

13 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Remembrance Sunday

A huge thank you goes to our Key stage 3 students Agnes Bird (Year 7), Hermione Grigg (Year 8) and Mia Wedgwood (Year 9) as well as Key stage 4 students from our prefect team Harry Hall, Amber McBride, Phoebe Rogers, Tom Sherrey, Issy Starkey, Betty Taylor and Dalia Wallis who joined Mrs Aldridge-Buften, Mrs Bird, Mrs Dolphin, Mr Wood and myself at the Remembrance Parade and Service in St Mary's Church on Sunday. Our students were complimented by various members of the community for their appearance and smartness and for the number of students who represented us. Well done team! It was also fantastic to see so many other Lacon Childe students represented in the various community groups at the parade as well as our students who are members of the local scouting group who spoke extremely well during the service. We were extremely proud of you!



Attendance

Year	Present	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
Year 7	95.8%	2.0%	2.2%
Year 8	92.6%	6.3%	1.0%
Year 9	91.5%	6.1%	2.4%
Year 10	96.1%	2.1%	1.8%
Year 11	93.1%	5.5%	1.4%

Much improved attendance by Year 11 in the first week back is an excellent indicator of the messages we share with you about the importance of attending school and being in lessons. Please remember 'minutes matter'. A reminder that in the event of your child not being able to attend school, please make contact with us on each day of absence by calling the school or emailing attendance@laconchilideschool.co.uk Mr Wood's challenge to all families is for 100% attendance for the remainder of this school year!

Children In Need



BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. For this to happen, every child deserves to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face.

BBC Children in Need day is back on Friday 15th November and to show our support here at Lacon Childe School we will be holding our annual non-uniform day. Students are invited to wear their own clothes or dress up to show their support in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Please note that non-uniform clothing should be appropriate for school which means no cropped tops, short skirts or clothing that does not promote the ethos and culture of our school. In addition any student who has PE on Friday will need to bring their PE kit as usual to change into.

Further to this, we have invited the students to come up with a range of fundraising ideas. This will include bake sales and other activities. Pupils are being encouraged to bring in additional small change and get involved with these additional activities during break and lunchtime.

Many thanks in advance for your support with raising money for children in need throughout the UK.

Lunch Time

It is lovely to see the picnic lunches in the summer months when students can sit on the fields and have a communal lunch, however, the change in weather makes this more difficult. As it turns wetter and colder our students can eat packed lunches in the school hall with those from their year group who have school lunches, enabling that communal lunch to continue and atmosphere but in a warm and dry setting.

Uniform

The vast majority of students continue to wear the correct uniform with pride, as was illustrated at the Remembrance parade and service on Sunday. Last summer, we consulted with you and our students and made modifications to the uniform policy that we felt were appropriate as a result. Some of these changes were:

- Nose piercings must be replaced with a small clear plastic stud (these are available at the office should a student forget)
- All piercings must be removed for PE, they cannot be taped due to health and safety concerns.
- Make up is not allowed in KS3 but subtle make up can be worn in KS4
- We do not permit fake eye lashes, fake or painted nails.

Further information can be found at the following link. <https://lacon-childe.org.uk/parents-carers-students/uniform> Please speak to your child's head of year if you have any concerns.

Gloucester Rugby Development Pathway

Over the half term break, Year 10 boys James Green, Ethan Morris and George Harding were selected to play in the Gloucester Rugby Development Pathway's U15 fixtures at Ledbury RFC. Teams were selected from sites as far as Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Coventry and Oxford to play across four matches. Though not all boys played in the same match, all were victorious, with James and Ethan making a superb try saving tackles and George scoring two tries, all against tough opposition. It is excellent to see Lacon Childe School represented so well at this level – well done!



West Mercia Police partnership

We are working in partnership with West Mercia Police to raise awareness around anti-social behaviours. Last week, the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and School Liaison Officer, Debbie Jones, delivered assemblies to Key Stages 3 and 4 about the significance of Hate Crimes. We will maintain our close relationship with West Mercia and Debbie will be joining us again in the future to deliver more assemblies and short seminars about other areas of anti-social behaviour.

