



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

27th October 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

Half term holiday—a reminder that it is school holiday next week, 30th October until 3rd November and school is closed. We wish everybody an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming all students back at the normal time on Monday 6th November.

Reminder—Y7 parent/carer welcome evening Thursday 9th November 3-6pm—Y7 parents/cares are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting with their child's tutor to discuss their first half term. A letter was emailed this week with details about how to book appointments. We have experienced a technical issue with the parent log in codes for the booking system: all codes should be 8 digits: please add 0's to the front of the code to make it up to 8 digits and this should work. Apologies for any inconvenience. Please see this [short video](#) to support you with the evening as well as understanding progress checks. The information about progress checks is also useful for Y8 and 9 parents/carers about our new KS3 report format.

Photo consent—Y7s—Year 7 parents/carers: please complete the online photo consent form that was sent on class charts. Although the school photo day was this week, we still require consent for publicity photos, and this aspect is included on the form. Thank you.

Appointments—these should be taken outside school time, however where this is unavoidable, we politely ask that you remind your child of the day and time of the appointment; that it is written in their planner and they inform their teacher to ensure that they arrive promptly at reception for pick-up. Please always let school know of any appointments in advance and with evidence, e.g. letter or appointment card.

Remembrance Week—as a mark of respect for our fallen heroes, students who attend a service organisation outside of school (Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides etc) may attend school in their official uniform on Friday 10th November. Special remembrance assemblies will be delivered throughout the week beginning 6th November.



Learning 4 Life—Y11 students will cover testicular, prostate, breast and cervical cancer as part of the health and well-being block after half term. [This video](#) showing a testicular cancer self examination will be played as part of their testicular cancer lesson. Students will be given notice in advance. If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics or the video that will be played, please contact russellp@laurencejackson.org or the relevant year manager. The Y11 Sex Education session on sexual health will be delivered by Brook on Monday 6th November. If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, please contact Miss Russell or the relevant year manager.

New after school cubs starting after half term holidays—please see details over the page.

2024 Prom Dress Project—please see details at the end of this bulletin.

Gateway accounts—Please ensure your child's lunch account is always in credit on Gateway.

Rugby opportunities—Please see the information within this bulletin and contact the relevant number if your child is interested.



Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations Maria W, Saul M and Olivia F who have won our Poet Laureate competition! We were so impressed with the number of excellent entries linked to this year's National Poetry Day theme of "Refuge". Well done to everyone who participated! The winners have been presented with a badge and certificate and they will each take on the role of Laurence Jackson School Poet Laureate for this academic year, writing poems to be shared across our school community for key events in the calendar. All three students, along with the winners from our other two Trust secondary schools, have now been put forward for the VALT Poet Laureate award and the overall competition winner will be announced later this week!

Congratulations to Erin E who last weekend was part of the Grangetown Netball Club U14s playing in the NE Regional Junior tournament. The team played 9 games, competing against the best club opposition from across the NE and emerged at the end of the day as undefeated North East Champions. This is a superb achievement by Erin and her team mates, well done to you and the rest of the squad!



Congratulations to Delilah W and Megan S (Y9), players for the Cleveland Classics Netball Club U14s who have qualified for the junior regional league at the same tournament on Sunday. Well done to both girls and to the rest of their squad.



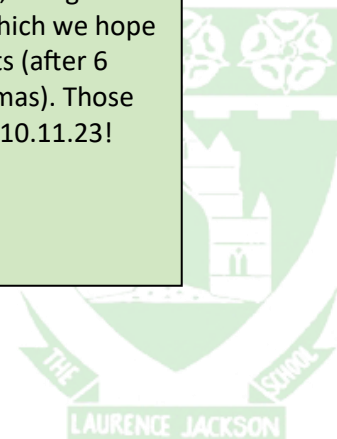
Congratulations to Year 8 boys' football team who beat Acklam Grange School 3-2 to progress to the next round of the County Cup.

New after school clubs after half term

Guitar Club - T15, Mondays until 3.15pm—open to all guitar players who are Grade 1 or higher.

Reading Club - Library, Wednesdays until 4.00pm. No signing up required - just turn up. Either bring your own book or see what is on offer in our school library, enjoy the calm and welcoming space and see how many books you can read.

Art of Microscopy Club - T16, Tuesdays for 6 weeks (starting 14.11.23) . This club will explore the advantages of merging Art and Science: microscopic techniques and microscopic images, alongside different media and techniques in Art. we will do this with a view to creating art work which we hope to exhibit and showcase in an exhibition at a later date. We have capacity for 20 students (after 6 weeks we will look at whether there is enough interest to run another cycle after Christmas). Those wishing to take part need to sign-up in Mrs Crawford's office (end of Maths corridor) by 10.11.23!



