

## LCS NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

# AMERSHAM SCHOOL BECOMES LCS ACCREDITED

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*For immediate release*

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The Lean Competency System (LCS) is very pleased to announce that Amersham School, Buckinghamshire, UK, has become the world's first secondary school to become LCS accredited, enabling it to issue LCS Certificates of Lean Competency to pupils who progress through its LCS accredited training programme.

This is the first time that LCS accreditation has been used outside a workplace and represents a significant extension for the qualifications framework. It is also a major innovation and achievement for the School, which can now offer its pupils the chance to acquire a qualification previously reserved for business and public sector employees, which will provide them with core employment skills, boost their job prospects and make them more prepared for working life.

The initiative was the brainchild of Mark Boswell, Teacher of Science at the School, who was familiar with the LCS from a previous employment role in an LCS accredited organisation and describes the accreditation journey:

*“We started with a small number of students to trial the delivery, refine the training content and, most importantly, to see if it could successfully be delivered in a school environment. Happily, the answer was yes!*

*The school now has plans to introduce it into the wider sixth form, starting with another small cohort (10) this year and hopefully, in future, to give all sixth form students a chance to achieve a qualification. We will be working on a number of projects to review and improve existing school processes, such as keeping in touch with our Alumni and the management and handling of petty cash. Completion of a project will enable students to gain a level 1b certification. This requires the knowledge they gain to be put into practice in a real-world scenario.*

*Ultimately, we are here to enable our students to achieve at the highest level possible and be able to follow the dreams they have for their own futures. To have this qualification at such a young age should prove extremely beneficial when it comes to taking their next and future steps, such as UCAS applications and job interviews. It should really help our students to stand out.”*

**Amersham School Headteacher, Sharon Jarrett, comments on the School's achievement:**

*“We pride ourselves on our ability to provide each and every one of our students with a first class and personalised education which enables them to flourish and*

*succeed in all areas of school life. We strive to create a supportive and structured learning environment in which individuals are challenged to realise their full potential and encouraged to be ambitious for their futures. We believe it is of the utmost importance for students to become self-confident, positive and enquiring learners and this vision underpins everything we do.*

*Achieving the LCS accreditation aligns perfectly with both our specialism and our aspirations for our students. We thank Simon, and all at LCS, for their vision and support in enabling us to provide such a valuable opportunity to our wonderful students”.*

Simon Elias, LCS Director, says:

*“This is a significant achievement for the School that allows it to offer its students a unique qualification that is highly relevant in today’s workplace. What is particularly gratifying for me is to see the LCS syllabus, which is rooted in scientific thinking, being taught in a school environment”.*

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Photos



LCS Director, Simon Elias with Amersham Headteacher, Sharon Jarrett and sixth form students Cyrus Hassan and Orlando Doyle



LCS Director, Simon Elias presenting Amersham Headteacher, Sharon Jarrett with the School's **Accredited Certifier of Lean Competency** certificate

## About the LCS

The LCS was created by the Lean Enterprise Research Centre, Cardiff University, in 2005 and is now an internationally recognised workplace-based qualification system, used by over 500 organisations globally. The LCS is run by a University licenced company, Lean Competency Services Ltd, and it supports organisations in their implementation of lean thinking and continuous improvement by accrediting their in-house continuous improvement training programmes.

Over the past two decades 'lean' has been applied by organisations in all sectors - private and public - in an effort to deliver greater value for customers and stakeholders with the minimum of resources. The extent of Lean's reach is illustrated by the diversity of LCS accredited customers, which include ASOS, Aviva, the BBC, Barclays, Boeing, EY, HMRC, KPMG, Lloyds Bank, NHS Blood & Transplant, Ocado, PwC and the University of Cambridge.

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## About Amersham School

Amersham School is in Amersham, Buckinghamshire and takes children from the age of 11 to 18. It has approximately 1,020 pupils and has specialist Business & Enterprise College status, focussing on the development of skills which inspire and motivate its students to become successful and confident adults.

Amersham's students achieve good examination results at both GCSE and A Level and the school is consistently one of the top four performing Upper Schools in the County, making sure that its students have the personal qualifications and qualities to access Post-16 education and training.

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## Further Information

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