# TERM 6 SUMMERS NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



As we come to the end of another remarkable year at Lawn Manor Academy, we want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared.

At Lawn Manor, we believe that every pupil should feel they truly belong to their school, their community, and their future. This year, we've seen our pupils support one another, celebrate each other's successes, and contribute to a culture of kindness and respect. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative and community projects, our pupils have shown what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves. Highlights include the introduction of our 'Belonging Ambassadors' to support some of our neuro-diverse community, our first 'Spring Fayre' raising money for our first trip to New York, as well as hosting two immersion visits from schools in Poland.

We also encourage every pupil to believe in their potential, their voice, and their ability to grow. This year has brought countless moments of resilience, ambition, and achievement. From academic progress to personal milestones, our pupils have risen to the occasion with determination and pride. A particularly proud moment was when our pupils became National Champions in the Great Big Dance Off competition!

And most importantly, we are proud of who our pupils are becoming. They are thoughtful, capable, and compassionate young people, ready to take on the next stage of their journey.

We would also like to thank our dedicated staff, whose passion and professionalism continue to inspire. Their commitment to nurturing every pupil's journey is the heartbeat of our school.

To our families, your partnership and encouragement have been vital in helping our young people thrive. We are grateful for your trust and collaboration.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Wishing you all a safe, sunny, and happy summer holiday.

Sandra Muir Executive Headteacher



Russell Langdown Head of School







The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is 'Community as a Superpower.'

Community is the incredible everyday. Ordinary and extraordinary. Simple acts of shared generosity. Kindness multiplied to become an unstoppable force! Communities can bring people together. Bridging divides and offering support. Spaces of resilience and places for healing.





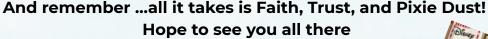
Once upon a time... in Lawn Manor Library, the theme was 'Disney'...

An absolute favourite and also voted by pupils as one of the most popular themes.

Young and Old, we all love Disney!

Disney is full of Fun, Sparkle, Adventure, Villains, Romance, lovable characters, and great make-believe storylines.

So pop into the Library and have a look at the variety of books available to loan out and get whisked away with the magic and enchantment of Disney!









## **Celebration of Welcomes**

Celebrating the school's cultural diversity through music, film, poetry, dance art and food!







# Lawn Manor Academy goes back to the classroom to support pupils' mental health.



Staff at <u>Lawn Manor Academy</u> have completed an in-depth training programme aimed at strengthening support for young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing, as well as preventing suicide amongst young people.

Over 100 members of staff have completed the SPEAK and SPOT suicide prevention training, made possible through funding from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Furthermore, 20 staff members and parents completed the 2-day ASIST training.

The training was delivered by <u>Papyrus</u>, a national charity dedicated to reducing the number of young people who take their own lives.

Throughout the school year, online and in-person courses have also been offered to parents and carers, equipping the wider Lawn Manor community with essential knowledge and tools to identify warning signs, challenge stigma, and support open conversations around suicide safely and sensitively. It also built confidence in recognising when someone may be struggling and how to support them in creating a safety plan.

Mrs Maddock, Assistant Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENDCO at Lawn Manor Academy, explained,

'This training has been incredibly important for us as a school community. Supporting the mental health of our pupils is one of our top priorities, and ensuring staff feel confident in having open, honest, and supportive conversations is a vital part of that. The impact of this training goes beyond the classroom; it helps to build a safer and more understanding community where young people know they are not alone.'











PRIDE Month is celebrated every June.

It honours the LGBTQ+ community.

It commemorates the Stonewall Riots of 1969.

It promotes equality, acceptance, and love.

PRIDE Month is a time to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and love.

Let's work together to create a supportive community.

#### **Key dates for Term 1**

Year 6 Open Evening Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Year 10 & Y11 Steps to Success Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

> Y7 Steps to Success Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October



# **CULTURE DAY**





As part of our Week of Welcome, Friday was Culture Day, where we celebrate our diversity as a school. Pupils were allowed to dress in traditional cultural wear. Over 150 pupils took part, displaying cultural dress of many nationalities, such as Nepal, Zimbabwe, India, Bangladesh, and Scotland.

Four Year 8 pupil showed off their artistic skills by performing Mendi on members of staff.

All pupils had 'Do Now's relating cultural diversity within each of their lessons during that day.

