



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

20th October 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

SAVE THE DATE – Y7 PARENT/CARER WELCOME EVENING – THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 3-6pm—Y7 parent/carers are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting with their child's form tutor to discuss their first half term, on Thursday 9th November 3pm - 6pm. It is a brilliant opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and hear about the brilliant things our Year 7 students have been doing since they arrived in September. Further details will follow next week about how to book an appointment. We look forward to seeing all of our Y7 parents/carers.



Gateway accounts—please ensure that your child's Gateway account is in credit if they get school lunches.

Photo consent—Y7 parents/carers if you have not completed the school photo consent form sent earlier this term, please do so to allow your child to have their official school photo taken on Tuesday 24th October. The link has been sent out again on class charts today. Please complete it by Monday 23rd October.

Youth Safety Survey—Following the recent information sessions, we have been provided with a link to a survey on youth safety for our students to carry out. Here is the link to the survey which we would be grateful if you could ask your child to complete: <https://survey.cmix.com/3D3DD250/19FTK32D/en-US>

Literacy Competition—We have asked students to create a new character to fit into the Harry Potter series. Which house will they belong to? Will they be a budding wizard or someone else? Students will write a description of no

Harry Potter Literacy Challenge

Your challenge is to create a new character to fit into the Harry Potter series. Which house will they belong to? Will they be a budding wizard or someone else?

Write a description of your character meeting Harry for the first time. It should be no more than 200 words. You may add an illustration if you wish.

Start with the following: **'Harry turned, meeting the gaze of the newcomer.....'**

The competition closes Friday 27th October
Please hand in all entries to the library complete with your name and form.
Prizes include a complete hardback set of the Harry Potter series.
All students who enter will be rewarded with achievement points.

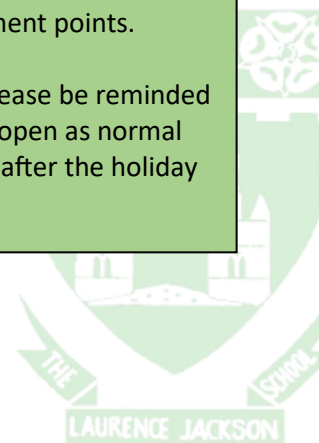
The challenge details will be shared in English lessons this week as well...

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Half term—please be reminded that school is open as normal

next week. The October half term break runs from 30th October—3rd November. Students return after the holiday at the normal time on Monday 6th November.

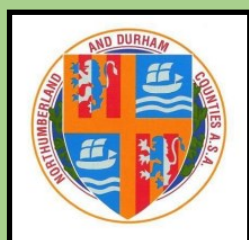


Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations to Harry W (8C) who ran the junior great north run in September with his two cousins raising money for Anthony Nolan who helped save his uncle's life by matching a stem cell donor. They raised £1100, which they hope will help other families with blood cancer. It's his 2nd great north run for the amazing charity.

Good Luck to Kallum L (Y9) who is in Belgium this weekend competing at an international competition in Taekwondo. He currently trains with the England squad and represented England in April at the European Championships in Italy. He trains weekly and travels to Swindon on weekends to train with the rest of the English team. Last weekend Kallum competed in Birmingham, achieving 2 golds and a silver medal. He has been training for 6 years and gained his black belt in sept 2022. What a fantastic set of achievements, we are so proud of him and excited to see what the future holds. Good luck in Belgium!



Congratulations Stephen G (Y7) who has been selected for a second year by Northumberland and Durham County Swimming into their Swim England County Development Programme, 23-24 Season. He has qualified for multiple events, representing Stokesley Swimming Club at the Swim England North East Regional Championships in Sheffield at the end of the upcoming half term holidays.

Congratulations Violet S (Y10) and Annabelle T (Y11) who both were selected and played for Cleveland Schools FA Under 16s at the weekend. They were 2-0 up at half time with the game finishing 2-2. Annabelle Scored and Violet was awarded player of the match, well done to both of you!



Well done Year 11 Boys football team who beat Easington Academy 5-0 last Friday after school in the first round of the English Schools Cup.

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys football team who won 5-0 against St Michaels School (Billingham) this week to progress to round 3 of the English Schools Cup.



Well done Year 7 Boys B Team who played great to finish 3rd out of 8 teams at the Redcar and Cleveland Tournament on Thursday night.

Our Under 15 girls played extremely well in the cup to Manor School (Hartlepool) - well done!



Safeguarding Spotlight

Following on from our development in our safeguarding culture, we have developed a student friendly safeguarding policy. I will be sharing this with students electronically next week so that every student has an updated copy. I would like to take this opportunity to share this with you too in case your young people have any questions, but also just for your information. Our full child protection and safeguarding policy can be found direct on our website. If you know anyone who does not have access to electronic versions, paper copies are also available on request from reception. The document is attached to the class charts message that this bulletin has been sent on.

Mr Bayston (Assistant Headteacher/
Designated Safeguarding Lead)