

Laurence Jackson School's *Parent Bulletin*

18th September 2026

Key Messages

Important Attendance Message - We would like to make you aware of the impact that arriving at school after 9.00am has on your child's overall attendance. If your child arrives after this time under Department of Education guidance they must be marked as absent in the register for the whole of the morning session and so their overall attendance is impacted. This means that a child going to an appointment and arriving at school after 9.00am cannot be marked present for that whole morning session. We understand that medical appointments are sometimes necessary but as much as possible please ensure that your child comes to school before attending the appointment so that it does not impact their overall attendance. There are also a small number of children coming to school later after 9.00am. Where students arrive after this time, parents/carers will always be contacted to verify the reason that a student gives for their lateness and to resolve any issues. Repeated arrival after 9.00am will result in poor overall attendance which will lead to attendance processes.

Leave of absence requests - A reminder that all requests for Leave of Absence must be made with a minimum of 4 week's notice. Forms are available at Reception. Please be aware that requests for leave due to exceptional circumstances will require appropriate supporting documentation or evidence to be provided.

Detentions next week - There are no detentions on Wednesday 23rd September due to our Year 6 open evening; any detentions that are issued on Tuesday 22nd September will be sat on Thursday 24th September.

Year 11 Careers Guidance - Year 11 will soon receive individual careers guidance meetings to explore post-16 options and future careers. Each student will have a 30-minute action-planning meeting before Christmas and a review meeting afterwards. Parents/carers will receive an email with key recommendations and ways to support future planning at home. For any questions, please contact careers@laurencejackson.org.

Whole school Flu immunisations -

The immunisation team are visiting school on 29th September to deliver the flu vaccine. You will receive a text from the NHS asking you to complete a consent form. If you do not receive this 2 weeks prior to the session, please contact the immunisation team on 0333 358 3397 option 3 and 3.

KS3 Home Learning - For this half term, only Maths and English will set home learning via Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader to help students build consistent study habits. Tasks are issued weekly on a Wednesday-to-Wednesday cycle, with the first deadline on 23rd September. Please encourage your child to complete their tasks. Any issues, such as forgotten passwords or technical problems, should be reported to KS3homelearning@laurencejackson.org, using a clear subject (for example: Forgotten Password or Sparx Maths Issues).

Extra-Curricular Clubs - It has been great to see so many students engaged in our after school extra-curricular club offer so far. As always, we like to encourage as many students as possible to take part in these wonderful opportunities. Please follow this [link](#) to access the extra-curricular club timetable and encourage your child to access as many of these as possible. Please be reminded that drama club starts on Wednesday 30th September and that there will be NO after school clubs on Wednesday 23rd September due to our Year 6 Open Evening taking place.

Year 10 SAVE THE DATE

Y10 Parent Information Evening **Thursday 8th October** **5pm**

Please join us on this evening to receive advice on how to support your child during KS4. Although students are very welcome, this evening is geared towards providing information for parents only. Students will have already received the same information in their school assemblies.

The session will include:

- Key information and specific dates linked to Y10
- General KS4 overview as we progress in to Y11
- Revision strategies to support students during KS4
- Careers and post 16 information

Entrance to the event is via the main hall side door please, we look forward to welcoming you on this evening.

We are aware of an arbor lunch issue where parents/carers may see double spending in 1 day. Please be assured that the system shows this but it is not a true reflection of what activity is happening at lunch. We are looking into this and any further updates will be communicated.

Safeguarding Spotlight

Mental Health Support in School - At Laurence Jackson School, we work directly with InsideOut Mental Health Support Team to help children and young people access the support they need. If you have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing or mental health, please contact your child's Year Manager. Please see the poster within this bulletin for more details and also refer to this link: <https://teesvalleygettinghelp.co.uk/training-hub/>

INSIDEOUT

Mental health
support team

Would your child benefit from support?



Is your child...

Feeling stressed about school?

Overwhelmed by worries?

Struggling with sleep?

Or just feeling a bit down...



How WYSA can help

WYSA is a wellbeing app that can support young people to explore their feelings, access self-help tools and build resilience.

It can also provide a safe and accessible starting point for young people who may find it difficult to talk about how they are feeling.



Scan here to
download!

How they get support

Speak to your child's school:
You can speak to a teacher, or school nurse, who can help connect your child and family with the appropriate support.

Contact us directly:
You can reach out to our team at any time

01642 50550
or
info@insideoutmhst.co.uk



Our Training Hub offers FREE online training for parents & carers.

