

11 September 2024

Welcome Back Year 9

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to Lacon Childe School. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It was great to welcome your child into Year 9 on Thursday.

It is an exciting time to be a student at Lacon Childe, there is some change, our culture and heart remains the same. We are ambitious for ourselves as individuals and of each other - both staff and students. Together we set high expectations and standards of ourselves and strive to achieve excellence in all that we do, however small. Commitment will be shown through consistently delivering on those expectations, going the extra mile to get the job done and giving 100% in all that we do, approaching everything with a can-do attitude as a community. Integrity will be us all doing the right thing - even when that means facing a difficulty or challenge. We will treat others with respect and honesty, take care of our environment and utilise knowledge and understanding wisely.

Tutor Time

Every school day starts the same with students attending a tutor time. These sessions will provide a consistent and positive start for all students and enable us to fully prepare them for lessons. We will have opportunities in these sessions for the students to focus on important events throughout the school year and developing positive character values, amongst many others. One meeting each week will be dedicated to the development of literacy through our Lacon reads programme. The sessions will be used also to check attendance, equipment, and support with uniform expectations. Most importantly, form time will give us a chance to celebrate our successes as a year group on a daily and weekly basis.

Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is 100%. Excellent attendance is crucial and recent research has confirmed that there is a link between good mental health, academic achievement, and attendance. I ask for your support in getting your child into school to ensure they have the greatest chance of achieving to their full potential.

Equipment

This letter is an opportunity to remind you of the equipment we expect students to have in school with them. The time taken providing forgotten equipment for a lesson adds up over a week, a month, a year, and is time taken from learning. As a school, we do everything to minimise the impact of this, to ensure students have the best opportunity for success, by checking everyone is equipped at the start of the day. However, it is up to students to take responsibility for their equipment during the school day. Below is a reminder of what your child needs every day:

- School Bag
- Exercise books
- Black and Purple Pens and a spare
- Pencil
- Ruler

- Calculator
- PE Kit (when timetabled)
- DT Apron (When Timetabled)
- Reading Book

I understand the safety aspect of your child having a mobile phone on them during their journey to and from school, however during school hours mobile phones will need to be switched off and not visible. Phones seen in school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Uniform

Last year, I was very impressed with the standards of uniform in Year 8. It is always a pleasure to see our students taking pride in their appearance. If a student arrives at school without the correct uniform, we will always support them to correct this. We have a uniform store and where possible, uniform will always be provided. However, if this is not possible, we ask that the student remains in our pastoral support room in social time until the situation is resolved. I look forward to seeing the excellent uniform standards that Year 9 students will set this year. There have been some changes to the policy for this year please refer to the school uniform policy at the following link [Uniform Policy](#).

Tutor Team

Your child will be allocated a member of staff as their tutor for this academic year. The form tutor supports students on difficult days and celebrates their successes and achievements. A form tutor is vital to students' personal development, health and wellbeing. A reminder of the Year 9 tutor team is listed below:

- Clee – Miss Koziel
- Mortimer – Mr Turner
- Stretton – Mr Martin
- Wrekin – Mrs Kettle

I am looking forward to working with your child this year and enabling them to have a successful year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Lindsey.Aldridge-bufton@laconchilideschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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