



# Laurence Jackson School

## Parental Bulletin

25th November 2022

### Messages from the Headteacher

**PD Day** —Please be reminded that we have a calendared PD day on Friday 2nd December. School will be closed on this day. School re-opens at the normal time on Monday 5th December.

#### Upcoming SEN Review evenings -

**SEN K Review Evening** - This will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. All Parents/Carers of SEN Support students have received an invitation letter via email with booking details for appointments. If you need support with booking an appointment please contact us on [SEND@laurencejackson.org](mailto:SEND@laurencejackson.org)

**EHCP Review Evening** - This will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All Parents/Carers of students with an EHCP will receive an invitation letter via email with booking details for appointments.

**Year 8 Parents Evening**—Please be aware that bookings are now live for the Year 8 virtual parents evening on 8th December 3pm-6pm. Communication has been sent electronically and students were issued with a paper copy of the invitation letter to take home on Monday. You can also follow [this link](#) for further support for booking your appointments. On 30th November the Year 8 progress check will be issued.

**School Uniform price increase**—Please note that our school uniform provider Trutex will be increasing prices of all ranges by 8% from 1st December 2022. Therefore, if you know that you need to order items, we encourage you to do so before this date. The School Uniform Bank on Fountain Street in Guisborough is still running—please see the information at the end of this bulletin for details.

#### **Middlesbrough Football Club Design a Football Shirt Comp—**

MFC have launched a design a warm up t-shirt competition to celebrate that football is for everyone. The winning design will be worn by Boro players before their home game V QPR during Pride Week (February 2023). Students can request a template to complete from their form tutor next week or they can download a template [here](#). Entries need to be submitted to your child's form tutor by Wed 14th December so that we can scan and email across to the organisers.



**Trust KS4 Revision Support**—the Trust revision site 'Choose to Succeed' is now available for KS4 students. At this present time, it focuses on English literature, English Language and Maths. These sites have resources to support subject specific revision and there is also a general revision course which is guidance on how to revise. Please see the information at the end of this bulletin for details.



## Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations to our KS3 Badminton Teams who played in the Redcar and Cleveland tournament on Thursday 24th November. The boys won all of their games and the girls won most of theirs too. As a result the boys team will progress to represent Redcar and Cleveland at the Tees Valley Finals.

## Learning 4 Life Lessons

Please see the below listed topics that will be covered in learning4life over the next month:

Year 7 - continuing with the puberty block

Year 8 - careers and jobs / boosting self-esteem / labour market

Year 9 - how self-esteem changes / self-harm / cancer prevention and healthy lifestyles

Year 10 - promoting emotional well-being / suicide/ child abuse

Year 11 - abortion / gambling awareness

If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, then please contact Miss Russell on [russellp@laurencejackson.org](mailto:russellp@laurencejackson.org) or the relevant Year Manager.

## Safeguarding Spotlight

As the dark nights come in and the school holidays approach over the next 4 bulletins I would like to focus our attention on issues around our area and local context safeguarding. In school we work closely with local council, local police and social services to help protect our young people as much as possible both in and out of school. This week I would like to raise awareness of a national initiative known as "county lines" which is not new but still very much a concern for our young people and how they are being targeted for organised crime. "County lines" is a form of criminal exploitation. It is when criminals befriend children, either online or offline, and then manipulate them into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to towns outside their home county. In previous bulletins we have continually raised awareness of parents being aware of their young peoples online use and communications, please continue to do this and follow the link below for more in depth information about "county lines", what to look out for and what to do if you have concerns.

[What Is County Lines? | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines/)

## **School Uniform Bank**

### **Drop in Sessions**

**Every Tuesday 10-12 (term time)**

**Guisborough Evangelical Church**

**Fountain Street**

**(please use the rear entrance)**

**Refreshments Available**

**Email: [staff@guisborough-bridge.org.uk](mailto:staff@guisborough-bridge.org.uk)**

**Phone: 07936 316217**

**Donations of any outgrown uniform will be gratefully received.**





# YOUR ACTIONS DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE



## Revision Website

Our 'Choose to Succeed' revision site is designed to support KS4 students in preparing for GCSE examinations. Once enrolled on a course you can access a wide range of resources and additional support including details about the various papers you will sit, video tutorials produced by our teaching staff, revision lists, links to past papers, support for individual topics and concepts and much more.

Currently there are three courses available-maths, English language and English literature but more will be added as the year progresses.

## How Do I Access it?

Scan the **QR Code** below or enter [valt.org.uk/learning](http://valt.org.uk/learning) into your web browser.

Log in via the **Sign in with Microsoft Office 365** option using your regular school email address and password. *If you cannot remember your username or password please contact your school's IT support staff.*

## How do I enrol on a course?

**Log in**, select all courses and **click the course name**, then click **Enrol Me**.

Some courses are protected with an enrolment key (password). Enter your timetable group code for the matching subject to enrol. For example, if you are in the English group 11a-En1, the password to enrol in the English Language course will be 11a-En1

If you do not know which group code to use, please speak to your subject teacher.

