

22 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Goodbye Mrs Amps

On Monday we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Amps, a valued and highly thought of member of our SEND team and a true champion of our students. Since joining us in 2016, Mrs Amps has been a beacon of hope for our most vulnerable students. With unwavering dedication, she has not only supported their academic growth but also nurtured their emotional well-being. Her compassion and understanding have created a safe space where students felt valued and heard, allowing them to thrive. Her patience, kindness, and tireless efforts have inspired our students and it has been a privilege to work alongside her. Mrs Amps - Thank you for everything! We wish you all the best in your new job and remember, you will ALWAYS be a part of our Lacon family.

Year 11 Revision Timetable

A revised Year 11 revision timetable for the spring term has been attached for you to discuss with your child. Please encourage them to attend as many as possible. Our annual Year 11 intervention evening will be on Thursday 30th January. This evening is intended for the parents/carers of students where progress is a concern in one or more subject area(s). Booking details will be sent to you today.

Year 11 English Revision Timetable

As you may be aware, Year 11 students have completed one mock exam in English Language and one mock exam in English Literature. There are two more papers that they will need to sit as mock exams this term: Paper 2 Language on 14th February, and Paper 2 Literature on 28th March. We are currently revising for these two mock exams in lesson time, but in addition, revision sessions on Mondays after school and Friday lunchtimes will focus on these papers. The timetable attached below outlines the plan for our revision sessions and can also be followed at home. It is essential that students make the most of every opportunity that we offer to support their preparations for their final exams, and so it would be great to see as many students at revision sessions as possible.

English Homework Update

Firstly, we would like to say well done and thank you for the effort that was put into English homework last term and thank you to you our parents/carers for supporting your child's learning at home. Some of our students go above and beyond to produce work of an exemplary standard and will certainly be rewarded for this conscientious attitude to their work. There were students, however, who must work harder to meet deadlines and produce homework of a high standard. This term, there are some changes to English homework as outlined below. In Key Stage 3 students will also complete a reading project based on our recommended reading lists over the course of the term as mentioned last week.

- **Year 7**

The regular spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks will be replaced with a booklet of short reading tasks to focus on specific reading skills. Students will be expected to complete one page a week as set by their teacher, which will then be self-assessed under the teacher's guidance the following week in class. A reminder that students should also be reading at least 3 times a week and must remember to record this in their reading logs. They must also remember to bring in their reading books every day.

- **Year 8**

Students will now be completing tasks set by their class teacher relating to their new topic. Spelling, grammar and punctuation tasks in the booklets will be set every other week.

- **Year 9**

Students will continue to be set tasks relating to their learning in school. These may involve retrieval, creative writing tasks or research tasks.

- **Year 10 and Year 11**

Students will be expected to complete tasks set by their class teacher relating to the revision and retrieval of quotations, key words, plot summaries and character profiles, for example. They may also be asked to read around a topic more widely to broaden their perspective and understanding. We also recommend keeping up to date with world current affairs by reading news articles online or from newspapers. At times, students may have to complete longer written responses which must be completed independently and in timed conditions.

School Uniform

Since the sudden closure of simply school uniform in Kidderminster we have worked with a range of providers to identify the best solution for Lacon. The new supplier will be an online supplier called [Crested School Wear](#) and supplies everything that students require for school. The Lacon Childe page is still being built but is anticipated to go live very soon. There have been some small changes linked to the use of different suppliers. The PE top will be a new design. There will be no requirement for parents to buy the new design. New PE tops should only be replaced when your child grows out of the current one. In line with the national policy and to support families we only have three branded compulsory items our blazer, tie and PE shirt. All other uniform items can be purchased from a variety of shops. Three times a year, [Crested School Wear](#) will host a pop-up shop where families can see and try on items with the online provision will be available all year round. Any questions please contact Mr Wood.

Year 10 Triple Science Visit

The Year 10 Triple Scientists were invited to take part in an A Level Chemistry session at Ludlow College. They completed a 'titration', where they accurately made their own solution of sodium chloride solution and then added hydrochloric acid to a set volume of their solution to reach neutralisation point. There was some fierce competition on who had the most accurate 'peach' colour shown by the methyl orange indicator. Mr Hughes was very impressed with the group's attention to detail and ability to follow the practical method carefully. Our next task is to focus on the corresponding calculations, to calculate just how accurate they had been... watch this space! A huge thank you to our subject lead for Science Mrs Broom for organising this excellent opportunity for our students.



House Competition Calendar

This week we are relaunching our house competitions for this half term, please encourage your child to participate to win valuable points for their house as well as a variety of personal rewards.

House Challenges:

- Safeguarding slogan
- Extreme Reading
- Uno

House Matches:

- Badminton
- Table tennis

Subject Competitions:

- Science – Design and make a paper aeroplane
- Music – Lip Sync Battle



PSHE – Animal Aid

On Monday afternoon we hosted a representative from Animal Aid to speak to Year 10 about animal welfare. She spoke very well and passionately about her opinions. It certainly caused some discussion and debate, and we hope that our students benefitted from hearing a viewpoint that may differ from their own. We were very impressed with how our students conducted themselves, showing our guest what thoughtful young people they

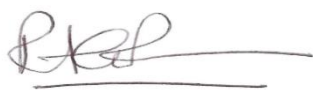
are by listening with open minds. Ms Shepherd was very impressed with those students that asked really considered and polite questions, challenging in the best possible way. The speaker Sarah Benn apologised that she did not have time to answer them all and has emailed her responses to the questions that were unanswered on the day. These will be shared with students in their 'Cultural Capital' session next week.

Attachments

- [Year 11 Revision Timetable](#)
- [Year 11 English Revision Timetable](#)
- [Ludlow Youth Centre – Valentine Craft Event](#)
- [Tiktok](#)
- [Just talk kids](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School




Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

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 7 London Trip		01/02/25
Year 8 Arthog Trip	3 rd Payment	07/02/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/02/25
Year 9 DofE	Deposit	31/01/25
Year 10 Poland Trip	4 th Payment	01/02/25
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	

Fixtures

	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Wednesday 22nd January	Y8 Girls	Netball	Home vs QE 3.15 to 5pm	ZT
	Wednesday 22nd January	Y9 Girls	Football	Home vs QE 3.15 to 5pm	GH
	Tuesday 28th January	Y9 Boys	Rugby	Away vs Adams Grammar 1.30-5.30pm	SA

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