

02 April 2025 (Week A)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Simpler Recycling

As of Monday this week (31 March 2025) Simpler Recycling in England comes into force. It alters the way recycling and collection measures for all types of recyclable waste are actioned across the school and other businesses. Under the new government legislation, this changes how waste must be segregated.

The biggest change to our school is how food waste is collected, aiming to stop food waste from going to landfill. Food waste can no longer be placed in general/non-recyclable waste bins or mixed with other recyclable materials and must be put into a specific food waste container for collection.

These changes will help our school increase recycling rates to support our sustainability goals. Mr Wood spoke to our students in preparation to ensure they understand the importance of recycling and how to do this correctly during his assembly on Monday. Form tutors will also be following this up with our students throughout the coming week/s.



Free School Meals

Shropshire Council has been allocated additional funding through the Household Support Fund (HSF7) for the 12-month period, 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026. This means that they are able to extend the arrangements for the provision of support with food costs outside of term time to fund benefits-related free school meal students. The local authority will provide for the Easter holidays 2025 (2 weeks), Summer half term 2025 (1 week), Summer holidays 2025 (3 weeks), Autumn half term 2025 (1 week), Christmas 2025 (2 weeks), Spring half term 2026 (1 week) and Easter holidays 2026 (2 weeks). For the Easter holidays 2025, funding is provided for 2 weeks support, £30 per eligible pupil, these will be emailed to parents on 9th April.

HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme allows children and young people aged 4 (in reception class) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM) and for those who have been referred by a professional to access free holiday activity, during the Spring/Easter, Summer and Winter/Christmas school holidays. For more information on the programme, please go to - <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/>. We have attached the booking form below for our Easter HAF.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

A reminder that our Year 8 parents' evening is taking place tomorrow evening from 4.30pm - 7.00pm.

Year 9 Paris Trip – Parents' Information Evening

We will be holding an information evening about the Paris trip for Year 9 parents/carers on 10th April at 5.00pm. During this session, Mrs Koziel will provide a detailed day-by-day itinerary of the trip, as well as important information regarding accommodation, clothing, food, and more. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mrs Koziel at school via email at Aleksandra.Koziel@laconchildeschool.co.uk.

Any parents that have not yet returned their Arthog consent forms, please could you do so as soon as possible. Thank you

The government is creating a new ten-year [National Youth Strategy](#) to tackle the challenges for this generation of young people and to ensure every young person can thrive. This strategy will bring power back to young people and their communities to improve youth focused services. Join the DfE in helping young people aged 10 to 21, and up to age 25 with special educational needs or disabilities, to shape this strategy by:

- ## Exam Nutrition Guide

Comic Relief

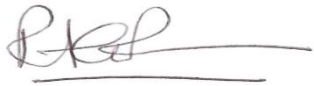
A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising day for Comic Relief. The day was filled with a range of activities that both staff and pupils took part in with great enthusiasm. A massive thank you and special mention to all the bakers and contributors out there. We managed to raise an incredible £194 on the bake sale alone. Soak the teacher was another popular event that drew in mass spectators!

At the end of the day the grand total collected amounted to £675.65 which we know will be put to great use by the Comic Relief team. Thank you to all those who contributed to the non-uniform collection as well as spending your money on the various stalls and activities arranged for the day. A fun and hugely successful day had by all. Thank You!!



HAF Booking Form

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 7 London Trip		01/04/25
Year 9 DofE payment	£50	01/04/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/04/25
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		

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