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Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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12 March 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's assemblies have focused on the importance of homework and a reminder of the reasons why we revised our homework policy in September. If a student completes an hour's homework per school night for five years, it is the equivalent of an extra school year. In addition:

- It can help students to make more rapid progress in learning.
- It can provide students with the opportunity to:
 - practise further what has been learnt in class.
 - apply what they have learnt in new contexts or situations.
 - prepare them for future learning.
 - integrate skills with knowledge and concepts.
- It can allow students to develop the practice of independent learning. This way of working is vital at the later stages of secondary education and after.
- Work at home can provide the quiet and private conditions needed for work of all kinds.
- It gives the most enthusiastic students the opportunity to apply their passion and gain a deeper insight into the subject.
- It can allow students to use materials and other sources of information that are not always available in the classroom such as the internet, TV documentaries, and news reports.
- It can involve parents and others in students' work for their mutual benefit.
- It can give opportunities for long term research, enquiries, and other work.
- It can form an important part of the student's notes – in preparation for the next lesson.
- It gives students valuable experience of working to deadlines.

Year 9 Examination Week

We would like to acknowledge the exceptional attendance of Year 9 during their exam week last week where they achieved one day at 100% attendance. Their conduct and behaviour during these exams were excellent, and they demonstrated much commitment and dedication during the week. Onwards and upwards now to the completion of the options process, well done Year 9!

Year 8 Arthog trip

If your child has a place on the Arthog residential they will be coming home this Thursday with a consent form to complete. Ms Shepherd has asked if these could be returned to school by Monday 31 March.

Mock Trial

After weeks of preparation, on Saturday 8 March, this year's mock trial team travelled to Worcester Magistrates' Court to compete in the local heat of the national mock trial competition. The case was R vs Davidson, in which the defendant had allegedly been in possession of an offensive weapon (a broken glass bottle at a football stadium). In the first trial, the defendant, our very own Mollie Williams, was found not guilty, but in our next trial our prosecution team dominated the other school, and gained a guilty verdict.

The whole team performed brilliantly; they were all articulate and confident in their roles and worked together in a way legal professionals would. Amongst the dignitaries observing were: the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire; His Honour Judge Cartwright; and Steve Mackay from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. They were extremely impressed by the standard demonstrated by the

students. In fact Ruby Britton was described as 'frankly terrifying' as the lead prosecutor and was awarded the 'Most Outstanding' trophy. Even more thrilling though, was the team victory! The flawless performance of each and every team member earned us the winners trophy for another year. It has been a pleasure to work with such committed and talented students in this year's competition and we look forward to competing in the next round in the summer term. A huge thank you goes to the PTA for covering the cost of the entry fee to the competition, and we would also like to thank parents, Mrs Morris and Ms Datlen and, of course, Lacon's Miss Stokes for coming along to support the team on the day.

The team was:

Magistrates: Jess Brick, Amy Nicholson, Dax Morris

Legal Adviser: Charley Barkel

Lawyers: Ruby Britton, Nils Muggleton, Emma Saunders and Abbie Westmacott

Witnesses: Lara Cigsar, Sadie Dolphin, Moille Williams and Obie Bird

Usher: Oscar Matthews

Reporter: Pippa Burt

Artist: Ellie Clarke

Our biggest thank you goes to Mrs Britton for her commitment to the mock trial team and for making all of this possible.



An Inspector Calls - Theatre trip

On Friday evening, a group key stage 4 students and staff travelled by coach to the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to watch a performance of 'An Inspector Calls', one of the set texts for English, and a possibility for the scripted unit in Drama. It was a great production, helping to bring the story to life on stage and raising lots of talking points about the characters, themes and set design. Our lovely Lacon students were complimented by audience members for their enthusiasm in theatre and "impeccable behaviour" throughout the show. We even managed to get a shout-out on the radio! Huge thanks to Mr Martin and Mrs Britton for organising a super trip!

Year 11 Food Technology

Last week, our Year 11 students showcased their hard work, dedication, and culinary skills in their Food Technology practical exams. The energy and enthusiasm in the kitchen were truly remarkable as

students put their knowledge to the test, demonstrating precision, creativity, and a strong commitment to excellence.

Each student was tasked with preparing a series of dishes that not only met the highest standards of taste and presentation but also adhered to important nutritional and hygiene guidelines. The variety of meals produced reflected their hard-earned skills, with students incorporating diverse ingredients and advanced techniques to create restaurant-quality dishes.

Miss Davis was thoroughly impressed by the professionalism and perseverance displayed by all students, and their ability to manage time efficiently, follow complex recipes, and adapt to challenges under exam conditions. These assessments were not just a test of cooking abilities but also of problem-solving, organisation, and resilience - skills that will serve our students well in the future. Congratulations to you all!

A huge thank you goes to Miss Davis, Mrs Hayward and our team of TAs for their guidance and support in preparing students for this important milestone. We would also like to thank you, our parents/carers for your continued support. Your encouragement and involvement have played a crucial role in our students' success. Year 11, we look forward to celebrating more of your achievements in the coming months. Keep up the fantastic work!

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Clothing Collection

SAVE THE DATE - our next clothing collection for Rags2Riches is Wednesday 1 October 2025!

Please collect any second-hand clothing that you have which helps us raise funds for school. Thank you!

Shropshire Parenting Team

The Parenting Team will be delivering free Understanding Your Child and Understanding Your Child SEND groups from April 2025 (posters attached).

These 10-week groups aim to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting

They are also offering free **SLEEP TIGHT groups** from June 2025 (poster also attached).

These 5-week workshops cover:

- Recognising the role of sleep hygiene to improve sleep
- Identifying causes of sleep issues and appropriate practical strategies to try
- Completing sleep diaries and identifying potential sleep issues

A poster to promote their **Parenting Help and Support Line** has also been attached for you.

Please see below links to their webpage with further information on free online courses and other offers from the parenting team:

[The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)

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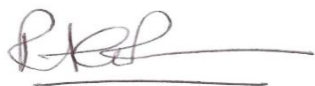
Social Media

Please remember to like and follow our Facebook and X pages - [Lacon Childe Facebook](#) and [Lacon Childe X](#).

Attachments[Consent for after-school fixtures](#)[Year 7 Spring Term Report](#)[Year 9 Consultation evening](#)[Year 10 Mock Examinations](#)[Year 10 Examination parent advice booklet](#)[Rags to Riches](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



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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 7 London Trip		01/04/25
Year 8 Arthog Trip		21/03/25
Year 9 DofE payment	£50	07/04/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/04/25
Year 10 Poland Trip		03/03/25
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		
Race Night Tickets		19/03/25