

Welcome back to your Alumni News, with highlights from last term as well as the start of this one. As always, we aim to keep you informed about all things Luckley past and present. We hope you had a most enjoyable summer, albeit a distant memory, and are embracing the perfect chill of autumn. It was a fresh start to Luckley's new school year following a summer of renovations and decorations. Just one more reason for you to return for a visit – we are looking good. There are also a number of events and activities taking place with you in mind. You will find these listed under 'Opportunities to Get Involved' as well as on our alumni webpages and via our Facebook page. Do sign up or get in touch if you would like to take part. Your ideas are always valued and often put into practice.

A LUCKLEY POINT OF VIEW Artificial Intelligence in Education

Review by Honorary Alumni, Darren Beasley
Former Director of Digital Learning, Head of Computer Science

Investment in Artificial Intelligence (AI) utilised in education is forecast to grow from over \$2 billion in 2021 to exceed \$80 billion by 2030. AI has already achieved widespread adoption, trust and responsibility in education – AI described as “computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition and decision-making”.

School league tables use AI to predict the value a school adds to a student's education while teachers use a basic level of AI through a wide range of websites and applications to teach, assess and track student progress. Predominantly multiple-choice based systems, are also beginning to utilise natural language processing, allowing free text answers and enabling some automation of essay marking (similar to how email and text messages make autocomplete suggestions). The lockdown conditions resulting from the Covid pandemic have also accelerated investment from companies such as Google and Microsoft in creating better tools for online learning.

Educators acknowledge the positive impact regular low stakes assessments (e.g. short electronic quizzes where students are not allocated grades) can make to student learning as a form of retrieval practice. This use of AI is expected to grow. One of the most engaging and fun ways for low stakes assessments to take place is through competitive learning games. Given most educational games are currently very basic in their gameplay, there is huge potential for future growth in this field.

Speech recognition has also advanced, with greater accuracy facilitated by deep learning powered by specialist cloud servers.



This has empowered students (especially those with specific learning needs) and teachers with tools to accurately dictate to computer systems.

Deep learning is where true intelligent decision making is seen to be happening. Standard computer programming involves the programmer defining the inputs, the calculations to perform, and the output as a result of those calculations. With deep learning, the computer decides the calculations it undertakes to arrive at the output, by trying millions of permutations to build the most accurate model. One of Luckley's own students, Amadou C, successfully incorporated deep learning in his A level Computer Science project to predict Cryptocurrency prices!

While AI does have its limitations, the science fiction films predicting the use of smart technology to augment learning are soon becoming a reality. I look forward to witnessing and taking part in the transformation that could see virtual study assistants match the needs of each pupil in real time – freeing up time for teachers to focus on soft skills, so vital for future generations. Read the full LinkedIn article at <https://bit.ly/3VAu6Lz>.

ALUMNI INTERVIEW

The Well Travelled Life and Achievements of Dr Femke Okten

Review by Sarah Francis

It was a real treat to catch up with Dr Femke Okten (née Leathes), former Luckley Head Girl in 1994 and academic Sixth Form scholar. Today she manages her own Clinical Psychology practice with a healthy 40 plus therapists. I am intrigued to learn how this wife and mother of two pre-teen children found her way here. We speak the day before she is due to address our whole school community as the external speaker at Luckley's Speech Day. She is also renovating her home, with interior design being something of a hidden talent. Yet Femke is calm and focused on our conversation and a very busy schedule seems the norm.

Before joining Luckley in 1987, Femke was schooled in Belgium and then the US. Luckley was the first time she wore a school uniform and a first for not calling teachers by their first name! She settled into Luckley life well, and went on to flourish academically and make lifelong friends. She recalls the small tight-knit community, the summer fairs, the bluebells, geography trips, as well as her Geography teachers, Miss Caldwell and Mr Blake (in his gown teaching). The girls were taught how to sit and walk like ladies, she reflects with a smile.

