NEW Head Teacher Martin McKeown officially takes over at Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School in September.

After a gruelling two-day interview in April, the 37-year-old maths teacher clinched the top job and is now looking forward to picking up the reins left by retiring Head Andy Wright.

Throughout this term, the two men have worked side by side at the Wragby Road school, their brief joint tenure as Head helping to ensure the transition from one to the other is seamless.

Mr McKeown told The Leader: “Under normal circumstances one Head Teacher would simply leave at the end of the year and the other turn up at the beginning of the next. What has happened here is unique and I am very grateful that Dr Wright gave me the opportunity to come and start early, and he has been very supportive.”

A teacher of 15 years who trained in Glasgow and spent his early career in London, Mr McKeown has moved to Lincoln following a four-year stint as Vice-Principal at the Sirius Academy in Hull.

After visiting LCHS before his interview, he said: “I was struck by the exceptional friendliness I was shown, both by staff and students, and there’s a lovely feeling in the school. It isn’t just about coming here in Year 7, getting what qualifications you can and then leaving; it’s about how students are being prepared for the next stage in their life and a successful future. The school has a genuine student focus.”

Mr McKeown went on: “During the interview process you meet people and speak to them and you realise how much it matters: to staff, to students, to everybody. After that first day it was no longer about my ambition to become Head Teacher but my ambition for the organisation, to work with everyone here to create the best school I can. “I believe in my career I have shown the determination to look at a situation, evaluate it, and make clear decisions about how to move things forward. This is a good school and in an excellent position to improve further.”

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

EXAMS are over, the school year is winding down, and it’s time for a well-earned break. All of which means the Leader team will be re-energised and raring to go in September when we start planning our next edition.

If you like writing or taking photographs; if you enjoy responsibility and working to deadlines; if you are interested in a career in journalism or would simply like to see your name in print, why not get involved?

Volunteers

The Leader is published three times every year and is always on the lookout for new volunteers to write articles, take photographs, carry out interviews, write reviews, and much more.

If you are interested in being part of the team, contact Editor Mike Lyon in the Media Dept.

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The Little Leader

IT’S summer, the sun is out... and so is the latest edition of The LCHS Leader, sampled here in our traditional Page 2 taster of the main course inside. Enjoy the break, and don’t forget that there are always more pictures and stories at www.christs-hospital.lincs.sch.uk

* Cyber-bullying came under the spotlight when Year 10 Media students appeared on TV’s Look North - see page 3.
* Colleagues and former LCHS students have been paying tribute to music teacher Ed Korolyk who died last month - see pages 4-5.
* Year 9 and 10 students excelled when they accepted the annual Schools Challenge at the Lincolnshire Show - see page 6.
* More than 200 students and staff enjoyed a glittering night at the Year 11 Prom.
* Around 30 Year 7 students went on an English trip to Metheringham Airfield where they wrote poetry and created mementos.
* LCHS band The Captains took the top award at this year’s Lincoln Schools Music Showcase - see page 7.
* A crop of school records were mown during this year’s Sports Day - see pages 15-16.

Picture this: clockwise from above, JJ Bond with her home-made chapattis (see page 6); Freya Alcock has a close encounter of the shark kind during the Year 7 trip to Boulogne (see page 13); and students from LCHS, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany take to the stage at the climax of this year’s RO-TA event (see page 12).

Starry, starry night - see our Year 11 Prom picture special on pages 8-10.
MEDIA students from LCHS found themselves on BBC TV’s Look North after spotlighting cyber-bullying during a recent project at Siren FM. LCHS and the University of Lincoln-based community radio station have teamed up over several years to offer GCSE Media students the opportunity to create their own shows and broadcast live as part of their coursework. But this year one of the subjects tackled was cyber-bullying, which also happened to be the subject of a forthcoming report by Look North. The result was that presenter Simon Spark visited the school to quiz new Head Teacher Martin McKeown and the Year 10 students about their views. Media student Luca Shepherd told The Leader: “Our broadcast was going out from the university and we thought it was a relevant and topical subject that students and other teenagers would be interested in. “Quite a lot of people have had experience of cyber-bullying. Most of the time these things get sorted out, but sometimes people keep what’s happening to themselves. “We hope this kind of spotlight will encourage people to talk about it which is the first step towards dealing with the problem.”

Interesting subject
Media teacher Julian Winmill added: “It was an interesting subject to tackle and they produced a very balanced response. “They interviewed Head of Year Paul Fragle for their broadcast but also a vox pop featuring a range of people of all ages, and there were both positive and negative opinions about the Internet and social networking.”

BBC Look North presenter Simon Spark films the Media students at work, above, and Martin McKeown, below.

Going live - Year 10 Media students Luca Shepherd, left, and Cavan Malone in action at Siren FM.
FORMER students and colleagues were saddened by the death of veteran music teacher Ed Korolyk last month.

