

25 June 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Lacon Factor 2025: A Night to Remember

What an unforgettable evening it was as *The Lacon Factor* lit up the stage for the very first time! With 17 bold and brilliant contestants across 11 dazzling acts, the show was a true celebration of the vibrant talent and spirit within our school community.

From mind-bending magic to a soul-stirring violinist, electric dance crews, soaring vocals, and even a *West End*-worthy choreographed number, the variety was simply spectacular. The audience was treated to a rollercoaster of entertainment, but one act truly stole the spotlight...

Year 7's own DJ Des (aka Darcy Smith) turned the hall into a full-blown party with a floor-filling DJ set that had *everyone* on their feet—dancing, cheering, and singing their hearts out. With energy and rhythm well beyond her years, DJ Des didn't just perform—she raised the roof and owned the moment, taking home the coveted title of *Lacon Factor Champion 2025*.

A huge shoutout to our fabulous panel of celebrity judges: Mr Wood channelling his inner *Simon Cowell*, Mrs Croxton-Broome as the diva herself - *Amanda Holden*, Mrs Guise bringing the flamboyant charm of *David Walliams*, and Mrs Hennessy with the sparkle of *Alesha Dixon*. You added flair, fun and just the right touch of drama!

Thanks must also go to the ever-supportive PTA, and to our behind-the-scenes tech heroes, Miss Lloyd and Mr Warnes, whose sound and lighting wizardry made the magic happen.

The talent was phenomenal. The energy was electric. The support from the audience? Unmatched. Even if Simon Cowell did moan and groan for the audience to get more involved. *The Lacon Factor* has set a new bar, and we're already counting down to next year. Watch this space!

A final MASSIVE thank you must go to the legend that is Mr Martin for bringing this vision to life and organising such a fantastic evening. He was Lacon's very own version of Declan Donnelly, hosting the evening with charm, warmth and of course wit!



Year 11 Prom – Dinthill Barn

Last Friday, we marked the end of our current Year 11's journey at Lacon Childe School; an opportunity to celebrate the success of the past five years. We were very lucky to hold our prom at Dinthill Barn, a beautiful rural setting to add a touch of sparkle to the evening.

It was an honour to stand with our staff at the red carpet as students arrived, applauding our students with the utmost pride and dignity that they all so deserve, as they each relished the opportunity to show off their elegant and glamorous attire. We had arrivals in the form of tractors, a horse, a limousine and even an ice cream van, which truly captured the vibrancy of the year group we were celebrating.

We wanted to create a truly magical end to their legacy at our school and from the responses from both students and parents/carers, we did just that. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege working closely with them all during their time at Lacon Childe, and it was our pleasure to have sent them off in style, into the new chapters of their lives...

Goodbye and good luck Class of 2025 at Lacon Childe School!



Shropshire County Rounders Final – Y10 girls

Our Year 10 rounders team went to the county finals in Telford on Thursday to take on other district champions. Our girls arrived full of confidence after impressive wins over Ludlow 7 - 4.5 and Bishops Castle 8 - 2.5 in their district competition. The squad consisted of Molly Hickman (captain), Lea Thompson, Ruby Mansbridge, Emilia McKellop, Isla Caldicott, Isabel Edwards, Paige Wood, Poppy Wenlock and Jess Valentine (new member to the team). The girls have been training together since Year 7 and last year they also went to the Mixed National Finals in Leicester, making them even more determined to make their mark again.

A huge thank you to Mrs Key who stepped in to coach and support the girls throughout the day, ensuring Lacon continued to perform with great teamwork, determination and encouragement for one another.

On the day, they secured two excellent wins 8.5 - 4 against Oldbury Wells and 7 - 3 against HLC. They narrowly lost to Priory 3.5 - 4), and were also defeated by the eventual tournament winners, Thomas Adams (2.5 - 7). The tournament was cut short due to the hot weather conditions and overall, Lacon Childe finished 2nd. Well done on such a fantastic achievement ladies!



Stakeholder Voice

We are continuously looking for ways to improve and your opinions as parents/carers are extremely important to us. Please could we ask you to complete the parent/carer questionnaire using the QR code below. As usual, this link will be active for 3 weeks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/38c7DW87RB>

Parent/Carer Questionnaire
(Summer Term)



Generative AI

Generative AI can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning, but it's not without its hazards. With 3 in 4 pupils now using generative AI (up from just 2 in 5 last year), it's more important than ever for parents/carers and educators to understand the risks. The attached guide breaks down the key safety concerns around generative AI tools and offers expert advice for keeping young users safe. From encouraging critical thinking to safeguarding their privacy, find out how to help children use AI safely and smartly.

Regal Family Festival – Tenbury Wells

The Regal in Tenbury Wells are really excited to be hosting their first Family Festival on Saturday 6 July. This is taking place at The Burgage in Tenbury Wells and is free to attend. As part of the festival they are running a fun Soapbox Derby, please find details attached.

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. The raffle will be drawn during our School Fete at 6pm on the performance stage. Next week will be the final week of sales, if you have been unable to sell your tickets please return them via your child to their form tutor during registration on Friday 11 July so that they can be re-distributed. Thank you!

Meet the Head

As I mentioned in the last update, we are arranging an opportunity for you to meet the new Headteacher for next year, Mr Weston. On Monday 7 July at 6.30pm, there will be a presentation for parents and then an opportunity to ask questions in the main hall.

And finally...

I wanted to share the lovely feedback from Jane Trowbridge, The High Sheriff of Shropshire who visited us on Wednesday...

Thank you for inviting us to visit your school at such a hectic time. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I was particularly impressed by the happy buzz from busy students as we walked around. Both Phoebe and Theony were a credit to the school, engaged and engaging. Phoebe has been in touch and I have asked her to write an article for the Shropshire press and to act as my Youth Ambassador.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School

Stuart Weston
Headteacher Designate

Attachments

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Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 KS3 Design Technology Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 7 Science Revision workbook	£4.50	
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 23 June	Year 8 Arthog trip
Monday 23 June	Year 9 Paris trip
Monday 23 June	Year 10 Poland Trip
Tuesday 24 June	Year 7 Science Exam
Wednesday 25 June	Year 7 London trip
Thursday 26 June	Year 10 Poland trip returns
Friday 27 June	Year 7 London trip return
Friday 27 June	Year 8 Arthog trip returns
Friday 27 June	Year 9 Paris trip returns
Tuesday 1 July	Year 7 Readathon
Wednesday 2 July	Sports Day
Thursday 3 July	Year 9 Bronze DofE expedition
Thursday 3 July	Year 10 (selected students) Ludlow college visit
Friday 4 July	Year 9 Bronze DofE expedition
Friday 4 July	Year 10 (selected students) King Edward VI college visit

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