



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

22 March 2024

Messages from the Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students, staff, their families and the wider LJS community a safe and enjoyable half term break and wish you all a very happy Easter. We hope those students going on the ski trip have an amazing time and that our Year 11 students make the most of the additional revision opportunities over the holiday period in preparation for their upcoming final exams. All students return after the Easter break on Monday 8th April at the usual time. Thank you to Olivia F (Y9), our Trust and school Poet Laureate who has written this beautiful poem to commemorate Spring/Easter—please enjoy reading this piece, which is included within the bulletin. Please see below some additional messages.

Thank you to the support to one of our Y8 students Mia, who has been fundraising for a charity trip to Tanzania this Easter holidays for 'Go Make a Difference'. The target set was £300 and their current total stands at £577! The total raise as a family has been £1,277!

LJ bus transport update—to parents/carers from the Middlesbrough area who currently use home-school LJ transport for their child, we must inform you that due to the rising cost to school of this provision, the rate will increase next academic year by between 20% and 30% and this information will be confirmed next term.

Arbor Pay—tonight at midnight, Gateway will be shut down and Arbor will be used for all payments. Please follow the instructions from the Arbor welcome email that was sent to 1st priority contacts to sign up. Arbor goes live during the Easter holidays (5th April). It is really important that all parents/carers sign up so that they can pay for things such as lunches, Y11 prom, trips, revision materials, ties etc. If you have any technical queries or issues logging on, please email our dedicated Arbor tech helpdesk arbor@laurencejackson.org. This helpdesk is available over the Easter holidays.

We appreciate you ensuring that that your child's lunch account is in credit at all times if they purchase school lunches—thank you. Please note that after Easter there will be no allowance for Y11 if they are overdrawn on their lunch account.



Celebrating Student Success

Sports

Congratulations to Callum E (Y11) who won his England junior Championships boxing bout in the quarter finals in the 44kg weight category in Derby recently.



Fantastic News for Zoe D (Y11) who has been selected for the U17 Regional netball squad and will play a showcase match against Leeds Rhinos - Well done and good luck in the game Zoe!



Well done Olivia M (Y10) who represented the school yesterday at the North Yorkshire school golf championships. Olivia was placed mid table overall and 4th place in the girls competition, which is a fantastic achievement.



World Book Day Egg Competition 2024 Mrs Crawford has had the pleasure today of awarding Dexter J and Halle W (both Y7) with some treats for their fabulous World Book Day Egg Competition 2024 entries. Dexter was our overall winner and Halle's entry was highly commended. Mrs Crawford took the opportunity to also praise these students for their excellent attitude to learning—they are wonderful role models and contribute so much to our school community.



Spring Concert—this was a fantastic showcase of the musical talent here at LJ. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you and congratulations to all our performers, music department and staff helpers.

We look forward to the LJS Dance Show on 18th April 6-8pm—please see information about this event overleaf.



Safeguarding Spotlight

Dangerous Challenge Raises Serious Safeguarding Concerns

You might have heard about a recent, tragic incident involving an 11-year-old boy in Lancashire who lost his life after reportedly taking part in a dangerous trend called 'chroming' during a sleepover.

Learn about the alarming rise of the chroming challenge, understand the associated dangers, and get expert tips for parents, caregivers and safeguarding professionals on protecting children and young people from these risks. Click the link for full Information

[Dangerous Challenge Raises Serious Safeguarding Concerns - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Year 8 academic review evening Thursday 11th April **3.15-6pm**

Parents/carers of our Year 8 students have received an e-mail with booking details .

We look forward to seeing all of our parents/carers of our wonderful Year 8 students there.



LAURENCE JACKSON SCHOOL DANCE SHOW 2024



THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024

6-8PM

DOORS OPEN 5:45PM

Tickets are free, there will be refreshments and a raffle on offer.

Please email: throwerl@laurencejackson.org for tickets.



THE FIRST RAINBOW OF SPRING

I TAKE SMALL, TENDER STEPS
THROUGH A FIELD OF FRESH, CRIMSON STRAWBERRIES
RIPENING IN THE GLOW OF THE RISING MAY SUN.

FURTHER ALONG, A BLOOMING FIELD OF TULIPS,
AN ARMY OF TANGERINE-ORANGE
STANDING TALL AND PROUD,
SALUTING THE DAYBREAK.

TO MY LEFT, A MEADOW OF DAFFODILS,
RICH AND GOLDEN,
GENTLY DANCING WITH THE MID-MORNING SUNSHINE.

UP ON A HILL, AN OAK TREE
LUSCIOUS AND GREEN,
WITH DELICATE RAYS OF NOONTIDE SUN
SEEPING THROUGH ITS LEAVES.

OVERHEAD, A BLUETIT FLIES BY
SINGING A SWEET, JOYFUL SONG,
THE SUNBEAMS OF THE AFTERNOON
BOUNCING OFF ITS AZURE CREST.

CLOSE BY, A DEEP LAKE GLISTENS,
AS ITS INDIGO SURFACE
REFLECTS THE DAY'S FINAL SHAFTS OF WARMTH.

AND, ON THE HORIZON, THE SETTING SUN,
ILLUMINATING THE BROODING SKY
WITH BEAUTIFUL HUES OF MAUVE AND VIOLET.





??Do you want to have fun??

??Do you like playing games??

??Do you want you and your friends to meet up??

We know a place!

GMC YOUTH

GENER8
CREDO



Guisborough Methodist Church on Westgate

Credo for years 7 to 9

7pm til 9pm every Tuesday during term time

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