Ed retired in 2007 when he was 56 but had continued to teach part-time at LCHS up until last year. He died on June 12 after a period of illness.

He qualified as a teacher at the city’s Bishop Grosseteste College in the early 1970s and joined the staff of LCHS in September, 1974, as an assistant music teacher. He became Director of Music five years later.

Teaching thousands of children over four decades and organising countless concerts and musical productions, he also played a key role in the development of the ROTA project which continues to be a major success and was hosted by LCHS earlier this year - see page 11.

- The Leader invited members of staff who had worked with Ed (or even been taught by him!) to pay tribute by sharing their thoughts and memories of a friend and colleague whose career at the school spanned 40 years. The results are here on these pages.

I HAVE known Ed for 40 years when he taught at St Giles Secondary School and I taught at Myle Cross Girls’ School prior to the creation of LCHS in 1974.

I have many memories of Ed leading the school band in the many wonderful school productions which were a whole-school event and effort displaying the multiple talents of our school community, and conducting the orchestra and choir in the formal cathedral setting.

My most recent memory was of the privilege and inspiration it was to visit him in the hospice and talking to him about his positive confidence and faith in God.

Joan Bradley

WHEN I started at LCHS in September, 1983, Ed was one of the first smiling faces to greet me in the staff room. He made me feel very welcome and made it clear that if I needed advice on anything, then he would be happy to talk things through.

That unmistakably affable disposition was a constant feature of my professional relationship with Ed. He really was a model for all of the younger members of staff at that time and indeed throughout his career. He once told me (and indeed used to wear a tee-shirt proclaiming it) that ‘life is too short to drink bad wine’. The philosophy behind this sentiment is so utterly true and now, of course, even more poignant. This is how I shall remember Ed. It is a simple truth that there are not enough people in the world like Ed Korolyk. If there were, the world would indeed be a better place.

Phil Scully

A special tribute appeared on the website of the Waldstrasse Grammar School in Germany, one of our ROTA partners, written by music teacher and friend Bernd Wolf. A translation reads:

ED Korolyk, in his capacity as Head of Music at Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School, was one of the ROTA workshop leaders from the very beginning.

In the early 90s he founded the English side of the now longstanding music exchange between LCHS and the Waldstrasse Grammar School, which was broadened from time to time by the three-country exchange (“Magic Triangle”) with the Canton High School in Pennsylvania, USA, and he was a regular guest in our school for over ten years until his retirement.

During that time, many pupils who were privileged to work with him here had the opportunity to get to know Ed Korolyk as a very dedicated, enthusiastic and warm-hearted man, a true gentleman, who was a friend to all, as well as the inspiring true musician that he was.

We will always think of him with much gratitude.

Ed, my friend, rest in peace.
FAREWELL TO ED

MEMORIES! I have to start with the band, in particular the three trips to Pennsylvania, that first Canton HS visit to Lincoln and those electrifying concerts in the Sports Hall and the associated links with Bernd Wolf. Every time the band gathered, all the audience saw was a curly mop, but your eyes and smile clearly captivated the attentive young musicians, much of this joy being transmitted to the audience through their laughter, energy and quality of performance.

Most recently you and assorted musicians turned out in a warm evening in May, 2012, to round off a splendid day when we officially opened Monks Wood. Memorable, like everything else. I could go on and on. Thank you, Ed.

Chris Williams

I HAVE known Ed Korolyk since he was a student at Bishop Grosseteste College in the 1970s, and I have met him on a number of occasions since. I remember him as a modest, charming and unassuming man who possessed a wealth of talent. I will have an abiding image of him as Fagin in the musical Oliver, which was performed at LCHS many years ago. He was made for the part.

Peter Harrod
Assistant Archivist at LCHS

I FIRST met Ed 33 years ago when I came here as a pupil. When I first came back to work here in 1997 I passed Ed in the corridor. He stopped to chat like it was only the week before that I’d left school. What a lovely man; he never forgot anybody and was always so supportive.

I have also never seen anybody finish the Daily Telegraph crossword so quickly! My word, he’d do it in about two minutes flat and it was an exercise in futility for anybody else to try and beat him! He will be very fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Clare Louca

ED taught me ‘O’-Level Music in 1978-1980. He was the conductor of the Senior Choir and taught us (Year 10, 11, 6th form and many, many staff) to sing Silent Night in German. A brilliant teacher, sadly missed. May he rest in peace. I am certain Heaven has music. I am also sure he will be involved.

Chris Long (nee Grayson)
COUNTY SHOWDOWN!

LINCOLNSHIRE Show veterans Jessica Wyatt, Jamielee Wessels and Tierney Rayment, all Year 9, and members of the current Year 10 Media Studies class, have taken on this year’s Schools’ Challenge at the annual event.

