



Laurence Jackson School's

PARENT BULLETIN

6 FEBRUARY 2026

PARENT VOICE

We would be grateful of feedback from our parents/carers. Please click on the link to access a parent survey, which closes for responses at 9pm on Sunday 1st March. [CLICK HERE](#)

KEY MESSAGES

FAO Year 7 parents/carers – Year 7 will be having a 'one punch' assembly on Monday 9th February. This session aims to raise awareness about the consequences that a single moment of violence can have and will cover the serious legal and personal impact of one-punch incidents, aiming to encourage students to "Stop, Think, and Walk Away". This forms part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, wellbeing, and promoting respectful relationships. This session is designed to be age-appropriate and impactful. We encourage all students to participate in this important discussion. Staff will be there to support any students who may need to speak about anything related to this session afterwards.

FAO Year 9 parents/carers – The Year 9 sex education session delivered by external company Brook is on Wednesday 28th February. Please follow this [link](#) to our RSE policy that has been shared with parents earlier this year. If you have any concerns your child may struggle with any of these topics, please contact russellp@laurencejackson.org or the relevant Year Manager.

Outdoor PE – Due to mock exams taking place in the sports hall currently, most of your child's PE lessons will be outside between now and 18th February. A general reminder about outdoor PE lessons is that your child should be prepared to go outside for PE, and during colder weather they are advised to wear:

- Base layers underneath their PE kit
- A sensible hat and gloves
- Black jogging/tracksuit bottoms, leggings, PE hoodie / rugby shirt

National Year of Reading UK 2026 – We will be using this campaign to build on our ongoing work with reading and have developed 'LJS Learns, One new fact at a time, One month at a time...' – sharing a non-fiction article with Year 7-10 students, our staff and also our parents/carers at the end of each month. We are challenging students to read the article and learn at least 1 new interesting fact and to strike up a conversation about this with each other, parents/carers and staff. Please see below how you can help:

- Read January's non-fiction article yourself (attached to the class charts message used to send this bulletin) and encourage your child to do the same.
- Find ways to promote that (a) you have read the article and (b) you have learnt at least 1 fact with your child
- Discuss which facts you found most interesting and why.
- Generate questions with your child that you'd like to find out the answers to from reading the article and research the answers together.

CAREERS

Work Experience: appeal for work placements – Year 10 Work Experience Week 2026 is 6th to 10th July. We are seeking placements for students and would love to work with our parent/carer community to make this happen. If you or anyone you know could offer a placement for a student, please email careers@laurencejackson.org. Thank you.


FAO Year 10 parents/carers – College Discovery Day- all Year 10 will be emailed information to consider which college they would like to visit for College Discovery Day in June. Further details about the visit will be shared closer to the time. To help them make an informed choice, students will be sent details from Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Prior Pursglove. Students choose 1 college to visit. Please remind your child to check their email and read the information carefully as they will make their selection on Thursday 19th February with Mrs Tomey. We also encourage you to review the details with your child at home to support discussions about their post-16 options. For any queries, contact careers@laurencejackson.org / 01287 636361.

KS3 HOME LEARNING

On Monday students will be reminded of the following:

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:	New Home Learning Tasks set this week:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sparx Reader (Today)• Science Educake (Today)• Geography (Wednesday)• Sparx Maths (Thursday)• MFL (In a specific MFL lesson)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sparx Reader and Science Educake (set TODAY)2. Sparx Maths and Geography Educake (set Wednesday) <p>ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS</p>

Students will be asked to consider these questions:

Key Questions to help you PLAN your Core Home Learning this week:		Key Questions to help you reflect on your PROGRESS :
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What things do you have on outside of school this week that you'll need to work around?2. What times do you have 'spare'? (these need to be your 'Home Learning slots')3. Where will you write these times down?4. What Core H.L. are you going to do in these slots? (write them down) Remember to consider whether you have any outstanding work due in this week that you haven't yet completed.5. Where can you put your plan at home so that you'll see it everyday?	<p>Key Questions to help you PERSEVERE this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which HL tasks this week do you think you'll find trickiest this week? (try and give yourself more times this week)2. Have you tried 'chunking' these tasks across the week (little and often) or do you prefer to get them done and out of the way?3. What will you do when you get stuck that will still allow you to complete the tasks?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How is your accuracy rating doing in Sparx Reader? What new vocabulary have you come across?2. Can you think of a specific example of a type of calculation you have improved on from your work in Sparx Maths?3. How is your work with Educake helping your recall in Geography and Science lessons?4. How is your flash card work for MFL supporting you in French lessons?5. What do you want to get even better at by February half term?

UPCOMING DATES

19th February	Year 7 academic review evening
20th February	Year 11 reward trip
23-27th February	Half term holiday
2nd March	Students return (normal time)



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SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

A reminder that next week is Children's Mental Health week and Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. It's great to take these opportunities and start the conversations around mental health and the online world with our young people to help reduce to possible stigma about talking about our worries. At school we have on-site trained counsellors available to all students who feel they may benefit from this independent support and this is run by A Time 4 You – Psychological Services C.I.C. using their wealth of professional experienced counsellors to support our young people's mental health. We also work as part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) network to get appropriate support as quick as possible external to school. In conjunction with this, A T4Y is currently offering FREE adult counselling sessions should you as a parent/carer be struggling. Please see below on how you can access this support.

As a school we would value your feedback on how we can best support mental health through our work with Inside Out and the MHST, please take a few moments to complete the survey (linked here) to help shape our future offer.

A TIME 4 YOU
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES C.I.C.

Free Counselling Sessions Available

We are offering complimentary counselling sessions provided by Trainee High Intensity Psychotherapeutic Counsellors who are completing their adult clinical hours with A Time 4 You.

What's on Offer:	Who is eligible:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free, confidential counselling sessions• Delivered by trainee therapists under professional supervision• A supportive space to talk about emotional wellbeing, stress, anxiety, and life challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 18's• Parents or Carers• Anyone who may benefit from additional emotional support

Key Information:

This counselling service is not suitable for individuals experiencing significant risk or suicidal ideation, as the practitioners are trainees. If you or someone you know is experiencing thoughts of suicide or is at immediate risk, please contact NHS Adult Mental Health Services by calling 111 and selecting option 2, where appropriate urgent support is available. Private paid referrals can also be arranged if required.

How to access:
Send us an email at info@atime4you.co.uk