



PARENT BULLETIN

9TH JANUARY 2026

CURRICULUM

Important date for Year 10: Tuesday 20th January (Practice Exam Day) - In order to support Y10 students with the GCSE exam process we intend to conduct some of their coming assessments in the sports hall so students can practice sitting exams in formal conditions. These assessments in Maths and English would normally be completed in classrooms, but we are going to use this opportunity to do these assessments in actual GCSE exam venues. Students have already received an exam conduct assembly to explain the processes for these exams and pastoral staff will support them throughout this practice day. Students will attend school as normal but will not attend any lessons on this day. The day will be as follows so that students can begin to experience exam conduct for GCSE exams as part of their journey over KS4.

TIMINGS TO BE CONFIRMED	Form time - registration
	English Literature exam – (1h 45mins)
	Y10 extended break in new dining room
	Maths Non calculator exam (1 hr)
	Lunchtime as normal
	Maths calculator papers (1hr 30min)

Home Learning Updates

KS3 - Students have been issued Sparx Reading, Sparx Maths, MFL and History homework this week. FYI Some home learning for Science and Geography has been inadvertently issued on Class Charts a week early this week, and for these students it has either been deleted from Class Charts or the deadline has been updated. The information opposite will be shared with students next week.

We returned to school last week on a Week B and home learning resumed. Make sure you have completed your Sparx Reader (by today) and Maths from last week (by Thursday).

Make sure you don't fall behind with your MFL and History that were set last week too as these will be due in next week.

New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Sparx Reader (set TODAY) will be due in on Monday
2. Science Educake (set TODAY) will be due in 2 weeks later.
3. Sparx Maths (set Wednesday) will be due in on Thursday next week.
4. Geography Educake (set Wednesday) will be due in 2 weeks later.

ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS

KS4 - A reminder that to support KS4 students with their study of the two set texts for GCSE English Literature Paper 1: Mr Burke has added information to Class Charts for Y10 and Y11.

SCHOOL LUNCHES/ STUDENT CHOICE DAY

We would like to take this opportunity as we start the spring term to share our school lunch menu for weeks A and B. The link to view our menus is below:

[School Meals - Laurence Jackson](#)

On Thursday 15th January it is Student Choice Day and we are giving students the chance to vote in forms what they would like on the menu on this day. Choices will be parmo/ pizza/ chips/ curry/ roast dinner. We will have the usual hot pasta, sandwiches, salads etc STILL available on the day.

CAREERS

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2026 is 6th-10th July. If you, or anyone you know, could offer a placement, please email careers@laurencejackson.org. Middlesbrough College TTE Course final deadline for students to apply is 26 January. Apprenticeship Talks for Year 9-11 students are taking place this half term.

Year 10 students and their parents/carers will soon receive information about choosing a local college to visit as part of a college taster day on Tuesday 30th June. If you would like information about careers, please email careers@laurencejackson.org

UPCOMING DATES:

w/b 12th January Y11 hospitality/catering exams
20th January Y10 exam practice day
29th January Y9 Options Event for parents/carers (more information to follow)
5th February Y9 Academic Review Evening
23-27th February half term holiday