



## 2026 AT A GLANCE

**Wednesday, March 25**  
*Non-Pupil Day*

**Tuesday, March 31**  
*Year 7 Parents' Evening*

**Thursday, April 2**  
*Break up for Easter Holiday*

**Monday, April 20**  
*Back to school*

**Tuesday, April 24**  
*Bowling Reward Trip*

**Monday, May 4**  
*Bank Holiday - no school*

**Friday, May 22**  
*Break up for half-term*

**Monday, June 1**  
*Back to school*

**Monday-Wednesday July 13-15**  
*Enrichment Days*

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

*From Miss Mcvicker, Head of Year 7*

YEAR 7 students have made a pleasing return to school after our half-term break.

Preparations for their next Assessment Week have started and students have shown dedication and purpose in their lessons across their subjects.

You will be able to find out more about how your child is doing academically this term at both our Parents Evening and through their Progress Report with more details about this below.

We look forward to seeing you all there and well done to Year 7 on another wonderful half term.

## PARENTS' EVENING - TUESDAY, MARCH 31

PARENTS' evening is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and receive information about their progress in different subjects. These will be face to face meetings held in school and I warmly invite you to make this a priority.

Booking information for the evening will be going out to parents/carers on Wednesday, March 18. Please check your emails and book your appointments asap to avoid disappointment.

# THINKING DAY 2026

THREE of our Year 7 students came to school in their Scout uniform on February 24 to celebrate Thinking Day.

This is a time when Scouts and Guides commemorate the foundations of Scouts and Girl Guiding. It gave the students an opportunity to share their pride in the movement and their own accomplishments within them.

It was great for staff and other students to talk to Caspar, Adam and Lily about their experiences and what scouts have to offer.

So many badges to show off, too!!!

Well done, guys!!





# YOUR DREAM JOB



## DREAM JOB

*Mr E Goodman*

**NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 2-6**

AT Lipson, we believe that every student should be equipped with the skills, knowledge and ambition required to achieve their 'dream job'.

'Dream Job for Year 7' focused on discovering different careers and the link between subjects, skills and potential careers.

Students had a Tutor session about Green Jobs, using Labour Market information and taking advantage of the current solar panel installation at the Academy - a good link between one of the fastest growing sectors and seeing it first hand at Lipson.

On the Friday, the Guess the Teacher Career Quiz was used to promote career conversations between staff and students and was won by 7SJO! Well done!

If you have any questions about careers education at Lipson, would like further information, or are interested in getting involved with our Dream Job programme (for example, by sharing your career journey or supporting an event), we would be very pleased to hear from you.

# THINKING INSIDE THE BOX

*Miss Mcvicker*

I HAD the pleasure of taking my History class to the Box for some learning outside the classroom and to support our cultural capital aims. The visit ensured we could access historical objects and original sources of evidence and explore exhibitions centered on our local history of Plymouth.

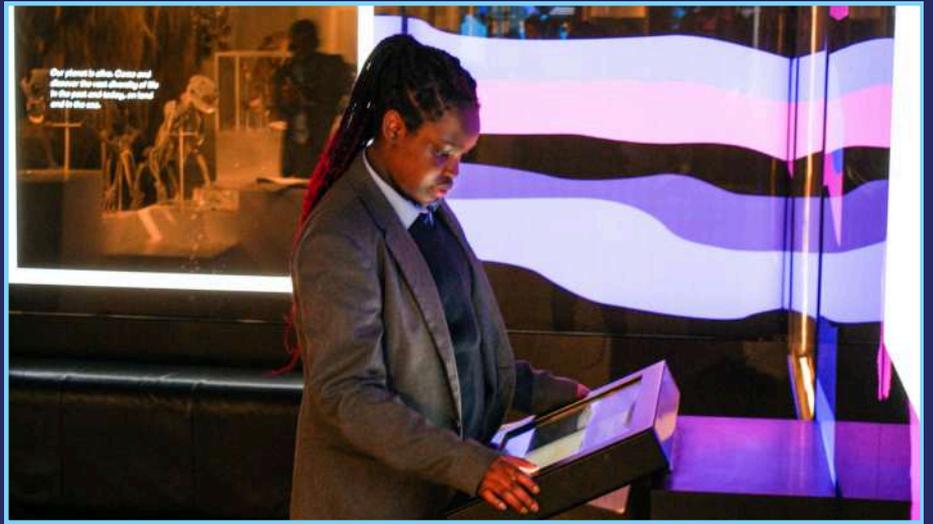
I love to support the students to become lifelong cultural learners, developing their enquiry and oracy skills. Students were so engaged with the artefacts that they came across and this visit encourages our Cultural Capital aims, too.