After Luckley came university. Femke studied Law for a term before deciding it was not for her and soon found herself working in a Wokingham café – with fond memories of her barista life. Returning to university the following year, she followed her interests, resulting in a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Geography. None the wiser of the direction she would take, Femke followed the path of many, with graduate job interviews. It was an ad in The Times with healthcare company, Johnson & Johnson that caught her eye, which is where she ended up. This was a sales and marketing role, which had little to do with the outdoor landscapes she had loved throughout her degree. Nevertheless, she had bought into this successful business because of its core values of human responsibility and dignity. The company culture resonated with her own values and this made her happy for a time.

With a little help from her friends and family, Femke plotted her next move, which was something of a step change. She followed her interests and her heart, inspired by her undergraduate Geography dissertation, reporting on the demographic distribution of mental health; with the majority of Femke's research found in psychology journals. After completing a Psychology Diploma (with Distinction) at



Oxford Brookes University, she worked in a home for adults with severe learning difficulties in Suffolk – gaining important hands-on experience. One year on, she was accepted into Oxford University, where she accomplished a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. While at Oxford, Femke recalls a particular 'Sliding Doors' moment. Cycling up a big hill, she spotted a car similar to the company car she had once driven while in her previous Johnson & Johnson role. As it drove by with ease, she felt content with her choices and the struggle up that hill was invigorating. Graduating from Oxford around her 30th birthday, no longer did she compare herself with the successes of her friends. Instead, she went on to work as a Psychologist for the NHS – helping others overcome difficulties with kindness and compassion. She had found her true vocation.

Femke's work in the NHS later led her to set up her own private practice, Leathes Psychology. She now works with two close Luckley friends; an accountant who handles the company's reports and taxes and the other, a reconstructive plastic surgeon whose patients are treated by Leathes Psychology. The practice has gone from strength to strength and today there are a team of 44 practitioners. Maintaining close links with the doctoral training course at Oxford University, she regularly provides teaching there too. Femke learned that to become truly accomplished you must do the things that matter most to you and set about doing them well. Listening to Femke discuss her career on Speech Day, it was hard to take my eyes off her. Watch Femke's address to the school by visiting <https://bit.ly/3LYwqHX> and skip to 1 hour 10 minutes. She has a presence that speaks of dedication, passion and the will to live life well.

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Tea with the Blakes



Left to right: Mr Blake, Areti Bizior (Head), Mrs Blake

Did anyone say tea? They most certainly did as Luckley's Head, Areti Bizior welcomed former Headteacher, Mr Richard Blake (1984 – 2004) and his wife Margaret for some perfectly delicious sandwiches, homemade cakes and tea. They were joined by honorary alumni, Dorothy Chacko and Lizzie Dodgson as well as a host of staff that have stood the test of time. Areti proved to be the perfect host while Richard had us all in stitches, with stories of days gone by. Thank you all for a lovely afternoon.



Timandra Slade's New Book

In celebration of Timandra Slade's newly released book, *From A Hard Place To A Rock*, Timandra (Class of 1974) visited Luckley to talk to students about this true story. Timandra spent over two years compiling the hand written journals and notes, photographs, sketches and maps to retell the story of her father's extraordinary wartime escape in 1940 and as a tribute to her late father's memory. She came armed with books to purchase, her husband and Luckley school friends too. You can purchase the book by visiting <https://bit.ly/3Ny8hH9>.



Left to right: Caroline Edwards (née Cox), Timandra Slade (née Waters), Barry Slade, Sue Alun-Jones (née Farmer)

Opportunities to Get Involved

We do get in touch with many of you directly to discuss opportunities to mentor a Sixth Former, engage in Luckley's Pre University week, participate in 'alumni spotlight' interviews as well as take part in public talks, such as our Luckley Lectures and Luckley's annual Speech Day. Some of you make contact to express your own ideas and interests, which is how some of our events come to being. Class and small group reunions are also held each year and we know from you that these are firm favourites. Please see the upcoming events (below) that you may be interested in joining as either a participant or as a guest.