'It was a fantastic day had by all. It was so wonderful to see pupils of all nationalities taking part'.

Mr Smith







# Lawn Manor Academy joins forces with Wiltshire Police to celebrate diversity



The school joined forces with Wiltshire Police for the official relaunch event of Wiltshire Ethnic Police Association (WEPA).

Lawn Manor Academy was invited to take part in the event to talk about how its team embraces the diverse ethnic backgrounds of pupils, with at least 38 languages spoken across the school.

Assistant Headteacher, Mr Koza, spoke to the assembled group of WEPA representatives about how the school's approach to celebrating everyone's differences and helping others serves, to build harmony across the school community.

The school has also been recognised as a School of Sanctuary since July 2023, a UK-wide scheme that raises awareness of the experiences of people seeking safety, and plays a key role in building a culture of kindness and compassion.

Mr Koza explained: 'It was a real privilege to be invited to the Wiltshire Ethnic Police Association event and show them how we have become more collective and combined at Lawn Manor Academy by embracing cultures and our differences'







"We take every opportunity to celebrate our differences and successes through events like our Cultural Days and Refugee Week. Throughout every aspect of the school, we acknowledge that our unique backgrounds have helped us become the people we are today and that these experiences can help us achieve everything we want in the future."

# **Sparx Maths**

Our pupils have been working incredibly hard throughout this year to not only push themselves to do their best in every maths lesson, but also on our online homework platform- Sparx Maths. What is fantastic about Sparx Maths is that it personalises questions that suit each pupil's ability. Therefore, it aims to be ambitious but have achievable goals that all pupils can find success.

At the end of this year, 631,255 questions have been answered correctly in Sparx Maths this year. Students at Lawn Manor Academy have completed 8,562 hours of homework this year. We can also see that 177 pupils in Key Stage 3 have improved at their times tables this year- excellent!

Times tables are crucial to have a mathematical understanding in all GCSE topics. To celebrate all of these successes, we are handing out Sparx Math awards this term for the top 30 pupils who have continually completed their homework. This is on top of the homework raffle and house points added each week we give for pupils who have completed their Sparx Maths.

As part of the maths department, we want to say to our pupils a huge thank you to their dedication of wanting to striving for the best in their mathematical learning. We specifically want to shout out to the following pupils who have worked the hardest in their year group, not only doing compulsory work, but extra homework on top:

Year 7: Atilla O

Year 8: Francesca V

Year 9: Munaza N

Year 10: Aaron B

In the previous term, we also had the Junior Maths Challenge, where pupils in year 7 and year 8 took part and completed a 60-minute, 25 multiple-choice questionnaire.

It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency to make pupils think. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience. Well done, in particular, to Saviel F in Year 7, who got the best mark in the school.



## **PUPIL OF THE TERM**









Each term our Heads of
House ask subject leaders
from each department to
nominate 5 Fitzroy pupils,
5 Godddard pupils and 5
Pleydell pupils who are
pupils of the Term in their
subjects.

Each pupil is given a certificate for their achievement and was presented this in their House assembly.

each term we have a wall of fame celebrating all pupils in each house for their achievement.









### **The Holocaust**



This term, we have been reflecting on the Holocaust, Their Family, Me and Us journey this year. As a result, we decided to create a display that encompassed our journey so far this year. We took inspiration from the tasks that we had already completed and also from the impact of meeting the families at the conference that was held at Royal Wooten Bassett Academy.

We categorised our journey into the four headings of Learn, Lead, Live, and Legacy.

For Learn, what have we gained from the journey that we had not known before? For that, we revisited our RAG sheets in the booklets to assess the progress we have made in our understanding.

Lead – Highlights where students have taken a leadership role, by delivering Holocaust Memorial Day assemblies and bringing their knowledge and expertise as facilitators to special conference days.

Live – Showcasing the families and their stories, and how the second and third generation of survivors inspire us and keep the memory of victims alive.

Legacy - We have looked at how the Holocaust has been memorialised by researching examples from different countries. We have also started to look beyond the Holocaust and examine the lives of survivors.

Finally, Lawn Manor was delighted to be chosen to host a Building Bridges workshop here on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Led by Nic Wetherall and Charlotte Lane, we had special guests Angela Cohen MBE and Smajo Bešo OBE. The results were deep, thoughtful, and empathetic.

Smajo shared with us his journey from genocide in Bosnia to a new life in Newcastle.