The students were amazing as usual! Members of the public complimented them on their engagement, behaviour and smart appearance. Well done, 7x4!

A huge thank you to Mrs Kos and Mr Lukasz for giving up their time.



# THE BOX





National  
Theatre

**CONNECTIONS**  
2026

Lipson Drama Academy presents

# RIDE OR DIE

by Florence  
Espeut-Nickless

**Muse Theatre**

**Thursday, April 2**

**Curtain up: 6.15pm**

**Tickets: £4\***

**Book at: [bit.ly/lcarod](https://bit.ly/lcarod)**



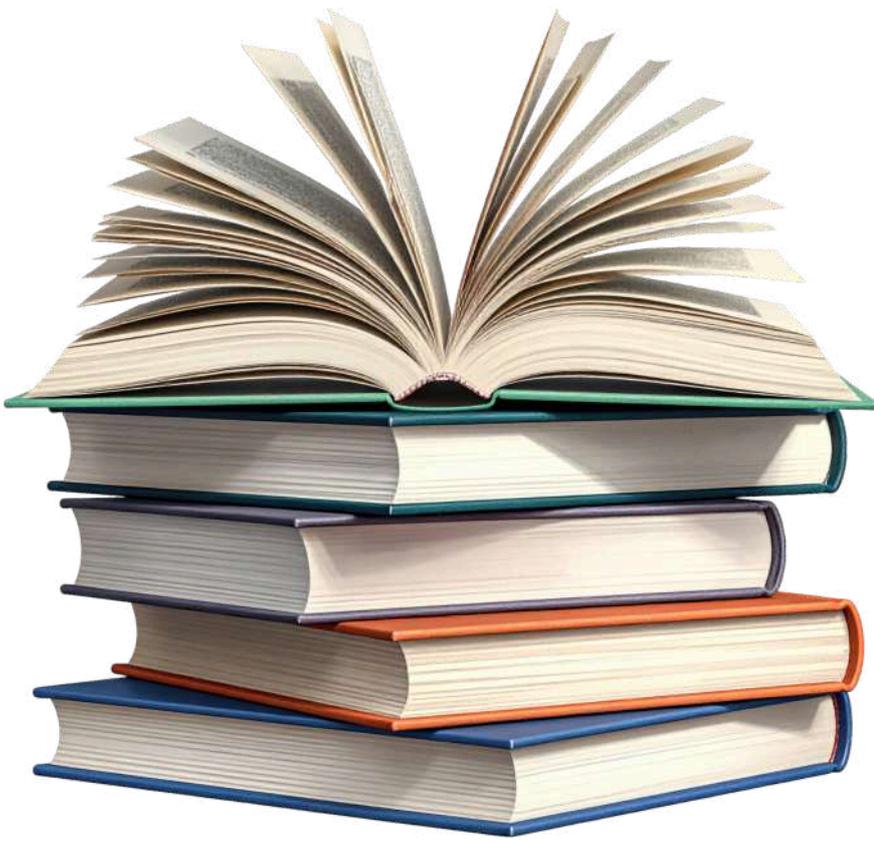
*\*Booking fee applies*



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## ALL ABOUT SPARX - A PARENTS' GUIDE

*Miss Ford*

AT Lipson, all students in Year 7 are expected to complete 30 minutes of reading homework on a weekly basis.

This not only helps to maintain the good reading habits formed at primary school, but also supports them in comprehension skills, meeting deadlines, and - perhaps most importantly - reading independently for pleasure!

With more than 500 books in the library and more being added every month, every student will be able to find a book to love!

The English department are really proud of how well Year 7 have embraced their reading homework; they have collectively read more than 750 books since September!

A huge well done to the following students, who are top of the Year 7 leaderboard for Sparx Reader Points so far this year:

1. Vivian W - 34,502 SRP
2. Makayla O K - 17,846 SRP
3. Aiden C - 15,979 SRP

Keep an eye on the leaderboards on the Sparx Reader homepage to find out who this term's winners are.

Last term, we rewarded the winner with a pencil case overflowing with stationery and a lunch queue skip pass for their amazing reading!

Who will be the next winner...?

