



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

11th March 2022

Messages from the Headteacher

Walk for Autism 2022— There is a growing number of students receiving an autism diagnosis; and recent publication of research from the British Medical Association has estimated that 1 in 100 children, with or without diagnosis, are living with the condition. There is a Walk for Autism charity event taking place, involving walking 10,000 steps a day, from 26th March-2nd April, and Miss Picken has signed Laurence Jackson School up as a 'team' and we are inviting you to take part. If you are interested you can sign up as an LJS 'team member' - please read the instructions attached with this bulletin and follow this [link](#). When you sign up to the group as a team member, you will receive your own link to share with family and friends, and it will display an individual fundraising total, which contributes to our overall school total. Once you raise £20 you receive a "Walk for Autism" t-shirt. Money raised is used by Walk for Autism to provide specialist facilities and support to ASD students around the country, and there is a section of the website to navigate if you wish to see where your money will be spent.

Extra curricular activities—please find attached with this bulletin an updated copy of our timetable.

Enrichment Opportunities:

VALT Public Speaking Competition—thank you to those who encouraged their child to enter this. Students who have expressed an interest will receive further details in the coming week.

World Book Day Competition —thank you to all our wonderful students who submitted entries. A showcase of the submissions and announcement of winners will appear in next week's bulletin.

National Science Week 11-20th March—please encourage your child to have a go at one of the activities outlined in the PowerPoint attached with this bulletin.

Oxford University Geography Competition—Y7 to Y10s are invited to submit a short video entry (2 – 5 mins max) on a geographical issue or phenomenon local to them. It is up to students what they decide to focus on in their video, but they must be able to explain how it broadly relates to the study of Geography (human, physical or environmental). More details can be found [here](#). Miss Picken can support interested students. If your child is interested—please ask them to email pickenm@laurencejackson.org

North Yorkshire Moors National Park – Young Rangers Programme - for those aged between 11 and 17 who enjoy challenges, learning new skills and having adventures while finding out what it would be like to be a National Park Ranger. A meeting is once a month (generally Saturday or Sunday) at various locations around the park. Students can look at what the Young Rangers have been up to and if any are interested in joining they can click 'send email' on the link [here](#) and they will be sent the joining instructions.

Safeguarding Spotlight

The **NSPCC** has launched a new Childline campaign '**We All Feel It**'. This campaign is to support young people, particularly males, struggling to reach out for mental health support. The campaign encourages young people to access Childline resources online to find new ways to cope with thoughts and feelings, and to contact Childline to talk about what they're going through. It also includes a short video showing the emotions that young males feel in their day-to-day lives and provides links to relevant guidance and support on the Childline website, including: 1-2-1 counsellor chats; tools to find new ways of coping; and message boards to share stories and gain support from others. Further details can be found via this [link](#).



Year Group Specific Messages

7-10	Careers EXPO (Gatsby Benchmark 4: Linking Careers into the Curriculum) - Links to the live session from National Careers Week will be emailed to students' school email accounts to watch again if they choose to.
7	Thank you to parents/carers and students for feedback regarding Y7 lunchtime . We are impressed with how well Y7 students have responded to the new lunchtime arrangements. Senior Leaders have enjoyed circulating Y7 lunchtime over the last week and seeking students' views regarding these arrangements. They have noted a range of positive feedback. In the week ahead we would like students to bring a reading book . This is so whilst students are arriving and being seated at tables, students can enjoy some time reading. Please encourage your child to have a reading book in the week ahead.
8	Massive congratulations to Ella P Y8 who played last weekend in the Cadet National Table Tennis Cup for U15's . She was only beaten twice on the first day and then went unbeaten on the second day, only missing out on the medals due to count back. Wow, absolutely brilliant result!
9	The childhood immunisation team will be at school on 16.3.22 at 3pm for the Y9 Meningitis & Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio vaccinations that were scheduled this week that unfortunately did not take place. The immunisation team will be in touch directly with parents/carers who gave consent with further information about how this rescheduled session. Advanced notice that the Y9 Parents Evening will take place on 7.4.22 virtually. Information and instructions about how to log on to the online system will be emailed and a copy posted in advance.
10	We sent a letter from Miss Mitchinson this week on Class Charts regarding work experience . Please read this and support your child with their placement. Form Part B needs to be handed in to Miss Mitchinson on 25.3.22 to the careers office. Henry W, Youth Member of Parliament – Radio Interview: BBC Radio Tees came into school 10.3.22 to interview Henry about his recent YMP campaign and successful election. Detail of when his interview will be broadcast to follow.
11	Careers Appointments are taking place on Monday and Tuesday's (weekly) and Wednesday (fortnightly) in S17. The Y11 Easter revision programme was sent to parents and students on class charts today. If you would like to register your interest in Year 11 photographs , please email reception@laurencejackson.org FAO Mrs Innes by 18.3.22.

Celebrating Student Success

Well done to a group of **LJS Scholar Award students** who visited Kirkleatham Museum 10.3.22 for a guided tour of the exhibitions, including *The Lost Words* exhibition which is currently visiting the museum and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic place to visit within the local area and the students enjoyed engaging with the displays and discovering new things in the various exhibitions. Thanks to the staff at Kirkleatham Museum for the opportunity and Ellen who showed us around.



A group of Y7-10 14 female students attended a 'Green Career's event at North Yorks Moors National Park for the day in recognition of **International Women's Day** where they were introduced to example of job roles and employers in the Green Careers Sector. Thank you to everyone involved.



Sporting Success—Congratulations and well done to our Y9 Boys Rugby Team who won the Redcar and Cleveland Tournament 9.3.22.