

Laurence Jackson School's Parent Bulletin

26th June 2026

Year 10 Career Events:

Important communication has been sent to all parents / carers of Year 10 students about three upcoming career events: Making Opportunities, College Taster Day, Work Experience Week. Please check your ClassCharts for this message and direct any queries to careers@laurencejackson.org / Miss Mitchinson on 01287 636361.

The Big Future survey

The Children's Commissioner of England Dame Rachel De Souza, wants to ask children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, she wants to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.

As a result, she has produced a survey she would like as many children as possible in the UK to complete. All LJS students have observed a presentation in form time this week, outlining the purpose of the survey and why their opinions are so important to bring about future change and improvement. On Wednesday 24th June, every student was sent a link via class charts taking them to the survey. We would be extremely grateful if you could encourage your child to complete it. If they are unable to access it, they can follow this link: [About this survey: The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will **NOT** be taking place on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Please note that homework club and Jackson Club will continue to run as normal on these dates.

Therefore if your child usually attends an afterschool club other than homework club or Jackson Club on those dates, they will be leaving school at 2.50pm. This is to allow after school opportunities for the Year 6 children during their transition week on those dates.

Clubs will run as normal on Monday 6th July and Friday 10th July.

LJS Library Books

If your child has any school Library books at home, please encourage them to finish reading these and to return them to our school Library by 9.7.26. (If your child would like to loan a book/books to read over the summer break, they can see our Librarian Mrs Ross and she will sort this out for them)

KS3 Core Home Learning -Wk A

KS3 Core Home Learning Updates

On Monday during form time, students will be reminded of the following regarding their home learning:

KS3 Core Home Learning – Wk A

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- Sparx Reader (Today)
- Science Educake (Today)
- Geography (Wednesday)
- Sparx Maths (Thursday)
- MFL (In a specific MFL lesson)

New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Sparx Reader and Science Educake (set TODAY)
2. Sparx Maths and Geography Educake (set Wednesday)

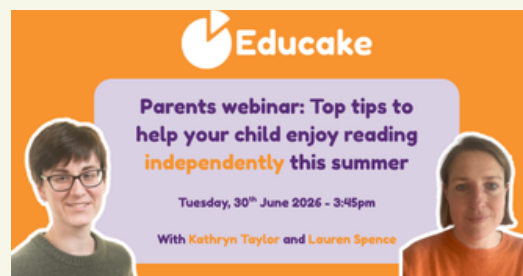
ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS

Sparx Maths

We have noted some improvement in the number of students achieving 100% completion with Sparx Maths following our adjustment to the number of XP required. Thank you for your support in terms of helping us to challenge students to engage effectively with their home learning. We would appreciate it if you could continue to check in with your child to reinforce the information regarding Sparx Maths so we can sustain improvements made and gain further improvements.

Reminder: Webinar for Parents/Carers - Student Independent Reading

Educake are running a free webinar for parents/carers 30.6.26 focussing on independent reading - specifically how the summer holidays could be utilised. Reading regularly over the summer is one of the simplest ways to boost your child's confidence, vocabulary, and readiness for the next school year. This parent-focused session is hosted by Educake and led by Kathryn Taylor, Schools Development Manager at Chapter One. Kathryn will share easy, realistic strategies to help children enjoy reading on their own during the holidays. Educake recognise that parents/carers are incredibly busy, if you can't make the scheduled time, register anyway and Educake will send the recording direct to your inbox to watch at a time that is more convenient. Link for more info and to register [here](#)



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Free School Meals - Action Required

All families who want their child to receive free school meals from September 2026 must complete an application so eligibility can be checked. This includes families who already receive Free School Meals.