*Scan the below link to watch a video about Sparx Reader, and to see how you can support your child in completing their homework.*





# LIPSON IN THE COMMUNITY



**FareShare**

South West



## LIPSON LARDER

Serving the community for three years

Assisting

# 30

families every week

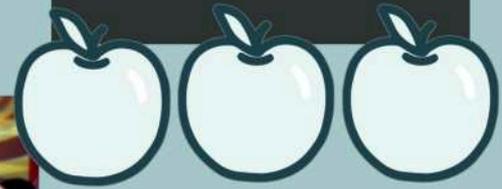
# 10kg

to each family

# 46.8 TONNES

of food provided

# 3



More than

# 1500

people use our facilities every week, including: Drake FC; Wranglers; University of Plymouth Archery and Lacrosse teams



## VOLUNTARY WORK

320+ hours devoted to partnering with multiple local primary schools, leading sports days and running sports festivals

We host the **CITY OF PLYMOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL**

annually

**1,500 young Plymothians**



# 30

## MUSICAL YOUTH

Our young musicians performed at

# 30

 community events last year

# 120

hours of performing and volunteering



## 70+ STUDENTS

played at events like:

Lord Mayor's Choosing  
Armed Forces Day  
DfE Conferences  
Ted Wragg Awards  
Saltash Festival  
Many local schools and churches

#LipsonLife

# ASSESSMENT WEEK

## *Mrs Haydon and Miss Ford*

WHILST most assessments will take place in classrooms, during this term's assessment week, Year 7 will be sitting their Core Maths, English and Science papers in the Sports Hall during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be brought down to the hall by their tutors and sit their paper.

This will give students the experience of completing an assessment in the hall, helping prepare them for how sitting their mock exams at the end of Year 10 will feel.

We will be working closely with the year team to ensure any students with additional needs are catered for. We want this to be a positive experience, setting students up for future success in the hall.

Thank you for supporting your child as they prepare for these exams. They have all worked really hard this year so we, as a Maths and English team, are really looking forward to how their exams go.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

OUR Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.30am. Students can come and enjoy tasty treats such as; a range of cereals, porridge, toasted bagels, toast, tea, coffee, jam, chocolate, honey, etc.

This is free for everyone.

This is a super opportunity to come in out of the chilly/wet weather, socialise with friends and enjoy some tasty food and drinks.

## COMMITMENT TO LEARNING REWARD

AS a reward for their commitment to learning, positive behaviour and attendance, some students will be invited to a reward trip to Ten Pin Bowling.

Letters will come out in the next two weeks. Watch this space!

## ENRICHMENT DAYS- JULY 13-15

EMAIL [enrichment@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:enrichment@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

### JEWELLERY GUIDELINES

#### Piercings

Ears – studs only  
No hoops, bars or stretchers

No other facial piercings -  
this includes nose piercings  
No tongue piercings

No rings and no bracelets  
(excluding medical reasons)

#### Hair

One natural colour No  
extreme hair cuts

#### Nails

No false nails of any type

#### Make-up

Must be minimal

# GIRLS FOOTBALL

*Mr Stubbs*

## **Plymouth Cup**

Our Year 7 girls football team have made an impressive start to their Plymouth Central Venue league campaign.

In the first two nights of the campaign, the girls have won an impressive five out of five games whilst scoring goals for fun. Lipson have shown some really impressive play and excellent teamwork, regularly passing the ball around the field, creating chance after chance.

During Week 1, Ruby popped up to score her first ever goal and then went on to secure a hat-trick. Well done, Ruby! Goal machines Minnie and Darcy were again at it in Week 2, scoring a combined 12 goals in three games.

Although the goalscoring has been excellent from our fowards, our defenders have also done an excellent job, keeping the other team from scoring. With four games to go, let's hope the girls can push on for an undefeated campaign.

## **Results:**

Lipson 8 Tor Bridge 1  
Lipson 12 Coombe Dean 1  
Lipson 3 All Saints 1  
Lipson 2 Stoke 1  
Lipson 8 Plymstock 1



*“Some really impressive play and excellent teamwork, regularly passing the ball around the field, creating chance after chance.”*

## **EQUIPMENT REMINDER**

PE kit is part of equipment to help you support your child to be prepared - their PE days are dependant on their half of the year group.

X population is Monday and Wednesday every week; Y population is Wednesday and Friday.



## **MCAS**

## **HOW TO TOP UP YOUR LUNCH CARD**

**Link to the parent guide for MCAS.**

**Go to page 19 and this will show you how to top up.**

# SHOUT-OUTS

## *Year 9 Parents' Evening Ambassadors*

THANK you so much to the following students for giving up their time to be an ambassador at our Year 9 Parents Evening last week.

You were exceptional! Complimented by parents for looking after them and being extremely helpful. You are all a true asset to our community. You should be so proud of yourselves.



