2nd place at CCF National Finals

After an eventful and very long drive on Friday night the CCF First Aid team were eager to get some rest before Saturday’s Competition.

Saturday morning came far too soon with a 06.30 reveille. The day started with a competition brief for all teams involved. While the brief was taking place our two casualties (Ellie Muckalt, Eliza Rowson-Knowles) were whisked away for makeup and a brief on their parts in the first aid scenarios for the day.

After a long wait, Lucton Team were off with their four-minute Individual Tests; these included casualties with hyperventilation, a fractured wrist, an asthma attack and finally a casualty with a severe nose bleed.

The individual tests were swiftly followed by the Team Test lasting eight minutes. The team, led by Cpl Aaron Powell, showed some outstanding first aid skills dealing with a number of casualties, one with multiple fractures to their legs, along with a second casualty with a spinal injury. The team test included a formal hand over to a paramedic which was expertly done by Cpl Alice Cunningham.

The team performed exceptionally well and on the final parade were placed second in the UK only narrowly missing first place.

A massive well done and thank you to the first aid team: Cpl Aaron Powell, Cpl Alice Cunningham, LCpl Erica Bemand and LCpl Gina Yates, as well as the casualties Ellie Muckalt and Eliza Rowson-Knowles. Yet again, Lucton School Cadets produced a first aid team that is one of the very best in the country.

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Prep School News

We are well and truly into the swing of the term. Year 1’s Assembly kicked off the Friday Assemblies for us and what a lovely start indeed. The theme was ‘New Beginnings’. Through their enactment of Noah’s Ark we learnt about the new beginning that God gave mankind. They had done some wonderful artwork (in 4 days!) and then asked us to think about what we might be beginning this September. Thank you Year 1 for starting us off so well.

So, what have we been starting this term?

We have started with a new set of Form Captains who will make up the School Council. Each class voted in who they would like to represent them. These ideas are taken to School Council, ably Chaired by Mrs Fower, and these will then be brought up at the Prep School Staff Meeting. There are minutes given and the Form Captains will read them out in class letting all the children know what is happening. We also presented the new House Captains with their badges. These four had prepared speeches and presentations for their Houses and were running for election. The following succeeded in garnering the majority: Drake, Henry M; Collingwood, Ted R; Nelson, Chloe M-J and Rodney, Harry P. Finally, we announced the Head Boy and Head Girl for the term: Zac, T and Freya L. Well done to all of you and we expect great role models.

Year 5 have also embarked on the instrumental programme, excitedly coming back with flutes, trumpets, clarinets, violins and ‘cellos. The latter instrument is bigger than the children! We have new riders and new ballet dancers. We have children beginning new levels of Speech & Drama. The whole of Year 3 are beginning new sports and coming to grips with a whole set of new clothes for these sports as well as the notion that they have to carry those sports bags! There are new classroom rules and even rules that now apply and once didn’t, such as Year 3 with not being able to come straight into school in the morning.

Our Curriculum Evening was extremely well attended with 50 parents coming along for their new beginnings. What are the new expectations, the new learning targets the new…? As we all ambled down to the Welcome Drinks there was a certain
buzz of conversation about the new expectations. If you didn’t manage to come along, please catch up with us at the School gate in the morning or at the end of the day. Alternatively, please make an appointment; we are always here for a chat. On Wednesday, Open The Book (OTB) returned after the summer break. They entertained us with the story of Joseph and his Technicolour Dream-coat – warning us against the perils of jealousy.

Looking ahead, the Lucton BAKE OFF is back! Put 12TH OCTOBER in your diary! Loosely following the Harvest Assembly theme, you should plan your cake around Fairy Tales. I am also pleased to announce that our chosen charity is St Michael’s Hospice Children’s Services. Remember that we auction the cakes after the Assembly so do please put this in your diary.

That leaves me space to invite you to our Friday Assembly, regardless of whether your son or daughter is performing. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate children’s achievements, catch up on School news, have a cup of tea and even use the School pool. So please do come along.

Forest School
This week we explored what we could use in place of string to tie two sticks together. The plan was/is to make a small raft that we can float on the small pond when it fills up. Well we aren’t there yet! We also discovered that brambles have really tried to take over some of our paths. I think that I might have to go out with some secateurs!

Friends AGM & Bring and Share Supper
Next Thursday, 20th September at 7.00pm in the meeting room.
ALL WELCOME!