Luckley Lecture: Good Food for Good Health **Tuesday, 8 November, 19:30 – 20:30**

An informative Luckley Lecture by alumna, Leila Lingner, providing expert and practical advice on feeding your health. It is a free event for alumni, taking place in Luckley's The Whitty Theatre. Book your free place by logging in to Luckley's alumni webpages at <https://luckleyhouse.alumni-online.com/goodfoodforgoodhealth>

Christmas Carol Service

Thursday, 8 December, 18:45 – 20:00

There are a limited number of spaces to attend this year's Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's Church, Wokingham. To register your interest email development@luckleyhouseschool.org

Scholars Festival of Music

Friday, 24 February, 18:30 – 21:00

A limited number of seats are available for you to join us in Luckley's Drake Hall to listen to our music scholars as well as performances by musical alumni. This is a free event open to all parents of our music scholars and alumni. It promises to be a truly inspirational evening of melody. There will be refreshments served during the interval. To register your interest email development@luckleyhouseschool.org

Curious Finds



Luckley-Oakfield school trip to Stratford upon Avon (circa 1975) with English teacher, Mrs Gott
Left to right – Leila Lingner (née Maskall), Laurie, Lesley Grogan. Photo courtesy of Caroline Mercer.

National Careers Week

Monday – Friday, 6 – 10 March 2023

Each lunchtime, 13:10 – 14:10 we will be hosting external speakers in Drake Hall and select classrooms to talk careers. If you are proud of your career past or present, why not come and inspire our pupils about your chosen industry and role. Talks are informal and usually include a questions and answers time. To register your interest email development@luckleyhouseschool.org

Curious Finds

The photograph below was emailed to me by Janet Axworthy, as she took a trip down memory lane to revisit her Luckley-Oakfield Form 5A class in 1957. This photograph was taken at the end of term and the last term for Janet and several others. If you can put a name to any of the alumnae pictured, please get in touch. I asked Janet of her memories and she tells me of a lead crystal glass trophy that she engraved for the School, which also had Mrs Galloway's signature on it. To my disappointment, I could not find this particular trophy in the large glass cabinet in Oak Lounge, although a host of other ones remain.



Luckley-Oakfield 1957, Form 5A class
Janet Axworthy – Top row, second from left
Jill Adams (née Vince) – Top row, far right

HONORARY ALUMNI INTERVIEW

The Good Life of Faith

Review by Sarah Francis

I had the pleasure of speaking with Dorothy Chacko, a warmly remembered Honorary Alumni who returned to Luckley over Easter for a four-day event run by the Scripture Union. Acting as a local leader, Dorothy and her daughter, Kezia, boarded at Luckley for an immersive experience of cooking and Bible study. I asked Dorothy how it felt to be back and she tells me how grateful and thankful she is for her time at Luckley, which is a sentiment she shared during the cooking group's morning reflection time. Born and raised in Germany, she originally came to England on an educational placement year before resolving to stay, transferring to Nottingham University from Heidelberg University in 1987.

It was 1993 when Dorothy arrived at Luckley, following a year working for a London charity in their finance department. By this time, she had already fallen in love with England and met her future husband, Tom, while studying at the London School of Theology. She had found her match made in heaven.

Luckley was Dorothy's first proper job. "It gave me the foundations, after my studies, to stay in the UK and build a life here", she says. As Assistant Sixth Form House Mistress within Luckley boarding, Dorothy loved looking after the girls and found the older A level students stimulating. Boarding life was interesting and vibrant and during the summer term there were as many as 40 girls, including those staying for a term



from abroad. With a thirst for knowledge and an aptitude for cooking and crafting, Dorothy was right at home. She also taught Religious Studies and German (as a foreign language) throughout her time at Luckley.

