

11 June 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised in my update last week please see below the plans for our activity weeks which are taking place in w/c 23/06 and w/c 30/06. There will be no further activities organised for the remainder of the year, and we will be teaching normal timetable until the end of term.

W/C 23 June:

Year 7	Monday and Tuesday Wednesday-Friday	Bespoke timetable London Trip/Bespoke timetable
Year 8	Monday-Friday	Arthog Trip/Bespoke timetable
Year 9	Monday-Friday	Paris Trip/Bespoke timetable
Year 10	Monday-Thursday Monday -Friday	Poland Trip Normal timetable

W/C 30 June:

Year 7	Monday-Thursday Wednesday P1 and P2 Friday	Normal timetable Sports Day Readathon
Year 8	Monday-Friday Wednesday P1 and P2	Normal timetable Sports Day
Year 9	Monday and Tuesday Wednesday P1 and P2 Wednesday P3 and P4 Wednesday P5 Thursday Friday	Normal timetable Holocaust Talk Sports Day Normal timetable Bronze DofE/Careers carousel Bronze DofE/Bespoke timetable
Year 10	Monday Tuesday Wednesday P1, P2 and P5 Wednesday P3 and P4 Thursday Friday	Normal timetable Lionheart Challenge Normal timetable Sports Day Ludlow College visit/Careers carousel King Ed's visit/Careers carousel

Vapes and 'energy sticks'

It has been brought to our attention that some of our students are purchasing vapes in and around our local community and surrounding villages. The sale of vapes and e-liquid in the UK has very clear laws. It is illegal to buy and sell these products under the age of 18. Vaping is age-restricted in the UK primarily to protect young people from nicotine which is highly addictive, and research suggests that exposure during adolescence can have long-term effects on brain development. In addition to the issue our children face in terms of navigating the growing trend of vaping, there is now another cause for concern, known as "Energy Sticks".

Energy sticks, which are two-pronged nasal inhalers, appear to have hit the UK and like their vape counterparts are causing young people to get addicted. Often taking the shape and form of an air pod case, these sticks are artificially flavoured and claim to give users an energy boost. Based on research by laboratories in China, these unregulated sticks often contain a mixture of camphor, menthol, eucalyptus oils, alcohol, lead, mercury and nicotine. Some sticks have also been found to contain vitamin E acetate; an additive found in e-cigarettes. Such ingredients obviously pose a clear health risk to young people, leading to problems with their respiratory system and lungs, as well as seizures, confusion, delirium and intoxication of the nervous system. Some examples are shown below.



As parents/carers are reminded you that you can:

- Report underage sales of vapes and illegal vape sales to [Consumer service: General | Citizens Advice referrals](#) (Shropshire Council) [Tip us off at Trading Standards](#) (Worcestershire County Council)
- Discuss with your child the risks associated with energy sticks, illegal vapes and purchasing underage plus the impact of nicotine on their developing brains and mental health (concentration, emotional regulation, memory, lower wellbeing). Please remember that young people can very quickly become addicted to nicotine which can have a lifelong impact including on their future health.
- Conduct regular searches of children's bedrooms and belongings in order to keep them safe from harm.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Guise as our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Year 10 French mock speaking exam

The Year 10 mock French speaking exams will be taking place on Wednesday 18 June and Thursday 19 June.

Carding Mill Valley – Year 10

On Monday, the Year 10 GCSE cohort headed out for their physical geography fieldwork at Carding Mill Valley. Having spent the previous week preparing in lessons working through hypotheses, risk assessments and methodology, the students quickly began their primary data collection into width, depth and velocity of a river. Thankfully, the weather played its part without a drop of rain! The data collected will be used back in the classroom as the pupils have a whole GCSE paper next summer dedicated to fieldwork. Many thanks to the staff who supported the students, and to the students who demonstrated the values of Lacon Childe.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 9

On Saturday the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh cohort completed their practice expedition through the Wyre Forest. Since Easter our Year 9 students have developed initiative, and a spirit of adventure, by planning and training for this journey as part of a team. Each group completed around 7km navigating their way through the forest from Earnwood Copse to Ribbesford Church. Students will now need to have completed an assessor's report for at least two of their sections on eDofE. Failing to complete this will result in their expedition being deferred to next academic year. If students need further advice or guidance please contact our DofE Lead Mrs Davies-Treble at jessica.davies-treble@laconchilleschool.co.uk.

Collaborative Planning Day

A reminder that it is our second Collaborative Planning Day of the academic year on Thursday 19 June when school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

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 our schools equipment and activities. Thank you!

Attachments

Lacon factor
PTA summer raffle poster
Fete poster
Cleobury festival poster

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

Stuart Weston
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 9 June	Year 7 examinations all week
Monday 9 June	Year 8 examinations all week
Monday 9 June	GCSE examinations all week
Monday 16 June	Year 7 examinations all week
Monday 16 June	Year 8 examinations all week
Wednesday 18 June	Last GCSE examination
Thursday 19 June	Collaborative Planning Day finish at 1.25pm
Friday 20 June	Year 11 Prom

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