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De Lacy Academy

# Parent Newsletter

Half term 3 2022

# Sharing Success

## Colours

Since September 2021, we have given out over 350 badges for students' achievements outside of the classroom. Character development is essential here at De Lacy and getting involved with our academy's enrichment and experience programme enables students to develop key life skills.



Students who completed tasks towards the end of Dec 2021 will receive their badges in March. Colours are given out at the end of a term.

Colour	Task
Red	Taking part in an after school activity
Orange	Representing the academy
Brown	Attend and external academic event
Blue	Be actively involved in a community or international experience
Pink	Participate in a school fundraising event
Purple	Take part in a formal presentation to an audience
Green	Help with the sustainability of the school and or environment
Yellow	Take part in a school production or event

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# De Lacy Academy Science

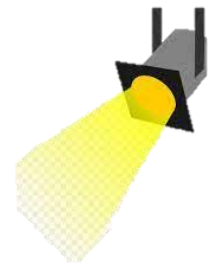
As a department we want our students to think about how Science influences the world around them and how they too can play a part in helping sustain our environment and planet.

Year on year our results are improving, and we are now offering Triple Science to our students.



On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, Mrs. Corcoran will be leading a group of Year 7 students who will be planting trees around our site.

We will also be supporting the Climate Coalition who are the largest group of people dedicated to take action against climate change. Our tree planting students will be also creating a green heart that they will wear in support of #showthelove campaign.



## Meet the Team

My name is Mrs. Stainer, and I am the Head of Science at De Lacy Academy. I have worked here for just over 8 years and we have a fantastic, enthusiastic and dedicated team in Science:

Mrs. Hannon, Mr. Hirst, Mrs. Michie, Mr. Bull, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Lister.



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# PE



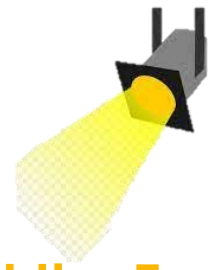
## Ex pupil trains with Castleford Tigers first team over the festive period.

Ben Wood has had the privilege of training with the first team over the Christmas period. This is a fantastic experience for ex De Lacy Academy pupil.

*"It's a great opportunity to get in and around the First Team – obviously, they are big lads! They have been big, tough physical sessions but I'm finding it okay."*

*"It's mainly been skill work and some defence this week. The biggest difference in the game has been the speed. It's a completely different sport from your College and Academy level."*

Everyone at De Lacy Academy wishes Ben the best for the 2022 season.



## Meet the Team

My name is Mr Windley and I am the Head of PE at De Lacy Academy. I am extremely lucky to work with an excellent bunch of staff, who share the same passion as I do, to help students progress and have a real love of learning for school sport.

As a department we pride ourselves on our results for KS4, which are consistently high each year. We also offer a range of extra curricular opportunities for students to develop further. Ben is a prime example of someone who attended extra curricular clubs and now is training with the first team of Castleford Tigers.

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## Supporting our Community

Last half term we raised over £700 to support our local foodbank here in Knottingley. This was through the amazing efforts of our staff and students who supported our very first Christmas Fair. As well as the fair, we were able to donate several bags and boxes of food. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and members of our community who supported us.



## A Christmas show with a difference...

A slightly different Christmas show this year, but what an amazing show it was! Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Pritchard were fabulous! A massive congratulations to all the students involved for putting on some amazing drama and music performances. We really do have some talented students here at De Lacy.

A special thank you to Mr. Williamson and Miss Bibby for their efforts putting the show together.

Hopefully, we will be able to have live audiences back in our hall soon!



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## Princess Diana Anti Bullying Award



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their Head of Year to become an Antibullying Ambassador.

We are so excited to be working with the Princess Diana Trust and are looking forward to making a real positive change to our student community.

**Yr7** – Zain Mahmood and Erin Nornton

**Yr8** – River Haigh and Weronika Janor

**Yr9** – Charlotte Wilson, Miley Stephens and Franki Bedford-Jackson

**Yr10** – Tia Cowell, Darcy Hannah and Luke Gill

## Canteen Take over

Our amazing canteen staff had some great events this half term.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January, students sampled some traditional Australian food as we celebrated Australian Day.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> February we also celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the Tiger. Again, students tried some traditional Chinese cuisine as well as receiving a fortune cookie.

