

11 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance assemblies

Assemblies this week highlighted the importance of positive attendance and Mr Wood discussed the opportunities and impact of students having a school attendance of over 96%. Students were given key attendance information and Mr Wood tasked them with taking ownership and responsibility for maintaining their high standards, or, making improvements if their attendance is below the school target of 96%. These assemblies were delivered over teams so form groups had the opportunity to discuss attendance further, providing students with the opportunity to share their ideas for improvements and the issues that cause them greatest concern.

Year 11 mock examinations

We are now nearing the end of the mock examinations, and we would like to congratulate Year 11 on how well they have conducted themselves during the mock examination period. The vast majority of our students have approached the examinations in a positive manner and have shown the desire and determination to do as well as they can. This can be a very stressful period, and students have dealt with this pressure incredibly well. We encourage all of Year 11 to maintain the high standards they have set so far as they complete the last few days of their examinations.

Students will now need to use the information and feedback they receive from the examinations to help them make progress in their studies. They will need to reflect on the following questions:

- Do you set yourself the highest expectations to achieve at the highest possible level?
- Do you try your best and work hard in every lesson?
- Do you complete all your homework to the best of your ability?
- Did you revise using the revision techniques we taught you?
- How much time did you spend revising?
- When did you revise?

We will be spending time in lessons reflecting on these mock examinations and going back over content that needs to be retaught. Students need to reflect on their approach to the mocks and identify what they can improve on for the summer examination season. We will be holding a mock results day on Thursday 16th January 2025 when they will be given their results.

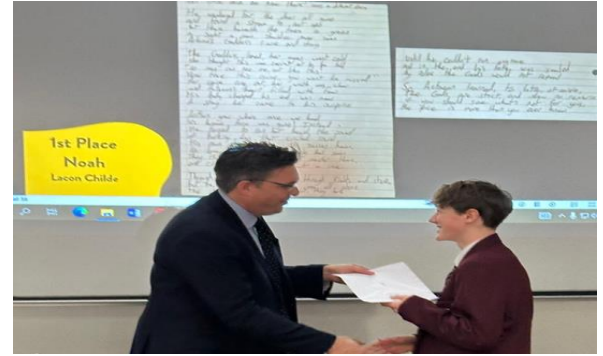
Ovid for All - West Midlands

As part of their English curriculum this term, Year 7 students have studied the Greek myth Aktaion and completed their own creative writing responses to the story. They were really engaged with both the narrative and the characters; there was a high standard across the year group with a fantastic range of stories, comic strips, poems, diaries and forensic reports. Three entries were submitted to the Birmingham and West Midlands regional Ovid competition run by the charity Classics for All. Our students and their families attended the prizegiving at Birmingham University last Tuesday and flew the flag for Lacon Childe in spectacular fashion.



In the Literary section Noah Phillips-Davies (7 Cleve) won first place for his poem with “lovely rhythm and excellent use of rhyming couplets throughout”, Evangeline Stanley (7 Stretton) came second, and Tibby Wooding (7 Mortimer) was a shortlisted entry, from over 700 submissions from schools across the region.

Huge congratulations to Noah, and to Evangeline and Tibby for their hard work and fantastic success in the competition. We are really proud of them all! It is the first time Lacon has entered this competition and these three students have ensured the bar has been set very high!



