



# Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

7th July 2023

## Messages from the Headteacher

**School day consultation update** —thank you if you completed the online consultation on proposals to the new school day following DfE guidance. I can confirm that there will be no changes to the school day for September 2023 and we will continue to operate the current timings at least for the next academic year.

**Year 11 Prom**—We celebrated the end of the journey at LJS for our current Year 11 students with a wonderful leavers prom at Gisborough Hall on Monday 3rd June. The conduct of the students was impeccable and the atmosphere was so positive throughout the whole evening. The students were a credit to themselves and the school and it was a real pleasure to share the experience with them all. Thank you and well done!



**Good Luck**—to all Year 10 students who embark on their work experience placements next week and also to the cast of *Grease the Musical*, which opens next Wednesday for 3 nights.

**Lunch accounts**—Please ensure that there are sufficient funds on your child's lunch account, especially as we come to the end of the academic year. Payments for lunches are paid via Gateway.

**Lost Property** We are displaying this Tue 18<sup>th</sup> and Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July near the pastoral hub for students. A reminder, particularly as we move into the new academic year, for students' clothing and items to be labelled and looked after please.

**KS3 Sports Day**—We had a great Y7 8 and 9 sports day on Monday where students completed athletics events on our track, took part in an option of other sports and also completed a lesson in first aid with their form tutors. Well done all who took part to the best of your ability .



**Y10 College Taster Days / Making Opportunities**—All Year 10 students this week took part in a 'Making Opportunities' day where they were involved in various post 16 and careers activities which culminated in producing a CV and taking part in a mock interview. Year 10 students all had the opportunity to spend a day at a local college (Prior, Middlesbrough or Red-car) to experience what a day at college would be like and sample a number of different subjects that they are interested in.

## **Information for Rewards Trip / Activity Day Monday 17th July 2023**

The information below has also been shared with students this week.

### ***Flamingo Land:***

- Arrive at school at normal time (no later than 8.25am).
- Non-uniform for the day, however sensible clothing for a theme park and zoo—look at the weather forecast.
- Leaving school 9.15am - 9.30am to arrive at Flamingo Land approx. 10.30am.
- Students need to bring a packed lunch or money to buy some lunch.
- Coming back to school, students have been asked to meet at the designated place no later than 4.30pm.
- Returning to school approx. 5.30pm.
- If students get the school bus they will need to arrange pick-up.

### ***Level X:***

- Arrive at school at normal time (no later than 8.25am).
- Non-uniform for the day, however sensible clothing for Level X.
- Leaving school between 9.30am - 9.45am to arrive at Level X approx. 10.15am.
- Students need to bring a packed lunch or have money to buy some lunch.
- Coming back to school, students have been asked to meet at the designated place no later than 2.00pm.
- Returning to school approx. 2.30pm.
- If students get the school bus, they will be back in time for this service.

### ***In-school activities:***

- Arrive at school at normal time (no later than 8.25am).
- Non-uniform for the day, but students will need clothing appropriate to take part in the various activities in school (arts and crafts, cooking, sports, and others to be confirmed).
- School bus service is as normal for these students.

We have also informed those who are in school but not taking part in the in-school activities that they should arrive to school no later than 8.25am in full school uniform. The school bus service is as normal for those students.

## **Safeguarding Spotlight**

We have recently seen an increase of scam and phishing reports from students to their personal email accounts. These are often generated by students signing up to different websites and giving personal data to access different things online; many of which are genuine but companies often then share data which can lead to personal information getting into the wrong hands and used against us. This is particularly worrying for our younger students who are more vulnerable to being emotionally blackmailed through the scams. Sextortion is increasing and can have a huge and devastating effect on our young people. These scams are a type of phishing attack whereby people are coerced to pay a ransom because they have been threatened with sharing videos of themselves visiting adult websites or personal photos have been accessed and stolen. They are highly convincing and can lead young people who may be worried, even if they have not done anything wrong, to fall for the scam and put themselves in worrying situations.

Please see the link below for more information, and have regular conversations with your young people about the threats online and how to protect themselves. Promote open conversations between you so that anything concerning can be communicated with you, without worry, and regularly monitor internet and email usage.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/sextortion-scams-how-to-protect-yourself>



## Celebrating Student Success



We are delighted to announce that Emma L (Y7) - our SLT choice for representing LJS in the VALT 'Make Yourself Heard' Public Speaking Final -WON her category on Tuesday. The confident manner in which she delivered her speech together with her carefully crafted words really shone out above the competition. It was a pleasure to see.

Hannah F (Y11), Sophie B (Y9), Eva S (Y8) were also finalists but despite being nothing short of amazing unfortunately didn't win on this occasion. They did however do us, themselves and their families incredibly proud.



Thank you to Mrs Nowell for her brilliant support in preparing our students for this event - especially for her fabulous ideas about speech content and thank you to Mrs Harris for helping the girls to be in the right 'zone' ahead of the final with some wise words and a great 'warm up' on the morning of the event.



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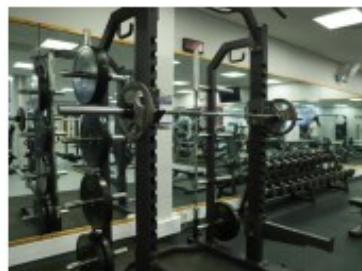


**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**  
**2pm – 4pm**

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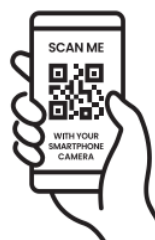
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