

Keswick School



LAIRTHWAITE HOUSE

Date: 16th July 2021

Dear All

Another very strange school year is over and this week has highlighted that. The boarders who were still here this week and had to isolate again for two days were fantastic and we managed to carry out all our plans for BIG boarding week. As a group they have bonded so well and have been really resilient and accepting when plans had to be changed instantly, especially those who have not been able to see their families much at all this year.

Lots of prizes were awarded this week; those who had completed their Lairthwaite Awards receiving prizes and certificates as well as the annual house prizes ranging from Sports person of the Year to Role Model of the Year. What an amazing group we have had this year and how good it is for them to recognise the attributes of others in the voting process. One of our Year 9s also won the Workington Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition (this competition was for musicians from all schools in our local area).

Thank you to everyone who has supported our BIG sponsored walk, we have raised £615 for Crisis, the homelessness charity. If you would like to donate our Just Giving page is still open at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lbhforcrisis>.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to some of the boarders for the final time but look forward to welcoming lots of new members of our boarding family in September. We wish everyone good luck in wherever they move onto next and hope they all come back to visit from time to time.





WHAT'S NEW SINCE LAST TIME

- Mrs Pepper is now filling boarding places for the school year 2022-23, if you know of any families who would like to consider joining our community please feel free to pass on our details.
- We are welcoming Mr Singleton onto our staff team here at LBH from September, he is well known in school as a form head and cover supervisor and has also helped out on boarding activities for many years. He will be on duty at least once a week during tea, prep and bedtimes.

TRAVEL PLANS

- We look forward to welcoming the boarders back after the break on either Wednesday 1st September (House Prefects, Year 7 and 12 and their siblings) or Thursday 2nd September
- Please can all boarders complete a LFD Covid-19 test on the day they return to LBH (these are available to collect for free at pharmacies).
- School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 22nd October for the half term holidays, we are already putting travel plans in place so please let us know as soon as possible if your child needs help with transport to and from the airport or Penrith station..
- The house mobile number for emergencies 24 hours after the start and before the end of the holidays is 0753 1580015. For any other calls to the house please ring our landline on 017687 72952 as the mobile reception is poor here and we do not carry the mobile all the time.

ACTIVITIES NEXT HALF TERM (subject to change)

- Sat 5th Sept -Town quiz & road safety
- Sun 6th Sept- Team games
- Sat 11th Sept- Lazer Tag at Blaithwaite House, Wigton
- Sun 12th Sept- Keswick Mountain Festival
- Sat 18th Sept- Penrith Golf Driving Range
- Sun 19th Sept- Lairthwaite Awards Program
- Sat 25th Sept- Claire's Crazy Creatures visit LBH
- Sun 26th Sept- Go Karting - Yr 10+
- Sat 2nd Oct- Solway Aviation Museum & Gretna Gateway Shopping
- Sun 3rd Oct- Scavenger Hunt
- Sat 9th Oct- Quad biking, Rookin' House Farm
- Sun 10th Oct- Outdoor cooking
- Sat 16th Oct- Keswick Ghost Walk
- Sun 17th Oct- Mr Mike's Challenge

Please note that your child's data may be shared with activity providers as and when necessary. This is in line with the privacy policy available on the school website.



MOST IMPORTANT - IF NOTHING ELSE, PLEASE READ THIS

- New rooms are reassigned right at the end of the holidays when we are certain who is returning. All the returning boarders have had the opportunity to express a preference before the holidays of who they would like to share with next year and we do our best to accommodate. They will only find out which rooms they are in when we return.
- For the first half term of the new school year boarders in Years 7 to 10 will not be permitted to have games consoles in their bedrooms. This is to help everyone socialise in the house, join in more school, town and boarding activities and settle in without this distraction. There are Wii and PS4 games consoles in the main common room and boarders are welcome to use these in their free time. Please keep consoles at home until at least October half term. When sending back any games consoles after this please do check the parental controls are in place regarding age and time restrictions.

AND FINALLY...

- For regular house updates we use our Twitter account: "KeswickLBH".
- Upcoming parents' evenings and events in school are listed at www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/Calendar

With best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday

Johan and all the team at LBH

Mrs Johan Pickering

Lairthwaite Boarding House