The story engaged, moved, and inspired deep reflection within the pupils in equal measure. We must remember the past to ensure a brighter tomorrow.

Lastly, Angela and Smajo did us the great honour of opening out Sanctuary Garden. We had a tree planting ceremony where trees and roses were dedicated to our guests and the memory of their relatives. This is a project that will grow and stand as a lasting legacy to our commitment to Holocaust and Genocide education.







## **BIG BUSINESS DAY**

Our Y9 pupils participated in the annual Big Business Day competition hosted by the Platform Project at the Hilton Hotel.

Competing against 7 other local schools, our two teams came up with some brilliant business ideas and presented to a Dragons Den-type audience.

The girls' team came up with the idea of a "pod" type device that purified air to help relieve symptoms of hay fever and asthma. Meanwhile, the boys' team came up with an agricultural idea to help developing countries with their farming techniques.

Both ideas were really well received by the audience, and they got excellent feedback from the judges.

The pupils seemed to enjoy the day, and most of what they have learnt will help them in Y10 studying GCSE Business.



## **CAREERS**

COLLEGE

At Lawn Manor Academy, our careers programme is designed to raise and broaden pupils' aspirations by showcasing the diverse opportunities available for education and employment beyond school.



This term, our pupils have taken part in a range of enriching experiences that connect classroom learning with real-world possibilities.

We're proud of the enthusiasm and ambition our pupils have shown and we're always looking to strengthen our careers programme. If you're a parent or carer interested in supporting our careers activities, whether through talks, workplace visits, or events such as our careers fair, please contact our Head of Aspirations and Futures Mr Jacklin at djacklin@lma.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk

BAE Systems STEM roadshow attended the school to talk to Y7 and Y8 about careers in engineering and AI.







13 x Y10 pupils visited the University of Bath for a four-day residential.
 They had taster lectures, employer talks, and learned about university and degree apprenticeship courses.





# Lawn Manor Academy pupil brings home gold in shooting competition









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16th June 2025

As schools across the country gear up to mark National School Sports Week (16th –22nd June), <u>Lawn Manor Academy</u> was ahead of the game and celebrating its pupils' sporting achievements, both inside and outside of school.

Lawn Manor Academy pupils participate in a rich variety of sports and are excelling in them. Following on from fellow pupil Bubacarr's footballing success in being signed by Chippenham Town, 13-year-old pupil Finley has brought home the gold medal for his group in the Hampshire Open Shooting competition, also achieving a new personal best of 540 points.

Mr Langdown, Head of School at Lawn Manor Academy, said,

'Finley's dedication to his sport and how he has excelled in a relatively short space of time is something he should be very proud of. At Lawn Manor Academy, we believe that physical education and sport play a crucial role in building confidence, focus, and resilience, all of which Finley has demonstrated through his achievements. We're passionate about supporting our pupils' interests as well as offering them the opportunity to explore different sports and the opportunities that come with them. As part of this, we invested in a state-of-the-art gym, open to pupils and staff both inside and outside of school hours, and also provided our pupils with introductory golfing lessons. However, we're also committed to supporting grassroots opportunities and helping our pupils explore these when even the basics, such as football boots and footballs, might be out of reach for some of our families."



# Lawn Manor Academy pupil brings home 2 Gold Medals England Jiu Jitsu Competition



A 15-year-old Swindon youngster has struck gold twice at the 2025 England Jiu Jitsu GBJ Nationals in Walsall, bringing home two gold medals and the title of National Champion.

Lawn Manor Academy pupil Victoria only started training at Swindon's Draco Dojo in 2018 and has since competed at an international level, as well as being part of the GB Youth Team, bringing home a raft of medls and international accolade.





Competing in four matches at the recent GBJ, Victoria won each fight, resulting in her double gold medals, taking her total career medal tally to 10.



'It's been an unbelievable achievement, and I'm so proud of myself and everyone else who competed '

'The competition was very tough, you could tell everyone wanted to win'



# BREAKING NEWS





Paul Dances His Way to Swindon Dance CAT Program!
We have some incredibly exciting news to share about one of our very
own Great Big Dance Off members.

He has danced his way into the prestigious Swindon Dance Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) program! This past weekend, he showcased his incredible talent and impressive moves in his audition, clearly leaving a lasting impression.

We are beyond proud of Paul's dedication, hard work, and passion.

