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PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

Rather than sending out multiple emails and letters, I have included the most important information you require to prepare for your child's return to school after the summer holidays in September in one information page.

School Website – the vast amount of information you require about LJS and your child's return to school in September can be found via our school website <http://www.laurencejackson.org/> and selecting the parents icon at the top left of the page.

School Uniform

Please see the following page for guidance on the school uniform.

A girl's school uniform order form can be found [here](#)
A boy's school uniform order form can be found [here](#)

School Buses – Information and times for school buses can be found [here](#)

Gateway App

LJS operates a cashless system which can be used to pay safely for school meals, trips and other chargeable activities. Parents are encouraged to update and manage their child's account via the school gateway app. Information regarding this system and instructions to use it can be found at

[School Gateway Web Portal](#)

[Register A New School Gateway account](#)

[Apple App Store](#)

[Google Play Store](#)

[LJS School Gateway FAQs](#)



Ahead of purchasing school uniform for your child, **please note the following guidance to ensure compliance with our expectations.**

School re-starts 5 September



Green blazer with school logo
(purchased from school approved suppliers only ie Tag Teamwear or Bambini)



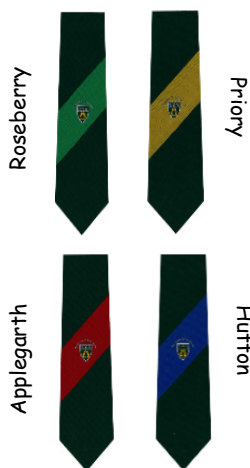
White school shirt
(long or short sleeved)



Trousers Plain Black Loose Fitting
(No fashion trousers, eg jeans/skinny trousers/trousers tapered to the ankle)

OR

Plain black pleated knee length skirt (purchased from school approved suppliers only ie Tag Teamwear or Bambini)



Green tie (Lower School)/Black tie (Upper School) with coloured stripe depending on House



Plain black tights or black, grey or white socks

NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

Jewellery – for Health & Safety reasons no jewellery except **one pair of small stud earrings**, gold or silver (one in each lobe) is permitted. **No body piercing (including ear stretchers and clear facial piercings). No tattoos or body modification are allowed.**

Heavy make up – discreet make up only is allowed ie not noticeable. The following are not allowed in school:

- False eyelashes
- False nails – gel, acrylic etc
- Nail varnish, including gel nail varnish
- Fake tan
- Unnatural colours, eg blue mascara etc

Hair – extremes of fashion, as determined by the school, eg bright colours, bands of colour, hair sculpting/ tramlines, will not be acceptable. No large hair accessories. Hair accessories must be functional, not decorative. Only plain green, black or white hairbands are permitted.

Bags - All students are expected to carry a school bag for equipment and kit, **not a handbag**, and **MUST** be big enough to hold an A4 book/file

Mobile phones, electronic devices, smart watches and earphones will be **confiscated if visible** in the school building

No aerosols allowed in school

Consequences in line with the Behaviour for Learning Policy will be applied

ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

BOYS



GIRLS



AS A HEALTHY SCHOOL

- LJS is a no smoking site (including e-cigarettes)
- We recommend that students drink water regularly through the day
- Fizzy/caffeine/high energy drinks are not allowed in school

Parental Calendar – A copy of the school calendar for 2017-2018 can be found [here](#) or see below for key dates. Please note the KS3 exam dates will be confirmed as soon as possible and are not included on this calendar.

September 2017

- 5th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
- 5th Y7/Y9/Y11 Photographs
- 13th Friends of Laurence Jackson School AGM 7.00pm
- 21st **PD Day – School closed to students**
- 21st Open Evening for Y6 parents
- 27th Y8 Girls HPV Vaccinations

October

- 2nd Careers Convention
- 9th Y7 & Y10 'Drop In' meetings with Form & Associate Tutors 3.30-5.00 pm
- 11th Sports College Presentation Evening, Gisborough Hall
- 18th Enrichment Day
- 18th Y10 Making Opportunities Day 1
- 20th Y7 Core Progress Check issued to parents
- 20th **School closes** 3.00 pm
- 30th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
- 31st Y7 Halloween Party

