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Educational Trust

Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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7 October 2025 (Week B)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the time of year where the weather starts to get colder and the evenings and mornings are darker. It is also the time that we all start to get coughs and colds. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. Research found that students who performed better at the end of secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. This was true for us this summer with students with 95+% attendance achieving significantly higher grades than those without.

Open Day & Evening

Last week we had our open day and evening. During the day, 130 Year 6 students visited the school and experienced a variety of lessons. There were Geography, PE and maths activities as well as an opportunity to write about Frankenstein's monster in a truly immersive English experience. During the evening, we had lots of prospective students, parents and carers visit the school and we received some excellent feedback. We had help from a large number of students and everyone who visited said how helpful and confident our students were. A special thank you to our Year 7 students and senior prefects who spoke at the presentation, they did so with confidence. All of the students that helped with the evening did themselves and the school proud and were excellent ambassadors.

Key Stage 4 course information evening

All of our Year 10 students will be completing a week of work experience at the end of this academic year, the week commencing the 6 July. There are several advantages of taking part in work experience, these include:

- Having the opportunity to try out possible career ideas
- Develop confidence
- Have the opportunity to meet some people in an industry that students are interested in
- Learn new skills from the work placement
- Have an opportunity to apply some of the skills and knowledge that have been learnt in school

Although the work experience will not take place until the end of the year, we do need to start planning now. A letter from Miss Koziel is attached that sets out the initial information.

Year 7 Information evening

We have been very pleased with the way that our year 7 students have started this term, they have made a great start to their time at Lacon Childe School. Next week, on Thursday 16 October, we have our information evening. This will be an opportunity to find out some additional information now that the term has started. Tutors will also be present during the evening, and a booking system has been set up for parents who would like to have a discussion with your child's tutor. Please see the attached letter.

Sporting Success

Netball - Congratulations to our Year 10 netball team winning 24-12 against Tenbury in the Three Counties League!

Football - A big well done to the 8 Boys in their county cup football win against Ludlow last night! Huge togetherness and maturity in the game last night.



Opportunity for a minibus driver at the school

Are you looking for a flexible and rewarding way to support your local school community? We are currently recruiting casual drivers to help continue our vital transport service for students who live in areas not covered by County Transport. We are looking for drivers who can do morning or afternoon journeys or both, we also have availability for some daytime driving.

Full details of the role as well as the salary are on our website, you can access the advert following this [link](#).

Help us keep this vital service running – and be part of something that matters. If you are interested or just want to know more information, please contact Viv Hulme, Trust Estates, Facilities and IT Infrastructure Leader via email at viv.hulme@laconchilleschool.co.uk.

Trips

Details of the upcoming Paris and Arthog trips will be sent out to relevant year groups within the next few days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attachments

[Year 10 Work experience letter](#)

[Year 7 Information evening](#)

Yours Sincerely

Stuart Weston
Headteacher

Dates to remember:

Thursday 9 October
Thursday 16 October
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Friday 17 October
Friday 17 October
Tuesday 21 October
Friday 24 October
Monday 3 November
Thursday 6 November
Thursday 20 November
Monday 24 November

Intervention Evening – Year 11 (Invite Only)
Settling in evening – Year 7 only
Y7 Castles Trip – Clee and Mortimer
Y7 Castles Trip – Wrekin and Stretton
Y11 (11.1) Science Hobsons Trip
Parent Forum (6.30pm)
Last day of term
Return to school
Y8 Parents Evening
Y12 Presentation Evening
Y11 Mock Exams – 2 weeks

Item	Information	Payment Due
Poland Instalment	£150.00	31/10/2025
Year 10 and 11 Drama Students Theatre Trip	£28.50	03/11/2025

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