Watching him pursue his dreams on the dance floor is truly inspiring, and
we know he is destined for great things on the stage.

This achievement is a testament to his commitment and the vibrant spirit of our Great Big Dance Off community.

Please join us in sending a massive congratulations to Paul! We can't wait to see what amazing steps he takes next. Keep up the fantastic work, Paul

- the stage awaits!



CONGRATULATIONS!









DofE- We're incredibly proud of all our pupils who recently took part in their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expeditions! Their hard work, resilience, and teamwork truly shone through.

Our Year 10 pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, demonstrating fantastic navigation and camp craft skills. Not to be outdone, our Year 9 pupils pushed themselves on their Bronze practice expedition, showing great promise for their qualifying venture.

Every single pupil worked exceptionally well, and their efforts are a testament to their dedication. We are truly very proud of them all!

#### It's not too late to join DofE!

Inspired by their achievements? It's never too late to get involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award! We warmly welcome new pupils to join us and embark on their own DofE adventure.

If you're interested in developing new skills, building confidence, and creating unforgettable memories, come speak to us about signing up!











Over the nights of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July, our Expressive Arts pupils performed 'Camp Rock the musical!'

It was a great show full of high energy, great acting, superb music, and dance numbers.

The cast have worked incredibly hard to make the show a success, and it went down a storm with the audience on both nights.

We had pupils working backstage, in the band, and as part of the tech team, as well as all our fabulous cast.

The show was a huge success, and the students were a credit to our school and community.







# Spanish Trip 2025



Last week, a group of our pupils had the incredible opportunity to experience the vibrant spirit of southern Spain on a school trip filled with adventure, culture, and sunshine. From historic landmarks to thrilling water slides, every day brought something new and exciting.

Our journey began with our stay in Benalmádena, a beautiful seaside town where we relaxed and enjoyed the scenic views. Pupils spent some time at the Puerto Marina and the beach.

Our itinerary took us through some of Andalusia's most iconic and exciting locations. The group explored the historic streets of Málaga, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of this coastal city. Highlights included a visit to the Picasso Museum, the Roman theatre, and the Old Town.

To cool off from the Andalusian sun, the group also spent a day at the Aqua Mijas water park, where pupils raced down waterslides and enjoyed a refreshing change of pace. It was a fun day packed with laughter, as well as chilling in the sun.

Of course, no trip to Andalusia would be complete without immersing ourselves in its rich cultural heritage. Our day trip to the Alhambra in Granada offered students a deep and inspiring look into Spain's history and traditions.

Throughout the trip, pupils had the chance to practice their Spanish, sample delicious local cuisine, and build stronger friendships with their classmates. It was a perfect blend of education and enjoyment—and an experience we're sure they'll never forget.

A huge thank you goes out to the staff and parents who helped make this incredible journey possible. Until next time!



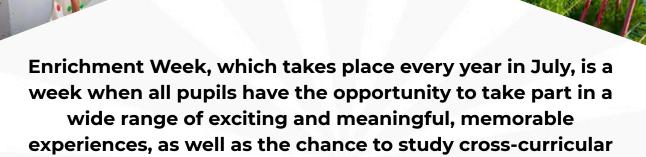








Enrichment Week



It provides our pupils with an alternative provision, learning experiences.

themes.

Activities range from visiting theme parks, museums, as well as hands-on activities such as creating hama beads and break dancing.

We are also delighted to have former apprentice star Katheryn Burn leading a skills challenge session for Year 7s.

Year 10 have had Bryim, leading workshops on building resilience.











# **HOUSE POINTS**



Since September, over 400 invitations have gone out to Yr7 to Yr11 to celebrate their success at Lawn Manor Academy with the accumulation of House Points.

Three different celebration events have happened since the beginning of this academic year.

In December, the top 5 pupils from each house were nominated to attend a Christmas breakfast event with their Head of House.

With popular demand, our pupils had the pleasure of "Cooking with Koza". In the summer term, we have just held our final celebration for the year with Bounce Squad.

Our pupils have said that Bounce Squad was amazing!









### **Lawn Manor Sports Day 2025**

This year's Lawn Manor Sports Day looked a little different from usual, but that didn't stop the sporting spirit from shining through!

Due to the intense summer heat, the event was split across two days, with sessions held on Friday,11th July, and Monday, 14th July. Despite the format change, the atmosphere was as electric as ever, and the pupils rose to the occasion in true Lawn Manor style!

