



# Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

19th January 2024

## Messages from the Headteacher

**Important Trust communication** to parents/carers—today we have shared an important letter with you via class charts about an update to our Trust.

**Good luck** to our Year 11 students sitting their mock GCSE exams for the next 2 weeks!

**Year 7 academic review evening Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.15 – 6pm**—Parent/carers of Year 7 are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting with their child's subject teachers and will be sent a letter soon with booking details. We look forward to seeing all of our parents/carers of our wonderful Year 7 students there!

We would like to make you aware that from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, our grab bag will include a sandwich and either a dessert or drink. Students will be informed in Be Ready.

**Extra Curricular Programme**—Please open [this link](#) to access the extra curricular programme for this term. Please encourage your child to access as many of these additional out of school opportunities as possible. These after school clubs are cancelled Monday 22nd January—Friday 2nd February, recommencing 5th February:

- Tuesdays 23rd and 30th January—Badminton and Trampolining
- Wednesday 24th and 31st January—Netball
- Thursday 25th January and 1st February—Futsal

**PE Lessons**—Between Monday 22nd January and Friday 2nd February the sports hall will be used for Year 11 exams and we are limited with facilities for indoor PE lessons, meaning the vast majority of PE lessons will take place outside. Due to the season, we encourage all students to bring their outdoor PE kit items (hoodie, tracksuit bottoms, leggings etc, as well as any other items they can wear **in addition to** and underneath their PE kit—additional t-shirt, under armour, sensible woolly hat and gloves).

**KS3 boys and girls rugby coaching session / competitions**—Redcar and Cleveland Schools Boys and Girls Rugby competitions are on the following dates. If you would like to play, there is a coaching session on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to attend, **please see Mr Fowle** to book your place. No Rugby experience is necessary.

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Year 7-9 Boys and Girls Rugby coaching session @Redcar RUFC
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March -Year 7 Boys and Girls Rugby matches @ Redcar RUFC
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 and 9 Boys and Girls Rugby @ Redcar RUFC

**FAO Year 11 parents/carers**—Your child is entitled to 3 months **FREE** access to the “**Prepare to Pass**” careers workshop. Please see below on how to access the workshops.

\* Visit: <https://www.resilientmeonline.com/>

\* Click on the “**Motivation, Personal Development and Management Training** “see the workshops”

\* Click on workshop “**Prepare to Pass**” then “**Find out more**” then scroll down to “**Buy this workshop**”

\* The workshop can be accessed for **FREE** just enter **LJS100** in the coupon code and click “**apply**”

\* Enter email address, name and create a password and then “**complete my purchase**”

\* Click on “**Take me here**” and they can start the modules in this workshop after listening to the Introduction.

The workshop which accompanies this is also available to download – or students can collect a copy from the Careers Office in school. Year 11 can work through the workshops at their own pace, there is no assessment or right or wrong answers, it is there to support them through their year 11 exams.

If Year 11 have any questions, they can speak to Miss Mitchinson in the Careers Office or drop her an email.

Miss Mitchinson really encourages them take up this opportunity!

## Safeguarding Spotlight

Continuing from last week's courses available through CAMHS, this week I would like to share the "game safe festival" through the NSPCC. This is an excellent opportunity to join in and find out more about how to keep young people safe through whilst gaming. Many of us assume games are safe environments for young people. However as estimated 89% of young people play electronic games. This makes it a primary target for people looking to exploit young people and has high risks of addiction through gambling.

Virtual tickets to the festival are free and the parent workshop is free on 7 February, online, 7-8pm.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/charity-events/game-safe-festival/?utm\\_campaign=20240108\\_KIS\\_CASPAR\\_January08&utm\\_content=Game%20Safe%20Festival&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Adestra](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/charity-events/game-safe-festival/?utm_campaign=20240108_KIS_CASPAR_January08&utm_content=Game%20Safe%20Festival&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Adestra)

## Celebrating Student Success



**Magistrate visit**—The Mock Trial session after school on Tuesday was attended by Mark Wilson, a local magistrate, who gave some insight into the legal system and how cases run in a real life magistrate's court. Mark got to see students play-out the case along with a Q&A session, which was really well received. Mark was full of praise for the dedication, enthusiasm and ability he saw from the students as they continue to prepare the case.

**Tees Valley Finals— Sports Hall Athletics**—Congratulations to our Key Stage 3 students who represented our school at the Tees Valley indoor athletics competition this week. Every student applied themselves brilliantly and were a credit to LJS.

Year 7 Girls - 4th

Year 7 Boys - 10th

Year 8 Girls - 4th

Year 8 Boys - 9th