Safeguarding
“Ditto” is a brilliant online safety magazine if any parent would like to access it, they can download it at: http://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/DITTO-Ed-14-Sept-2018.pdf

Urgent notice from Matron
Pupils MUST have a spare inhaler that should be kept in the Medical Room. Please would any parents who have not already done so, send in a spare inhaler for Matron via the office. Please note that pupils will not be able to participate in sport unless the inhalers are at hand!
The first weekend of the term has been a busy one! Whilst some boarders were away with the CCF First Aid team in Northampton, the rest of the house were busy preparing themselves for the much-loved adrenaline rush that is paintballing!

Last year, the boarding house committee requested trips and activities for this term and top of the list was paintballing!

We divided the groups into Junior and Senior and each set off battling! There were paintballs flying everywhere and fun and frivolity in the air! Fin took a few paintballs to the arm and had some great battle scars! Stuart and Emily, the Gaps, had a great time joining in with the battle and ensuring that all took part and didn’t shy away.

There was a fantastic atmosphere in the house on Saturday evening with old and new boarders mixing together and learning a little more about each other.

Sunday was a more relaxed affair with our first brunch of the year cooked by Daniella and a lazy afternoon spent exploring Hereford, ensuring all of the boarders had stocked up on their supplies for the half term!

I am so pleased with how all of our new boarders have settled in; it feels like they have been with us forever and have already become a great part of the Lucton family.

We are now starting to collate all travel plans for the half term holiday. A reminder that it is up to parents to provide all transport at the half term - please can you email the office as soon as possible with your details - enquiries@luctonschool.org
A number of Lucton pupils will have the wonderful opportunity to play rugby in South Africa (SA) in 2020 as part of the U16 team. This is a wonderful initiative that the Luctonians RUFC Club offer for its teams on a rolling cycle.

Archie Jones gratefully accepted a donation on behalf of Luctonians from Director of Sport Graham Muckalt at Lucton School containing old sports kit to distribute in the Townships. The club are currently asking for donations of everything and anything sporty for the disadvantaged children of South Africa. I am sure the experience for all of the players to help the lives of impoverished young people in SA will leave a lasting mark on the players. It will be a journey to remember for them all.

Lucton have a proud tradition of sponsoring the Junior Section of the club and our relationship with the club remains strong and it is an honour to support them in any way that we can. If you too would like to donate anything to the club, please contact Alex Smith.

Do you have any old sports kit?

The current U15s will be touring South Africa in 2020 and as part of the community coaching will be handing out sports kit to children of the townships.

We are currently looking for any sports kit that doesn’t fit, isn’t used or you would like to donate so that we can take this with us on the tour to redistribute. The kit can be any size, shape, colour or condition, we will sort and clean this ready to be taken with us.

Collection Bins will be available in the Bar area at Luctonians each Sunday in September & October
Sports Report

U14/15 RUGBY v Bedstone, 69-10
We travelled to Bedstone in confident mood; certainly the U15s felt that a victory was on the cards and so it proved to be. The sides looked equally matched physically in the warm-up phase, but right from kick-off we looked the more positive side. We delivered quick ball and kept Bedstone on the back foot. Within 5 minutes we opened the scoring with at least 8 boys involved in the passage of play. The theme continued with Bedstone unable to prevent our runs. Kian had a first-half hat-trick on debut and Jack Barrett scored two excellent tries without outside breaks. Our support play was top drawer, but the big difference really was in the speed of delivery of the ball on contact – we were really good and we hope, we can build on this excellent start. 43 – 0 was the half-time score. We scored a couple of tries right at the start of the second-half, so Reubens and Archie were despatched to pitch-side to see what our 13 boys could do against a Bedstone 15. Despite conceding two tries our 13 scored 3 and we ran out winners 69 – 10. Amongst many good performances – Archie at 10 and Fred Chilman, a late draft into 9, not only controlled play well, but were prepared to use their team-mates to develop the team’s performance rather than dominate play themselves. Alex Dawes also stood out for me; he was relentless from start to finish, in attack, defence and support. Well done to the whole team, for this was a very good team performance and a fine start to the season.

U15 NETBALL v Dodderhill
Brilliant first match for the under 15s getting themself their first win of the season against Dodderhill. The starting seven showed they meant business by scoring 4 goals to 2 in the first quarter, Ella doing some brilliant long shots in the shooting circle. In the second quarter the girls managed to score another 4 goals; however, Dodderhill was catching up. The third quarter was poor but this was due to a change in the team and allowing time for the new players to settle into the game. The final quarter was the best netball of the whole game, the defence unit working extremely hard in forcing errors and getting interception. A massive well done to Olivia Kavanagh, Ellie Muckalt and Grace Marriott who worked well in defence stopping Dodderhill from scoring in the last quarter. Faith Price played a whole game at centre and did well to keep the pace and the game under control. Keep up the good work and lets go into the next game how we finished this one. Well Done.

