



Laurence Jackson School Parental Bulletin

9th September 2022

HRH Queen Elizabeth II, 1926 - 2022

We express our deepest sympathies to the Royal Family and the nation, following the announcement of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her love and devotion to the country and its people will be remembered in history.

Rest in peace Ma'am.

Messages from the Headteacher

We have been delighted with the positive start our Y7 students have made to their first week at LJS. We appreciate how different secondary school can be, but we have been really pleased with the way Y7s have conducted themselves and engaged with their learning.

Students in Y8-11 have made a really impressive start to the new school term also, showing high standards of uniform, being well equipped for lessons and demonstrating a positive attitude to learning. We have seen a record number of achievement points awarded in the first week and we look forward to this excellent approach continuing.

So many students have been rewarded this week—nearly 20,000 rewards points have been given out. Please look at Class Charts to check your child's progress.

We are currently updating our extra curricular activity / club programme and aim to share it via the parental bulletin and school website next week.

Our homework club is available to all students in any year group. LSA support and supervision will be available during this club. The club will take place in R2 on Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 2.40pm-4pm and starts 12.9.22.

STEM opportunity for Y10/11: Teesside University 24-28 October (half term) - an amazing opportunity is available to Y10/11—a 5-day STEM adventure where students work alongside NASA & ESA Astronauts, NASA Scientists and award-winning STEM educators to design a sustainable habitat that they can use to live in on Mars. There will also be guest speakers, including a visit from the UK Space Agency. Students will learn STEM skills over the week, hear inspiring stories from the Astronauts and work in groups to achieve something incredible. Places are free and lunch/drinks are provided. **Any interested students need to sign up by 10.9.22 (tomorrow) as places are limited—apply online [here](#).**

Celebrating Student Success

CHALLENGE 1: READ THE FIRST BOOK IN A SERIES

Book: *Hunger Games*
Author: Suzanne Collins

CHALLENGE 4: READ A BOOK THAT IS LINKED TO YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Subject linked to what I read: history

Although I did not read a book, I read a BBC online newspaper about 'The Blitz' from a 1940s home reading magazine. It was at the start of the war in 1940 London started to be bombed by the Nazis. I also found that one of the reasons Germans bombed London and 11 other towns in the UK was because the British had bombed Berlin on the 27th August 1940.

I have thought most of the newspaper was about the Blitz and the event that hit us in 1940 was the Blitz and the 1940s times and circumstances (including permission for 19 year old Culture Club). There was also special mentions to people who had helped during the recent air raid in London - 'picking other people's safety first before their own'.

CHALLENGE 5: CHOOSE A TEXT TO READ ALOUD TO SOMEONE ELSE, ONCE A WEEK EACH WEEK IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

BOOK	WHO READ IT	WHEN READ
<i>Hunger Games</i>	Man	25.08.2022
<i>Hunger Games</i>	Man	01.09.2022
<i>Calculus for Dummies</i>	Girl	08.09.2022
<i>Hunger Games</i>	Girl	5.20.2022
<i>Calculus for Dummies</i>	Man	27.08.2022
<i>Hunger Games: Mockingjay</i>	Man	30.08.2022

Hannah F Y11 and Olivia F Y8: completed a series of the Reading Challenge Activities and showcased their efforts in an impressive manner (see some of Olivia's work above).

Ellyse W Ethan W Y9: submitted an impressive entries for 'Young Writers Annual Showcase'.

If any other students completed any of the enrichment activities suggested and haven't yet let us know - if they email Mrs Crawford evidence of their efforts, they will be awarded some achievement points

Year Group Specific Messages

7	<p><u>Year 7 Year Manager</u> is Miss Farrell.</p> <p>If your Y7 child would like a locker, their form tutor will register interest during form time and a key will be made available this half term. Lockers are £5 to buy and last until your child is in Y11.</p> <p>Y7 had their school photo taken this week and have been given proofs to take home; if you would like to order any prints, please follow the instructions on the proofs to order online. Parent/carers have a set a window for free P&P to school — please read the information online. After this time, P&P is charged and prints delivered home.</p> <p>Y7 boys football trials will take place on 13.9.22 on the AGP 2.40pm-4pm. Students must attend in full PE kit.</p>
8	<p><u>Year 8 Year Manager</u> is Miss Booth.</p> <p>Y8 boys football trials will take place on 13.9.22 on the AGP 2.40pm-4pm. Students must attend in full PE kit.</p>
9	<p><u>Year 9 Year Manager</u> is Miss Bunn.</p> <p>Annual Careers Convention Y9 / 11 26.9.22 5-7pm (Y9 5-6pm) - this is an excellent chance for Y9 and 11 students and parents / carers to explore the world of work. Colleges, Universities, Training / Apprenticeship Providers, Employers, Independent Careers Advisors, Support Agencies and Local Authorities will be in attendance to provide information, advice and guidance to you and your child to support with Y9 options. We expect all students to attend. If you have children in both year groups or are unable to attend during the allocated time slot please feel free to attend at any time throughout the evening.</p>
10	<p><u>Year 10 Year Manager</u> is Miss Watson.</p> <p>Well done to our Y10 students who have completed the first week of their new timetable which has included their new GCSE and vocational options.</p> <p>Y10 boys football at home to Our Lady St Bede in the ESFA National Cup on Wednesday night.</p> <p>Early notice— 6.10.22 – Y10/11 Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening – main school hall 6.30pm-7.30pm for students (and parents/carers) who completed their DofE Award last year. Further details to follow.</p>
11	<p><u>Year 11 Year Manager</u> is Mrs Clements.</p> <p>Annual Careers Convention Y9 / 11 26.9.22 5-7.30pm (Y11 6-7.30pm) - this is an excellent chance for Y9 and 11 students and parents / carers to explore the world of work. Colleges, Universities, Training / Apprenticeship Providers, Employers, Independent Careers Advisors, Support Agencies and Local Authorities will be in attendance to provide information, advice and guidance to you and your child to support with Y11 Post-16 Education choices. We expect all students to attend. If you have children in both year groups or are unable to attend during the allocated time slot please feel free to attend at any time throughout the evening.</p> <p>Y11 Geography fieldwork rivers trips will taking place on 19.9.22 and 21.9.22. Y11 parents will receive further information via class charts next week.</p> <p>Please note that there will be some vital home communication sent shortly to students, parents/carers regarding the very important year ahead from Mrs Sunley, Deputy Headteacher.</p> <p>Early notice— 6.10.22– Y10/11 Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening – main school hall 6.30pm-7.30pm for students (and parents/carers) who completed their DofE Award last year. Further details to follow.</p>

