



LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP



May 2019

Newsletter

For School Leaders, Teachers, Support Staff, Governors and Trustees



Welcome from the Chief Executive



As I write, we are in SATs week, GCSE and A Level exams have started and Ofsted have visited two of our schools within a couple of days so it feels like an incredibly busy time of year. Reading over the stories in this edition of our staff newsletter has been a great reminder to me of all the less urgent but equally important things that our schools do, both individually and as the Partnership. Yesterday, we ran our first Lighthouse Business Partners event (which was an amazing success with more than 100 local employers on site at Gordano) and we are now busy recruiting new employers to join us in developing work related learning across our secondary schools. In time we aspire to having a primary-phase offer too.

[Read more](#)



Trust Expansion

We welcomed Bishop Sutton Primary School, Stanton Drew Primary School, East Harptree CE Primary School, Ubley CE Primary School and Winford CE Primary School to the Trust on 1st January 2019.



This brings the number of schools in the Trust to 22.

Lighthouse Business Partners

We are delighted to announce that Gordano Business Partners has expanded and relaunched as Lighthouse Business Partners; incorporating all three secondary schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership: Gordano School, Backwell School and Chew Valley School. This exciting development will see the partnership grow and provide further business and career opportunities for over 4500 students across the Trust.

Businesses have identified a number of reasons for working with schools. These include helping to close the gap between their needs and education provision, and making sure enough young people are thinking about careers in their sectors.



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Employer engagement is a key aspect of our Business Partnership and can include: mentoring activities, work experience, guest speakers, links to alumni, careers fairs and networking events. Partners have the opportunity to increase their community profile and get involved in business and careers related events.

If you would like to find out more about joining the business partnership, please email businesspartnership@lsp.org.uk or visit www.lsp.org.uk



LSP GATEWAY

Our new Intranet Launching Soon!

LSP Rewards has a new name, a new look and a new purpose – the one-stop hub for internal communications and employee rewards.

Launching on 16th May, LSP Gateway will be bigger and better than ever!

You will be able to:

- Keep up to date with the latest LSP news
- Find useful advice, resources and Trust policies
- Send a colleague an **eCard** and make their day
- Access the **Wellbeing Centre** for support & tools on living a healthier, happier life
- Download the **SmartSpending™ App** for savings on the go



COMPETITION!

***Win £25** to spend at selected LSP Gateway Retailers. Simply register and login by **31st May** for your chance to be one of two lucky winners!

How to register:

- **Step 1:** Register on **www.lspgateway.org.uk** with your details.
**If you have already registered with LSP Rewards you do not need to register again. All you need to do is login to your account, as you would normally do.*
- **Step 2:** Wait for the confirmation email, activate your account and log in with your email address and chosen password.
- **Step 3:** Browse the Intranet to access staff news, useful resources and discover exclusive discounts and offers.
- **Step 4:** Track and manage your savings in the **'My Account'** section.



LSP Gateway
Rewards, benefits & employee resources

www.lspgateway.org.uk

**Winners will be randomly selected and announced by 14th June 2019.*



NSTA INSET Day

A fantastic NSTA Inset Day was held at Gordano School on Friday 15th February with schools focusing on Learning centred leadership. Andy Buck, author of *Leadership Matters* delivered an engaging presentation on Leading classrooms for learning.



GDPR Online Training Reminder

A reminder that all Trust employed staff and governors need to complete the GDPR online training if you haven't already done so.

Please register with your work email using this link:

<https://app.ihasco.co.uk/vog089>

Should any staff have any questions, please contact Louise Carey

lcarey@lsp.org.uk





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Over 100 guests attended the Lighthouse Business Partner's launch Breakfast event on 15th May.

Headteacher, Tom Inman opened the breakfast and Gary Lewis, Chief Executive of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, gave an update on the Trust's growth and future plans.

Our guest speaker was entrepreneur and polar explorer Antony Jinman. Antony is recognised for being the twelfth Britain to have skied to the Geographic North Pole and ski solo to the Geographic South Pole.