#culture #broadeninghorizons



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# Student

## Lead out Loud

We are pleased that for 2021-22 we have re-established Lead out Loud (the student council team). Nominated by staff and from different year groups, these students will be working alongside our Leadership team to bring about positive change for our academy and community. They are currently working on fundraising plans for Comic Relief as well as working with the academy Designated Safeguarding Lead on ensuring students know where to access all relevant information to support their well-being. They have begun to investigate the need for increased outdoor furniture and will be submitting proposals to Mr. McCall very soon. They are always on the hunt for new members, and we know that there are many in the academy that have fantastic ideas and the drive to make a difference. Please let Mrs. Rawling know if you are interested.



## Reading Routes

Each Year 7 student had the opportunity to select one of our Crime and Mystery books as part of our continued push on reading. There are six books in total and students are encouraged to read as many as they can.

A huge congratulations to Brendan Norton in Y7. He has read 5 out of the 6 books and has already read over 2 million words! He even got a special mention by the author of his favourite book in this series, Scavenger by Darren Simpson.



**Darren Simpson** @DarrenSimpson44 · Feb 4

Replying to @DeLacyAcademy @deltatrusteng and @DeltaTrust\_Org

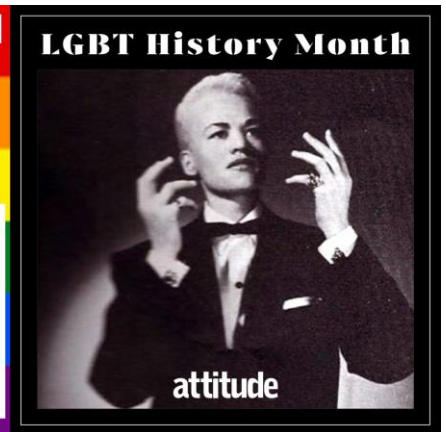
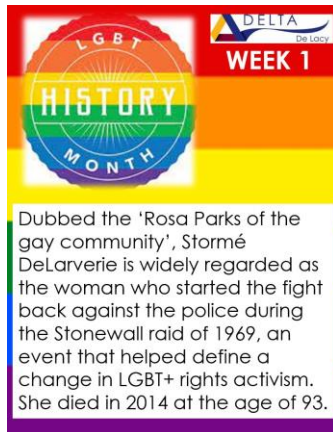
Two million! 🤯 Bravo, Brendan. That's incredible, and I hope you enjoy all the other many million words you'll no doubt read. 🤓👍

# Academy Events

## LGBTQ+History Month

February sees the start of the LGBTQ+History month. Students will learn about LGBTQ history and why it is important to recognise and celebrate it each year.

We will also be entering a national competition to design the new 2023 LGBTQ+ month badge so watch this space!



## National Apprenticeship Week 7-11<sup>th</sup> February

Students will be learning about the different apprenticeships that are available.

There are daily challenges for all students to complete and these are shared in form and on Twitter.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Y9 had a session in the main hall on '@what is higher education' as part of HEPP Fest 2022. Y10 also had a session on 'Connecting with your future self'.

To find out more about what is on offer this week nationally, please check out: [National Apprenticeship Week 2022 \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

## Children's Mental Health Week – 7-13<sup>th</sup> February

As an academy, we take mental health very seriously. We have onsite mindfulness clubs for students, school nurses, resources they can access as well as our #mindfulmonday twitter campaign. This week we are supporting parents to help support and identify mental health needs with their own children.

You can find out more by clicking - [Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](#)





# Dates for your Diaries

## Key Dates

### 17<sup>th</sup> February

Y9 DPT/Meningitis injections

### 18<sup>th</sup> February

Academy Closes

### 28<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day

### 1<sup>st</sup> March

Academy opens

### 9<sup>th</sup> March

Princess Diana Antibullying Award Training

### 11<sup>th</sup> March

The Riot Act – Y7 Road Safety presentation

### 4<sup>th</sup> April

Y9 Option Evening

### 5<sup>th</sup> April

Y10 and 11 – Macbeth Performance

### 8<sup>th</sup> April

Academy Closes

### 25<sup>th</sup> April

Academy Opens

## Key Events

### March

Women's History Month

### 1<sup>st</sup> March

Shrove Tuesday

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March

World Book Day

### 5<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> March

British Science Week

### 14<sup>th</sup> March

Pi Day

### 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's day – Irish Event in the canteen

### 18<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

### 1<sup>st</sup> April

Start of Ramadan

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April

Inclusion Week

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