

18 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are continuing to promote with students what it means to have “high expectations” in terms of their approach to learning, behaviour, uniform and attendance. During assembly time, Mr Wood spoke to students about rewards and opportunities, challenging our students to ‘get involved’ by taking part in as many extra-curricular clubs and house competitions as possible. Please support us by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform. Should you require any assistance with meeting these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Lead.

We continue to be impressed with our new Year 7 students and their seamless transition to high school, they are already adding so much value to our community. This of course would not have been possible if it wasn't for the support of you, their parents and carers, all of our older students guiding them to where they need to be, their teachers, their form tutors and of course Mr Adams. They have continued to have a slightly extended break and lunch time this week but as a ‘heads up’ normal service at break and lunch time will resume for them from Monday.

Safeguarding - Bus registers on Local Authority coach provision

As explained in previous correspondence, safeguarding at Lacon Childe School is a key priority for us and so I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some changes Mrs Guise is making to further enhance our safeguarding procedures.

At the end of each day, we will be registering those students who travel on the Local Authority coach provision in order to take a register prior to their departure from school site, as has been standard practice for our school minibuses. School duty staff will register the students for each bus on the main school site before they board their allocated bus. Once all students are present, the bus will be able to depart at its' usual time. Only students who are on the Local Authority bus registers for that bus will be allowed to travel on it.

Homework

Subject staff began setting homework on Monday of this week and you should have received a letter that explains this in greater detail along, with a copy of your child's homework timetable, so you know when to expect it. Homework will be set by your child's teacher for you to view on Arbor. However, for the short term (whilst Arbor is still embedding) it will also be recorded in the back of students exercise books or emailed to them.

Team

There have been some additions to the pastoral team for this academic year which will enable us to offer a more comprehensive programme of support for students across the school. Below are the updated contact details for our pastoral team. In the event of needing more information or sharing concerns please do not hesitate to contact the team.

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| Year 7 Lead | Steve Adams | Steven.adams@laconchildeschool.co.uk |
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Arbor – Receiving behaviour updates

As a system, Arbor registers both positive and negative behaviour points under the one umbrella of 'behaviour'. We appreciate that this has been a little confusing for parents, I was certainly concerned when I saw that my son had so many behaviour points after only a week. When in the app, you will be able to see total behaviour points, the positive behaviour points (achievement points) and the negative behaviour points (B2s and 3s). By clicking on either the positive or negative points, you will be able to see the detail. Neutral behaviours will appear when an incident carries zero points, such as an intervention, when time out is used or a certificate has been presented to a student.

In the event of a B2 or B3 being issued, the associated detention will be shared by email and students will be automatically booked into the next available detention. A B2 results in a 20-minute lunch time detention and a B3 sanction is a 60 minute after school detention. These take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Should you require any further clarification with regard to receiving behaviour updates on Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year lead.

Arbor – Payments

We are still experiencing technical difficulties transferring the lunch/transport/L@fter and ski trip money over to Arbor. We understand that this is very frustrating for you but if you can please bear with us we are working to rectify this issue as soon as possible.

Jeans for Genes



Mon 16th - Sun 22 Sept 2024

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Most importantly, the campaign:

- brings together the genetic condition community in order to make a loud noise about the issues that matter to them
- shines a light on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals
- celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic condition.

In assemblies this week, Mrs Guise has spoken to the students about the important work this campaign carries out to support the families who are impacted by genetic conditions. We will be fundraising for this great cause by holding a "wear your own clothes day" on Friday 20th September.

Your child is invited to wear jeans and denim as a sign of our support in exchange for a £1 donation to Jeans for Genes. In addition there will be a bake sale where pupils can purchase cakes at break time and the opportunity to take part in a fun sweepstake in form time. We would welcome any home baked items but as always ask that they are nut free.

And finally, I am aware that some pupils may not have jeans or denim items in their wardrobe. Where this is the case, pupils can wear cargo trousers and other own clothes items. As always it is important that these items are appropriate for school and do not draw unnecessary attention to the wearer (no revealing rips or cropped tops). If your child has PE on this day can you please ensure they bring their PE kit to change into for that lesson.

