



Laurence Jackson School Parental Bulletin

18 November 2022

Messages from the Headteacher



Well done to Finlay B, Ben S, Amelia H and Elizabeth G from Year 11 who supported the Remembrance Service in Guisborough on Sunday. I would like to thank them for representing our school so brilliantly.

Reading Spines Reading Books Update—The vast majority of our KS3 students have now been issued with a reading book from our Reading Spines. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to look at the book your child has received and take the opportunity to hear your child, read to your child or both. Students have a reading record so it would be appreciated if you could complete this to sum up how your reading sessions with your child have gone. Please consider watching [this PowerPoint](#) which we previously shared from Mrs Crawford including advice about reading with your child.

Our **Christmas Concert** will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm in the hall. The action-packed programme will feature over 60 students taking part in the Orchestra, Choir, Stage Band and there will also be a number of festive solo items too. Tickets are £4 and available via this [link](#)

Football World Cup game—on Monday 21st November, students will be offered the opportunity to watch England's first World Cup game vs Iran. Students who do not wish to watch the game will be able to continue with work.

PD Day 2nd December—a reminder that the school is closed on this day. School re-opens at the normal time on Monday 5th December.

Trampolining Club is cancelled on Tuesday 22nd November—it will resume on the 29th November
Badminton Club is cancelled on Friday 25th November—it will resume on the 9th December.

Please see the attached poster for a **Languages design a Christmas Card competition**. The Languages Team are really looking forward to seeing the entries!

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

As the nights draw in and more and more children look to join clubs and keep active through the winter it is important that parents are aware and vigilant to the safeguarding responsibilities of the organisation. As part of a safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a safeguarding course for parents. This is mainly aimed at football and football club settings/coaching, however the principles can be applied to any sports club/activity.

The FREE course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively.

This free course can be found here: [Safeguarding Awareness for Parents and Carers | England Football Learning](#)

Celebrating Student Success

Well done to our Year 11 boys' football team who beat Durham Johnston 1-0 in the third round of the National Schools Football Cup on Tuesday. We look forward to the fourth round draw. Our Year 8 Boys' team were also victorious 2-1 versus Macmillan College on Wednesday in the National Schools Cup. They now go into the 5th round of the competition.

European Day of Languages Poster Competition

Thank you for all the Vision Academy Learning Trust European day of Languages poster competition entries. These were independently judged by one of the Assistant Headteachers from Egglecliffe. The overall winner was Rosie D (Y7) - the judge said she loved the design and the interlinking people as this gave a really strong message of how, regardless of language and culture, we are all the same. Runner up prizes also went to Libby D (Y9)



Space 2021 Programme

Instead of having a half term break, Cate M (Y8) attended Teesside University to undertake the Space 2101 programme. She was one of about 320 children aged 12 to 18 years. She went on her own, not knowing anyone there, which was so incredibly brave. She had an absolutely fantastic week, they did Coding, 3D Design, Presentations, had talks from NASA and ESA Astronauts and Scientists. Sponsors came in and talked to them about ecological projects. They even produced postcards that will be taken up into space and then returned to her. This is fantastic Cate, we are all really proud of you!



Specific Year Group Messages

8	We will shortly be sending the Y8 virtual parents' evening letter invitation via email. This event takes place on 8th December, 3-6pm. The letter includes your unique details for getting logged in and making your appointments.
10	Please see careers information overleaf.
11	Thursday 24th November is the Year 11 Engineering exam Please see careers information overleaf.



ALL YEARS – Careers & Enterprise Student Leadership Group

During December we will be raising funds to support our local community in the run up to Christmas and are launching a Poster Competition to promote our fundraising activities around school. Entries to the poster competition are 50p and students can create an individual poster for each fundraising activity or one poster to promote all 3... the choice is yours!

The Fundraising activities are:

- Guess the amount of sweets in the Jar, £1 a guess
- Christmas Hamper Raffle, tickets £1 a strip
Name the Teddy Bear, £1 a guess

The deadline to submit poster(s) to Miss Mitchinson in the Careers Office is Wednesday 30 November and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The Student Leadership Group will be visible during lunch and break times (December) with the fundraising activities.

>>> If students are interested in joining the Careers & Enterprise Student Leadership Group, they need to speak to Miss Mitchinson in the Careers Office <<<

YEAR 11 – Find an Apprenticeship

If students are interested in finding an apprenticeship, visit [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) where students can create an account, enter their search options and create alerts to be notified when vacancies become available. More information can be found at [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

YEAR 11 – Middlesbrough College & TTE (Free Travel)

Whether students live 15 or 50 minutes away, there are a number of bus & train routes available to make the journey that bit easier. For further information and eligibility please contact the College's Student Services department 01642 333278.

YEAR 11 – Careers in the Health & Care Sector, Wednesday 9 November

As part of their Careers Education Programme, a group of Year 11s attended a 'Careers in the Health and Care Sector' event at Redcar & Cleveland College where they engaged with professionals from a wide range of areas and looked at some of the higher-level jobs, skills and entry routes. Miss Mitchinson was extremely impressed with the students' mature behaviour, positive attitude and excellent questions. Thank you to the College and all the employers for a great day!

YEAR 10 – Business & Enterprise Workshop, Monday 14 November

As part of their Careers Education Programme a group of Year 10 Enterprise Students visited Teesworks Skills Academy on Monday 14 November to participate in a 'Business and Enterprise Workshop' where they were given the task of creating the 'Best New Idea'. The event, as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week 2022, gave an insight into the definition on innovation, why businesses innovate and different types of innovation. Students worked in 2 teams to identify why innovation is needed and discovered and how to carry out their own project. The winning team was a close call and it was that close that it was eventually decided that both teams would share the winning trophy for the "Best New Idea" - Huge thanks to Enterprise Made Simple, Teesworks Skills Academy and the Tees Valley Combined Authority for giving us this opportunity!

The BIG BIG Project – Launch Event, 30 November

A team of 6 students in years 7 to 10 have been successfully accepted onto the Big Big Project 2022/23 Programme where they will learn invaluable skills, work closely with an employer mentor and learn about the diverse range of career opportunities available in the region. 11 Teams taking part will be given a challenge at the Launch Event and as an example, last year's challenge was 'assuming that you have been granted £20m to spend in their own town and over the course of the competition you need to decide on the schemes you would want to deliver in your town to help 'Level Up'.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL AND MODERN CLASSICS INCLUDING...

LJS ORCHESTRA PERFORMING -
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY AND SEASONAL CAROLS

STAGE BAND PERFORMING - LAST CHRISTMAS,
WHITE CHRISTMAS AND ALL I WANT FOR
CHRISTMAS IS YOU

CHOIR PERFORMING - STAR OF BETHLEHEM,
CAROL OF THE BELLS, GAUDETE, SLEIGHRIDE

**7PM WEDNESDAY
14TH DECEMBER**

TICKETS £4
AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/
VISION-ACADEMY-LEARNING-TRUST/
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Foreign language Christmas card design competition


Calling all students

Design a card which shows the Christmas traditions of another country.

Entries can be submitted in any foreign language.

Each card should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper and must be completed by hand, but any form of materials can be used – felt tips, paint, fabric etc.

Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language and content.



Each entry MUST be clearly marked on the back with your name, tutor group and language teacher's name and handed to a teacher in the MFL department, by Friday 9th December at the latest.

Entries containing English language will not be accepted.