After three years as an assistant, Dorothy moved to Junior Boarding House Mistress. She writes and speaks to many of the Luckley boarders to this day. Her relationship with Luckley did not end there. Both her children, Michael and Kezia were born while Dorothy was at Luckley. Her son, Michael was five when they eventually moved to Yateley, Hampshire in 2005, while Kezia was one. Dorothy's fond memories include Michael learning to swim in Luckley's pool (now The Whitty Theatre) and Luckley's pupils teaching him to ride a bike. She talks of the huge gathering for Michael's first birthday and the family outings with the boarders. "It was a very special time," she recalls. She speaks admiringly about Luckley's Headmaster at the time, Mr Richard Blake. They would chat in the evenings as he strolled the grounds with his dog. She tells me of her wedding reception which was held at Luckley in 1996, with a concert of local musicians performing in Drake Hall and the most wonderful meal served in the Sports Hall. It was a large affair with staff and pupils attending the ceremony and overseas visitors lodging in Luckley boarding.

When I ask Dorothy what the future holds, she smiles, content with the life she leads. Aged 15, Dorothy decided to live life as a Christian. Today, she supports her husband Tom, a pastor at the Gateway Christian Fellowship in Yateley. She enjoys her quiet time in the morning with Lord Jesus and one day, Dorothy and Tom hope to travel the world helping others explore the difference Jesus can make to the challenges and adventures of life. Dorothy is a testament to the good life of faith.



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Luckley Memories

by Alumna, Sue Bailey, 1972 –1974

Sue Bailey was schooled at Luckley-Oakfield from 1972 to 1974. In this short time she built lasting memories of Luckley and of life in England, being Canadian and from a military family. She flew back to visit England with her husband, John in June 2019 to join in Luckley's Centenary celebrations. From the memories of Sue Bailey, she shares recollections of Luckley below.

"My Latin teacher, Mr. Trowell was so kind and accepting of the students as individuals. He led me to enjoy learning Latin. When I later studied to become a registered nurse, the Latin understanding helped me with medical terms. What I liked most about this Latin teacher was that he had a passion for bees. I remember on the lawn he had bees climbing his arms. I let one climb up my arm as well. I always think of Mr. Trowell fondly when I see bees in our garden or I understand a Latin term."

Lunch with Friends



Left to right: Leila Lingner (née Maskall), Caroline Mercer

Alumni Talking Careers

We welcomed a number of alumni to take part in our Year 7 and 8 Careers Day, 27 May. Marine Ecologist, Jess Vevers and Human Rights Consultant, Alka Kaufman proved that even speaking to our pupils remotely can motivate and broaden their imagination to consider different career aspirations. Professionals speaking directly about their careers also helps to challenge stereotypes of different job roles and backgrounds. Pupils are genuinely excited to talk to our alumni and I do hope that more of you will consider getting involved with our National Careers Week next March (see 'Opportunities to Get Involved').

Meanwhile, Luckley's Year 12 students took part in our Pre-University Programme (27 June - 1 July), providing an opportunity to learn about the expectations and experiences awaiting beyond school. The programme is a much-loved learning experience, preparing students for a range of future pathways including Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities, apprenticeships and the world of work. Students spoke to visiting universities to get a first-hand view from their staff and students. We also had a number of alumni join us to discuss life beyond Luckley and support our students before they reach the next stage of their lives.

Huge thanks goes out to those who agreed to take part this year. While some had to pull out due to ill health, we would like to show our appreciation to: Imogen Phillips (2016), Jess Vevers (2016), Kukua Blankson (2018), Sarah Bruce (1995), Emily Aldridge (2020), Tama Sio (2020), Jess Griffiths (2021), Verity Willott (2021), Emma Hewins (2021), Poppy Perry (2021), Eloise Alder (2021), Carine Shergill (2020), Andrea Zenon (2020)

We were joined for lunch by two friends, Leila and Caroline, who met at Luckley-Oakfield in 1974. As Leila is a registered nutritionist, we were able to show off our daily school menu, packed with fresh salads, fruits and yoghurts plus a selection of hot and cold platters, with vegetarian options too. While Leila had travelled over from her home in France, staying with schoolfriend Caroline, we were busy finalising her upcoming visit on 8 November, where Leila returns to Luckley's The Whitty Theatre to provide a Luckley Lecture, 'Good Food for Good Health'.

