



# Laurence Jackson School's

# PARENT BULLETIN



16TH JANUARY 2026

## CURRICULUM



**Embedding Study Skills: Brain Dumps** – This term, we are having a whole school drive on embedding the use of brain dumps to help students build independent study skills and to support them with recalling crucial knowledge. This will enhance the work we have done last term on flashcards, and all students will be using brain dumps across the curriculum.

What is a brain dump? Brain dumping is a simple, yet effective, study technique where students write down everything they can recall about a particular topic. This is usually done on a blank piece of paper.

Brain dumps can be used in the following ways:

> Using plain / lined paper, create:

- a spider-diagram / mind map
- a bullet-pointed list

> Using a pre-printed sheet from their teacher such as:

- a table / grid
- a revision clock

How can I support my child?

- Provide plain / lined paper and a pen
- Test them using their flashcards – the answers are on the back of the cards so you don't need any prior knowledge of the topic! Then, encourage them to brain dump what they can recall from your testing
- Support them with checking their answers against their flashcards
- Watch these short video tutorials for top tips (LINKS):

[The Brain Dump Method](#)

[Look... Cover... Write... CHECK!](#)

### Learning for Life - Year 10 & 11 Sex Education

The Year 11 sex ed session delivered by Brook is on Thursday 29th January. In addition to this hour session, Year 11 are welcome to go to L16 at the end of the day to receive a C-card. The c-card scheme is aimed at young people 13-24 years old who can register to get a range of contraception, information and advice. The aim of the service is to promote reproductive and sexual health and help young people to access local services. The Year 10 sex education session delivered by Brook is on Tuesday 27th January. In addition to this hour session, Year 10 are welcome to come back up to L6 at the end of the day to receive a C-card. Please see above information on the C-card scheme.

If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, please contact russellp@laurencejackson.org or the relevant Year Manager.

## Home Learning

### KS3 Home Learning

The following will be shared with students on Monday:

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- Sparx Reader from last week (Today)
- Sparx Maths from last week (WEDNESDAY)
- History (from the previous Wk B) (THURSDAY)



Make sure you don't fall behind with your Science and Geography that were set last week 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. MFL (set TUESDAY) will be due in Wk A in specific lesson
3. Sparx Maths (set Wednesday) will be due in on Wednesday next week.
4. History Seneca (set Thursday) will be due in 2 weeks later.

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

We are adjusting the way we award points for Sparx Reader – the required weekly SRP for all students is now 300 to make home learning more accessible and engaging for all.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

Please open this link <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0f3ff6f6cf.html> to access the extra curricular enrichment activities on offer to your child this half term. We hope you will encourage your child to access as many of these wonderful opportunities as possible.

## UPCOMING DATES:

20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y10 exam practice day
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Options Event for parents
05 <sup>th</sup> February	Y9 Academic Review Evening
23-27 <sup>th</sup> February	half term holiday