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# Lacon Childe School

*...more than just a school*

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## Welcome Back Year 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to warmly wish you all a Happy New Year as we welcome our year 11 students back to Lacon for 2025. We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful festive period. We are delighted to have all our learners back in school as we begin our final, and most important, full term of year 11. With only five months until the start of the GCSE examinations the actions our year 11 students take this term will shape their final achievement in the summer. The staff in school recognise the importance of this term and have year 11 students as our absolute priority.

Your continued support is invaluable and enables us to work together to support every child in year 11 at Lacon Childe. This is demonstrated through understanding the importance of attendance, ensuring your child completes their homework, and supporting the pastoral team to allow your child to learn from any mistakes they may make. I would like to thank you for ensuring your child follows our uniform and presentation standards. If you are having any difficulties with uniform, please contact us and we can support you to ensure this is not a barrier to your child's education.

Following the mock examinations, there are a range of important activities to support your child as they work towards final examinations. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, year 11 will have their mock conference where they will receive their mock examination results. Students will also have a talk from Stephen Seki, a fantastic motivational speaker, who will talk to our students about the importance of determination, resilience and ambition – all key characteristics that can directly impact positively on performance.

Following the mock examinations, there is an intervention evening on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Parents of students, who staff believe are at risk of underachieving, will be invited in to discuss concerns and set out actions that can be taken to support. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, year 11 consultation evening is a key date for all parents to discuss the progress of their child across all subject areas in the lead up to final examinations.

During the term, there will continue to be revision and intervention sessions, please continue to encourage your child to attend these regularly. We would also like to remind you of the key messages on revision given at the year 11 parents' evening in October last year. Please take the time to look again at the booklet. It outlines the different ways you can support your child at home through this revision period, both in terms of practical strategies such as different types of revision methods and emotional support as many students find this a time where they feel under significant pressure.

Helping to shape and educate our students wholly embodies our culture at Lacon Childe School and is what makes us different to other schools, where staff and students share our ethos as part of 'more than just a school'. We are ambitious for ourselves as individuals and of each other - both staff and students alike. Looking forward, during the spring term we will continue to embed this through our 'Lacon Way' approach. This includes a fortnightly focus on key issues to reinforce our shared ethos and culture. Students will continue to participate in Tutor time activities, regular assemblies, targeted house competitions and a comprehensive PSHE curriculum. This is all to prepare each student for their life

after Lacon. Your child will continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum with a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities to participate in.

With your support we can continue to improve your child's ability to succeed this summer in their examinations. Here is a reminder of the year 11 tutor teams should you wish to contact us:

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