



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

22nd December 2023

Messages from the Headteacher

Happy Christmas—On behalf of the staff at Laurence Jackson School, I would like to wish parents/carers, students and their families a restful and enjoyable Christmas. We look forward to welcoming students back at the normal time on Monday 8th January 2024.

Staffing update

We are pleased to let you know that Mr Harrison was appointed as our new Maths Subject Leader this term. Mr Harrison will shortly be going on parental leave for the first half of the spring term and Mrs Baldwin, Assistant Headteacher, will be acting Subject Leader for Maths during this time. Please be advised that parents/carers can now view students timetables on class charts.

Goodbye and good luck to Mr O'Donnell from the humanities department who leaves us today. We welcome Mrs Hemingway and Mr Brown in the humanities and maths faculties respectively in January.

Year 11 Mock Exams—from January 22nd 2024— We hope Year 11 students use the Christmas Holiday period to have a restful break whilst at the same time using the opportunity to prepare for their mock exams which begin on Monday 22nd January (see timetable overleaf). Please find below a link to a YouTube clip shared with students in form time, which provides step-by-step guidance on how to create a revision timetable to support them with their mock exam preparation: [Y11 Form - Creating a Revision Timetable Y11 MOCK \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

SAVE THE DATE - Y9 academic review evening Thursday 18th January 2024— Parent/carers of Year 9 students are invited to attend a face-to-face event. Letters have already been sent via e-mail with booking details. Arrival on site is from 3pm, with refreshments available from this time and appointments commence at 3:15pm. We look forward to seeing all of our parents/carers of our wonderful Year 9 students there!

KS4 STEM Careers Opportunity—FAO Y10 and 11 students and their parents/carers. A STEM opportunity to join the Young Innovators Council, which a great chance for students to develop crucial skills to kickstart a career in the world of business by working with a major energy industry company. Please advise your child to see/contact Mrs Reed in A16 if you are interested in applying. There are 40 places available in total (for all schools).

The YIC members will:

- have a real influence on the decisions made by senior management at NGN.
- gain an increased knowledge of the workings of a major utility company, and increased networking opportunities.
- develop skills such as teamwork, confidence, negotiation, critical thinking and research (*Solutions for the Planet is a member of the [Skills Builder Partnership](#)*)
- receive a certificate and formal reference for use in UCAS and apprenticeship/job applications.
- learn from the session material and experts, to increase their knowledge about the UK energy infrastructure.

YOUNG INNOVATORS COUNCIL

The voice of young people at Northern Gas Networks

The Young Innovators Council (YIC) gives young people the opportunity to share their perspectives on Northern Gas Networks' (NGN) projects and plans, and NGN ensures that these thoughts and opinions are put at the heart of the business' decision making.

We are looking for 40 young people to join the YIC 2024, attending a minimum of five online meetings between January and September 2024 (outside school hours).

By joining the Young Innovators Council, you will:

- inform and influence the agenda and decisions of a major utility company.
- expand your network and develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication.
- increase your knowledge about UK energy infrastructure.
- co-create ideas with Northern Gas Networks around environmental issues, approaches to sustainability, innovation and net zero programmes, social strategy and supporting customers in vulnerable situations.



Safeguarding Spotlight

As we get ready for the festive period, its always a concern during school holidays about the increase of screen time. However, during this break there is the added complexity of children getting new devices such as phones, consoles, laptops etc. Predators will deliberately target these increases of usages and weaknesses in security settings on new devices or profiles. Whilst this guide is about “my child’s first device” its important to remember any new device will need setting up as a “new device”. This guide provides a good introduction to some steps that can be taken to help secure our young people’s new devices. Wishing you all a happy festive period and new year.

[My Child's First Device - Inege Safeguarding Group](#)

Final Week Christmas Events

Tuesday night saw our amazing students provide a wonderful night of entertainment during our annual Christmas concert. The talent on show was amazing. Thank you to Mr Codling and Mr Allan for coordinating this fabulous show, and well done to every student who performed .

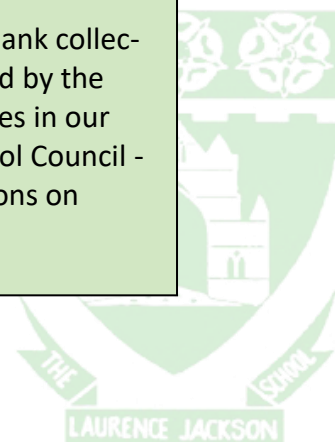


On Wednesday Many of our Year 11 students enjoyed a rewards trip ice skating and were excellent ambassadors for LJS throughout.

It was great to see a number of our staff and students getting into the Christmas spirit and supporting our Christmas jumper day yesterday! Thank you also to everyone who donated to our charity cause—Save the Children we raised a superb £170!



Thank you so much to all families who contributed to our food bank collection on Thursday. All items were gratefully received by the Bridge Association and will be distributed to families in our local area. Thank you to two members of our School Council - Sienna and Ollie-Jay for helping unload the donations on Thursday morning.



WK B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22/01/24	23/01/24	24/01/24	25/01/24	26/01/24
AM	English Language P1 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.45am Extra Time Finish: 11.12am	Biology Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.15am/10.45am Extra Time Finish: 10.34am/11.12am	English Literature P2 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 11.15am Extra Time Finish: 11.49am	Chemistry Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.15am/10.45am Extra Time Finish: 10.34am/11.12am	Physics Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.15am/10.45am Extra Time Finish: 10.34am/11.12am
PM	Maths P1 Non-Calc Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	Geography P1 Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	Maths P2 Calc Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	History P1 Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.15pm Extra Time Finish: 2.34pm	Maths P3 Calc Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm
WK A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	29/01/24	30/01/24	31/01/24	01/02/24	02/02/24
AM	History P2 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 9.55am Extra Time Finish: 10.09am	MFL Reading/Listening Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.25am/10.50am Extra Time Finish: 10.45am/11.16am	Geography P2 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.30am Extra Time Finish: 10.53am	Business P1/Drama Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.45am Extra Time Finish: 11.12am	Hospitality & Catering /Music Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.20am/10.45am Extra Time Finish: 10.40am/10.57am
PM	Media P1/PE P1 Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	History P3 Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.20pm Extra Time Finish: 2.40pm	PE P2 Start Time: 1.15pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.49pm	Media P2 Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	MFL Writing Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.00pm/2.15pm Extra Time Finish: 2.15pm/2.33pm

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	05/02/24	06/02/24	07/02/24	08/02/24	09/02/24
AM	Business P2 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.45am Extra Time Finish: 11.12am	Catch Up Session 1 Start Time: 9.00am Finish Time: 10.45am Extra Time Finish: 11.12am			
PM	Child Development/Engineering Start Time: 1.00pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.53pm	Catch Up Session 2 Start Time: 12.45pm Finish Time: 2.30pm Extra Time Finish: 2.57pm			

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playAONE gaming shop on Guisborough High Street have contacted us to inform us that over the Christmas holiday period they are providing funded HAF activities for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals. The sessions are four hours of fun painting, games, activities and more. All children receive a free hot and healthy meal too. To book a place, please follow [this link](#)

