

Welcome back Year 11

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back to Lacon Childe School. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It was great to welcome your child into Year 11 on Wednesday.

It is an exciting time to be a student at Lacon Childe School as this year, as we re-introduce the Lacon Way. This is something that wholly embodies our culture at Lacon and what makes us different to other schools. We have listened to the thoughts and comments for parents/carers and students and have made some alterations to the Uniform and Behaviour policy. Staff will be asking students to embody our ethos and be a part of 'more than just a school'. Here at Lacon Childe, we are more than just a school. We are ambitious for ourselves as individuals and of each other - both staff and students alike.

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Year 11 is a very exciting year - the second year of GCSE studies and the exams will come round very quickly. During this academic year, we will have mock exams, review where we are, and then start the final push to GCSEs, your child will finish their exams and courses and be able to celebrate everything that they have learnt and achieved which will have completed this important step on the way to their future.

Morning Routine

For year 11 the school day will be a little different to the rest of the school who will have checks and meetings. Year 11 will attend a full tutor time with their tutor, this time will be used to ensure the working day is being maximised. We will have assemblies, intervention sessions, and personal time with tutors who are available to help with a variety of issues. We will have opportunities in these morning meetings for the students to focus on important events throughout the school year and developing positive character values, amongst many others. The sessions will be used also to check attendance, equipment, and support with uniform expectations. Most importantly, morning meetings will give us a chance to celebrate our successes as a year group on a daily and weekly basis.

Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is 100%. Excellent attendance is crucial and recent research has confirmed that there is a link between good mental health, academic achievement, and attendance. I ask for your support in getting your child into school to ensure they have the greatest chance of achieving to their full

potential. I will be in touch on a regular basis about attendance to help those who are falling below the required target.

Equipment

This letter is an opportunity to remind you of the equipment we expect students to have in school with them. The time taken providing forgotten equipment for a lesson adds up over a week, a month, a year, and is time taken from learning. As a school, we do everything to minimise the impact of this, to ensure students have the best opportunity for success, by checking everyone is equipped at the start of the day. However, it is up to students to take responsibility for their equipment. Below is a reminder of what your child needs every day:

- School Bag
- Exercise books
- Black and Purple Pens and a spare
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Protractor
- PE Kit (when timetabled)
- Subject specific equipment, eg: DT – Apron,
- Reading Book

Mobile Phones

I understand the safety aspect of your child having a mobile phone during their journey to and from school, however during school hours mobile phones will need to be off and not visible. Phones seen in school will be confiscated taken to the school office and returned at the end of the day.

Uniform

Last year, I was generally impressed with the standards of uniform. It is always a pleasure to see our students taking pride in their appearance. If a student arrives at school without the correct uniform, we will always support them to correct this. We have a uniform store and where possible, uniform will be provided. However, if this is not possible, we ask that the student remains in our pastoral support room in social time until the situation is resolved. I look forward to seeing the excellent uniform standards that Year 11 students will set this year. There have been some changes to the policy for this year please refer to the school uniform policy at the following link [Uniform Policy](#).

Tutor Team

Your child will be allocated a member of staff as their tutor for this academic year. The form tutor supports students on difficult days and celebrates their successes and achievements. A form tutor is vital to students' personal development, health and wellbeing. A reminder of the Year 1 tutor team is listed below:

- Clee – Mrs Eades
- Mortimer – Mrs Youngson
- Stretton – Mrs Johnson
- Wrekin – Mrs Guilder

I am looking forward to working with your child this year, supporting them with their exam preparation and their plans for next year, it will be a busy and exciting year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Kristien.wood@laconchilleschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely
Kristien Wood