U18 NETBALL v Ludlow College, 37-16
Although we began tentatively and took most of the first quarter to adapt to different styles of play the U18s began the season in style with a comfortable 37-16 win. Good team work and support by all players meant that the new line up began to gain confidence, especially in the attacking circle where the shooters started to move with greater assurance, to use the circle edge and get into the goal-scoring groove. In defence the duo of Harriet’s, with some help from Alice, kept the pressure on, winning many interceptions, which were swiftly moved up court by Ching Mei, our speedy, tenacious, versatile player of the match and Elsie Cowan, who quickly slotted into the role of centre. It was also encouraging to see Ella, Grace and Alicia grow in confidence as the game progressed with each player making positive contributions to the team’s success.

U16 NETBALL v Dodderhill, 18-18
This was a really good game for the start of the season. We were a little asleep in the first quarter and were losing 6-3 but as they settled into their stride the girls pulled it back and were winning after the 3rd quarter 12-10. The game then tightened even more. All our areas played well with Annie and Megan finding each other effortlessly in the circle hardly missing a shot against two very tall defence. The ball was being fed in well by Gina and Ellie, but likewise at the other end the defence of Amelia, Keira, Chloe and Nell in various combinations held the opposition with the game ending 18 all coming down to the final whistle. This was an excellent start to the term and Annie was named player of the match but to be honest any one of them could have been named!

**U14 NETBALL** v Dodderhill, 15-2
The U14 girls had their first match of the season. The girls started off with a fast pace game and applied pressure straight away. The movement up the court was excellent and all girls were getting into space to receive the ball. All the girls were very driven and showed some great team work skills. They managed to win the game 15-2. Harriet Sneyd got player of the match which was well deserved.

**U13 RUGBY** v Bedstone
The U13s had a very good afternoon playing a training game at Bedstone. It was useful to play 15 mins quarters to work on different things and set goals and discuss progress throughout. Shaking off the cobwebs of the long summer, the team started slowly, but as the game went on more and more skills and structure to their play became evident.

Lucton scored 6 tries in the match and demonstrated some excellent pace and agility and found space well in their free running. Nathan scored two tries on debut, following some time off the pitch with a bloody nose! Jayden produced the occasional strong run too on debut for Lucton but had to come off after an accidental kick, which was a shame!

Ellis Yates, Joel Bassett and Zac Powell produced some exceptional pace and fancy footwork to avoid tackles. Tackling got better and better as the game developed. The pick in defence today were Sam Thomas and Ellis Yates. Matthew Grant demonstrated excellent counter rucking skills and was awesome in space, he too scored a wonderful solo try. Herbie Westhorpe scored two after some strong running, sadly one was disallowed for a foot in touch. All in all the team grew in cohesion as the game progressed. George Jones had a solid game at scrum half and lots of players tried different positions throughout the afternoon too. Well done!

**BADMINTON** v Bedstone
A fantastic start to the new badminton season with a very close hard-fought draw with Bedstone College. A great performance by the whole team, with most players winning either a singles or doubles match. In particular, the girls were outstanding, easily winning all of their singles and doubles matches. We look forward to the opportunity to improve on this next week when we travel to Bedstone for a return. Well done to all – Gilbert (captain), Phillips, Justin, Lek, Mike, Jack, Enbo and Kristy.
Equestrian News

Lucton School won the 70cm Show Jumping at Kington on Saturday. George Jones and Freya Lawry also won the 60cm Team Show Jumping competition at Kington Show with the Radnors Pony Club.

First for Oliver
As well as being on the winning team for the Show Jumping for Lucton School, Oliver Digwood also came first in the Mini Working Hunter Pony class.

Jake’s Blog
We are nearly all back now, Charlie is showing off about all his shows through the summer! Billy is still off for a bit as is Mouse, and I had a bit of time away which was great! We have a new person to look after called Storm and she seems nice and lots of new ridders to teach! Kington Show was busy for lots of our pupils with Hannah, Freya, Ollie and Jess winning the 70cm, Ollie winning one of the Working Hunters and George winning a class as well! Lots of others were pleased with their ponies, including Ella and Edith. Our Eventers Challenge is looming on the 14th October but we have dressage teams out this weekend at Kings. Good luck!

Multi-sports
On Saturday 8th September Darcy and Malachy Clarke, George Townsend and Harriet Snyder competed at the Teme Leisure Junior Aquathlon in Ludlow. Malachy, Darcy and Harriet achieved first places on the podium after strong performances from all four.

On Wednesday 12th September Lorcan, Malachy, Aoibh and Darcy Clarke and George Townsend competed at the Stourport Summer Duathlon. Lorcan and Aoibh both competing very well in the adult category, Malachy, Darcy and George well placed in the juniors.