

## Laurence Jackson School's

# **Parental Bulletin**

19th May 2023

### **Messages from the Headteacher**

Our Year 11 students have conducted themselves excellently so far in their GCSE examinations. We hope to see this level of focus and superb conduct remain throughout the remainder of this exam period. Well done!

Next Friday we say goodbye to Miss Bunn who is leaving her role as Year 9 Year Leader to work within the Fire Service. We would like to thank Miss Bunn for the excellent support for her year groups and wish her all the very best of luck with her new career. If any of our Year 9 parents/carers have any pastoral issues, please direct them to Mrs Anderson, our Key Stage 3 Pastoral Manager.

Year 8 and 10 students will soon be starting their RSE block in Learning4Life. Please see below the listed topics that will be covered during this block:

Year 8 - What is RSE? contraception and healthy relationships

Year 10 - Sexting, unhealthy relationships, sexualisation and the media, domestic abuse If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, please contact Miss Russell on russellp@laurencejackson.org or the relevant Year Manager.

Please be reminded that the half term finishes on Friday 26th May. We are closed for the holidays from Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June and students return on Monday 5th June at the usual time.

#### **Celebrating Student Success**



Joe F (Y10) was nominated a few months ago by his care team at the RVI for recognition of his courage shown with everything he has been through and his determination to succeed in sport whilst battling through all the setbacks. Joe got to the finals and attended a presentation evening last Friday night in Newcastle where we are delighted to announce that he WON! We are incredibly proud of Joe and Joe who continues to amaze us all with his dedication and resilience.

Huge congratulations to Ella P (Y9) who is going from strength to strength in table tennis! Ella played in the Cadet National cup at the weekend in Plymouth where the top 10 under 15 girls play each other in a round robin. Ella won the event, which is a huge achievement. The image is of Ella receiving her national cup. Later in the year Ella will travel to Rio. Brazil having been picked for the World Schools Championships! We hope she has an amazing experience, well done!



#### **Safeguarding Spotlight**

With the update news that TikTok are planning to introduce a 60 minute limit to any account registered by an under 18 (<a href="https://www.childnet.com/blog/tiktok-to-introduce-60-minute-time-limit-for-teens-and-further-parental-controls/">https://www.childnet.com/blog/tiktok-to-introduce-60-minute-time-limit-for-teens-and-further-parental-controls/</a>), this brought us to think about screen time; the amount of time our young people spend in front of a screen, not just phones but all electronic devices such as gaming consoles, TVs, tablets etc. Ultimately there is no right answer for this question but we do think its something that benefits from being structured, and not unlimited.

Childnet have put together a parental guide to look at teens and screen time and offer support and strategies about how to introduce and manage screen time structure and ensure our young people have a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

Please follow this link to find out more: <a href="https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/">https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/</a>



