

# The Lower Quad



LANCING COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT WORTHING



**Annual Review 2022-2023**

# VALETE



We bade farewell this summer to our Year 8 pupils who have been an exceptional year group. We are so proud of these young people and all that they have achieved in their time with us. With 16 scholarships and exhibitions to Lancing College, they have done so well in their endeavours in every aspect of our three school aims: Love Learning, Be Kind, and Go out into the World and Do Good. We bade them farewell with every good wish for the next step in their journey.

Samuel B (2021-2023)	Lancing College-Head Master's Award
Henry B (2020-2023)	Lancing College-Academic Exhibition
Benjamin B (2019-2023)	Lancing College-Drama Scholarship
Kaylee B (2022-2023)	Lancing College-Sports Scholarship
Molly B (2021-2023)	Lancing College-Sports Exhibition
Lucas C (2018-2023)	Worth School
Lily D (2023-2023)	Relocated
Florence D (2021-2023)	Lancing College-Academic Scholarship & Ken Shearwood Award
Jude G (2018-2023)	Lancing College-Sports Scholarship
Elliot G (2020-2023)	Lancing College-Sports Scholarship
Jake G (2019-2023)	Lancing College
Joshua H (2016-2023)	Lancing College-Head Master's Award
Phoebe H (2016-2023)	Lancing College
John H (2014-2023)	Lancing College-Academic Exhibition
Henry H (2014- 2023)	Seaford College
Chloe L (2021-2023)	Lancing College
Martha M (2013-2023)	Lancing College-The Jack Robson-Carter Academic Scholarship (3rd highest award)
Purdey M (2014-2023)	Lancing College
Abigail M (2021-2023)	Lancing College
Janani R (2021-2023)	Lancing College-Drama Scholarship
Anton S (2021-2023)	Lancing College
Oliver Se (2021-2023)	Lancing College-Sankey Academic Scholarship (highest award)
Oliver Sm (2012-2023)	Lancing College-Sports Exhibition
William S (2019-2023)	Lancing College
Imogen W (2018-2023)	Lancing College-Melsome Academic Scholarship (2nd highest award)
Solomon W Y (2020-2023)	Lancing College



# Farewell Mrs Beeby

In this edition of the Lower Quad it is time to honour, celebrate, and say thank you to Mrs Beeby, who has dedicated her heart and soul to our school community, LPW.

Mrs Beeby has been a beacon of inspiration and guidance, leading us on a path of knowledge, growth, and achievement. Her tireless commitment to LPW has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless children, their families and staff.



She has exemplified unwavering dedication to our school's aims and what we are all trying to achieve: an outstanding and happy school that produces good and kind humans. Her leadership has fostered an environment where the children feel empowered, teachers feel supported, and a true sense of community thrives.

It's not just her professional accomplishments that we celebrate, but also the personal connections that she has forged with each member of our school community. She possesses an uncanny ability to see the best in others, nurturing their strengths and guiding us towards success.

As we see Mrs Beeby move on to her next chapter, we are filled with gratitude for the years of service and dedication she has bestowed upon us. We are also filled with sadness, knowing that her wisdom and presence will be greatly missed within the LPW walls.

On behalf of the entire school community, we would like to express our deepest appreciation. Thank you for being you.

**Francesca Milling**

# A word from the Head

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to all as we unveil the latest edition of The Lower Quad.

This issue was written by Heather Beeby before her retirement as Head at the end of the Summer Term 2023.

In the pages of this magazine, you will find a reflection of our vibrant and thriving community. Our school is a place where young minds are nurtured, where talents are discovered, and where dreams take flight. The magazine is a showcase of the remarkable journeys and achievements of our pupils, capturing the essence of the unique educational experience that we provide.

Throughout these pages, there are stories and photographs showcasing academic excellence, creative expression, athletic achievements, community service, and so much more. It is a testament to the incredible passion and drive that our pupils and teachers bring to our community each day.

I hope you enjoy this issue and that it provides a glimpse into the many extraordinary moments that make our school community so special.

**Francesca Milling**



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# Calling all former pupils



**If you're a former pupil of Lancing Prep at Worthing, we want to hear from you!**

Your experiences since leaving could help motivate and inspire our current pupils to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love for you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school. We are very much looking forward to our 10th Anniversary as Lancing Prep at Worthing in 2024, and we would like to invite former staff and pupils to come and celebrate.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can connect.

Sign up to stay connected; please email [ALPW@lancing.org.uk](mailto:ALPW@lancing.org.uk) with your name, the years you attended, and what you are up to now.