Daisy Barnes  
Alfie Capstack  
Cole Chambers  
Dylan Koffi-Young  
Reuben Messenger  
Athena Lagorsina  
Sophia Peard

## CONTACTS

PLEASE remember, if you need to contact school, your first point of contact is your child's tutor. I am lucky enough to have an incredible team of tutors and I have listed their email addresses below. In addition, you can also contact our Progress Team, who will be pleased to help you:

[studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk)

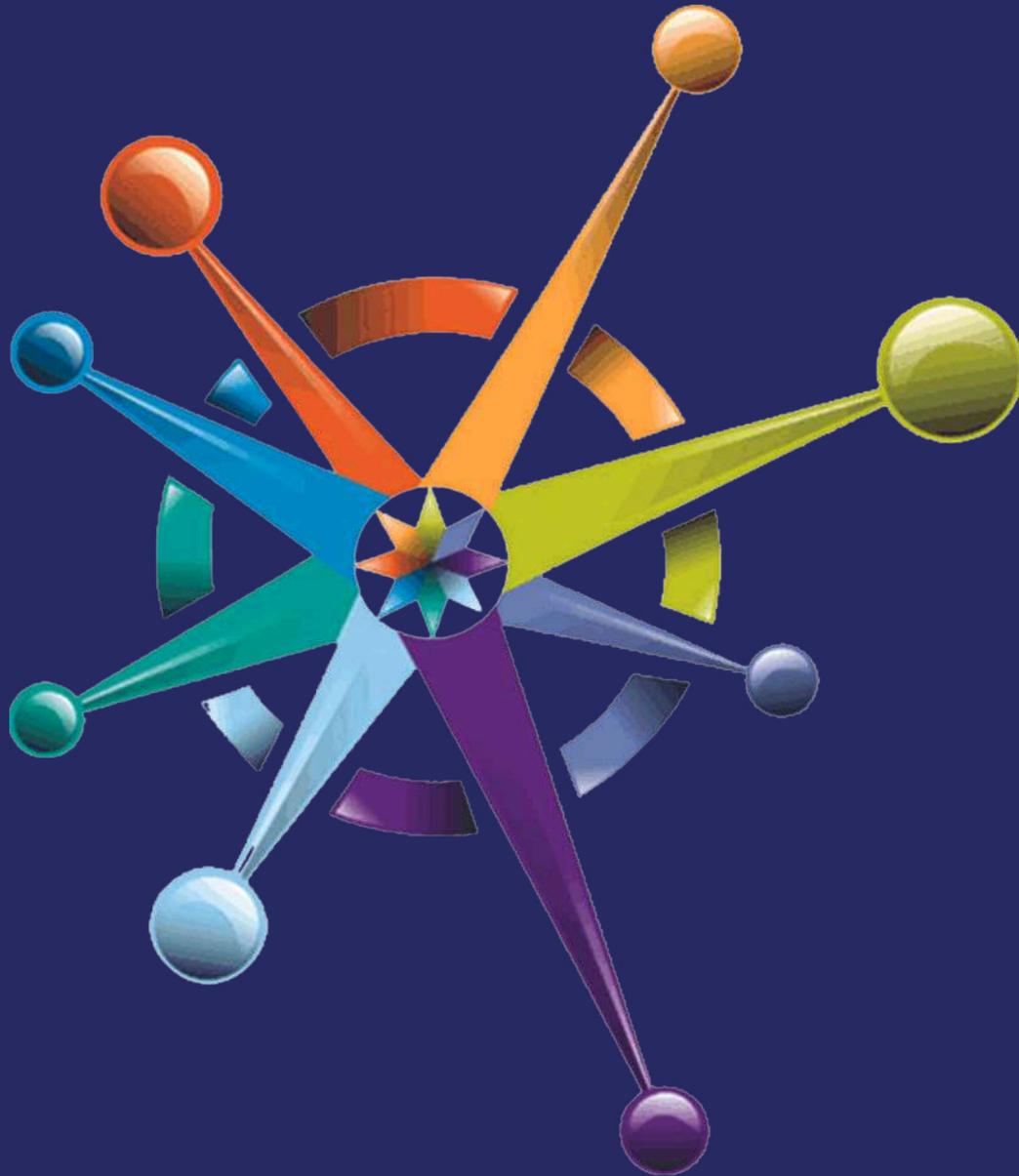
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PLEASE make contact if you would like to celebrate/query/ask a question or bring our attention to another matter.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support.

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Mrs Usher Year 7 Link



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