



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

27th September 2024

Key Messages

Important trips and visits consent form—Please can all parents/carers complete this form to provide updated consent on trips and visits if they haven't already: <https://forms.office.com/e/9Bc2Q6pdPy> Thank you.

Year 6 Open Evening—We would like to thank all those students who volunteered to come back into school on Wednesday to support with our hugely successful Year 6 Open evening. The comments about our students from the visiting parents was exceptional. Thank you!

Enrichment activity programme—Please follow the link below to access our Enrichment activities offer for this term. Please encourage your children to access as many of these wonderful opportunities as possible! These activities began this week. [Online Flipbook \(heyzone.com\)](https://www.heyzone.com)

Year 7 Boys Football Team Trials will be on Monday 30th September after school—students need to bring PE kit to play.

Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths - A reminder that students in Year 7 and 8 have Sparx Reader home learning now every Monday and that needs to be completed by the proceeding Sunday. As we end this week, it is wonderful to see that 44 students in Year 7 have completed their Reading task for this week and 42 in Year 8 ahead of Sunday's deadline. We would very much appreciate you checking in with your child to see if they have completed it and encouraging them to do so if they haven't. Parents/carers of Year 8s should still have detailed information about this from last year and parents/carers of Year 7 should have detailed information via the letter we sent out last week. However, if you would like a quick reminder, you might find it helpful to watch this [student video](#) We would like to remind you that students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will continue to be set their Maths Home learning on Sparx Maths. We are noticing an improving engagement with this and would welcome your support in encouraging your child to complete this work; reminding them that the tasks are bespoke to them, based on how they respond, so persevering will lead to progress. If you would like a quick overview of Sparx Maths you can watch these videos: [video 1](#), [video 2](#) and [video 3](#)

A reminder that students log into Sparx Reader/Sparx Maths using their Office365 School username/password.

You will be sent emails from Sparx to give you updates how your child is doing. This will include information about whether they have started the home learning task mid-way through the week. This isn't intended as a negative message; this is just for your information. If you know your child has allocated time to complete the work later in the week you can simply ignore the message whereas if you thought that perhaps they had completed it or haven't yet checked when they are going to do it, this can serve as a helpful prompt. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support in encouraging our students, your children to work hard and to establish excellent study patterns and routines with resources that are bespoke to their needs.

Year 11 Student Support—Middlesbrough College have produced a 'Y11 Survival Guide' which is full of excellent information to support Y11 students in their final year and towards their next steps on leaving LJS.

[CLICK HERE >>> The Year 11 Survival Guide: 6 Top Tips for Year 11 Students - Middlesbrough College \(mbro.ac.uk\)](#) If your child has any questions, or needs support on their post-16 options, please advise them to come to see Miss Mitchinson in the Careers Office or drop her an email.

We sent a Year 11 class charts message this week about substantially reduced priced **revision guides**: £6. These guides are available on the Arbor shop until 4th October.

Year 7 Photographs have been delivered to school for those who ordered these, and students will start bringing these home.

A reminder that the **flu immunisations** will take place next Tuesday for those whose parents/carers consented.

Arbor account issues—we sent a class charts message to all parents/carers this week about technical issues with the Arbor app and it showing students' account in debt inaccurately. We are looking to resolve this issue; in the meantime if you'd like an accurate balance on your child's lunch account, please contact school.

Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to our Under 13 girls 9 a side team who won on penalties against Macmillan Academy to progress to the next round of the ESFA Cup.



Congratulations to our Year 8 boys football team who were joint Redcar and Cleveland tournament winners with Rye Hills this week. The boys every game and drew with Rye Hills and even had the same goal difference



Following on from winning the 'Big Big Project 2024' in conjunction with the Tees Valley Combined Authority and Jacobs, winning students

Joe H, Oscar W, Amy C, Leah O (Y11), Delilah W and Olivia F (Y10) were treated to a rewards visit to Teesworks where they were given a very informative presentation on the history, demolition and regeneration of the site. They then had a tour of the site and were amazed to see how vast the area is and to hear some of the companies who will soon be occupying some of the spaces. Thank you to TVCA and Teesworks for a brilliant visit. Information on the Big Big Project can be found here: [Big Big Project Goes Down to the Wire in Successful Fifth Edition - Tees Valley \(teesvalley-ca.gov.uk\)](https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk)



Safeguarding Spotlight

We have received an alert from the INEQE safeguarding team about a concerning account/trend on social media of accounts pretending to be school children and befriending other young people to discuss things such as school. The example given is "SmartSchoolBoy9". Their online safeguarding team has received reports about someone who may be acting inappropriately online in this nature. The individual (s) is potentially masquerading to be a child on social media in order to interact with children. They have released a Safeguarding Alert to Safeguarding professionals, parents and carers providing further advice and information on what this is, the impact and risks and practical tips on protecting children and young people. Please follow the link for further information ([Safeguarding Alert: SmartSchoolBoy9 - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#))

European Day of Languages

To help celebrate the European Day of Languages this week, we had a number of entries into our languages themed 'bake off' on Tuesday. Every entry was amazing and it is great to see the effort the bakers have put in to make them - they all looked delicious. The cakes went on sale after school on Tuesday and over £180 was raised. This money will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who entered and anyone who bought a cake.

