

**04 June 2025 (Week A)**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after half term, I do hope you all had a good break and enjoyed some relaxing time together. Students seem refreshed after the short break and ready for the final half term of the academic year term ahead. We have a busy seven weeks in front of us with lots of exciting plans for our activity weeks which are taking place in w/b 23/06 and w/b 30/06. More information on this will follow in next weeks' update.

As explained in her letter to you, Mrs Allen left us at the end of last half term. Mrs Allens's vision and guidance over the past 12 months as our Consultant Executive Headteacher has been excellent, especially after an extremely difficult time for the school, and during a period of significant change. Mrs Allen has left an indelible mark on our school, and her legacy will continue to guide us as we move forward. Thank you Ruth! We wish you all the best for your Headship at King Charles. You will be greatly missed!

Congratulations go to Miss Johnston who has been recently appointed as our new Key Stage 4 lead. Miss Johnston has already begun working closely with Miss Martin and is an excellent addition to our pastoral team.

## **Year 7 and 8 Examinations**

Year 7 and 8 examinations are scheduled from 9th-20th June. Your child's subject teachers will have spoken to them about these upcoming assessments, the majority of which will take place under exam conditions within classrooms. However, the subjects listed below will be taken under exam conditions in our school hall to allow students to experience and prepare for the formal examinations they will sit in future years at Lacon Childe:

### **Year 7**

Tuesday 10th June	P4	Maths
Tuesday 17th June	P3	English
Tuesday 24th June	P3	Science - Clee/Stretton
	P5	Science - Wrekin/Mortimer

### **Year 8**

Tuesday 10th June	P2	Maths
Tuesday 10th June	P5	History
Tuesday 17th June	P1	Science
Friday 20th June	P5	English

If you have any questions with regard to these examinations, please contact Mr Adams or Miss Lloyd as your child's year lead in the first instance.

## **Staying Safe Online**

While the internet has created fantastic new opportunities for children and young people to learn, play and connect, we know it has created some big risks as well. A 2021 Office for National Statistics (ONS) report found that nearly a third of children had accepted a friend request from someone they did not know and around 1 in 10 children (11%) aged 13 to 15 years reported receiving a sexual message, while 1 in 100 reported sending a sexual message. We believe that the most recent figures would be significantly higher. Source: Barnardos: Is my child safe online? Parents' questions answered.



During the Spring term we dealt with a range of online issues as a school and we would like to draw your attention to some further resources to help you ensure your child is safe online. With half term just ahead of us,

this would be a great time to discuss your child's online use of social media platforms and to check their devices for inappropriate content and images. It is a criminal offence to create or share explicit images of child and as a school we take this safeguarding issue very seriously.

Please see the attached poster, and click the links below for more information for young people, parents and carers around some key themes regarding online safety:

Staying safe online <https://d1mdc3nx9zxju4.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2020/02/Staying-safe-online-Staying-Safe-Online-Poster.pdf>

App Safety <https://d1mdc3nx9zxju4.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2023/02/App-safety-Staying-Safe-Online-Poster.pdf>

Is someone asking you for a nude picture? <https://d1mdc3nx9zxju4.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2024/02/Is-someone-asking-you-for-a-nude-picture-2024.pdf>

Share with care <https://d1mdc3nx9zxju4.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2018/02/Share-with-care-Staying-Safe-Online-Poster.pdf>

### **A true golden ticket into pure imagination!**

During half term, Mr Martin, Miss Lloyd, Mrs Wilding and Mr Wood had the absolute pleasure of attending a Shrewsbury production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, staged by Get Your Wiggle On, and they were bursting with pride to see one of our Lacon students in the starring role.

Our very own Ben Hughes (Year 8) took to the stage as Charlie Bucket and gave a performance that was nothing short of outstanding. His warmth, charm and natural stage presence lit up the entire theatre, capturing the heart of the audience from start to finish. Whether he was delivering heartfelt lines or reacting with wide-eyed wonder to Willy Wonka's magical world, Ben truly brought Charlie to life.

Our staff who attended were absolutely blown away by his performance and it was a real "golden ticket" moment for them all! Ben showed incredible confidence, talent and professionalism beyond his years, and he really did Lacon Child proud. Well done, Ben — we can't wait to see what you do next!



### **Cleobury Mortimer Town Festival**

The Cleobury Mortimer Town Festival that will be taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and will be well worth a visit. Please see attached poster for more information.

### **PTA Raffle Tickets**

Your child received raffle tickets at the end of last half term. Please encourage them to get selling so we can raise as much money as possible which will be spent supporting schools equipment and activities. Thank you!

A reminder that it is our **London** (Year 7) and **Poland** (Year 10) **Parents/Carers Information Evening** tomorrow evening. The London session begins at 5.30pm and Poland at 6.00pm.

### **NHS Dental space for children**

My dentist Ludlow currently have capacity to accept children on the NHS. We understand that NHS dental care has been difficult to access over the past few years and would like to invite children to join us to have regular dental Care.

### **Attachments**

Cleobury Mortimer Town Festival poster

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

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Headteacher Designate

### **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 French revision guide		£3.55
Year 10 French workbook		£3.55
Year 10 History Revision Guides		
LCS Minibus Deposit	£50	2 June 2025

### **Dates to remember:**

Monday 2 June	GCSE examinations all week
Saturday 7 June	DofE Practice Walk
Sunday 8 June	DofE Practice Walk
Monday 9 June	Year 7 examinations all week
Monday 9 June	Year 8 examinations all week
Monday 9 June	GCSE examinations all week
Monday 9 June	Year 10 Geography Cardingmill Valley trip
Monday 16 June	Year 7 examinations all week
Monday 16 June	Year 8 examinations all week

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