



# Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

28th April 2023

## Messages from the Headteacher

**Reminder of dates**— school is closed Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May for bank holidays. Communication has also been sent separately via class charts this week regarding the arrangements for the industrial action strike day on Tuesday 2nd May. There are no after school sports clubs on Tuesday 2nd May.

Please see below a reminder of the **PD Days for 2023-2024** following confirmation sent last half term. *Please note the change to the PD Day planned for 9th February 2024, which will now be on 8th March 2024:*

Monday 4 September 23

Tuesday 5 September 23

Friday 1st December 23

Friday 8th March 24

Monday 22 July 24

**Year 9 parents' evening** takes place on Thursday 11th May: communication will be sent via email and the booking of appointments and appointments themselves are via the school cloud virtual system.

**Enrichment Programme**—Please open this [link](#) to access our updated summer term enrichment programme.

**LJS Dance Show** is on Thursday 4th May 6-8pm in main hall. There will be performances from students across all year groups.

Thank you so much for the donations of prom dresses and suits for our prom dress drive—we have been overwhelmed by the kindness of our community. Thank you particularly to the family of Luke



Morris who made a donation in memory of Luke. They said: *"Our beautiful boy Luke sadly passed away in October. He attended Laurence Jackson school and went to prom in 2018. I wanted to donate this dress in his memory as he loved going to Prom with all his mates, and we'll be forever grateful for those memories. He may only have been small in stature at 5"6", but he had a massive personality. Luke was a popular boy with lots of friends. He was a caring boy, always looking out for his friends and family. He grew up to be a gentleman in every way. We couldn't have been prouder of him. He always looked out for his younger sister Sophie. They were not only siblings but best friends. Our beautiful boy may be gone, but our memories will be with us for a lifetime. To the young lady who picks this dress, I hope you have a special night, and this dress makes you feel like a million dollars. Make memories that you will cherish forever."*



Luke's Mum, Dad & Sister xxx



## Safeguarding Spotlight

Artificial intelligence is increasingly becoming a part of modern life and, for all intents and purposes, is not something we can shy away from. The explosion of ChatGPT for instance has brought this kind of technology into a more purposeful context, with millions now using the language model to help solve problems, write computer code or even complete their homework. More recently AI chat has been released on SnapChat "My AI". Whilst this service is relatively new and initially seems harmless SnapChat are openly saying that *My AI* knows their location and that any data collected through it may be used to personalise and improve the service it provides. This highlights another way of gathering personal information and locations, through conversation, which then could be exploited. Attached to this class charts message is a handy guide for parents about AI and some simplified information.

## Celebrating Student Success



Huge congratulations to Ella P (Y9) who on Saturday 22nd April competed for Laurence Jackson School in the English Schools National under 16's finals (Y9, 10 and 11) in Wolverhampton. Ella achieved the Bronze National school medal and did herself and the school very proud. Ella has a further two years competing at this age level! Well done from all at LJS!

**Congratulations** to Joe A (Y11) who, after being nominated for his outstanding service to Guisborough Detachment C Company, has been selected as one of only 30 Army Cadets nationally who will be marching in the procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey during the King's Coronation on Saturday 6 May in London. He travels to London on Friday 5 May for inspection from the London Borough Sgt Major where the cadets will run through the drill in preparation for the next day. Joe has also been officially invited to the celebration concert on the Sunday. This is amazing Joe and richly deserved!



We are delighted to announce that our production of *Grease* will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Our talented students have been preparing the show since the auditions in October, and it will be one of the highlights of the school year. The performance will take place in the Main Hall at 7pm and you are encouraged to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available via the web link and QR code below and are priced at £9. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Vision-Academy-Learning-Trust/e-mmkzrr>



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presents  
**GREASE**  
is the word

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7pm Wednesday 12th July  
7pm Thursday 13th July  
7pm Friday 14th July

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