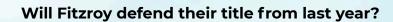
Friday's session was all about energy, colour, and House pride. The mass participation events brought the whole school together, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved, with face paint, banners, and cheering crowds creating a real festival feel.

This year, we also introduced two exciting new events: basketball and table tennis. Both were big hits with competitors and look set to become permanent fixtures in future Sports Days!

Monday morning's session saw the more traditional athletics events take centre stage. The running track became the stage for some epic showdowns, and the roar of the crowd could be heard all around the field as our LMA athletes raced for medals — but more importantly, for those all-important House Points!

There was also time for the pupils to put the staff relay teams in their place, even though both staff teams medalled! The Y10s didn't have the same luck with the tug of war, though, as the staff TOW team took the crown for 2025!

As the scores are being counted and verified, the big question remains: Who will take the House Sport Cup in 2025?



Can Goddard close the gap and claim victory?

Or will Pleydell be victorious again after their 2023 triumph?



Watch this space — it's going to be close!







### SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Summer club led by our experienced mentors

-Daily sessions involving fitness, music creation, arts and crafts, team-based gaming, and sport activities

-A diverse, fun, safe, inspiring environment where children develop confidence, character, and connection



Where Fun, Meets Focus

Powered by our Iprovefit

Mentors

#### **Extras & Flexibility**

- Early Drop-Off from 8:30 AM
- Optional Late Pick-Up available until 5:30 PM for a small fee
- Healthy snack options and hydration support
- Flexible hours designed to support working families

#### Location & Dates

Venue: 32a Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey park, Swindon, SN2 8ES

Dates: Monday - Friday, July 28th - August 22nd 2025 Time: 9:00-17:00 (with optional extras from 8:30-17:30)

Age Group: 8-13

Price: £20/day, discounts available for full-week bookings and siblings





# Holiday Activities and Food at The Base

Every Mon, Tue, Thurs of summer holidays 3pm-7pm

3pm - 5pm : Sports, Games, Activities with WAY 5pm - 7pm : Food and Youth Club areas with SMASH

## To sign up:

- Go to holiday activities.com
- Search for "The Base"
- Sign up your children











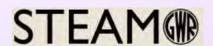
# Summer Activities News Splash



The annual Summer Activities News Splash is a newsletter providing information on outdoor, indoor and online activities for children and young people with SEND in Swindon over summer.

It was first published in July 2020, and is aimed at children, young people, families with SEND and the professionals working with them.





















Please scan the QR Code for full details and events

TOWN GARDENS TAKEOVER

SUN 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

FREE CREATIVE FESTIVAL FOR 11-25 YEAR OLDS

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FRAUD

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

#### PHISHING EMAILS: **BETTER & QUICKER**

## ONLINE MARKETPLACE

#### VOICE IMPERSONATION

#### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

# INVESTMENT SCAMS



#### ROMANCE SCAMS SEXTORTION



# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### THINK CRITICALLY

#### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

#### SEEK TO VERIFY

#### REPORT IT

#### Meet Our Expert





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## **PARENTPAY**

### Go to https://login.arbor.sc

Purchasing items is easy and a varies options are available to you, depending on how you wish to make payments. Here you will find a helpful guide on payment processes.

#### **Parents and Carers**

You can now access the following details securely through an app called Arbor: **Guardian Information, attendance, assessment, rewards, behaviour, clubs and trips.** Arbor allows us to communicate with you more efficiently and for you to see instantly how your children are getting on at Lawn Manor Academy.

Click below - Forgot your password

We are inviting all parents and carers to log in using the

following 2 easy steps

Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App – Arbor Help Centre

### **School Support**

If you have any other queries, please contact

admin@lma.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk

The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Play store on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones. Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of!

How to navigate and get around Arbor – Arbor Help Centre

# **UNIFORM** DONATION

#### WANTED

Do you have any school uniform which you no longer need and could be used by others?



**LAWN MANOR ACADEMY** 

**PRE - LOVED UNIFORM** 

Donate and Re-cycle



Items can be purchased at reduced costs

We will welcome donations of:

- LMA Blazers
- School Trousers and Skirts
- LMA TiesLMA PE Items
- Footballs Boots
- **Trainers**

These items can be donated to the Main Reception by Parents or by Pupils to Student Services.

> 08.00 - 16.00 (Term time only)

> > Thank You

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