



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

25th March 2022

Messages from the Headteacher

Gateway—please be reminded that we continue to use Gateway for *all payments*, and it is therefore important to remain logged into the platform and not to delete the app. Class Charts is not used to make payments.

National Design a Book Token Competition 2022—entries will be receiving special recognition achievement points by our Senior Leadership Team. Please see the fantastic entries we have had so far attached to this bulletin message. It is not too late if any students would like to submit an entry—details can be found [here](#):

Mobile phones and smart watches—a reminder that students are not allowed to use their mobile phones on the school site, including their social times at break and lunchtimes. Students will have their devices confiscated if they are seen with them in and outside the school building during school hours, 8.30am and 2.40pm. Students should also not wear smart watches to school. Thank you for support in ensuring all students adhere to these expectations.

KS3 PE Student Feedback— Mr Fowle would like feedback from students in Y7-9 regarding their PE lessons. He has created an online feedback form and will be sending this to all students in Y7-9 on Class Charts. Please encourage your child to submit their views in response to the questions asked.

Enrichment Opportunities:

VALT Public Speaking Competition - Miss Parnell (Literacy Lead across our Trust) will be in school on Wednesday next week to work with those who have expressed an interest to Mrs Nowell to take part. Mrs Nowell will confirm with students who are involved the details next week via their school emails. If this applies to your child, please encourage them to check their emails on Monday. If your child is in Y9 please encourage them to take part (contacting Mrs Nowell or Mrs Crawford in school) as we currently have no students from Y9 entered.

National Poetry Week—Mrs Nowell has launched a Poetry Competition in assemblies over this last week. Interested students should write a own poem about a place where there is a sense of community. This could be somewhere they live or where they spend a lot of time – Riverside Stadium/ Gym/Dance Studio/ Football Pitch/ Beach etc. Entries should be submitted to Mrs Nowell nowellc@laurencejackson.org by 1.4.22

Safeguarding Spotlight

CEOP have launched a [new online safety website](#). The new website offers information and guidance which is appropriate and relevant to the experiences of **young people aged 11-18**. This will be discussed and explored further with students in assembly next week. It will therefore be useful for parents/carers to look at the website to know the kind of advice and resources it offers so you are well placed when discussing any issues or supporting your children.



Year Group Specific Messages

7	Please continue to encourage your child to engage positively with our lunchtime arrangements. It has been wonderful to see so many students bringing a book to read whilst they wait to get up for their lunch or using time to do some study or bringing sketch books/writing books to draw/write. This is creating a safe, calm and peaceful environment in which students can enjoy quiet conversations with their friends if they choose to.
8	1st April will be HPV vaccinations for Year 8. A letter will go out via class charts. Your child won't be given the vaccination if you do not give consent.
9	We have this week emailed Y9 parents/carers their invitations for parents evening taking place on 7th April . We have also given students these invitation on paper today to bring home. This invitation also has students' individual option choices included.
10	A selection of Y10 students will be taking part in some English targeted intervention workshops run by an external company called Pet-iX on 1.4.22. Internal assessment data has been used to prioritise students for this opportunity.
11	Thank you to those who registered their interest in official Y11 photos. We received 50 replies, which unfortunately does not make it viable to arrange an official day with our school photographer. However, to commemorate this significant time for our Y11 students, we are hoping to organise year group/form group photographs in-house with those who have photo consent at the end of the GCSE exam period and sharing it via Class Charts; meaning that you will be able to print copies as you wish.

Celebrating Student Success

Y7 Raffle Winners: Well done to Holly H, Ethan H, Jack C who were all winners in our raffle this week as they had displayed excellent conduct at lunchtime and used their 'waiting time' at lunch productively.



National Book Token Entrants: Well done to Holly I Y7, Niamh O'R Y7, Lucas L Y7, Amelia L Y7, Sadie B Y7, Lacey C Y7, Ethan M Y7, Cate M Y7, Isla F Y8 and Ellyse W Y8 all of which are students whose entries for book token designs have been sent off from LJS to the National Competition.