Keen to share his knowledge and experiences, the talk provided a fascinating insight into Antony's personal journey on how he came to be a modern day polar explorer and educational entrepreneur. Antony discussed his latest venture LiketoBe, a networking platform connecting employers with educators.

Many thanks to our Sixth Form students from Gordano, Backwell and Chew Valley schools who spoke about their experiences from a recent partnership conference held at UWE.





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UWE
Bristol

University
of the
West of
England



Business and Leadership Conference for Sixth Form Students

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership in conjunction with UWE Bristol Business School proudly launched their inaugural multi-academy trust Sixth Form Conference for Gordano, Backwell and Chew Valley schools on Friday 18th January 2019.

Focussing on topics of innovation, self-leadership, team working, and entrepreneurship, the event sought to inspire and encourage 300 sixth form students to develop key skills for future careers.

Chief Executive of Lighthouse Schools Partnership, Gary Lewis commented: “Our Sixth Formers work extremely closely with universities and business partners but this was a unique and fantastic opportunity for them to engage with leaders from both sectors in the inspirational setting of the new Business School.”

The conference was held at the flagship Bristol Business School building, located on the University of West England’s Frenchay campus. Opened in April 2017, the building is designed for students and business professionals to work together in a creative and stimulating environment.





Director of UWE's Bristol Business Engagement Centre, Dr Noordin Shehabuddeen, delivered a keynote address on 'Innovation: the art of unlearning'. Dr Shehabuddeen said: "We are in the business of preparing leaders for an unfolding future. We really enjoyed giving the students a memorable experience of what a university can do for them."

Students took part in breakout sessions with experts in self-leadership and entrepreneurship and had the opportunity to take part in a tour of the Business & Law School.

One student commented: "I have a UCAS application to UWE, but to be honest I was very half-hearted about it and thought I'd be going the apprenticeship route, however, after Friday, I'm thinking I need to be at UWE!"



Bristol Bears Rugby sensation Nick Fenton-Wells delivered a session on leadership alongside Bob Reeves, Director of the Foundation for Leadership through Sport (FLS).

This exciting event was the first of its kind for a multi-academy trust and will be the first of many partnership opportunities with the Bristol Business School.

Out of this World Day for St Peter's CE Primary Pupils



Year 5 pupils from St Peter's CE Primary school recently enjoyed a space themed wow day!

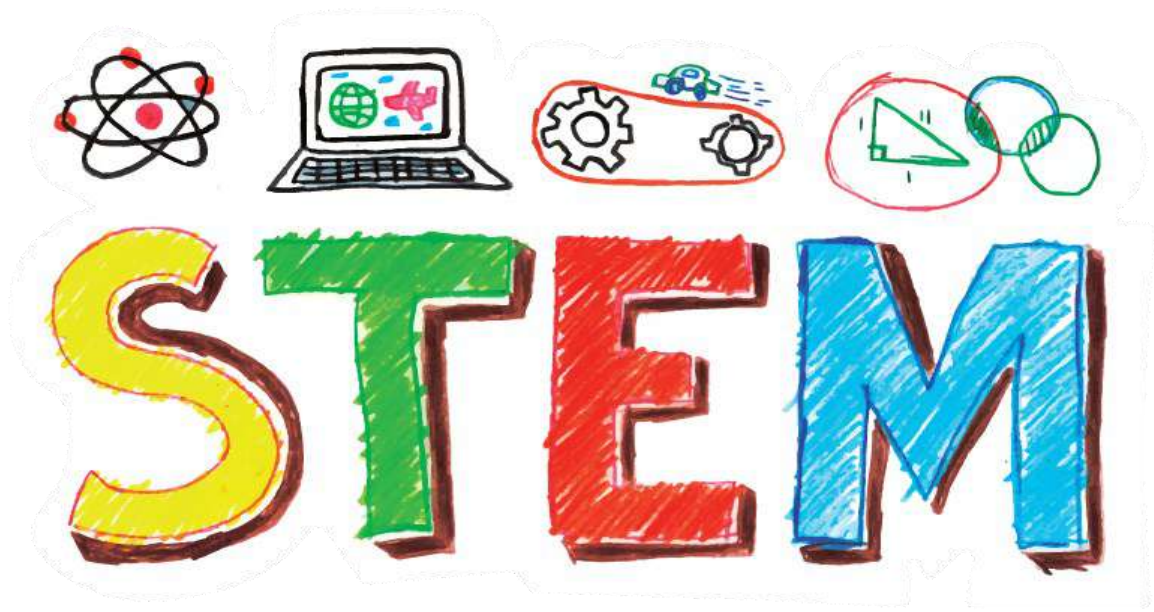
The children spent time in the Space Dome, learning about how astronauts train.



