



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

15th September 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

Attendance/absence information and reminders:

- If your child is too unfit to attend school, please phone 01287 636361 and select option for attendance or email attendanceteam@laurencjackson.org
- There is no longer guidance around covid -19 and testing/isolating. If your child does test positive, there is no need to isolate if they are still feeling fine in themselves and they can attend school as normal. Please see [this useful link](#) regarding illnesses (Please note that whilst we follow the 48 hour guidance for vomiting and diarrhoea, there are sometimes occasions where students have been sick through other, non-contagious issues and in these cases, they can attend school if they are feeling better).
- Proof of appointments can be sent to attendanceteam@laurencejackson.org or brought to the main office.
- Miss O'Shea is the main contact for attendance in school.

School Gateway is starting to work properly again—thank you for your patience. Please visit our website for information about Gateway. Please note that timetables are unavailable on Gateway however you can view these on your child's school email account.

A reminder that school meals increase to £2.50 from 1st October. The cost of a tie this academic year is £7.50 and the cost of a planner is £5.50. Once you are able to log onto Gateway, please ensure your child's lunch account is in credit. This week I emailed all Year 7 parents/carers a welcome letter. Part of the letter included information about school photographs taking place on 24th October which we require consent for—please complete the link from the letter in order for your child to have their photo taken. A reminder to please log onto class charts from the code that your child brought home last week. Class Charts is where we communicate with you, and where you can see homework and behaviour.

Please see attached to the class charts message from this bulletin a PowerPoint from the maths department to help parents and carers support their child with logging into Mathswatch.

Year 8 have started or will be starting their Health Education block in these lessons; during this block, students look at positive body images/eating disorders (lesson 3) and child abuse in lesson 7. If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, then please contact Miss Russell on russellp@laurencejackson.org or the relevant year manager.

Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations to Henry B (Y10) who in the summer travelled to and competed in a number of sailing events with the highlights being the French Nationals, British Nationals and IOCA late summers.

At the France Nationals, Henry was part of the selected GBR team. During this event, they had great weather and lots of racing. Henry came in the top 125 sailors and 2nd GBR North. This was the biggest event he has ever done with over 35 countries competing. At the British Nationals he travelled down to Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, where over 15 countries competed. Henry finished as 28th Brit.



Congratulations to Lewis J (Y10). Over the summer Jack, along with his auntie and cousin, took part in the 5k Tough Mudder course raising over £480 for the Children's Cystic Fibrosis Team at James Cook Hospital who support his sister! There was also £370 donated from Belmont Primary, where both Lewis and Grace used to attend and where their cousin still attends, from supporting wear yellow day for Cystic Fibrosis. He loved it and is looking forward to taking part again next year!



Safeguarding Spotlight

As the first successful week is now complete, we would like to take the opportunity to share with you our safeguarding vision for this academic year.

The first noticeable change this year is that we have increased the size of the safeguarding team to improve our efficiency in supporting all students at all times. We have included key members of staff in more pastoral roles to increase levels of support. Secondly, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 23, we have updated our policy which is available via the school website. E-Safety—notably filtering and monitoring of ICT—is a major focus this year. I will ensure that, where possible, parents and carers are supported, and include in these weekly updates regular topics to help you support and increase the safety of our young people. Collaborative working is essential for safeguarding and as always if you have any concerns about your child we are here to support and help advise on appropriate steps. Please see the final page of this bulletin to meet the team.

Mr Bayston—Designated Safeguarding Lead

Extra Curricular Activities

Please follow this [link](#) to access our extra curricular activities offered for this term. Please encourage your children to make the most of the exciting and varied opportunities. Clubs commence Monday 18th September.

Homework Club is every day from 2:40pm to 3:30pm in G12 to support all students with home learning. Learning Support Assistants are available to help students with the completion and organisation of their home learning. Students are welcome to drop in to Homework Club, you do not have to book a place or attend on set days.

Key Stage 4 Catch Up is available for students in Year 10 and 11 every morning from 8:10am until 8:30am in SC1. Learning Support Assistants are available to help students with their learning in these sessions. Students access Key Stage 4 Catch Up for support with home learning, revision and with any questions that they may have from their lessons or support with their work. Students are welcome to drop in to Key Stage 4 Catch Up, you do not have to book a place or attend on set days.

We also offer a Key Stage 4 Drop In for all students at break and lunchtime in SC1 to access support, if required throughout the school day.

Please note there will be no clubs after school on Thursday 21st September as it is our Year 6 Open Evening.





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Safeguarding at Laurence Jackson School

Keeping Children Safe With Our Culture of Vigilance

Safeguarding Team



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Vision Academy Learning Trust operates a robust safeguarding policy in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all our staff, pupils and visitors.

For more information regarding Safeguarding and Child Protection please visit valt.org.uk