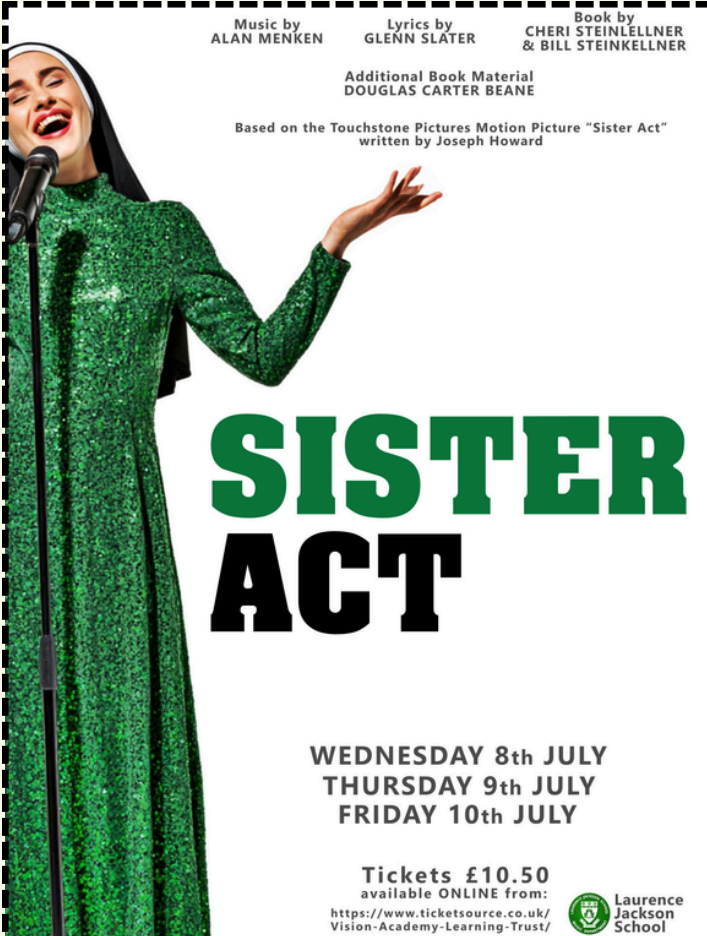
Applications can be submitted ready for the new school year in September using the below link:

[Application for Free School Meals](#)

Summer Show 2026

Please see below for the flyer about our 2026 Summer Show! Book soon to secure your ticket.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by GLENN SLATER Book by CHERI STEINLELLNER & BILL STEINKELLNER



Additional Book Material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

SISTER ACT

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY
THURSDAY 9th JULY
FRIDAY 10th JULY

Tickets £10.50
available ONLINE from:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/>
<https://www.vision-academy-learning-trust/>



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

All LJS parents/carers, including those who have children joining us in September, are welcome to attend this community event to take away pre-loved donated LJS uniform items for their child.

Main Assembly Hall
Tuesday 14 July 2026
3.00-5.00pm

Do you have items of LJS uniform to donate?
Thank you in advance! Please drop off your clean uniform items to the main school office before the event or bring them to the event itself. We welcome all washed/wearable items of uniform including shoes, blazers, trousers, skirts and PE kit.

Any spare items after the event will be taken to the Guisborough Bridge Association for parents/carers to access if needed.
(contact: staff@guisboroughbridge.org.uk)

Upcoming dates

29 June- KS3 Sports Day

29 June- Making Opportunities (Y10)

30 June- College Taster Day (Y10)

2nd July - Year 11 Prom

Safeguarding Spotlight

As we navigate the current temperatures its important that we remind our young people to keep safe around water. The temptation to enter open water is high given the current temperatures and over the weekend. The RNLI have circulated a reminder that even though the weather is hot, open water is often much colder than expected and can lead to serious injury and dangerous situations. Please see the attached circular they have produced to support reminder conversations with out young people in this heat. [RNLI sea safety: Know the risks in and beside the water](#)

Please see Float to live pocket guide overleaf and link below to watch the safety video.

[FLOAT TO LIVE- RNLI SAFETY VIDEO](#)

Watch the film and share it –
it could be a lifesaver.

Scan this QR code or visit
RNLI.org/FloatGuide



Remember it. Share it.

FLOAT TO LIVE

#RESPECTTHEWATER

Learn to float in 5 simple steps

1. Tilt your head back, submerging your ears.
2. Relax and try to control your breathing.
3. Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat.
4. Your legs may sink but that's OK – everyone floats differently.
5. Find your float by practising at a supervised location.

It's a lifesaving skill and having the confidence to float in a life or death situation could make all the difference.

Photo: RNLI

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHY 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1308 and 006329F), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ



Lifeboats



FLOAT TO LIVE

Pocket guide

#RESPECTTHEWATER

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Why Float to Live?

This advice is useful to everyone and has helped save the lives of more than 50 people in all sorts of situations. From children in rip currents to runners falling into canals, from people swept out by waves, to fisherman falling overboard.

- Around half those who accidentally drown every year had no intention to enter the water*.
- A recent RNLI survey revealed that nearly 1 in 3 people still do not know what to do if they unexpectedly get into difficulty in the water**.

* Water Incident Database (WAID).

** Basis Research, RNLI Water Safety Survey, April 2025. Representative sample of 1,005 UK adults aged 16-64.