



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

31st March 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

A reminder that the Easter holidays run from 3rd to 14th April. All students are to return to school on Monday 17th April at the normal time.

Year 11 students have been issued their final exam timetables and details of results day 2023 today. Students have to attend school for all lessons and exams up to Friday 16 June.

I hope all Year 11 students make the most of the opportunities on offer for additional support and revision sessions in school during the Easter holidays. Please see a copy of these sessions below.

Please be informed that the school office will close at 2.40pm on 17th April to facilitate staff training.

Included in this bulletin is important information regarding the School Rewards Trip day on Monday 17th July. Parents/carers of students in Years 7 to 10 must complete a form to indicate which trip/activity they would like their child to take part in.

The booking site for the Easter delivery of the Holiday Activities & Food Programme is now live. There are thousands of places for children from families in receipt of benefit related free school meals to book onto. Please click onto this direct weblink for the booking system: <https://middlesbroughredcarcouncil.coordinate.cloud>

Please see overleaf information regarding Year 11 paid work experience opportunities.

Please note all science sessions are limited places and students will need to sign up with Dr Jones.

Day	Dates	Time	Subject
Monday	03.04.23	10.00 – 12.00	Physics
		12.30 – 14.00	Maths Foundation
Tuesday	04.04.23	10.00 – 12.00	Combined Biology Paper 1
Wednesday	05.04.23	9.00 – 11.00	Maths Foundation
		10.00 – 12.00	RE
Thursday	06.04.23	10.00 – 12.00	English Language
		13.00 – 15.00	Physics Calculations
Friday			
Monday			
Tuesday	11.04.23	10.00- 14.00	Spanish
Wednesday	12.04.23	10.00- 12.00	GCSE PE and Maths Higher
		13.00 – 15.00	Maths Foundation
Thursday	13.04.23	10.00 – 12.00	English Literature
		13.00 – 15.00	Chemistry Paper 1
Friday	14.04.23	10.00 - 12.00	Geography
		13.00 – 15.00	Biology

Celebrating Student Success

On Saturday 25th March, the LJS Mock Trial team competed in this year's competition at Teesside Crown court alongside teams from All Saint's and Egglecliffe. For the first time ever, both the prosecution team AND the defence team won their respective cases when they were played out in court. Magistrates and judges at the competition were particularly impressed with the confidence, skill and dedication shown by all the students who took part and it was a brilliant experience for the whole team. Well done to everyone who competed and represented the school so commendably.



Safeguarding Spotlight

As mentioned in last week's bulletin in the lead up to another school holiday, and having had more reports of children accessing sensitive material online following recent events, we would like to revisit the risk of abuse and bullying online and highlight the electronic way to report any harmful content experienced online. This online tool works alongside the platform itself to have content removed. Prior to using this tool you should also report the content to the host platform using their specific reporting processes. However, should you experience any: threats, impersonation, bullying, harassment, self harm or suicide, online abuse, violent content, unwanted sexual advances and pornographic content, it is good to follow it up to have it removed quicker. Please use the link below to report any of these issues.

[Submit a Report of Harmful Content \(reportharmfulcontent.com\)](https://reportharmfulcontent.com)

This is also another reminder for parents/carers to regularly check your child's phones/computers/gaming consoles and what they are accessing, in a positive and supportive way, to help them understand the risks and damage the wrong online experience can have.

Year 11 Paid Work Experience Opportunities

Redcar and Cleveland Council recognises how important work experience is for young people as part of their preparation for gaining full time employment. Work experience helps young people build employability skills and assists in getting them work ready for the workplace and are proud to once again promote their 'Young Person's Paid Work Experience Programme' and offer 15 placement opportunities, to commence in **September 2023**.

This programme provides **12 months paid work experience** to young people from a range of backgrounds, across our Borough in academic years 11-13 (age 15-18) who are in full or part time education. The young people are offered up to 7.5 hours per week (daytime, evening or weekend work) and are **paid National Minimum Wage**.

Placements are available in:

- Streetscene
- Libraries and Contact Centre
- Plumbing and Electrical
- Business Administration
- Youth Services
- Kirkleatham Museum

Reablement (Meadowgate Centre, Residential Care Home)

Further information including Application Forms and Job Descriptions can be obtained from Miss Mitchinson, Careers Education Co-ordinator by email careers@laurencejackson.org

Closing date is **Friday 28th April 2023**.



School Rewards Trips: Monday 17th July 2023

Following student voice, below are the options for the rewards trip offer taking place on Monday 17th July 2023 for Y7-10 students:

- Flamingo Land - Cost = £35
- Level X - Cost = £35 – dependent on numbers
- In-school activities (to be confirmed) – no cost

This day is a reward for students who have met school expectations throughout the year. As a result, not all students will automatically be permitted to take part. If students have committed serious breaches of the school behaviour policy resulting in suspensions (Internal/External), they will not be eligible on the trips/in-school activity and will be expected in school as normal to complete school work.

The cost of the trips includes entrance, insurance and transport. Payment must be made in full for the selected trip via School Gateway by Monday 5th June 2023.

We realise that not all students will want to go on a trip for various reasons and there will be a range of planned activities in school for these students.

If your child does wish to go on one of these trips, please ensure that you have completed the online data collection form, which indicated your consent for school trips and visits. If you have not yet completed this form, please click on the link below. Your child will not be able to go on their chosen trip unless we have consent in place, and instead they will be in school and complete the in-school activities if they are eligible.

[Educational Visits / Home Contact Update for 2022-2023 \(office.com\)](#)

Please indicate using the form below which trip/activity you would like your child to participate in, by Friday 21st April 2023:

[Trip Choice](#)

On the day of the trip, students will need to arrive at school at the normal time of 8.30am. Those on the Flamingo Land trip will not arrive back to school until 5.30pm. **Normal school buses will not be provided for transport home for those attending Flamingo Land.** Those taking part in the Level X trip or doing in-school activities will finish school at the normal time of 2.40pm.

Students who are attending Flamingo Land, Level X or in school activities **are not** required to wear school uniform. However, students not eligible to attend a trip and are in school doing normal lessons will be required to wear their normal school uniform. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the off-site trips; however, if they are eligible for free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Stewart and Miss Sarginson
Trip Organisers