

**30 April 2025 (Week A)**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the beginning of an incredibly short, first half of the Summer Term! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and managed to get some well-deserved rest and relaxation with your family. As we enter the final term of the academic year, our Year 11s are nearing closer to the start of their GCSEs. They have already received their exam timetable, and final preparations are underway to ensure their success. We wish them the very best of luck for the opening of the examination window next week!

On Monday we welcomed our new Headteacher, Mr Weston to school. He joined us for the day and spoke to all of our students during our welcome back assemblies. We look forward to him joining us again soon.

### **Careers education update**

We're kicking off the new term with an exciting array of careers-related activities. Next week, our Year 10 students will begin their individual careers guidance meetings with Anita Hunter from Seeds of Change. This invaluable opportunity will encourage them to reflect on their future beyond Lacon and provide them with a clear, actionable plan. Meanwhile, Years 7, 8 and 9 will delve into careers and post-16 options during their PSHE lessons, helping them explore the pathways ahead. And as we move into July, even more exciting updates are on the horizon, please stay tuned! If you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please contact Mrs Koziel by email: [aleksandra.koziel@laconchildeschool.co.uk](mailto:aleksandra.koziel@laconchildeschool.co.uk)

### **Mobile phones and texting home**

During the Spring term, rather than alerting a member of staff to the fact that they were feeling poorly some students used their mobile phones in the toilet and texted their parent/carer. This then resulted in parents being worried and turning up unexpectedly to collect their child. We will be speaking to the students about the need to speak to a member of staff or go to reception where we have trained first aiders on hand to support. We ask that you support us by speaking to your child about this and encourage them to speak to us in the first instance. If your child is feeling a little under the weather and you choose to send them in, please let us know so that we can check on your child and keep an eye on them. You can access the emails of year leads and form tutors by following this link: [Year Leaders and Form Tutors | Lacon Childe School](#)

### **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that we have now transitioned to our summer uniform, which allows students the option to wear a white polo shirt instead of the traditional shirt and tie. If students choose to wear a short sleeve school shirt as opposed to a polo shirt, they will still need to wear a tie. Tailored shorts can also be worn as an alternative to school trousers.

### **Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening**

A reminder that we will be holding our Year 10 parents/carers evening tomorrow from 4.30pm.

### **Junior Storm at Ludlow Castle**

Students from Lacon Childe have been invited to participate in the Junior Storm at Ludlow Castle on Sunday 18th May at 11am. This fun, accessible course is approximately 800m around the castle, for Junior Stormers up to 15 years of age. Starting in the depth of the moat, Stormers follow the course through the Outer Bailey and proceed to run a full lap around the outside of the Castle, before a final sprint into the Castle grounds and through the finish arch. Fun incentives include a goody bag, free bouncy castle and face painting, plus a medal for every participant. There is a £7 entry fee. To book please click the following link:

[https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event\\_id=13989](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=13989) For more information, visit  
<https://www.andalievents.com/events/storm-the-castle/junior-storm>

### Search Engines

Search engines are a huge part of daily life, helping us find information in an instant but with this convenience comes a hidden risk, especially for young users. With billions of websites just a click away, young people can easily encounter misleading, inappropriate, or even illegal content. Search engines don't always filter this effectively, and features like AI-generated summaries or unlabelled ads can make things even trickier to navigate. Please find the attached guide that focuses on what parents and educators need to know about search engines. From the risks of misinformation and AI errors to practical steps like activating parental controls and promoting digital literacy, it's packed with expert advice to help keep children safe online.

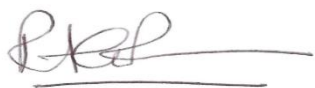
### Attachments

[Year 11 Final Arrangements](#)

[Wake Up Wednesday](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



Ruth Allen  
Consultant Executive Headteacher

### Trips and Shop Payments

The following are available on Arbor to make payment

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 KS3 Design Technology Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 9 DofE payment	£50	17/04/2025
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		

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