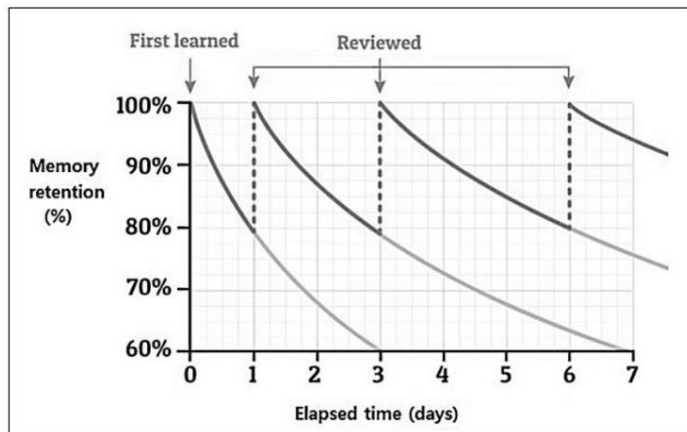




26 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we presented a series of assemblies to the students to talk how we learn new information and the way that this is integrated into our lessons. Mrs Phillips, our teaching and learning lead talked about the reasons we have a do now task at the start of each lesson. These are short activities that allow our students to get started as soon as they arrive. The activities are carefully planned to overcome the forgetting curve.



This shows that we forget new information after a matter of only a few days. Reminding students of this information, through retrieval practice helps our students to remember and retain this new knowledge. Our do now tasks help our students recall information in the short, medium and long term, overcoming the forgetting curve.

Year 12 Presentation evening

Last Thursday was our annual Year 12 presentation evening, it was fantastic to see so many Year 11 students from last year attend to collect their GCSE certificates and awards and celebrate the hard work and dedication that they showed towards their exams in the summer. We were pleased to welcome Katie Lambert, to deliver the address during the evening. Katie is an ex-student of Lacon Childe School and had a successful start to her athletics career as a Hammer Thrower. Katie was Shropshire County Champion and record holder for the under 17 hammer throw, Midlands Champion and record holder for the under 17 and under 20 hammer throw, England Schools Champion and record holder for the under 17 hammer throw & National Champion and record holder for the under 17 hammer throw, a very impressive list of achievements. Unfortunately, due to injury Katie was unable to continue, but was not deterred and has been very successful in her new career of sports management. Katie is currently the Hammer Lead for England Athletics, the youngest person and only female to hold this role. Her story was truly inspiring for the students and guests at the evening and it was inspiring to see one of our ex-students doing so well.





Uniform & Equipment

We do have high standards at Lacon Childe school. As a community, it is important to concentrate on doing the basics well and consistently. If we make sure that our students are smart and ready to learn we demonstrate the high expectations that we have for them. These high expectations and standards mean that our students will approach lessons and learning in the same way, ultimately leading to greater progress and achievement. Amongst several developments at Lacon Childe School, we are aiming to raise the basic expectations of our school community, including how they move around the school site, making sure uniform is correct and ensuring that students are equipped for the day.

To support this from Monday next week, as part of the morning routine, we will be supporting all students to make sure that they are in the correct uniform and have the correct equipment at the start of the day. We have lots of uniform items ready to lend to our students if they need them and will be focusing on our basic standards such as shirts tucked in, ties done up and the correct shoes. We will also be providing equipment in the morning to any of our students that needs it, so they are able to go to their lessons without worrying that they do not have what they need to take part in the lesson and be successful. We will be doing these checks during our morning meetings, these are ideal times to set the tone to the school day, sharing positive messages and making sure our students are set up to do well.

Staff Absence

I am aware that there has been a larger amount of staff absence this half term, unfortunately this has been unavoidable. I wanted to reassure you that we are working on plans to have consistent members of staff in school, I will be writing to specific parents regarding arrangements for some subject shortly.

PD Day

A reminder that Monday 8 December is a PD Day. School will be closed for all students.

Parent/Carer forum

On Tuesday 2 December, we have the second parent/carer forum at 6.30pm. As before this is an opportunity to ask any questions about the school and the vision for the future. If you would like to attend, please could you complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/eam9cE7WwE>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Stuart Weston
Headteacher





Dates to remember

Monday 21 November
Thursday 27 November
Thursday 4 December
Monday 8 December
Thursday 11 December
Monday 15 December

Y11 Mock Exams – 2 weeks
Camp International Parent meeting
'A Christmas Carol' by Annie's Wings of Words
PD Day – School closed for students
Y10 Parents Evening
Winter Concert

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 10 Poland Installment	£110.00	01/12/2025
Year 8 Arthog Installment	£100.00	01/12/2025
Year 7 Pantomime Balance	£10.00	05/12/2025
Year 10 and 11 Drama Students Theatre Trip	£28.50	05/12/2025
Year 10 and 11 Poetry Live Trip	£29.28	07/12/2025
Year 8 Paris Installment	£100.00	18/12/2025
Ski Trip Installment	£130.00	01/01/2026

