the show was a bit loud. I loved that the museum had lots of different areas - Theo Scott

My favourite part was when we watched Mamma Mia at the theatre. It was an amazing experience and the best part of that was the finale when we all got up and sung along - Philippa

Thankyou for taking us on this school trip. I got to do three of my favourite things: museums, theatre and having fun with my friends. I think my favourite part of the day was the theatre. I really liked the actress that played Tina—Aaliya







## 2021 – 2022 Term Dates

<b>Easter Holiday – Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022</b>	
Monday 25th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 3rd May</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Friday 27th May	End of Term 5
<b>May Holiday – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022</b>	
Monday 6th June	Start of Term 6
Dates TBC	Year 10 Exams
Dates 11th to 15th July	Activities Week / Y7 Camp / Y8 France / Y10 Work Ex (all TBC)
Wednesday 20th July	Sports Day
Thursday 21st July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)



## 2022 – 2023 Term Dates

**Please note that there are inset days to be added to the 2022 - 2023 calendar.**

<b>Thursday 1st September</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Friday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction day
Monday 5th September 2022	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
Friday 21st October	End of Term 1
<b>October Break – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022</b>	
Monday 31st October	Start of Term 2
Friday 16th December	End of Term 2 (Half Day)
<b>Christmas Holiday – Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023</b>	
Tuesday 3rd January	Start of Term 3
TBC	Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams
Friday 10th February	End of Term 3
<b>February Break – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023</b>	
Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
<b>Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023</b>	
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May	End of Term 5
<b>May Holiday – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023</b>	
Monday 5th June	Start of Term 6
Friday 21st July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)

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**finance@langtreeschool.com**

Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, this is particularly useful for school trips.

There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.



### LOST PROPERTY

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the un-named lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through.

Please help us to return belongings to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings.

Thank you.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The school office keeps a supply of second hand uniform for students and parents / carers to purchase. We are always happy to receive donations of good quality uniform to add to the second hand cupboard.

### Absence Requests (other than for medical appointments)

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence they deem appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act.

#### What to do:

Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to the Deputy Headteacher Ms S Burman, via the attendance officer: Mrs Debbie Hayward studentabsence@langtreeschool.com stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence

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