

Laurence Jackson School's



Parental Bulletin

19th September 2025

Key Messages

It's been a positive start to the year so far. Students have engaged with school well and there have been a huge number of positive points awarded already. At the start of this year we shared information about updates to our Behaviour Policy—any queries about these updates can be emailed to school.

<u>Parent Governor Vacancy</u>—Please open this <u>LINK</u> for information and nomination form for the role of Parent Governor at LJS. Deadline for responses is Friday 3rd October. If you would like a copy of the nomination form electronically please contact <u>Governor.Admin@stockton.gov.uk</u>

<u>Year 10 parent information evening</u>—Wednesday 16th October 6pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing Year 10 parents/carers there.

<u>Data collection - keeping our records up to date</u>—We kindly ask you to complete the below linked form to provide school with the most up to date contact details and consent for school trips and photos. Please use the link below and submit the form at your earliest convenience. You can change any of these details in writing at any point in the year as necessary via reception@laurencejackson.org

https://forms.office.com/e/mmmQvt2BaU

<u>Flu Vaccinations—whole school</u>—we are sharing the below on behalf of the North East-South, School Age Immunisation Service

Your child is due to have their flu vaccine. The school session is booked for **Thursday 16th October**. The vaccine helps protect your child from flu. Flu can make people feel very unwell and can be serious. The vaccine also helps stop flu spreading to family and friends. Most children will get the nasal spray. Some children may need the injection instead. This might be because of health, religion, or diet. Please choose which one you want your child to have on the consent form. **Fill in the consent form using the link below by Thursday 9th October.** https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/8b0dfabd If you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine, please let us know using the same link. If you have any problems using the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397. For more information about the flu vaccine please follow this link:

Children's flu vaccine - NHS



Curriculum

<u>KS3 Home Learning Updates</u>—Thank you for your ongoing support with home learning. We understand that some of our students are experiencing a few issues with logins to the different online platforms. Please note that:

- 1. Your child needs to use their school Microsoft Login for all the platforms (their school email address and the password they will have set).
- 2. Some students have been misspelling 'laurence' in their usernames (mainly placing an a after the r) so please check your child's spelling of this if your child is experiencing issues.
- 3. When logging into Educake and Seneca students must ensure they are clicking on the 'sign in with microsoft' aspect to access the correct place to enter their username and password so please check that your child is doing this if they are experiencing any issues.

There will be **drop in sessions available at lunchtimes** for students to access if they need to have any unresolved issues with logging in.

<u>Year 8 Learning4Life</u> - Students are currently completing their health and well-being block and the last lesson in this block is on child abuse. If you have any concerns your child may struggle with this topic, please contact <u>russellp@laurencejackson.org</u> or the relevant year manager.

Royal Society of Biology National Spelling Bee Competition Opportunity—This half term all students have the worthwhile opportunity to engage with a 'Spelling Bee' competition that is being run by the Royal Society of Biology. Students will find out about this in form time next week. Please encourage your child to take part and remind them to see their Science teacher or email Mrs Crawford if they wish to take part.

<u>European Day of Languages</u>—To celebrate European day of languages next week, students will be offered a variety of additional language inspired enrichment activities to complete at home, shared in Be Ready in form time and also on our Facebook page. One activity that is always very popular is our European inspired 'Bake Off' where students are encouraged to bake cakes at home on the theme of 'Europe'. Students are to bring their entries into school (to the Pastoral Area) first thing on Tuesday 30th September. Students can also bring money in to purchase cakes after school in the pastoral area. All funds raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Extra Curricular

<u>After school football—Y7 and 8</u>—from next week, after school football on Mondays will be for Y7 Boys and Y7 and Y8 Girls ONLY, not Y8 Boys. Tuesday after school football will remain for Y7 and 8 Boys and Girls.

Updates to clubs next week -

Monday —football cancelled

Wednesday —all clubs cancelled due to our Year 6 Open Evening.

Youth Voice Online Meeting Opportunity—In collaboration with the Darlington MYP, former LJS student Sophie Bloomfield (Member of Youth Parliament for Redcar and Cleveland) is running an online youth engagement session on Tuesday 23rd September 7-8pm on Microsoft Teams. This is a really great opportunity for young people to influence local policies and campaigns. The aims for the session are to understand what young people want to see from their campaigning and how young people want to be engaged with it. Sophie has requested for us to share the poster below with our students so we would be grateful if you could share this with them—it would be really great to see some LJS students in the meeting! To register their interest, students must follow the QR code, or the link pasted below, and complete the form. The Darlington team will then issue them a link to join the meeting. https://forms.office.com/e/RcLcbY3wp9