The 2014 project spotlighted the Lincolnshire Show’s current advertising and media profile, and the students were challenged both to analyse the existing campaign and to create their own advertisements. The LCHS students produced a viral moving image ad, a radio ad, and even revamped the show’s logo and website.

They were supported by LCHS Media teachers Julian Winmill and Mike Lyon, and up against more than 40 others schools, the students won praise for the quality of their work, the high standard of their presentation and their ability to share their knowledge with visitors of all ages.

The project was co-ordinated by GMAT co-ordinator Julie Blyth who congratulated the students on their achievement.

Students enjoy a taste of Africa

YEAR 8 students have spent a Geography lesson in the DT food rooms cooking and tasting some traditional Kenyan foods. Teacher Hannah Jackson lived and worked in Kenya last year and brought her experiences to the classroom as part of a unit of work based on the east African country. On the menu was chai (sweet, milky tea), sukuma wiki (braised cabbage), beef stew, chapattis, mango juice and mandazi (a type of donut).

Conflicting emotions at WW1 show

by Molly Jones

HISTORY came to life when KS3 students staged a comic but sad WW1-based showcase of drama, dance and music. Emotions were high during the show, and adults were crying at the final Year 7 scene. However, most of the time the room was full of laughter as Years 7 and 8 performed scenes inspired by Horrible Histories.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NEW Head Teacher Martin McKeown, pictured, has already been in school for several weeks... but to help students and staff get to know him a little better, The Leader asks the BIG questions.

Married or single? Married. Anne, who is a part-time Science teacher.
Children? Two girls: Eloise who is eight and Evelyn who is five. Both very energetic but absolutely adorable!
Pets? Two dogs, springer spaniels, completely bonkers! Three fish and two frogs in a pond in the garden.

Favourite film? Love the 70s and 80s classic adventures like Superman, Star Wars and Raiders of the Lost Ark... great adventures. Love watching Frozen with the girls at the moment. Their singalong is hilarious.
Favourite food? Like all foods really. Especially love BBQ on hot days or steak on Friday nights.
Favourite sport? Golf. Used to play it a lot. Not so much now. But still like to get out when I can. Used to play rugby in my younger days. Enjoy watching the Six Nations.
Bath or shower? Bath
Tea or coffee? Coffee
New or vintage? Vintage
Inside or outside? Outside
Sun or snow? Sun
Batman or Superman? Superman. Batman can’t even fly... what’s super about that?

NEW HEAD FOR LCHS

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Mr McKeown went on: “When parents or carers in this area look around for the best school for their children, I want to make this their only choice.”

Tribute

He also paid tribute to Dr Wright who leaves this summer after nine years in charge at LCHS: “It’s clear how appreciative people are of what Andy Wright has done for this school. His legacy is very significant and, yes, his will be big boots to fill.”

STUDENTS MEAN BUSINESS

TWO charities are set to benefit after Year 8 students showed their entrepreneurial spirit.
In March each Year 8 form was given £10 and set the challenge of starting up a mini-enterprise and making as much money as possible within one month.
Nearly every break and lunchtime the cloisters were set up with a variety of stalls selling cakes, sweets, smoothies, bracelets, Mother’s Day gifts and duct tape wallets as the students worked together developing their enterprising skills to raise an amazing £439.86!
The money is being divided between St Barnabas Hospice and Leicester Neonatal Unit.

Award is music to their ears

THE CAPTAINS proved unsinkable when they netted the top award at this year’s Lincoln Schools Music Showcase.
The 2014 event was held last month at the Terry O’Toole Theatre in North Hykeham where the four schools taking part were Castle Academy, North Kesteven School, Robert Pattinson School and Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School.
Performances were of a high standard but LCHS band The Captains (pictured, from left, James Turnbull, Will Brewer, Alex Platton and Phoebe Morris) sailed away with the showcase trophy.
YEAR 11 turned out in style for their annual Prom!

Jocasta’s was the perfect setting for 170 students and more than 50 staff to celebrate the end of an era, and the dance floor was rocking till midnight!

The girls looked beautiful with their flawless hair and make-up and impressive choices of dresses, and the boys were impeccable in their tuxedos and suits.

There were some memorable arrivals, too, by stretched Limousine, a high performance Ferrari, an American Cadillac, a VW Camper Van, a Mini Cooper, several luxury Range Rovers, high end Jaguars and an RAF Fire and Rescue Engine!

Said Y11 Pastoral and Learning Assistant Deb Mackie: “It certainly was a night to remember and a fantastic time was had by all.”

Pictured at the Prom are, clockwise from top left, Charlotte Wright and Joshua Humphries; Jessica Parker, Sophie Addlesee and Mollie Lewis; Kieran Williams, Ed Horn, Jack Wilkinson and William Stocks; and Emily Yap and Dominic Miles.