



# Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

23 February 2024

## Messages from the Headteacher

I would like to thank students for a good start to this half term. Please be reminded that there is a PD Day on Friday 8th March and school is closed to students.

Thank you to those who attended the Headteacher Forum yesterday. There is another Forum planned for the summer term and information will be shared closer to the time.

Please be reminded that we are moving from Gateway to Arbor for all payments next term. A letter will be sent via class charts for all parents/carers to see in detail the implementation plan and what you need to do to move across to the new system.

Please see within this bulletin information for Year 11 parents/carers about the academic review evening on 7th March—we look forward to seeing all of our parents/carers of our wonderful Year 11 students there!

## Celebrating Student Success

We received the absolutely fantastic news that Sophie B (Year 10) has been elected as the new member of the Youth Parliament for Redcar and Cleveland. Congratulations Sophie, we are incredibly proud of you!



We are delighted to share the news that Issac C (Y9) received his first U15 England Cap during half term when he played in goal in two international games against Scotland and Belgium at St George's Park. This is an incredible achievement Isaac and we are so proud of you. We look forward to seeing what the future holds!



## Safeguarding Spotlight

Every now and then there is a new show which grips the nation's conversations such as love Island and I'm a celebrity. Unfortunately sometimes however this is not always appropriate for our young people given their age restrictions and material within the shows. You may remember we had a similar alert notice when Squid Games was a new show. School has received notice of concern around a new show call "Saltburn". This is a trending movie on Amazon Prime with a 15+ rating and has garnered attention for its controversial content, spawning countless memes, challenges and reaction videos on social media. Easily accessible clips of much discussed scenes are able to be viewed, without restriction, on multiple social media sites. Parents/carers need to be aware of what our young people are accessing and viewing online. Just because it is deemed as a "safe site" such as YouTube, the material accessible is not always age restricted. Two scenes which are widely discussed and covered are;

- **The Bath Scene:** A character drinks bathwater in which another character has just committed a sexual act.
- **The Grave Scene:** A character sexually engages with a grave.

This in turn is creating some inappropriate memes which are being shared around social media and also online challenges linked to the show and certain scenes/music. Please see the circular for more information and tips on how to support our young people around this topic.

[Safeguarding Update – Navigating the Risks of Saltburn - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

**SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 11 ACADEMIC  
REVIEW EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024 3:15 – 6pm**

Parent/carers of students who are currently in Year 11 with us at LJS are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting with their child's subject teachers. This evening will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and all parents/carers of our Year 11 students will be sent a letter soon with booking details.



**Year 9 Options Form Submission Deadline**



Please be reminded that the deadline for Year 9 students to complete and submit their options form (via the Microsoft Forms link emailed from Mr Tyzack to their school email address on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February) is 3pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Year 8 NHS Roadshow**

The NHS is large provider of jobs in our local area and as part of their Career Education at school, all Year 8 students are taking part in an NHS Roadshow during Period 1 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. As well as other things, this roadshow is intending to:

Increase students' awareness of the wide range of careers and opportunities within the NHS, highlighting non-clinical as well as clinical roles.

Equip young people with the understanding of where to access information, advice and guidance. Promote the many routes students can take post-16, and how these different routes reflect their preferred learning styles and can all lead to fulfilling careers with the NHS.

If you or your child would benefit from further careers input, please e-mail [careers@laurencejackson.org](mailto:careers@laurencejackson.org) for further information, advice and guidance.

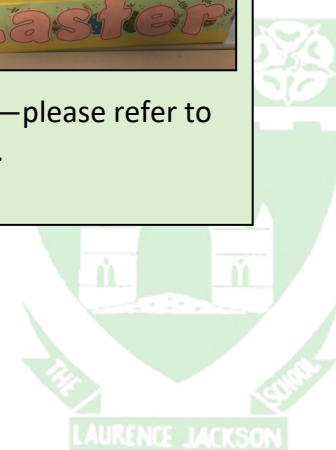


**Fundraising**

One of our LSAs, Mrs Rowe, is raising funds to cover some of the costs for a camping trip for her Jackson Club to Comondale on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. First prize is a Easter egg hamper 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a month's free membership at TNT. Students have been visiting forms to sell raffle tickets this week.



One of our Year 8 students, Mia B, continues to do fundraising launched to Year 7 and 8 students for a charity which supports community projects in Tanzania—please refer to the information detailed in last week's bulletin about how you can enter your child.



### Careers opportunity—Year 10

Miss Mitchinson has 10 places available to attend Middlesbrough College's 'Get Set for Industry' event on Friday 1st March 2024, 9am– 1pm. If your child would like to attend, please ask them to email [careers@laurencejackson.org](mailto:careers@laurencejackson.org) or come to the Careers Office to register their place.



## Get set for industry

With our Health and Social Care careers event at Middlesbrough College

Friday 1st March 2024 • 9:00am - 1:30pm

### Itinerary

**9:00am - 10:00am**

Event sign in and welcome

**10:00am - 10:30am**

Careers fair with employers and industry experts

**10:30am - 12:30pm**

Students will get the chance to take part in workshops within the health & care department

**12:30pm - 1:15pm: Lunch**

Provided by Middlesbrough College

**1:15-1:30pm: Return to school**

This event is designed to inspire young people and help them to get ready for an exciting career in the Health and Social Care sector. Join us at Middlesbrough College for a valuable insight into the industry.

Students will get the opportunity to talk to employers who work in the sector and discover how they started out on their career journeys. They will also get the chance to explore practical and engaging workshops and get all their questions answered by industry experts.

### SEND Coffee Evening

Parents and Carers of LJS students with SEND are invited to attend a coffee evening on Thursday 29th February in our Student Support area. You will have the opportunity to speak with members of our SEND team.



Please see the information below around measles:

**UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice on National Measles Incident, shared on behalf of NYC Director of Public Health.**

**National Measles Incident**

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

**Symptoms of Measles**

- **Usually starts with cold-like symptoms**
- **High fever**
- **Sore red watery eyes**
- **Cough and/or runny nose**
- **Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth**
- **A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.**



**You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered. Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.**

**'THINK' Measles**

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- **DO NOT** bring your child to school or nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.

**CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

**Vaccination**

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or checking your 'red book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that **does not contain pork products** from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment.

MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed.

The information provided by UKHSA, should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant over the half term holiday and if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school unwell, we would appreciate you considering keeping them at home.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.Services.gov.uk)