



# Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

2nd February 2024

## Messages from the Headteacher

**Headteacher Forum**—I have this week sent a letter to all parents/carers via class charts inviting you to the next Headteacher Forum, on 22nd February 4pm-5pm in the main hall. Detailed on the letter is a link to indicate your attendance. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Year 7 Academic Review Evening Thursday 8th January 3.15pm-6pm**—Letters have been emailed with the details and how to book appointments. We look forward to seeing Y7 parents/carers and Y7 students there! Access is via the main reception door—please ensure to sign in with staff at the table as you arrive. The following after school clubs are cancelled on Thursday 8th February due to this event;

- Chess Club
- Y11 Maths foundation revision (Mr Glenn's maths session runs until 3.40pm)
- KS3 Maths Escape room
- Humanities Club

### **Year 9 Parent/Carer Options' Presentation Main Hall Wednesday 7th February 4pm-6pm**

Parents/students can choose to attend either of 2 sessions to hear more about the Y9 option process: **4.15pm or 5pm**. After each presentation there will be an opportunity for you to speak to staff about the process in the dining room. Access is via the main hall external door.

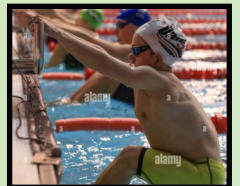
**School Lunch increase** - please note that there will be an increase in school lunches from Monday 19th February, from £2.50 to £2.75.

As previously mentioned, we will be moving from **School Gateway to Arbor** for all payments in the summer term. We will need parents/carers to take action prior to the Easter holidays—further details will follow.

**Job Vacancies at the Trust**—please see [valt.org.uk](http://valt.org.uk) for details of current roles being advertised.

## Celebrating Student Success

Huge congratulations to Joe F (Y11) who has been selected to represent the North East division at the English Schools National Swimming Championships in Coventry in March. This is an incredible achievement and testimony to Joe's hard work, resilience and passion for swimming. Joe is a credit to our school and we are immensely proud of him. Go smash it Joe!



Great work by our Y7 Girls football team who won their first round of the County Cup game this week 5-0 vs Conyers.

Our Y9 girls 5-a-side team finished 3rd in the Redcar and Cleveland tournament.

Well done to all who played and represented LJS so brilliantly.

Congratulations to our two Y9 Boys five-a-side teams who took part in the Redcar and Cleveland tournament on Wednesday. One team were winners and the other team finished 3rd well done to you all.



Well done to our Year 7 netball team who were runners up at the Redcar and Cleveland netball tournament this week, well done girls!

## Safeguarding Spotlight

Over the last month we have focused on learning opportunities to keep up to speed with ensuring our young people are as safe as possible online through online learning opportunities. This has been leading up to Internet safer day which is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>. As Parents/carers, you play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children and young people to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Indeed, parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. Please take a second to explore the free resources and articles available on the website <https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources>. But if nothing else, use the day to have and open chat about what your young person does online and why they feel it is important to them, from there risks can be explored and discussed with an opportunity to remind them that if they need help because of something online, they just need to ask.

**Y11 Careers—Apprenticeship Opportunity**—EDF currently have vacancies on their careers page for L3 Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician Apprenticeship—a 4 year high quality apprenticeship within the nuclear industry. They will be conducting 2 open events at the visitors centre on site for any interested candidates. See below details of how to apply and also how to register for the open evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain an Apprenticeship and possible employment. Open evenings at Hartlepool Power Station Visitors Centre to support potential applicants for the above position. To register for this event please follow the below links. Places are limited.

15th February -

Session 1 : 4pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/811242176187?aff=oddtcreator>

Session 2 : 5:30pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/811258545147?aff=oddtcreator>

19th February -

1 Session : 3pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/811263590237?aff=oddtcreator>

## Level 3 Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician Apprenticeship

Are you interested in joining our Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician training programme, working as part of one of EDF's Nuclear power stations?

We offer a **four-year programme** that focuses on the hands-on skills required to maintain our power stations. During the scheme, you will develop specialist skills to work in either the **Mechanical, Electrical** or the **Control & Instrumentation** team.

### Where you will work:

- First two Years based at the National College for Nuclear. Training delivered through Bridgwater and Taunton College and will be a mixture of classroom and workshop sessions
- Final two years based at your EDF Location

### What you will need to apply:

- **Five GCSEs at Grade C or above (or Grade 4 and above in the new GCSE grading structure), National 5 or equivalent, including maths, English and two science or technical subjects**
- A talent and passion for practical subjects and activities
- You will have the ability to work in a team and independently, as well as being able to balance the responsibilities of study and work
- Desire to learn and develop your skills, with a particular focus on hand skills and practical skills
- Willingness to relocate as required



### What benefits are we offering you?

- Competitive Salary
- Accommodation and meal costs covered in your first two years if you do not live locally to Bridgwater, including a number of paid return journeys home
- 25 days' annual leave
- Flexible benefits package
- Wellbeing and support services
- Integrated Life Skills programme
- Outward Bound programme – Team building excursion prior to starting in September
- An Early Careers Programme Lead dedicated to your programme and personal development

### What qualifications will you gain following apprenticeship completion?

- Level 3 Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician Apprenticeship
- EAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering



Scan QR code to apply or for  
further information

Please see below the current youth term-time activity provision offer for 11-18 year olds based at Tuned In! in Redcar led by Redcar and Cleveland Council. For more information email [james.lilly@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:james.lilly@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)



# Tuned In!



## WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

All young people aged under 16 will need to have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. You can pick up a consent form from Tuned In! at any time or at your first session; the completed and signed form must be returned to us by your second visit. All weekday sessions are open term time only.

Costs of sessions range from 50p - £2 and sessions are open to young people aged 11 (year 7) to 18

**All activities are term-time only - unless otherwise stated**

### TUESDAY

6 - 8pm **Girls Group** £1

Feel empowered and join a group that is so much more than hair and nails. Discuss what's trending, play hilarious games and pamper yourself.

6 - 8pm **Manga Art**  £1

Step in to the world of anime and create your own Manga characters by learning various drawing techniques and using a series of art & multimedia resources.

### WEDNESDAY

5 -7pm **LGBTQ+ Skittles Group**  50p

For ages 12-16 : A youth group for Lesbian, Gay, Bixsexual, Transgender and questioning individuals. Come along, Meet New People. Be Yourself & Have Fun!

### THURSDAY

6 - 8pm **Manga Art**  £1

Step in to the world of anime and create your own Manga characters by learning various drawing techniques and using a series of art & multimedia resources.

6 - 8pm **Games & Technology**  £1

We have a all your favourite board games including Bop It! Cluedo and Mouse Trap. Prefer computer games? We have a selection of classic gaming platforms including Wii / Xbox & iPad Games

### FRIDAY

6 - 8pm **Tuned In! 2 Music**  £2

Do you love music?. We offer a range of musical activities including Recording, Songwriting, Performing opportunities, Vocal workshops, Sound/Lighting workshops & much more.

