



## Alumni Newsletter 2025

**Welcome to the latest edition of our LSST Alumni Newsletter!**

As the year draws to a close and the festive season approaches, we are delighted to reconnect with our former students and celebrate the incredible journeys you've taken since leaving our classrooms. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about the latest developments at LSST, share inspiring alumni stories, and provide opportunities to stay involved with our thriving academy community.

It has been another busy year for both staff and students here at LSST. The curriculum across all Key Stages remains academic with numerous enrichment opportunities taking part outside of the classroom. We continue to provide those international trips that many of you participated in and spoke about with heartfelt warmth before you left us. Once again, our students celebrated outstanding GCSE and A-Level results, which reflected the hard work and dedication of both staff, students and parents/carers, with nearly all securing their planned destination. There have been no major building developments over the summer holidays. For those students who have returned after a few years away they have been excited to see the changes to the New Hall and look around the new Arts and Drama facilities. Our commitment to excellence remains at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to building on these successes in the year ahead.

We were all deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Mr Milner, who many of you knew well. Although Mr Milner had left us a few years ago he was still a regular visitor to the Academy and a friend to so many current and past staff. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Milner and the Mathematics department for writing a tribute in this newsletter.

Whether you left last year or decades ago, you remain an important part of our LSST family—and we can't wait to hear from you. Please do keep in touch and if possible, please join us to share your stories and inspirational journeys with our current students or just come for a tour. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a successful year ahead!

Mrs J Hopkinson  
Headteacher

## Kian Watkins – Year 7 Prize Giving Guest Speaker



After leaving LSST in 2022, Kian took a gap year and then started an Aerospace Engineering degree at the University of Birmingham. One of his most exciting challenges was last year, where he found himself as aviation director for a summer camp in Los Angeles, California. He had to adapt to a new environment, new culture and new challenges over 5,000 miles away from home. Soon enough though, he was thoroughly enjoying teaching young people and even got the chance to fly over the city each week. Kian is currently completing an industrial placement at Leonardo UK, putting his engineering skills into practice at the forefront of aviation with the UK's next generation fighter, Tempest. In his speech Kian said, "Being a student at LSST taught me a critical skill that has made everything possible, saying yes to new experiences, especially when I wasn't sure if I'd succeed. Every one of those moments helps you grow. They shape who you are, and they often lead you somewhere you'd never expect. Be open to learning, to trying, to failing, and trying again. You never know where your path will lead. But the truth is, some of the best opportunities in life don't come when you're ready – they come when you're willing."

## Ella Wyatt (Leaver July 2022) - Year 8 Prize Giving Guest Speaker

After leaving LSST in 2022, Ella started an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Loughborough University. As part of her degree, Ella completed a placement year as a National Organisational Learning and Development Assistant with the Metropolitan Police. She worked on National Debriefs for Operations and Exercises, as well as supported the running of a national exercising program. She also spent time modernising and creating resources to support the business process. Ella is the ex CCF Senior Cadet at the academy and is now the Senior Cadet at university. Ella has taken on many new roles at university including the Action Point for the Student Union.

## Yuvraj Sethia (Leaver July 2020) – Prize Giving Guest Speaker.

Yuvraj studied Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Product design A Levels at LSST before going on to study Product Design and Technology at Loughborough University. After leaving university Yuvraj has set up his own business offering design and branding services.

## Martha Warner (Leaver July 2018) - Prize Giving Guest Speaker

After leaving LSST Martha went on to attend the University of Manchester and graduated in 2021 with a MA at Distinction in Religion and Theology. She was awarded the MA Jewish Studies Scholarship in 2020 funded by The Centre for Jewish Studies in Manchester, and went on to win the Bernard Jackson Prize and the Leonard Hasse Memorial Prize for her dissertation entitled "Levinas and the Feminine Other; What is the significance of the feminine within the face-to-face encounter?" She then returned to Lincoln and undertook a law conversion degree at Nottingham Law School. She is currently a trainee solicitor at Bridge McFarland LLP having obtained a training contract in 2024 with the firm.

## Elizabeth Still (Leaver July 2021) - Prize Giving Guest Speaker

After leaving LSST in 2021 Lizzie went on to study Advertising and Marketing at the University of Lincoln, where she decided she wanted to do a placement year in between her second and final year. Siemens Energy gave her the opportunity to do so. Her role at Siemens Energy is a Learning and Development Intern. She works in the Skills and Education Team helping with the recruitment of students in their early career and supporting the employees with their apprenticeship, Intern and Graduate schemes.

## Ella Keogh (Leaver July 2019) - Prize Giving Guest Speaker



After leaving LSST in 2019 Ella, went on to study Bachelor of Arts - BA, Ancient History and History at the University of Leeds. After finishing her degree, she came back to Lincoln to study a Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Management at Lincoln University. Ella is now back at LSST in the History department on the SCITT programme training to be a teacher.

## Nick Milner



It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Mr Nick Milner on Monday 1st September 2025. Mr Milner was part of the Priory Academy LSST since its opening as the Lincoln School of Science and Technology in 1994 until his retirement in July 2021. He was dedicated to all his students and he loved teaching Mathematics across all year groups and abilities right up to the very brightest students studying A level Further Mathematics. In addition to his teaching Mr Milner was a regular contributor to extra-curricular activities including Duke of Edinburgh and girls' football to name but a few and some of you will remember his years as Head of Avalon House.

Many of you will recall Mr Milner from school trips to visit universities or longer residential trips for maths revision or trips abroad for skiing. He enjoyed every moment and never complained, even when having to deal with travel sick children in the middle of the night on long coach journeys to the ski resorts. In his later years at the Academy Mr Milner spent much of his time supporting A Level students wanting to apply to Oxbridge or for Medicine. Many of you will appreciate the time he put into supporting with personal statements, mock interviews and UCAS applications etc. Mr Milner was more than just a teacher; he was a mentor and an inspiration and we know that many of you have followed in his footsteps into the teaching profession. Mr Milner was extremely proud of you all and he loved to hear how you were all progressing after you left the Priory.

Mr Milner leaves his wife Julie and his children Luke and Jessica. They would be very pleased to hear any messages or memories you might have about Mr Milner, so we would ask that you send any messages by email to the Academy. These will be collected and then passed on to the family.