Do come along to support Leila by signing up to this free event at <https://luckleyhouse.alumni-online.com/Main>. We would be delighted to see you there for an hour of tips, insights and stories on living healthy and happy.

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Coffee with Ilona Varey

Ilona Varey came to tea towards the end of last term, where we chatted for well over the hour. I was intrigued to find out how life had been for Ilona whilst at Luckley between 1989 and 1996; given all three of her children were also Luckley pupils both past and present. Ilona's father was a governor at White House (now Evendons) while Mrs Blake was Head and her mother a teacher there during the same period. More so, Ilona now works in education and two of her daughters hope to follow suit, in different capacities.

Since leaving Luckley Ilona married her long-term sweetheart, had three beautiful daughters and has lived in the US as well as on the south coast of England – returning to Wokingham where she grew up, eight years ago. She has warm memories of Luckley and remarks that the Woodlands have not changed, which have the same distinct smell. Back in the early 1990s theatre productions were staged in Drake Hall and it used to take two people to pull the thick curtains back. Ilona recalls 'The Golden Mask of Agamemnon' school production, which is highlighted in an old Luckley-Oakfield newsletter as a superb performance. Ilona played a warrior. She fondly remembers the brilliant pastoral support and her friendship group, the large boarding community with pay phones outside boarding and the deposit required to swim at Luckley over the summer months. The latter was a real treat. While facilities have radically changed and technology moved on, the essential culture to love and to serve remains unchanged.

A mother first, Ilona's profession works around her family life. She left her full-time job in pharmaceuticals to raise her children and has never looked back. She loves spending time with her family, the dogs and baking – she makes a mean white chocolate and cranberry cookie, so I am told. Ilona's A level studies in Business and Keyboarding were the right choice, leading her into several administrative roles at independent schools. She is currently PA to the Deputy Head Pastoral at a nearby school, where she is very happy. Although life has had some big challenges, Ilona is optimistic. She recites the best piece of advice she was ever given; a verse shared by her mother. "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34). This is the same advice she gives all three of her daughters today, "Take each day as it comes." This philosophy is perhaps Ilona's secret to being laid-back while juggling work and her large family.

Luckley Memories



If you have not yet joined us on Facebook, you are missing out. Regular posts of archive photos prompt conversation and insight into life at Luckley throughout its past.

This 1980s photograph (above) of the dining hall, provided much to talk about. I now understand that end of term pranks were a 'thing' and on one such day consisted of dying all the milk blue! Then there were the fond memories of Hilda and Janice serving supper and butter and jam on white bread at tea time, of Vera in the kitchen (1990s) as well as Miss Pornicott (French teacher), Matron Bronwyn Arabella Prosser (1970s) and Housekeeper Mrs Green (1980s).

For those that boarded, the dining hall was ever the more visited and a few of you mentioned the old dorm names such as Primrose, Blue, Sky and Lands End during the 1980s, and Green in the 1970s. An early morning visit to the kitchen for warm toast from the cook sounded lovely as did slices of cake served on a tray for birthdays. There was no shortage of food mentioned; deep fried apple fritters, chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce (1988-95), Chef's Christmas dinner, runny chocolate mousse (1970s), liver and onions (1970s), cold toast and marmite, kippers, Friday pizza and chips, butterscotch pudding, Sunday roast and Yorkshire pudding, baked Alaska and tea time meringues (which you described as shaving foam buns). Are you hungry yet?