The Big Bang 2019
@ Weston

Year 9 pupils from Backwell School took part in a fantastic afternoon of hands-on displays and challenges about the relevance of science, technology and engineering to their lives and future careers at the Big Bang Event held at Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare.

The interactive event is aimed at students of all ages who are interested in learning more about STEM subjects and the careers they can lead to.





Critical Acclaim for Chew Valley Art Student

Chew Valley School Sixth Form student, Tasha Davey, appeared as a contestant on Sky Portrait Artist of the Year! Tasha was the youngest contestant in this year's series which pitches professional artists against amateurs. To enter, Tasha had to submit a self portrait which she painted whilst 16 years old and having only been using oil paints for just over a year.

The contest is run over 8 heats, each with 9 artists painting 1 of 3 celebrities. Tasha had to paint actress Jodie Comer from the popular Killing Eve series.

Primary Schools get a Taste of Africa

The Za Foundation from South Africa recently carried out storytelling workshops for pupils at Flax Bourton CE Primary School and Northleaze CE Primary School.

The Zakhele group visit the UK every two years and spend time in primary and secondary schools, introducing young children to a different culture and letting them experience the music, singing and dancing from a different country.





HRH The Countess of Wessex visits Gordano School

It was a proud day for Gordano as they welcomed HRH The Countess of Wessex on 26th February to see their student-led First Aid in Schools Pilot Project and to officially open their new Dining Hall & Languages Faculty.

During the visit, Her Royal Highness met students involved in a pilot First Aid in Schools project that the school is running alongside The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and St John's Ambulance. Gordano School is one of three pilot schools chosen to take part in the Somerset First Aid in Schools Scheme. The aim of the project is to spread knowledge of first aid, including CPR as widely as possible to Somerset's school student population.

Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet Charlie Gazzard and a group of Bronze D of E students demonstrated some of the lifesaving skills for the Countess during her visit.

Tom Inman, Headteacher for Gordano School, commented: "It was a very proud day for us, and a first in the school's history. We are thrilled that Her Royal Highness visited Gordano to see just a sample of the wide range of opportunities that we offer our students and to open our new building."





Siblings Awarded Places in National Orchestras!

A huge congratulations to Anna Faram from Gordano School who has been awarded a place as a violinist in the National Youth Orchestra of Wales (NYOW) and her brother Samuel who has been awarded a place in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain (NCO) for 2019! Anna is one of the youngest musicians to join the NYOW which includes students from music college up to the age of 23, and touring all over the country in the summer.

Samuel has been awarded with a place as a percussionist and it will be his 5th and last year with the NCO.

Maths Challenge Success for Year 5 Pupils

A group of Year 5 pupils from East Harptree CE Primary School took part in a Maths challenge in Bath at the Paragon School. They competed in pairs against other schools, solving problems and completing a range of fun maths challenges.

Both pairs finished with fantastic scores and competed with confidence, enthusiasm and great team work.





EXPERT PHONICS TEACHING

22ND MAY,
4TH OR 5TH JULY 2019
9.00 – 3.30PM

A ONE DAY PROGRAMME
DELIVERED BY THE
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£70

This professional development will support both experienced and new phonics teachers to deepen their subject knowledge and pedagogy to plan and deliver expert phonics lessons. Teachers will have practical opportunities to develop their practice and explore resources.

It is essential that you book a place via cpdportal-sw.org

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Author visits Backwell School

Author Fay Keenan visited Backwell School in March.