Safeguarding spotlight

Yesterday was a big day in the way of internet safety for our young people. The Online-Safety bill became law in the UK. The summary of this bill is that it is now the legal responsibility of social media companies to regulate their content in a safe way, remove any illegal content and prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content including pornographic content, content that promotes, encourages or provides instructions for suicide, self-harm or eating disorders, content depicting or encouraging serious violence or bullying content. Please use the link to read the full release ([UK children and adults to be safer online as world-leading bill becomes law - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-children-and-adults-to-be-safer-online-as-world-leading-bill-becomes-law)). However this bill and the social media responsibility will only go so far and it is still important as parent/carers to continually check our young peoples access to online material and monitor the tools they use online. A good tool parents and carers to use with their young people is a safety checklist. The UK safer internet centre has published app specific check lists to work through to ensure you are as safe as possible on your personal accounts. Please use the following link to access the checklists ([Social Media Checklists - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)).



GUISBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB

Girls, we need you!

COME GIVE RUGBY A TRY

**TRAINING AT GUISBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-7PM
GAMES/TRAINING ON SUNDAYS
SUITABLE FOR SCHOOL YEARS 6-8
ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
MESSAGE 07800632701 FOR MORE INFO**



**CALLING ALL YEARS 1-7
RUGBY TRAINING
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
MATCHDAY/TRAINING SUNDAYS**

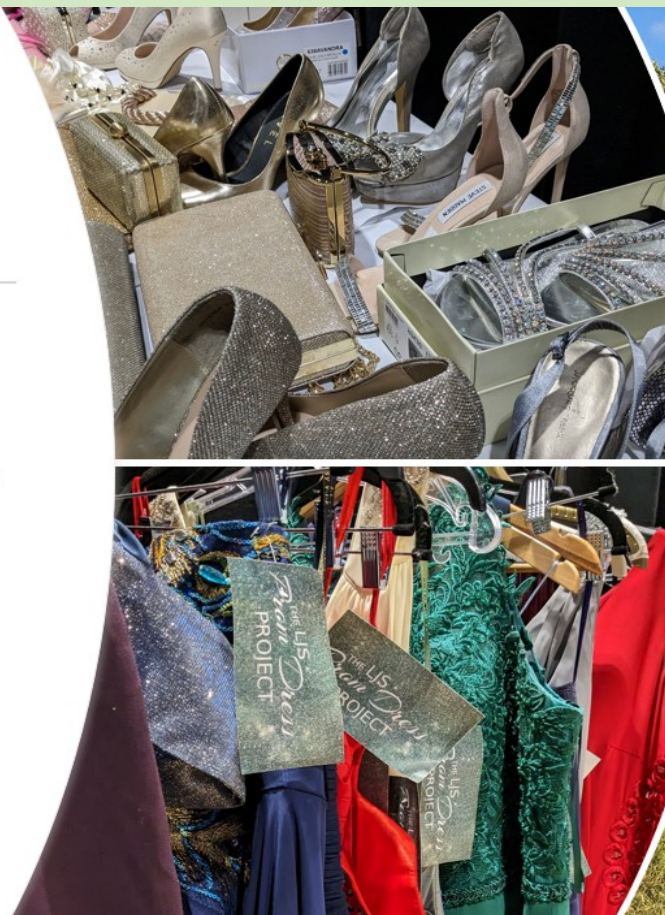
CONTACT 07516497361 FOR MORE INFO

THAT'S BOYS & GIRLS

Prom Dress Project

HELLO Y11!

- **The LJS Prom Dress Project is a not-for-profit event** providing new and preloved dresses, suits and accessories to students who wish to attend their school prom and might need some help finding the perfect outfit.
- Our collection will be **available to loan free of charge**. If you find something you would like to have, there will be a signed agreement with a return date for you to loan the item/s for your prom event.
- The event will take place at the Laurence Jackson School **Drama Studio (A16)**, Church Ln, Guisborough TS14 6RD from **11am - 4pm** on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December 2023**.
- We hope to see you there!
- Mr Rowbotham 😊



AND THERE'S MORE...

As part of LJS Prom Dress Project, Mr. Rowbotham is also offering two unique prizes to win by two Y11 students...

- **A £150 gift voucher towards a prom outfit (Brand TBC)**
- **A full Bespoke Prom Dress experience by Mr. Rowbotham**

For your eligibility, we are looking for students who embody our school ethos, **demonstrating consistently good behaviour and attendance.**

Eligible students will be put into a draw in **January 2024** with winners announced on the first week back after Christmas.

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Register your Interest—If you feel this service would be of use to you, please complete and submit [this form](#) and provide as much information as possible so we can make sure we have everything we need for you. **You will be contacted individually to book an appointment slot.**