

09 April 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers

As the Spring term draws to a close, school is full of the signs of Spring and the days are getting longer - hurrah! On Friday, we will say goodbye to Mr Davies-Treble after 5 years at Lacon Childe. As both a Maths teacher and Head of Key Stage 4 his kindness and caring nature have shone through. He has been a pillar of support for his students, ensuring they felt valued and understood. His ability to connect with each individual and recognise their needs has made a huge difference to those in his care. Mr Davies-Treble, we wish you all the best at your new school, safe in the knowledge that you will continue to inspire and uplift those around you.

This is our final update before we break for Easter after what has been a long but busy and exciting term. As always, our students have impressed us with their continued hard work and resilience. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back after the well-deserved Easter break. We would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful holiday! We will be back with more updates in the Summer Term. See you on Monday, April 28th. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

A huge thank you to all our families for their continued support with attendance. We know that being at school is essential for our students and we have seen huge improvements in attendance over this term. We want every child in school every day and engaged in their learning. This collaboration is crucial as we work together to create a supportive and enriching atmosphere for our students.

As a reminder, if your child is unable to attend school, please notify us by emailing attendance@laconchildeschool.co.uk or by leaving a message on our telephone system. Your prompt communication helps us keep accurate records and support your child's educational journey. Looking ahead, after the Easter break, we will continue to place a strong emphasis on attendance and punctuality. As you know, we believe that every minute in the classroom counts, and we will be implementing strategies that will further improve our students' attendance and timeliness. Thank you so much again for your partnership and support. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our children's education.

Summer Uniform

Thank you for your support in upholding our school's uniform standards, the commitment you have shown by ensuring that your children wear their Lacon uniform with pride is greatly appreciated and contributes to our strong school identity. As a reminder, our uniform policy is available on the school website for your reference. After the Easter break, we will transition to our summer uniform, which allows students the option to wear a white polo shirt instead of the traditional shirt and tie. If students choose to wear a short sleeve school shirt as opposed to a polo shirt they will still need to wear a tie. Tailored shorts can also be worn as an alternative to school trousers. We would also like to draw your attention to our policy regarding hair, which states that shaved heads are not permitted. Thank you for your continued cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

As we approach the summer term and students grow out of their current uniform, could we kindly ask families to consider donating any unwanted uniform items or PE kits to the school. We are always in need of spare uniforms, including blazers, ties, PE shirts, and shorts. Any donations would be greatly welcomed and would help support our students. Thank you in advance.

Y11 GCSE Maths revision support

Just a reminder to Y11 students that the best way to revise maths is to DO MATHS! Each maths teacher gives their students a past paper every week to complete, however students can use the following websites to access more past papers and mark schemes so that they can practice. This is the most effective way to revise maths. The more papers you do, the more marks you get! Students can either print them off at home or can work from the screen onto a notepad. Teachers are happy to mark any additional papers that students wish in order to help them address any areas they are unsure of.

- <https://corbettmaths.com/2023/08/01/gcse-revision/>
- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.php>
- <https://revisionmaths.com/gcse-maths/gcse-maths-past-papers/edexcel-gcse-maths-past-papers>

Lastly each student has been given two sets of red-amber-green sheets that shows their strengths and areas to develop based on the mock examinations they took. This is highly personalised feedback that has instant impact as students can address the improvement areas immediately by typing the code into SPARX maths. If students need another copy, they can ask their maths teacher and they can email it over. Please encourage your child to prepare for their upcoming maths examinations by using a mix of past paper practice and the SPARX platform independent learning area.

Options update – Year 9

Thank you for supporting the options' decision making for your child's KS4 options and ensuring the responses were completed thoughtfully and on time. Mrs. Aldrich-Buften and I are now in the process of looking at the choices made. Over the next few weeks we will make the necessary adjustments to ensure the best possible fit and grouping for students. We will be in touch again in the summer term to update you further and formally confirm your child's options.

Year 9 Paris Trip – Parents' Information Evening

A reminder that we will be holding an information evening about the Paris trip for Year 9 parents/carers tomorrow at 5pm. 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.

British Riding Clubs National Finals

Last weekend Lara Cigsar (Year 9) attended the British Riding Clubs national show jumping finals at Arena UK in Grantham, representing South Shropshire Riding Club. The completion took place over 2 rounds of jumping followed by a jump off. Lara's horse - Edna jumped beautifully and they finished in an amazing 2nd place! Well done Lara and Edna!



Post 16 travel assistance 2025/26

As you may be aware Post 16 travel assistance is a discretionary area, however, Shropshire Council currently offers assistance in the form of a contribution scheme. The contribution scheme for the 2025/26 is as follows, the main charge is £1140 per year. For families on defined benefits (please see below), a contribution towards the cost of travel assistance will be £330 for the academic year. Please note the contribution is required for all students regardless of the type of assistance received.

Defined Benefits

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Free School Meals (as authorised by the Authority, not the school that your child is attending.)
- Child Tax Credit with annual income, as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs, of less than £16,190 on 1st September 2024 or subsequently on the date of application.
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- The guaranteed element of pension credit

Travel assistance is currently provided based on an assessment of the applicant's individual needs. All applicants are assessed to make sure they meet the Post/16 travel assistance criteria. Please see local offer pages below for more details and how to apply. [The SEND local offer | Shropshire Council](#)

We would like to encourage our parent/carers of current Year 11 students to visit Shropshire Council's application pages. The deadline to ensure assistance can be put in place for September is 30th June 2025. (applications received after this date will still be processed but could be delayed). Please note, if travel assistance is offered in the form of a Council contracted vehicle this is on a shared basis and will only be offered at the beginning and end of the standard school/college day.

Assistance is also provided for 5-16 year olds, the link to the webpage for this is below:

[Support for 5-16 year olds | Shropshire Council](#)

Bluesky

Bluesky social app is a microblogging social media platform that gained popularity after separating from Twitter in 2021. It's more than doubled its user numbers in the past six months alone, from 14.5 million in October 2024 to 32 million at present. Since accounts must be public, this opens the door to potential trolling, cyberbullying and the spread of misinformation. Please see the attached guide which offers parents/carers advice and guidance on the tools available to keep children safe while using this popular social media platform.

Attachments

[Response to parent voice](#)

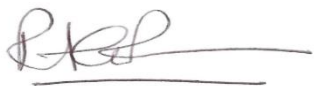
[Bluesky App](#)

Spring crafts - [Event 1](#) and [Event 2](#)

[Regal 1](#), [Regal 2](#), [Regal 3](#)

[Wake up Wednesday](#)

Yours sincerely



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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 9 DofE payment	£50	17/04/2025
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		

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