



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

15th December 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day—Wednesday 20th December—students can wear a festive jumper IN ADDITION to their school uniform. The usual standards around behaviour, jewellery and make up will still be expected.

Student quiz in the main hall 3-4pm next Thursday—all students are welcome!

After School Clubs Cancelled next week:

Tuesday 19th December—Warhammer Club

Wednesday 20th December—German Club

Please see the flyer within this bulletin about the **Christmas Concert** on 19th December at 7pm and how to buy tickets.

Christmas Food Bank Donations—On Thursday 21st December we will be collecting donated items to take to the Bridge Association in Guisborough to add to their food bank. We will be collecting items at the student entrance in the school minibus 8am-8.30am and then transporting the items to them. Items they have specifically requested are below. Please give items to your child to donate. We look forward to receiving your kind donations.

- Tinned meat & Tinned Fish e.g. Chilli con carne, Irish stew, Corned Beef, Salmon Sandwich paste,
- Instant mash,
- UHT milk,
- Jam (not strawberry) , marmalade & honey
- Washing up liquid, laundry powder.
- Small sugars, coffee, hot chocolate (not tea)
- Biscuits – crackers and sweet ones!
- And as it is Christmas... any Christmas chocs, cakes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes.

Term reminder—the last day of term before the Christmas holidays is on Friday 22nd December. Students return at the normal time on Monday 8th January 2024.

Year 9 Learning4Life - a reminder that students will start their relationships and sex education block towards the end of January. Please use the link to review the lesson content in this block [LJS-L4L-CurriculumMap-Y9.pdf](https://www.laurencejackson.org/LJS-L4L-CurriculumMap-Y9.pdf) ([laurencejackson.org](https://www.laurencejackson.org))

The Children's Commissioner has asked us to share this link to a **'big ambition survey'** and asked if your child can either complete it or you do so on their behalf, by 19th January 2024. Children and parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Please can parents/carers ensure that their child's lunch account is always in credit on **Gateway**, thank you.



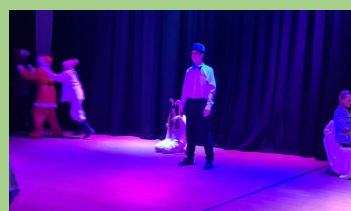
Christmas Dinner Day

Yesterday all students and staff were given the opportunity to have a Christmas lunch. Students conducted themselves greatly during service and the atmosphere during the lunch period was excellent. Thank you to the wonderful catering team for providing such a wonderful meal!



Drama Festival

Last night was VALT's annual Drama Festival proudly hosted at Laurence Jackson School. The competition included 95 students from across the Trust with representation from year 7 to year 13. It was such a pleasure to see so many talented individuals and groups showcasing their work. We had a full house and the audience laughed, cried and felt the spirit of Christmas tonight. There were 14 trophies awarded by the judges, but all of our young people were winners. Congratulations to all involved. All involved should be so proud of themselves.

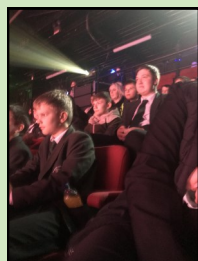


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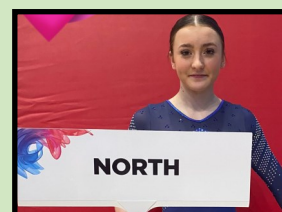
A selection of Y10 students enjoyed a visit to Teesside University for the Maths Christmas Lectures. We learnt about Fractals and all the different types of jobs that use Maths before finishing with a magic trick! The students had a great time and enjoyed getting a glimpse into university life.

After school on Monday, selected students enjoyed a Christmas celebration event in science. Activities they took part in included frog and eyeball dissection, making 'chemistrees', making catapults out of lolly sticks, festive lava lamps and elephants toothpaste. The students had a great time!



A number of students from Mr Kerr's classes attended the performance of Cinderella at Middlesbrough College last Thursday. They all had great fun, were very well behaved and really enjoyed the show.

Congratulations Jessie M (Y10) who represented the North of England in the national finals in Guildford on Sunday, in Artistic Gymnastics. Jessie came 8th in the country on beam and finished an impressive 24th in her age group.



Safeguarding Spotlight

As we move closer toward the school holidays again, we need to raise awareness of the online risks which rise during times of increased screen time and online socialisation. To raise awareness of these online risks, the NSPCC have published some research— the key findings were:

Children are encountering sexual risks online

Children are more likely to be exposed to content risks than most types of sexual risk and also that risk is not an inevitable outcome of being online.

Please follow the attached link for the full research and detailed findings:

[Online risks to children: evidence review | NSPCC Learning](#)



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LIVE
FESTIVE MUSIC INCLUDING...

LJS ORCHESTRA PERFORMING -
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER; O COME, O COME
EMANUEL; STOP THE CAVALRY

STAGE BAND PERFORMING - WHITE
CHRISTMAS; LAST CHRISTMAS; ALL I
WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

CHOIR PERFORMING - CAROL OF THE BELLS;
COVENTRY CAROL; AFRICA; ABBA MEDLEY;
WINTER WONDERLAND; TRADITIONAL CAROLS

7PM TUESDAY

19TH DECEMBER

TICKETS £4

AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM

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ACADEMY-LEARNING-TRUST/E-JDMMJR](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vision-academy-learning-trust/e-jdmmjr)**



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Link to purchase tickets:

[Laurence Jackson School, Christmas Concert 2023 at Laurence Jackson School, School Hall event tickets from TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vision-academy-learning-trust/e-jdmmjr)