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Farewell and Best Wishes

The end of the summer term was a bittersweet affair as we said our goodbyes to Luckley's Year 13 Leavers as well as a number of teachers. Our leavers went out in style with a black-tie dinner followed by a day of 'wet wild west' fun. I am not sure who was wetter; students or staff. We look forward to hearing about the exciting journeys of our alumni community following Luckley. We are both proud and excited for each and every one of them.



Goodbye Mr Cromb. You Will Be Missed

In July 2022, our beloved and long-standing Geography Teacher (and former Head of Department), Gordon Cromb, retired after 17 years of service to Luckley and its students. Many of you will remember Mr Cromb from your time here; a passionate and energetic teacher who poured his heart and soul into his teaching. Gordon's subject knowledge was first class, with teaching materials all created by him personally, sheet by sheet and to outstanding effect.

Link to the full interview at <https://bit.ly/3ArG2W2> to find out Gordon's words of wisdom.

The Talented Mrs McCafferty

What a wonderful world it is when you have teachers like Catriona McCafferty, our most creative and talented Head of Textiles. I caught up with Cat in her treasure trove, also known as the Textiles department, to bid her farewell after 19 years at Luckley. Rather than a sad affair, it was the perfect time to celebrate her achievements and to enjoy the company of her larger than life character.

Link to the full interview at <https://bit.ly/3Ai2h0l> to find out some surprising and less known facts about Cat.



SCHOOL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

An Evening of Rock, Pop & Jazz

What a spectacular evening it was with so many outstanding performances from our Luckley pupils. We enjoyed musical ensembles with brass, woodwind and string productions, vocalists in perfect tune and a rock band that took our breath away. The latter was a line up of rock and pop classics such as Oasis, Coldplay, ABBA and Bruno Mars. The ukulele club, run by one of our senior students, showed us all how versatile and impactful this little instrument can be. Like any good concert coming to an end, the audience was left wanting more. We all filed out of The Whitty Theatre with a spring in our step, even if it was a late finish at 10:30pm. Our pupils showed us just how far a combination of talent and dedication can go; with no signs of slowing down after a very long day. Many of our music scholars went on to perform during a three-day tour to Dorset following the end of term - performing sacred songs and famous classics across different venues. Practice makes perfect rings true.



Left to right: Zac V, Ben R, Laurence H, Oscar S-T

Luckley Young Music Talent

Music scholar, Megan B has been offered a place in the National Youth Orchestra on Bassoon – a fantastic achievement for Megan with very few bassoon places available in the orchestra. Megan has worked tirelessly toward this fabulous achievement and we are very proud of her. She is looking forward to playing in the Proms next year and we cannot wait to hear all about it.



Megan B, Scholars Music Event



Sustainable Luckley

Luckley's Eco Club continues to grow strong. At the end of last term, they were awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag, celebrating and acknowledging their ecological achievements in actively engaging with environmental issues. To qualify for the award, pupils were tasked with developing and implementing their 'Eco' action plan covering waste, school grounds and wellbeing. Luckley pupils have worked hard to seed a lovely wildflower garden and are progressing with a wellbeing area. With new Eco Club members recruited each year we expect to keep pace with a host of homegrown vegetables, a clean pond, grounds that are lovingly kept free of litter plus maintaining a new stag beetle stump and bird feeder. Their organised raffle on Eco Celebration Day raised a whopping £173, which will now help fund our boarders' fruit tree. With the heating turned off from June to October and recycling the norm, Luckley continues to act towards saving energy and reducing pollution. While recycling continues with papers and cardboards in each department, the School's Bursar, Norman Patterson has installed Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points for those driving to school with electric or hybrid vehicles. If you have a keen interest in sustainability and biodiversity, we would love to hear your ideas and would welcome you to Luckley for a look around.

SCHOOL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Sports Day

Luckley Sports Day certainly put our pupils through their paces. The day was held off-site and this year we visited Bracknell Athletics Track. In keeping with tradition, there was running, jumping and throwing of all descriptions and we saw some impressive performances. In the end, the trophy went to Team Randle, with House Captain Connor claiming the win. I would love to hear more about your own sports day experiences, as I know sport at Luckley has changed massively over the years.