Pastoral Care

Should you have any concerns please regarding pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance and then their year lead. All contact information is available through the following link: <https://lacon-childe.org.uk/our-school/meet-the-staff/year-leaders-and-form-tutors>

L@fter

We have set up a new system for you to pay for L@fter transport. L@fter transport is provided for students who wish to stay for clubs/revision sessions after school and leaves at 4.20pm. Students need to book on to the L@fter bus by breaktime on the day they wish to use it (The buses do not run on a Friday). Following feedback from parents we are very aware of the impact and stress caused by last minute cancellations so we ask that students sign up by breaktime so we can organise the best routes to take. Please use the transport section on Arbor to add money to your child's transport account. Due to the increase in running costs we have increased to £2.50 from Monday 18th November. Please ensure that you add funds ready as the deduction will be made that day. When your child signs up for L@fter we will take a register before they go, and the money will be taken from your transport account. Please note that this account is also used for the Lacon Minibus service we offer, so if your child would also like to use L@fter you will need to add additional money to this account. If you have any problems or queries, please contact the office.

And finally...

I wanted to share two lovely messages I have received from professionals outside of our organisation during the past week...

"I've just met a lovely child from your school who was fabulous with a child who has additional needs. So patient and considerate. I've told him I will email you to share as he was a real ambassador to Lacon".

"I wanted to take a moment to personally commend the Under 15 boys following our recent football fixture. The sportsmanship and conduct they demonstrated throughout the match was exemplary, and I felt it was important to acknowledge their efforts.

Our teenagers are very often criticised for their conduct, but the level of respect and maturity they displayed tonight deserved recognition. Their teamwork, positive attitude, and adherence to the spirit of the game were truly impressive, and it was clear that their behaviour reflected the values they are being taught at your school. The way they welcomed the girls into the game and involved them in the pattern of play was something I never thought we would witness 15 years ago when I started coaching girls' football.

I'm not sure the magnitude of what I witnessed tonight will have registered on the students involved. But I hope when they look back on this fixture, they will realise what a significant role they played in breaking down barriers".

Letters and information for Parents/Carers:

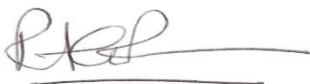
[Reading Letter](#)

[Year 11 Mock Exams Letter](#)

[Year 11 Revision Booklet](#)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email admin@laconchilideschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School



Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

Reminders

Lacon Childe PTA - Rags 2 Riches collection Tuesday 19th November

Please help us to raise funds for school and dig out all of your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, belts, jewellery, bags etc. Remember, soiled clothing, bedding, printed items, socks or school uniform will be rejected, and we will be charged for such items, so please make sure you don't include any of these so that we can raise as much as possible. Bags have been issued via students for you and can be returned and dropped at school during reception opening hours up until 9.00am on the morning of Tuesday 19th November. Thank you!

Trips and Shop Payments

The following are still available on Arbor to make payment for:

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 KS3 Design Technology Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 Poland Trip	2 nd payment	02/12/24
Year 10 English GCSE Books		19/11/24
Year 10 Science Revision Books		
Year 10 Design Technology Revision Guides	Textiles, Food and Resistant Materials	13/12/24
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	

Dates to remember

Wednesday 13th to Thursday 14th November
Thursday 14th November
Monday 18th November
Tuesday 19th November
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November
Monday 25th November
Thursday 28th November
W/B 2nd December
W/B 9th December
Monday 16th December
Friday 20th December

Year 11 Speaking Mocks
Ski Trip Meeting
Year 11 Year Group Photo
Rags to Riches Collection Day
Year 9 GCHQ Language Competition
Year 9/10 Writing Workshop
Year 12 Presentation Evening
Year 11 Mock Exams – all week
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Christmas Concert
Last Day of Term

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