November

- 2nd Y11 Progress Check 1 issued to parents
- 8th Y11 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm
- 8th Friends of Laurence Jackson School Meeting 7.00pm
- 9th Y10 Progress Check 1 issued to parents
- 16th Ex Y11 GCSE Presentation Evening 7.00pm
- 17th Y9 Progress Check 1 issued to parents
- 17th Race Night
- 29th Y10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm
- 30th Y8 Progress Check 1 issued to parents

December

- 1st **PD Day—School closed to students**
- 6th Christmas Fayre 3.00-6.00 pm
- 14th Y7 Progress Check 1 issued to parents
- 19th Christmas Concert
- 22nd **School closes** 12.00 pm

January 2018

- 8th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
- 10th Y11 Progress Check 2 issued to parents
- 11th Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm
- 17th Friends of Laurence Jackson School Meeting 7.00 pm
- 22nd Y11 Trial Exams start

February

- 2nd Y11 Trial Exams end
- 6th Y9 Progress Check 2 written report issued to parents
- 7th Y10 Progress Check 2 issued to parents
- 8th Y9 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm (Options Convention)
- 9th Quiz Night
- 9th **School closes** 3.00 pm
- 19th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
- 21st Y9 DTP+MenACWY Vaccinations

- 21st Friends of Laurence Jackson School Meeting 7.00 pm
22nd Y9 Options 1:2:1 meetings 4.00-7.30 pm

March

- 2nd Deadline for Y9 option returns
2nd Y11 Progress Check 3 issued to parents
8th Y11 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm
12th Y10 Trial Exams start
13th Year 8 Progress Check 2 issued to parents
21st Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30 pm
23rd Y7 Progress Check 2 issued to parents
23rd Y10 Trial Exams end
27th Spring Concert 7.00pm
28th France Trip departs
29th **School closes** 3.00pm

April

- 2nd France Trip returns
9th Iceland Trip departs (tbc)
12th Iceland Trip returns (tbc)
16th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
25th Y8 Girls HPV Vaccination
26th Dance Show 7.00pm
30th Y10 Progress Check 3 issued to parents

May

- Y11 Alton Towers Trip (date to be confirmed)
Y11 Leavers' Day (date to be confirmed)
3rd Y10 Parents' Evening
7th **Bank Holiday**
25th **School Closes** 3.00 pm

June

- 4th **School re-opens** 8.30 am
9th Family Fun Day
13th Friends of Laurence Jackson School Meeting 7.00 pm
27th Y10 Progress Check 4 issued to parents
27th Y10 College Taster Day
28th Lower School Activities Day Y7-9
28th Y10 Making Opportunities Day 2
29th Making Opportunities Day 3
Y7-9 Sports Day (TBC)

July

- 2nd-6th Y10 Work Experience Week
2nd-20th Y6 Transition Weeks (tbc)
3rd Race for Life 4.00—6.00pm
3rd Y7 Progress Check 3 issued to parents
4th Y8 Progress Check 3 issued to parents
5th Y9 Progress Check 3 & EKS3 TA issued to parents
4th Y6 Induction Evening (tbc)
5th Y11 Prom
20th **School closes** 12.00 pm

August

- 23rd GCSE Results Day

The Department of Education guidance states that students should be provided with Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) as part of a school curriculum. SRE is provided to support students through their physical, emotional and moral development. It helps students develop the skills and understanding they need to live confident, healthy and independent lives.

SRE is delivered in a sensitive way, within a framework which ensures both adults and students feel comfortable and confident in discussing material which is age appropriate. Aspects of SRE are delivered through the science curriculum, which is compulsory. Other aspects of SRE are delivered through a variety of programmes and 'one off' sessions throughout years 7 to 11. Sessions are delivered by both Laurence Jackson School staff and also other appropriate professionals i.e. Targeted Youth Support, CREST and the School Nurse.

More information about SRE in Laurence Jackson School can be found in the Sex Education and Relationships Policy, available on the school website. School assumes all parent/carers support their child accessing these sessions, unless they contact school, to advise us they wish to withdraw their child from these sessions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Tyzack', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Tyzack
Senior Teacher