

07 May 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and enjoyed the beginning of the VE day commemorations. It looks to be another settled week weather wise so our students will continue to be able to use our school fields during their social time at lunchtimes.

In our assembly this week, we came together on 'Teams' to celebrate an incredible achievement in our school community. Thanks to the dedication and effort of our students and families, we continue to make significant improvements in our attendance rates. As of now, our year-to-date attendance stands at an impressive 92.8%, which is 1.3% above the national average. This is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects our commitment to learning. Even more exciting, in the last seven days, Lacon's attendance has reached 93.5%. This is absolutely fantastic, and it shows just how hard our students have been working to prioritise being in school and engaging in their education. A big thank you to each and every one of you for your efforts. Let's keep this momentum going and continue to support each other. Together, we can achieve even greater heights!

A message from Mr Weston

It was a pleasure to be back in the school last week to meet with staff and students. I met with staff during the morning briefing and introduced myself to the students in the assembly. As Headteacher, the culture of the school you choose to lead must match your own values. The strong community at Lacon Childe School is especially important to me and certainly aligns with what I feel is important in a school. I met with lots of students both in lessons and during break times, and without exception, all the students I encountered were a delight to speak to and were excellent ambassadors for our school. I also had the opportunity to meet with members of the senior leadership team who were able to start developing my understanding of the school, what works well and which areas we still need to improve. There will be opportunities over the coming months to meet you and hear your views about the school. I am looking forward to returning over the coming weeks to continue to work in the school as I prepare to start in earnest in September.

Volleyball success!

Fred Carrick (U17), Molly Hickman, Poppy Wenlock and Nancy Potter (U15) have all been selected to represent the West Midlands Volleyball squads. They have been training hard with their teams over the last 3 months and will be playing at the regional tournament held at Volleyball England's National Centre in Kettering. They will stay away with their squads and play teams from across the country which showcases the best players in their respective age groups. Congratulations on your selection and good luck for the tournament! We are SO proud of you!

Badminton success!

Congratulations to Leo Potter who was invited to play in the annual Badminton England U18 Inter County Tournament for Worcestershire County team. It is one of the biggest events and has all the best county teams in the country. Considering Leo is only 13 playing in U18, he performed really well. Well done Leo!

Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening

A reminder that our Year 7 parents/carers evening will take place Thursday 15th May, from 4.30pm. Please use Arbor to book your appointments in the usual way.

Year 11

We are offering a number of pre-examination preparation sessions for year 11's. Please see attached letter for more information.

Minibus costs

As I am sure that you are aware from recent press reports, school budgets are under significant pressure and as such we have no alternative but to raise the cost of our minibus transport. We fully understand the financial pressures on families, however the cost of drivers, maintenance and running costs means that the school is unable to fund the buses fully. We have investigated running bigger buses to reduce running costs, however, due to the number of students travelling to Lacon Childe School from out of our catchment area, we would not be able to offer the number of routes and pick up points that we do currently. The service is operated on a not-for-profit basis and currently the school makes a significant contribution to ensure that this service can continue. Please note this does not apply to our current year 11s. Please find attached a letter regarding routes and costs next year.

The Healthier Together website

[Healthier Together](#) provides advice for those caring for babies, children and young people in Shropshire and Telford. It provides consistent, accurate and trustworthy healthcare advice on common childhood illnesses for both physical and mental health, and information on long term conditions. It also provides details of where to seek help if required and national and local support services. All the information on the site is checked by clinicians, and local organisations and parent carers are involved in its content development.

There have been two recent additions to the website

- The support offer for Speech Language and Communication Needs - [Support for Speech, Language and Communication Needs \(SLCN\)](#)
- Signposting information for families whose children are waiting for a health assessment/appointment - [Support available while waiting for your appointment](#)

These new sections build on other recently developed sections such as the [Neurodiversity pages](#) which contain articles about common neurodivergent conditions and the Neurodiversity support offer.

[Support for neurodivergent children and their families](#)

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Prevent factsheet - Incels, Misogyny and the Manosphere

Due to the response from schools and professionals regarding the recent Netflix mini-series 'Adolescence', one of the PREVENT leads in the region has created [this factsheet](#) for awareness about the content that was raised during the programme, relating to Incels, Misogyny and the Manosphere.

Attachments

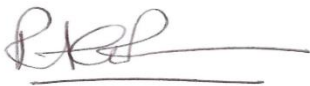
[Year 11 pre-examination revision sessions](#)

[Minibus transport letter](#)

[Extracurricular activities summer term](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

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 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		

Dates to remember:

Monday 12 May	GCSE examinations - all week
Monday 12 May	Y10 Careers interviews
Tuesday 13 May	Y10 Careers interviews
Tuesday 13 May	Parent trust merger meeting 5.30-6.00pm
Thursday 15 May	Y7 Parents consultation evening 4.30-7.00pm
Monday 19 May	GCSE examinations – all week
Tuesday 20 May	Y10 Careers interviews
Thursday 22 May	Arthog parent's information evening 5.30pm
Friday 23 May	Y11 Leavers assembly
Friday 23 May	Summer Half Term

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