# Autumn Term 2022

**It feels very strange indeed to be reflecting on my last Autumn Term at Lancing Prep Worthing. I have been so touched by all the kind and supportive comments from pupils, staff and parents, both for me and for Mrs Francesca Milling, who will be LPW's new Head from September 2023.**

**I am making the most of every moment in my final year at LPW and know I am leaving the school in the best possible hands for the next stage in its journey!**

The first half of term always flies by, and this year we paused in early September to reflect upon and celebrate the life of Her Late Majesty, with Year 8 pupils writing some very moving poems to mark the occasion. As the term continued, our new starters settled in beautifully and there was a vibrant atmosphere around the school. Our Harvest Festivals were happy occasions, with much joyful singing and it was a pleasure to welcome parents back to these events. We collected gifts for 'Turning Tides' and we know these will make an enormous difference to those in need in our wider community. It was a busy time and the children and their teachers were certainly ready for a rest over the half term break!

It has been a creative term too, the half term pumpkin carving competition was great fun and brought forth a veritable army of carefully crafted monsters to be admired, either in school or in photographs! The next exciting event was the visit of author and illustrator, Chris Riddell. He spoke to the children from Years 2–8 for an hour, seated at a visualiser which projected his drawings onto a screen which the children could see, and they were simply transfixed (as were the staff)! How anyone can draw whilst speaking frankly and compellingly to a large group of children and not looking at the 'paper' is beyond me, but he did! His work was beautiful. Next he read one of his early years stories aloud to our youngest children from

Nursery to Year 1, before embarking on a marathon book signing session for the pupils. His personal attention to detail for each child was lovely to see and his visit will live long in our collective memories.

Anti-Bullying Week started with Odd Socks Day, where the children were invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate their individuality. In PSHEE lessons, they explored this hugely important and very complex issue over the course of the week and completed our pupil survey which will help inform how we enhance this learning experience going forward.

As the term moved inexorably onwards, preparations for Christmas events at school loomed into view. The school was filled with music and smiling faces and the





children thoroughly enjoyed wearing their own clothes for one day in exchange for tombola items or a Christmas jumper for the exchange stall at the LPWA Christmas Fair – a pleasingly ‘green’ idea for discarded garments! The fair was a wonderful success, well supported by our families and provided a plethora of stalls and activities and plenty to eat and drink.

We were also delighted to see the return of the LPW glitter ball and our Strictly Historical Dancing

Day – the judges were a hoot, the compères were super and the children worked hard on learning their dances for the competitive part of the day. Well done to winners Year 7 for their spirited Medieval dancing. In our eyes they were all our favourites!

Our traditional Christmas nativities were delightful, as ever, and a joy to behold. The children worked so hard on their singing and we know the parents loved sharing in these occasions with us. Finally,

the Prep school children returned to the Lancing College Chapel for our carol service on the last day of term. It has been some time since we have been able to hold this event at the College and it was a truly fitting way to bring this lively term to a close.





# Autumn Term 2022





# Photo Gallery



# Spring Term 2023

**The Spring Term has been packed full of activities, both at school and further afield. It has been truly wonderful to see our younger children making the most of their 'loving learning' experiences with more visits off site.**

Year 1 had a super time at Leonardslee, meeting the wallabies and their joeys, exploring the first signs of spring returning to the gardens and discovering more about the Victorian world in the extensive Dolls House exhibition.

Back at school they teamed up with the Year 2 children for a very exciting alternative curriculum day. In mixed groups they took part in cooking, forest school and art activities. They sawed and drilled wood in Forest School to make necklaces, displayed their culinary skills baking flapjacks in the Food & Nutrition room and created fabulous owl collages in Art.

It's been some time since our older pupils had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture and language of France and this

year's trip to Paris for Years 7 and 8 was exceptional. As one might expect, they visited the usual Parisian landmarks, such as the Tour Eiffel, and had a day out at the stunning Palace of Versailles. With opportunities to practise their French shopping in Paris and in a marketplace teeming with delights, their language skills have been enhanced immeasurably. They were such great ambassadors for the school, drawing compliments for their behaviour and politeness wherever they went and more importantly perhaps than that, they had a fantastic time!

Closer to home, for our World Book Day celebrations the school was transformed into a riot of colour, as pupils arrived dressed as characters from

their favourite books. It was wonderful to see the effort that the children (and their parents) had gone to – a real celebration of their love of books. Our annual costume parade included some memorable characters: A posse of Doctors Frankenstein and one monster, Matilda (soon to be our school musical offering), Alice in Wonderland characters and a selection from Hogwarts. Courtesy of our wonderful LPWA, a masterful storyteller, Jamie Crawford, came along and transfixed the children with his tales, delivered in the oral storytelling tradition.

We've also hosted some important visitors to school - the Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Henna Chowdhury, came to speak at a Prep assembly. She described







her role as Mayor, her childhood ambitions and dreams, and it was clear how much she loves Worthing. She thoughtfully answered many carefully considered questions from the pupils. Two weeks later, we welcomed local MP Mr Tim Loughton, who led a Prep assembly and took on some terrific questions from the children, ranging from his opinion on former Prime Ministers, Liz Truss and Boris Johnson, to why he supported Brexit and Climate Change, which he described as the biggest single issue for the world today. He gave the children valuable insights into the life of a politician and has invited a group of students for a trip to Parliament in the summer term. We often say that asking a good question is a brilliant way to learn and our children enjoy rising to the challenge. We hope Mr

Loughton enjoyed it too!

