

6 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you have had a fantastic half term and have enjoyed the opportunity to have some quality time with your family.

Once again it has been a productive start to our Autumn term 2 for our staff, who took part in a full day of training on Monday. Our staff studied key educational research and cognitive science to ensure that learning is optimised in every lesson through effective teaching. Every minute counts in a lesson and it is essential that all our teachers are using research driven methods in order to support every child to succeed. As a school, we are continually reviewing our practice to improve the experience our students receive in our classrooms.

At the end of last half term, we have welcomed back Mrs Howard to the maths department after her injury. As a result of Mr Urry's departure in October, Mrs Aldridge-Bufton and Mr Adams will be teaching core PE lessons this half term until Mr Hillman, our new boys' PE teacher starts with us in January 2025.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. On Sunday Mr Wood, some of our prefects and students, and myself, will pay tribute alongside other members of the community from Cleobury Mortimer at the Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church. Poppies are currently available in school for our students to purchase during morning registrations, break and lunchtimes until Monday of next week.



Charley Barkel (Year 9) has donated two of her acrylic canvases to local charities. Over the last two years, she has raised hundreds of pounds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year, she has commissioned a new painting 'THE FIELDS' which is currently up for auction at the Bewdley Brewery Tap pub. Furthermore, on the back of seeing an advert requesting help for Forest Dog Rescue, she has also donated one of her treasured arts 'RAINFOREST' which is currently up for auction at The Green Cobbler store in Bewdley Load Street. Well done Charley, these are very impressive as is your commitment to your charity work. You are a credit to Lacon Childe School and we are extremely proud of you!



SEN Interim Reviews

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the first SEN interim reviews of 2024/25 last half term; the four days were very busy with some further meetings booked in for the first two weeks of this half term. If your child isn't on the SEN register but you would like to discuss their progress or any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Stiles and his team. Alternatively, we run a regular drop-in session on Friday morning at school from 9.00am-10.00am if this is more convenient for you.

AFK (Away from Keyboard)

In a previous newsletter, I included half term opportunities to participate in the AFK programme - a chance for students to learn the skills to build their own game and to dive into the creative world of gaming development. This included learning everything from writing game narratives through to concept art, sound and music and building the game. Ben Nicholson (Year 10) was intrigued by this opportunity and enrolled. He thoroughly enjoyed the four days, each day covering a different aspect of computer game development (building a story, illustrating characters, composing music, and finally coding the whole game). Well done Ben, we are so pleased you enjoyed this experience. Thank you for representing Lacon Childe School!



Homework – Year 7

As explained at our Welcome Evening in September, the homework timetable for Year 7 will begin this week. We wrote to you in September to explain our homework policy and share your child's homework timetable, and students also have a copy of their homework timetable on their timetable card. Homework will be set using Arbor, and all students will be shown how to access Arbor this week (Stretton/Wrekin on Thursday and Clee/Mortimer on Friday). They will also receive an email to their school email account explaining this process in case they forget. The following link (included in their email) will take students directly to the correct site, this should be stored in their bookmarks for future use <https://the-lacon-childe-school.uk.arbor.sc/> Once students have logged in and set their own password, they will be able to see their attendance, timetable, and assignments (homework) information. They will no longer need to ask you about what homework they have. The link below (also included in their email) provides further advice on using the student portal. <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360006651877-The-Student-Portal-Quick-tips-for-students> Please contact Nick Roff if your child has any issues accessing Arbor. nick.roff@laconchildeschool.co.uk

Year 7 Shropshire Music Service Performance

The Shropshire Music Service are coming to perform for our Year 7 and some local Primary Schools on Thursday 7th November. Due to the timing of the performance this does mean that Year 7 will miss their chance to purchase snacks at breaktime, we are therefore asking for them to bring in their own snacks from home instead.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

A reminder of our Year 11 parent information evening which is taking place tomorrow, Thursday 7th November starting at 6.00pm in the school hall. Please attend if you are able as Mr Roff and Mr Treble will:

- Suggest ways that you can support your child in both their preparation for examinations and striking a healthy and positive work life balance.
- Share examination and revision strategies to support your child in active and valuable preparation for both mocks and final examinations.
- Explain our programme of free tuition.
- Set out a road map of the year ahead so that you can see the important dates such as mock examinations, parents' evenings, coursework deadlines, etc.
- Highlight our systems and support within school.

Please click this [link](#) to confirm if you are able to attend.

Letters and information for Parents/Carers:

[Year 7 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 8 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 9 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 10 PSHE Letter](#)

[Year 11 PSHE Letter](#)

[PE Extra Curricular Poster](#)

[Gymnastics Letter](#)

[Year 7 Technology Contribution Letter](#)

Clee Hill Rugby Club – [Girls](#) / [U10-U14](#) / [U15 training](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email admin@laconchilideschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School



Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

Reminders

Lacon Childe PTA - Rags 2 Riches collection Tuesday 19th November

Please help us to raise funds for school and dig out all of your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, belts, jewellery, bags etc. Remember, soiled clothing, bedding, printed items, socks or school uniform will be rejected, and we will be charged for such items, so please make sure you don't include any of these so that we can raise as much as possible. Bags have been issued via students for you and can be returned and dropped at school during reception opening hours up until 9.00am on the morning of Tuesday 19th November. Thank you!

Dates to remember

Thursday 7 th November	Year 11 Parent Information Evening 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Tuesday 12 th to Thursday 14 th November	Year 11 Speaking Mocks
Thursday 14 th November	Ski Trip Meeting
Monday 18 th November	Year 11 Year Group Photo
Tuesday 19 th November	Rags to Riches Collection Day
Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st November	Year 9 GCHQ Language Competition
Monday 25 th November	Year 9/10 Writing Workshop
Thursday 28 th November	Year 12 Presentation Evening
W/B 2 nd December	Year 11 Mock Exams – all week
W/B 9 th December	Year 11 Mock Exams – all week
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term

Fixtures

	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Wednesday 6 th November	U15 Boys	Football	Home - Lacon vs Bridgnorth finish 5.15pm	SA
Tuesday 12 th November	Yr8/9 Girls	Netball	Away - OSH finish 6pm	ZT	

Results

Well done to our Year 8 rugby team who played Chantry, and our Year 9 footballers and Year 8 netballers who played Queen Elizabeth's School.