Year 7 Welcome Evening

We are delighted to invite Year 7 parents to our welcome evening which will take place on Thursday 26th September at 5.30pm in the school hall. Mr Adams will provide key information about your child's first year at Lacon Childre School and will also answer any of questions or queries you may have as a result of their first month at secondary school. We look forward to seeing you then! – Please see the letter attached.

Open Evening

We will be hosting our Open Evening this year on Monday 30th September 5:30pm - 7.30pm. We will be asking our students to participate too, whether as a tour guide or as a subject helper, their involvement is key in communicating to new families what it means to be a part of our Lacon Childe School community.

Year 7 Church Visits

All Year 7 students will be visiting St Mary's Church in Cleobury as part of their RE and worldviews curriculum. These visits will take place during their normal lesson times on the following dates:

7C - Friday 20th September 9.15am

7M - Thursday 10th October 2.15pm

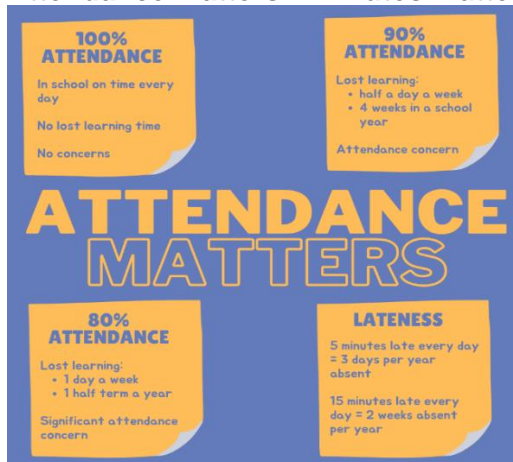
7S – Friday 11th October 9.15am

7W - Friday 11th October 10.15am

Finance Support

We understand the pressures our parents and carers may be facing in the current financial climate. If you need any support with uniform, meals or trip payments please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can assist you in resolving the issues.

Attendance matters – Minutes matter



Reminders

Bike Show - The Borders Classic Bike Show is this Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm. Please see attached poster.

School Photographs

It is great to see parents ordering their child's school photo online. For those parents who are yet to order, please be aware have until **Thursday 26th September 2024** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

Year 7 Castles trip - consent and payment by Thursday 19th September

Year 10 Poland trip - consent and deposit by Monday 23rd September

Lunchtime and After School Activities

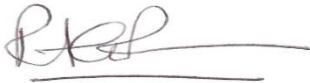
Please find attached the updated list of all clubs available during lunchtime and after school here at Lacon.

Attachments

Sleep Tight Poster
UYC Groups Central
Lunchtime and Afterschool Activities
Year 7 Welcome Letter
Gymnastics Coach
Borders Classic Bike Show Poster

Thank you again for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on rachel.croxtonbroome@laconchilideschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head Of School



Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

Dates to remember

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| Thursday 19 th September | Book Fair |
| Thursday 19 th September | Yr10 GCSE Parents Evening |
| Friday 20 th September | Jeans for Genes Non Uniform Day |
| Sunday 22 nd September | Borders Classic Bike Show |
| Wednesday 25 th September | Yr7 Castles Trip (Clee/Mortimer) |
| Thursday 26 th September | Yr7 Castles Trip (Stretton/Wrekin) |
| Thursday 26 th September | Yr7 Welcome Evening |
| Monday 30 th September | Yr6 Open Day / Open Evening |
| Monday 30 th September | Yr11 Revision Timetable begins |
| Thursday 3 rd October | National Poetry Day |
| Friday 4 th October | Yr6 Open Morning |
| Monday 7 th October | Careers Fair Day |
| Monday 14 th October | Yr11 BTEC PE Coursework - all week |
| Friday 25 th October | End of term |

Fixtures

|  | Date | Year | Sport | Venue & Start Date | Staff |
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| | Thursday 19th Sept | U14/U16 | Girls Netball | William Brookes School Depart 3.15pm, return 5.45pm | ZT |
| | Tuesday 24th Sept | U12 | Girls Netball | William Brookes School Depart 3.15pm, return 5.45pm | ZT |
| | Wednesday 25th Sept | Yr9 | Boys Football | Oldbury Wells School Depart 3.15pm, return 5.30pm | AU |
| | Wednesday 25th Sept | Yr8/10 | Netball | Oldbury Wells School Depart 3.15pm, return 5.30pm | ZT |

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