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Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

It is a pleasure to write to you all in my first update of the academic year. I was at the school for some of the time during the end of the summer term and this gave me an opportunity to start to get to know the school and work with the staff and students, but nothing beats starting properly.

I hope you have all had a great summer, albeit very hot at some times, and had the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with your families. It has been a productive start to our Autumn term for staff, who have had two full days of training. Day 1 provided an opportunity for me to set out the development priorities for the year and members of the leadership team presented their plans about teaching and learning, literacy and inclusion. Day 2 afforded staff time to receive safeguarding updates and talk about behaviour and rewards, revisiting the high expectations we have for our students and plan how we are going to increase the reward culture in the school.

This morning, we welcomed our new Year 7, 10, and 11 students back, schools never really seem alive until the students return, they breathe life into the building. All are students looked very smart, and we are pleased that they have returned so positively. We are looking forward to welcoming Years 8 and 9 back tomorrow. As a remainder, students should be wearing normal school uniform rather than summer uniform.

As well as our new students, we also welcomed two new members of staff to Lacon Childe School, Mrs Phillips (Assistant Headteacher and subject lead for Geography) and Mrs Hillhouse (Science and Maths), we wish them all much success in their new roles. Over the summer term, unfortunately, we learnt that Mrs Dayus was leaving the school, after many years to take on a new role, we are sorry to see her go and wish her well in her new role.

Examination results

August saw the release of our GCSE results, we were pleased with the achievements of our students, and everyone has some individual successes. All our students are inspiring and talented young people and as always, we are immensely proud of them. We wish them all success in their next steps.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taking place for all students in Year 7, 9 & 11 on Wednesday 10th September. Parents will also have the opportunity for a family photo for siblings who attend Lacon Childe School, we will be sending out some more information about the arrangements later this week. Thank you again for all your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on admin@laconchildeschool.co.uk

Homework

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important, since it serves as an intellectual discipline, establishes good study habits, eases time constraints on the amount of curricular material that can be covered in class, and supplements and reinforces work done in school. In addition, it fosters student initiative, independence, and responsibility, and brings home and school closer together. It helps students to become confident, resilient and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school, and in adult life.

We will begin setting homework through Arbor for all students from next week. You will receive a letter from Mrs Croxton-Broome later this week with further information.

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Weston
Headteacher

Dates to remember:

Thursday 4 September:	All Students return to school
Wednesday 10 September:	Tempest Photographs Year 7,9,11
Monday 22 September:	Flu Vaccinations – all years
Friday 24 October:	Last day of term
Monday 3 November:	Return to school

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