



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin



16th December 2022

Messages from the Headteacher

Breakfast Club—we have been really pleased with the success of this provision for our students over the last 2 weeks, and I am pleased to say that we have secured more funding to continue to offer free breakfast items to all students until 8.20am each day until March 2023, when at this point it will be reviewed.

Christmas Charity Appeal—Thank you to our families and staff who made generous donations of food and toiletries that were gratefully received yesterday morning by the Guisborough Bridge Association these will be distributed to those in need over the festive period. Thank you to Isabel and Evie (Y8) for helping deliver the donations.



Term Dates reminder -

Christmas holidays: Monday 19th December—Monday 2nd January (school closed)

PD Day: Tuesday 3rd January (school closed)

Return to school date for all students at the normal time: Wednesday 4th January 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy new Year!

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 14th December, we held our first Christmas concert for two years following covid restrictions and lockdowns. The audience was treated to an amazing array of talent from across all year groups. Everybody had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed every performance. Well done to Mr Codling and Mr Allan for arranging such a top class production—showcasing LJS at its very best!



Celebrating Student Success

Christmas Card Design winner



Amy C in Year 9 has been successful in winning first prize in a Christmas card competition for “Hello Education”. Amy’s card has been printed and is to be used within the company as their official Christmas card. Amy was one of over 100 entrants from schools spanning from Durham to York. A representative from the company visited school this week to present Amy with a goody bag and Amazon vouchers. We are delighted for Amy and would



like to congratulate her on her achievement. Well done!

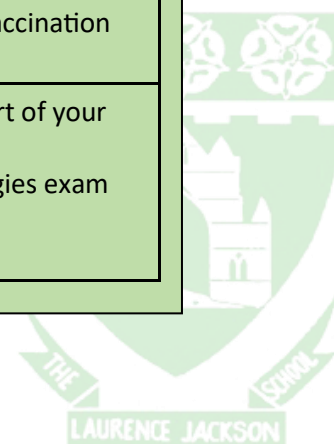
MFL Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered the Modern Foreign Languages Christmas card competition. Mrs McGrogan was delighted with the entries and awarded prizes to the best entries. Well done!



Year Group Specific Messages

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| Key Stage 3 | The School Immunisation Service will be visiting LJS on 9/1/23 to deliver the nasal spray flu vaccine to Y7 8 and 9. Your child will not receive this vaccine without a valid consent form. Access the consent link here The school code is HD111724. If you have any problems with completing the online consent, please contact the Immunisations Consent Team on 0300 0032554. |
| Year 8 | We would value your feedback following your child’s recent progress check and the parents evening which took place on 08.12.22. Please see the link on class charts issued this week to give your feedback. |
| Year 9 | Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/iPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccine for all Year 9 students —please see the NHS letter on class charts from the immunisation team on how to consent for this vaccine and for more information. The vaccination will be delivered from February to April 2023. |
| Year 11 | Please be mindful of the following dates which are real exams and are part of your child’s official course. These are not mock exams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 11th January – Cambridge National Information Technologies exam • Friday 27th January – Childcare Exam • Tuesday 31st January – BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise exam |





Safeguarding Spotlight

As a result of the terribly sad events that occurred this week in Solihull where 4 young children lost their lives after falling through ice whilst playing on a frozen lake, we have been asked to share the following information from Cleveland Fire Brigade to ensure all of our students and their families stay safe during the winter months.

It can be tempting to walk or play on frozen water, but the ice can easily break and it is never clear how thick the ice is.

- If the ice breaks and you or someone you are with falls in, the temperature of the water can lead to cold water shock (an involuntary response which seriously affects your movement and breathing).
- The water temperature can lead to hypothermia, a serious reduction in your body temperature, which can cause heart failure.
- This can happen to even the strongest swimmers.
- If you see someone in trouble, **DO NOT ENTER THE WATER!**



Call 999 immediately and try and reach them with an object from dry land.

Please take notice of the warnings and stay off the ice!

- Never venture onto frozen water. Even if it appears thick from the bank, it can become thinner very quickly and there is no way of knowing if it will support your weight.
- Adults – set a good example to children by staying off the ice.
- if a dog or other animal ventures onto the ice, or falls through it, do not go onto the ice to rescue it – you are likely to end up in the freezing water.
- Never throw sticks or balls onto the ice for your dog – keep them on a lead near frozen water. Over 50% of ice related drownings involve the attempted rescue of a dog!
- If you do see a person or animal in trouble in icy water, stay on the bank and phone 999. If you can reach the person with a branch, clothing tied together or other items then you could try to do so but stay firmly on the bank.
- Do not become a victim – phone 999!
- Please see the information poster on the following page for further details.



THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