Fay, who is a former student of Backwell, shared her writing expertise and methodology with a group of aspiring writers.

www.faykeenan.com



Teatime Networking Event - Creative Industries

Gordano School recently held a Teatime Networking Session themed around careers within the Creative Industries. Employers and professionals from the world of creative design came along to offer students advice on how to break into the industry.

Web designers, code writers, graphic designers and filmmakers answered questions in a 'speed dating style' whilst enjoying tea and cake!



Two primary schools officially open new libraries!



Wraxall CE Primary School celebrated the launch of its learning hub, called The Hive, on 8th March to tie in with World Book Day.

Children and staff dressed as book characters and the library was officially opened by CEO Gary Lewis.

Headteacher, Amy Townsend, said: "It was a fantastic day and the children were so enthusiastic.

"Reading is such an import skill to have and by enhancing the library we have given the children a relaxing, but vibrant place where they can enjoy books."



Portishead Primary School recently celebrated the opening of its new library, featuring an underwater themed mural, reading corner and computer area. CEO Gary Lewis was there on the day to officially open the learning and resources area.



High Down Schools Promoting a Plastic Free Environment

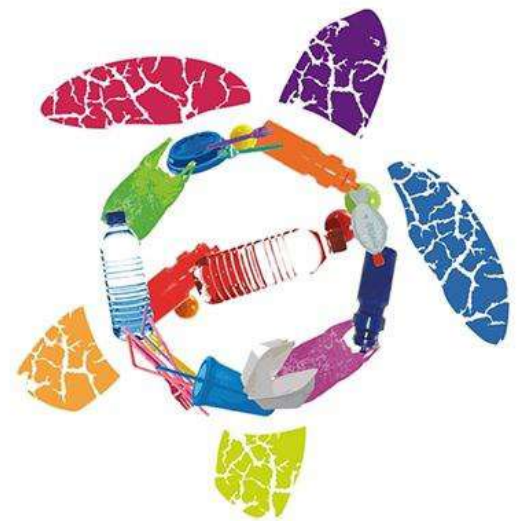


In celebration of David Attenborough's 93rd birthday and Plastic Free day on 8th May, High Down School children brought in plastic free lunch boxes, Year 4 turned non-recyclable plastic into eco-bricks and the infant school collected their plastic fruit bags to see how much recyclable plastic waste 10 classes generate in a week!

This environmental spark was ignited at High Down Schools when a year 4 pupil, Lizzy, wrote to the head teacher to ask if a box could be placed in the dinner hall to collect the children's crisp packets.

Lizzy talked to the whole school in an assembly, wrote a piece in the school's newsletter and even wrote to the headteachers of other primary schools inviting them to join her crisp packet crusade!

Lizzy inspired the school's caretaker, Kevin, who went on to build two eco-bots to collect crisp packets from homes and workplaces, and the "green team" are currently collecting in excess of 1,000 packets each week.



[Read more](#)

Science Week at High Down Junior School



Science Week (8-17 March) a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, was once again a huge success across High Down Junior School with ever-popular guests Mr G and Explorer Dome providing hands-on, visually-stimulating learning across many areas of the curriculum such as sound, space, the water cycle and human body!

#EMPOWER HALF HOUR

Take **30 MINUTES**
to try these activities
to boost your
wellbeing at work!

MOTIVATE

Group games and goals can help bring people together:

- Scavenger hunt
- Team quiz
- Goal setting: what will bring you closer as a team?



MOVE

Get active, a healthy body helps a healthy mind so why not:

- Set up a walking meeting
- Try chair yoga
- Bring in a fitness instructor for a lunchtime group class



SHARE

Connect with colleagues by discussing your life outside of work. What are your:

- Secret skills
- Much-loved hobbies
- Weekend plans



BOND

Show your support for your teammates:

- Take turns to discuss each person's best qualities
- Invite someone new for coffee or lunch
- Share lunch with colleagues – each bring a different dish



DISCOVER

Open your mind and calm your thoughts:

- Try mindfulness as a team
- Explore meditation
- Turn off your tech! No apps, no emails, no talking – let your mind quieten



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