



PARENT BULLETIN

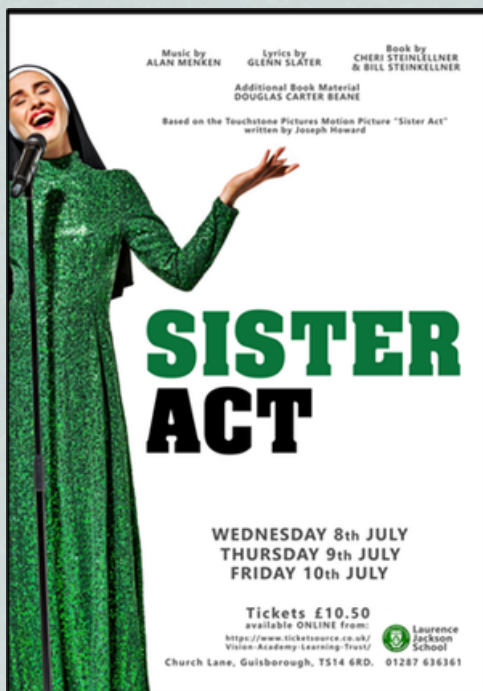
15 MAY 2026

As the Year 11 GCSE exams will be taking place in the sports hall, all PE lessons will be outdoors until they end. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor PE lessons, taking into consideration the Great British weather. Also, if a child is excused from PE, they are still expected to bring their PE kit as they will be given an active role within the lesson.

We would like to ask for your help for maintaining clear and effective communication and supporting students as best we can. Please politely remind your child that we expect students are to speak to a member of staff if they need support during the school day and not contact home privately (eg if they are unwell/upset). This ensures that staff can address any concerns promptly and appropriately.

We are delighted to announce that our production of *Sister Act* will take place on Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July! Our students have been preparing the show since the auditions in October, and it should be one of the highlights of the school year. The performances will take place in the main hall at 7pm and you are encouraged to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available via the link and QR code below for £10.50 each. We hope you will support the efforts of these young people and look forward to sharing the evenings with you!

[Link to TicketSource](#)



On Monday KS3 students will be reminded of the following during form time:

KS3 Core Home Learning – Wk B

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- Spax Reader (Today)
- Spax Maths and History Seneca (Thursday)

New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Spax Reader (set today) and will be due in on Monday next week.
2. MFL (set TUESDAY) will be due in Wk A in specific lesson
3. Spax Maths (set Wednesday) and will be due in on Thursday 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

Please ensure your child is engaging.

Our Oracy Focus Day on 12th May was very positive, and we are now reviewing how to build on this success. Students discussed which bee was fake, encouraging great learning through talk, and were asked not to “Google” the answer. We’ll reveal it on Monday. Over the weekend, we’d love you to discuss this at home—ask your child which bee they think is fake and why, and try to challenge or build on their ideas.

Which one is made up? ?

1. Teddy Bear Bee 
2. Vulture Bee 
3. Blue-Banded Bee 
4. Sweat Bee 
5. Accordion Bee 

School Timetables and Class Groupings

Following the message in a previous bulletin, please be reminded of the below to explain the timetables and classes next academic year. We often find that when individual student timetables are published at the end of the summer holidays, we receive questions about the groupings and curriculum organisation. This information provides answers to the questions that are typically asked at that time. We understand that starting a new school year can be a stressful time and hope that this information will reduce parent/carer and student anxiety when next year’s timetables are published. Timetables for next academic year will be viewable on Arbor in the last week of the summer holidays. Our timetable model is predominantly structured with mixed ability classes. These mixed ability sets are re-organised each year. As students progress through school the number of subjects in which they are grouped by ability increases. Whilst all the groups are mixed ability students are taught in a range of classes across the curriculum so they have lessons with a different group of students in each subject area.



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Students are grouped by ability in maths from Year 7 and classes are organised using external (KS2 data) and internal assessment data. When you view your child's timetable you find that they have a 'class code' which is generated by our timetabling software. These codes are made up of letters and numbers, however as per the information above these codes are not indicative of the ability range of the class because in most subjects, classes are mixed ability. This means that most numbers in class codes do not equate to ability sets.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Mixed ability in all subjects apart from maths where students are set by ability	Mixed ability in all subjects apart from maths and MFL	Mixed ability in all subjects apart from maths, MFL and science
Year 10	Year 11	
English	Mixed ability	Mixed ability
Maths/ Science	Teaching groups are set and are based on tiers of entry Higher or foundation tiers of entry are not completely finalised until the January of Year 11 so movement between sets will occur as required prior to this. Decisions about tiers of entry are made by Subject Leaders and discussed with students and parents.	
Options subjects	Predominantly mixed ability in most option subjects with some grouping by ability where the structure of the timetable supports this grouping and where the Subject Leader believes sets are beneficial	
PE	Core PE groups are largely mixed ability. Where timetabling allows students are placed into groups according to their PE accredited course to supplement their learning and progress in the practical element of the course.	
L4L	L4L is taught in English groupings	L4L is taught in English groupings

Please be reminded that the May holidays run from Monday 25th - Friday 29th May. Students return at the normal time on Monday 1st June. A reminder of the 26-27 term dates is below. This week we shared the Year 11 holiday revision schedule for wb Tuesday 26th May.

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Monday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

Staggered return September 2026:

- Tuesday 1 September Year 7 only
- Wednesday 2 September Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 only
- Thursday 3 September All year groups

Legend:

- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- PD Days (x5)