As part of their unit on time, travel, resilience and the power of yet, Year 6 pupils were greeted on arrival at school by a 'Back to the Future' Dolorean.

The children delighted as the Doc and Marty McFly (Mr Lucas and Mr Grimshaw) stopped by, from October 26 1985, to congratulate the children on their work.

All coaches were fully booked for the month but 'Roads? Where we're going we don't need roads!', so the children caught the train to London where they continued their time travelling experience watching Back to the Future: The Musical at the Adelphi Theatre.

Our scholars this year have been exceptional and to win the top three academic scholarships to Lancing College again was simply

thrilling. Many congratulations to our determined and very highly motivated young men and women. In total, pupils at LPW earned four Academic Scholarships, two Academic Exhibitions, two Drama Scholarships, three Sports Scholarships, two Sports Exhibitions, a Ken Shearwood Award and a Head Master's award. In addition to this, two Year 6 pupils received Sports Scholarships to other senior schools and another the Brian Jay All-Rounder Scholarship to Great Ballard.

As our senior pupils draw nearer to the end of their time at Lancing Prep Worthing, there will be many happy memories for them to look back on. They and I will certainly cherish our last term together in this thriving school community.





# Spring Term 2023





# Photo Gallery





# Summer Term 2023

**This is my last article for the Lower Quad magazine, and I write with sadness to be saying goodbye but with great pride in the school I have loved for nine years.**

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This term, as all our terms are, has been action-packed: Numbers Day, celebrations for the Coronation of Charles III, sports days, trips, The Bannister Mile, Third Generation Day, and Matilda the Musical, to name but a few, and the pupils have risen to every occasion.

Our pupils are extraordinary. All children have the potential to be great, but sadly, some are not provided with the opportunities they need to enable them to grow and fulfil their potential. At LPW, all our children are encouraged, supported, cajoled, and perhaps most importantly, inspired. They take pride in their learning, and here it is 'cool' to learn. The teachers strive to engage them in activities and interests beyond the classroom and take a positive interest in their interests. An example of the depth

of children's engagement is the topic list for the Year 8 Religion, Ethics and Philosophy independent projects completed at the beginning of this term, which includes: 'Will reporting on the gender pay gap make a positive change for women?' 'What is the human cost of cobalt in batteries?' 'Genetic Engineering: Is it ever right to 'play God?'

This year we put on our annual school musical, 'Matilda'. The children rehearsed the musical numbers and choreography enthusiastically at school in preparation for three outstanding performances at the Lancing College Theatre. Families and friends came along to enjoy the extraordinary talent that was on show.

Our Third Generation Day this year was celebrated with a host

of fun activities and celebrations. Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a bouncy castle, teacup ride, and face painting, while Year 1 and 2 visited Paultons Park and Years 3–8 visited Chessington. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we owe a big thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association, who do so much to enhance our children's experience at school.

Once again, Year 8 worked in collaboration with the Worthing Archaeological Society on a dig in the corner of our school field to uncover any remnants of the former Broadwater Manor outbuildings that it is believed were demolished at some point in the first part of the 20th century. We didn't find any buried treasure, sadly, but there were a number of artefacts unearthed. It was very exciting,







and the younger year groups can't wait to dig up the rest of the field when their time comes!

Sports days were celebrated wonderfully again this year. The children were exceptional and gave their all during the events. The younger children competed in the egg and spoon, bean bag, and sack races. The older pupils competed in the 80m, 150m, and 600m races along with an obstacle course, finishing with a lovely picnic on the school field. Thank you to all our lovely families for coming along to support us. The children had a great day.

We were delighted to hold our end-of-year celebration at the College Chapel, with prizes handed out and tributes paid to our Year 8 pupils as

their time with us drew to a close. We are so proud of these young people and all that they have achieved in their time with us.

Shortly after I started here, an inspirational young teacher with huge potential mentioned to me that she was anxious about speaking in assembly. Of course, I made it a target for her and set a date to enable her to give it a go and overcome her nerves. To this day, that assembly is one of the best I have ever seen, and at the end of it, she gave every child and every member of staff a card to keep that said, 'Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good'. It is from this teacher and from this assembly that our third aim arose, and it has

prompted a multitude of positive actions from the children and their teachers, some private and heartfelt, and some that are supported by the whole school. Our Bannister Mile sponsored run, which took place on Broadwater Green in June, is a good example. That teacher was Mrs Francesca Milling, and it is Francesca who will be the new Head of this school when I retire in July. Francesca is the perfect person to lead the school forward and inspire the children. I am excited and pleased for her and the school community, and I can leave with the knowledge that this school and its children are safe with her.





# Summer Term 2023





# Photo Gallery





# Matilda









# Bannister Mile





# Sports Day





# Prize Day











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