Summer Projects

The summer proved an ideal time to refresh Luckley's main house, both inside and out; now gleaming with lovely new paint work. Our boys' and girls' sports changing rooms and toilets have also been completely renovated - something that we know our pupils will be grateful for. You may recall these tiled walls from the changing rooms from years gone by. All painted by Luckley pupils. If you know when and whom painted the walls do get in touch.

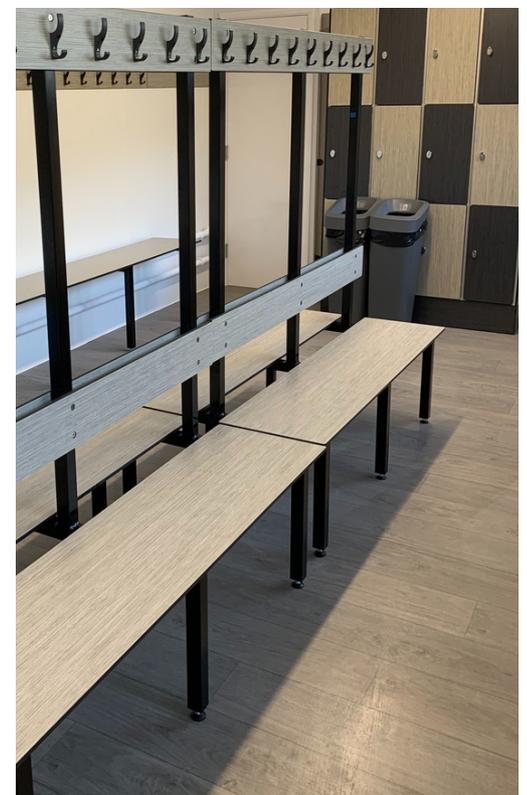


Stay In Touch

As we aim to continue to bring you news that is both relevant and of interest to you, please do send in your news and suggestions. Or why not put yourself forward for an Alumni Spotlight Interview or volunteering opportunity? Those that have joined us have found the experience to be very fulfilling.

Do get in touch using the contact details at the bottom of each page. Alternatively, you may fancy a visit to Luckley's The Whitty Theatre where there is always a cinematic, musical, theatrical performance or inspirational speaker to entertain.

To find out what is on visit:
<https://www.luckleyhouseschool.org/th-e-whitty-theatre/whats-on/>



(Above) Newly refurbished girls' changing rooms (Left) Girls' changing room walls in the shower room before refurbishment

Speech Day Past and Present

By the time we arrived at Speech Day - the last day of school - our pupils' had endured Sports Day and evening awards sat through Luckley's pupil awards ceremony (with some 150 awards handed out), taken part in musical and dramatic performances, as well as said goodbye to our Sixth Form Leavers and been on a number of excursions. Yet, despite the flurry of activities that always play out in June, Speech Day seemed a new day dawning. There were speeches from our Head, Chair of Governors as well as from our Head Girl and Boy; the departing as well as the newly elected pair. Leavers certificates were handed out and we were treated to some wonderful solo, duet and choir singing as well as instrumental ensembles from our talented pupils. Former Head Girl and alumni, Femke Okten (née Leathes) delivered a thought provoking and genuine speech about her career journey to the present day. There were some lessons learned and plenty of reflection afterwards. You can discover more about Femke's journey in the Alumni Spotlight interview on page 2, which captures her humble views as well as her successes. To watch Speech Day go to: <https://youtu.be/MzFilOVYYTg>.



Speech Day 2022, alumna, Femke Okten (Class of 1994) handing out an award to pupil, Millie C



Speech Day 2022, Head, Areti Bizior with a group of Sixth Form Leavers



Speech Day 1991, with guest speaker, Headmistress of Roedean



Speech Day 2001