



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

17th November 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS CONCERT—TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER Our annual Christmas concert will take place on Tuesday 19th December 7pm in the main hall. Tickets will go on sale soon.


Reminder—As per the calendar, our school is closed to students on Friday 1st December.

KS3 Home Learning Update—Thank you to parents who have provided school with valuable feedback. Following some of this, we have created a KS3 home learning summary document, which provides helpful information with regards to the online platforms your children access for their home learning in their subjects. This document is now accessible on our website www.laurencejackson.org, or you can also access it by clicking [this](#) link.



Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation —We had a wonderful night on Tuesday celebrating students who have recently completed their The Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver Awards. A total of 106 students have successfully completed DofE Awards this year, which is an incredible number. Well done to these students, and thank you to the staff for guiding them through and to parents who have supported their children during the completion process.



 **Christmas Jumper Appeal 2024** - we have been collecting pre loved Christmas jumpers for a local charity for the past 3 years and the response from the children and families has been overwhelming. If you would like to donate any Christmas jumpers (teenager sizes too!) – they don't have to be new— please drop them at main reception [Christmas Jumper Appeal 2024 \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/c/christmas-jumper-appeal-2024)

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the **Headteacher Forum** this week, I hope you found it useful. I will be arranging another event next term and communicate the information closer to the time. A feedback form for those who attended this event will be sent on class charts next week.

Live Performance for Year 9 and 10

On Monday next week, Year 9 and Year 10 will observe a live performance from [The Mercians](#). As well as listening to their music performance the group will discuss the topics of mental health, discrimination and misogyny.



During one form time activity next week, the Votes for Schools question is **Would you know how to support a friend if someone important to them passed away?** If you feel your child would find this topic difficult to participate in, due to their personal circumstances, please inform Mr Tyzack tyzackm@laurencejackson.org and he will look at providing an alternative solution.



Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations Isaac C (Y9) who has been selected for the England Men's U15 football selection camp at St George's Park 23rd-26th November.

We wish him every success and hope he enjoys every minute!

Well done Callum E (Y11) who competed in Liverpool last Saturday in the quarter finals of the NABGC at 42kg coming away with a unanimous decision. He will now go onto the semi-finals in Blackburn This weekend. Good luck Callum!



Congratulations Year 11 student Amy H who has recently returned from a cricket training camp in India. Amy was selected when playing for Hartlepool Women's Cricket Team by an ex Durham County cricket coach as the only batsman to be chosen on the spinning camp. Amy had the opportunity to work with top international coaches and visit a number of famous landmarks – most notably the Taj Mahal. Amy has also been accepted for the Emerging Player Programme (EPP) academy training for the Durham Northern Diamond Ladies team – this looked like an amazing experience!

Congratulations Y9 Boys' football team who beat Egglecliffe School on penalties after the game finished 4-4; they now progress to the next round of the County Cup.



On Wednesday our Y9 Netball Team won every match in their pool to reach the final. This was a very closely fought match against Freebrough ending 2-2, with both teams sharing the title of Redcar and Cleveland Tournament Champions.

It was fantastic to see so many students (past, present and future) representing their service organisations throughout the parade at the Guisborough Remembrance service on Sunday. Thank you to members of our student council who represented the school to lay our wreath.



Safeguarding Spotlight

This week we have celebrated and raised awareness around Anti-bullying week along side [Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/). We have shared with students what to do if they feel they are being bullied or know someone who is, who to report it to and how this might affect us. As a parent it is hard to support our young people when we don't know all the facts and it is sometimes hard for young people to give the full information due to the upsetting nature of the situation. The anti-bullying alliance have put together a supportive parent pack on how to support from home. Please follow the link to access their guide. At school we will always support any concerns around bullying and if you do have concerns please phone your young person's year manager as a first point of contact to get support. Working together as a safe community and caring for others is the biggest way to make our young people feel safe to allow them to flourish. We have also included a link to our Anti-bullying policy which is available from our website.

Anti-Bullying Alliance parent pack - [Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/) ([anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/))

School Policy - [022-LJS-0924-Anti-Bullying-Policy.pdf](https://www.laurencejackson.org/) ([laurencejackson.org](https://www.laurencejackson.org/))

**Does your child have
Special Educational
Needs and / or
Disability? (SEND)**



**Do you have a
concern about your
child's health or
development?**



Speak to us today
for advice, help
and support.



SEND Family Voice, Redcar & Cleveland is the Parent and Carer forum, here to guide you and your family through the SEND system.

We have regular Coffee mornings, peer support groups, Learning opportunities and other events, open for everyone.

Scan the QR below for further details.



www.sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk



Virtual Work Experience opportunity for students aged 14-16.
Discovering Boots: A deep dive into the many careers within this iconic brand



Students can apply to complete a virtual work experience opportunity for Boots, the market leader in the world of healthcare, beauty and retail. Students will benefit from hearing members of the Boots team about the wealth of opportunities in Healthcare, Retail, Supply Chain and STEM. Successful students will interact in activities independently and in groups with other young people from across the country who are interested in similar careers to your children. Sessions being offered include:

- Discovering Boots as a company
 - Careers in Pharmacy
 - Careers in Opticians
- Careers in Retail (including Beauty)
 - Careers in Supply Chain
 - Careers in STEM, including IT
- Careers at Boots Support Office, including Marketing
 - Next steps after work experience



You can scan this QR code to take you to the application web page and to find out more about the opportunity, including a helpful video to outline more about the work experience.

Application deadline: 20/12/2023

Dates: 10/01/2024- 13/03/2024 (Sessions are always on a Wednesday 3:30-5pm and are VIRTUAL, so can be accessed from any computer/device with wi-fi.

Please keep our Careers Team updated with your child's progress and inform them if your child makes a successful application: Careers@laurencejackson.org.



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