Book Swap

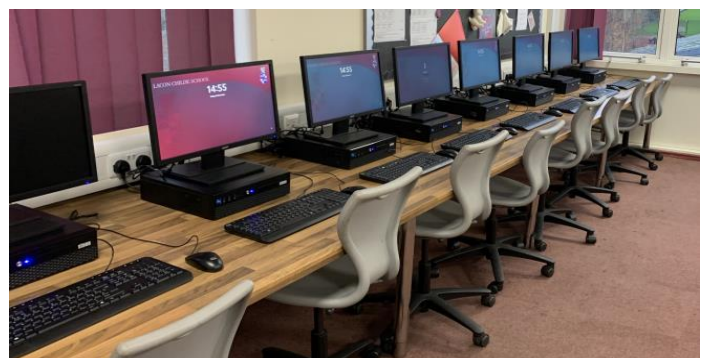
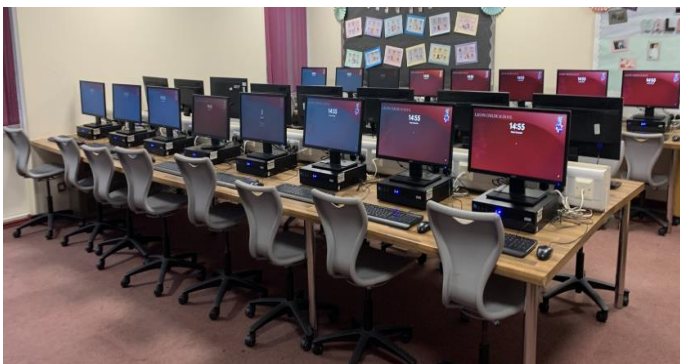
Our book swap event in the library is running this week during lunchtimes until tomorrow. Please encourage your child to join in with this and visit the library for a browse on Thursday lunchtime if they haven't already participated. The idea is to bring a book, and take a book, or multiple books if students wish – to give them an opportunity to keep reading and sharing books without the expense of buying new. There will also be a cake sale held on Thursday hosted by our KS4 book club. A reminder that all students should be bringing a reading book to school, so this is a great way to find a new book to ignite enthusiasm. We also have a multiple copies of donated Key Stage 4 revision guides for the core subjects, which would be a great for our Key Stage 4 students to snap up. Thank you for your support.

Year 11 Triple Science Group

We have an exciting trip organised for the Year 11 Triple Science group as part of their studies in Chemistry to Hobson's Brewery on Tuesday 7th January. Students will travel by minibus to the Brewery during their science lessons. There they will have a tour of the site, get to see the fermentation process in action and sample some of the hops and malt extracts (but not the beer!). The purpose of the visit is to revise the section of the syllabus that covers the production of ethanol using yeast as an enzyme. It will be a great opportunity for the group to see part of what they study in an everyday setting. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Broome if you would like more information regarding the trip.

Room 11 – IT Upgrade

We are excited to announce that we have upgraded our IT equipment in Room 11. To enhance learning and productivity, we have installed new computers and updated software. This upgrade, along with the upgrade to our internet link, will provide students and staff with faster access to resources, a more efficient working environment, and the latest technology to support both classroom and after school activities. We look forward to the positive impact these improvements will have.



Year 11 Photos

All Year 11 have been given a sample photo of their year group photo this morning. You can order these by scanning the QR code on the form or by completing the form and returning to Reception. Please ensure all QR orders/forms are completed/returned by Wednesday 18th December to ensure you get the free delivery to school. Below are the instructions on how to order the Year 11 group photo.

	<p>Scan me to view and order your photographs</p> <p>or visit our website at www.tempest-orders.co.uk and enter your reference number & web access code. Complete your order online within 7 working days for free Post & Packaging back to the school.</p>	<p>Order on this form (within school deadline)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose packs & quantity in boxes provided.2. Complete details below.3. Include payment.4. Return form to school.	<p>Missed your school's deadline?</p> <p>You can still order online, post your order form to Freepost, Tempest Photography or call the direct order team on 01736 751555. £5 postage / late order fee applies.</p>
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Christmas Arrangements

A reminder that our Christmas Concert is taking place on Monday 16th December from 6.30pm -8.30pm in the school hall, organised by Miss Lloyd. We have arranged Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 18th December, booking information was sent to you at the start of this week on Arbor. On Friday 20th December we have a Christmas jumper day, (more details to follow) and students will be attending St Mary's Church in Cleobury for our annual Lacon Childe carol service organised by Mrs Blizzard in partnership with Reverend Ashley Buck.

PTA Lacon Childe Lottery

Do you know about the Lacon Childe School lottery? This lottery helps to raise funds to support the school and benefit our children. It is a fantastic way to bring the whole community together and your support would be greatly appreciated. A ticket only costs just £1 per week, and every week there is a winner. Every ticket is also entered in the general weekly UK draw, where the prize is £25,000. In addition, all our existing supporters are entered into the monthly Super Draw.

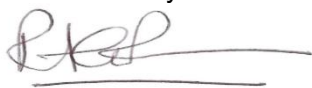
So, if you are not a supporter yet, there isn't long left to enter the fantastically festive Christmas Super Draw! One lucky supporter will win a whopping £3,000 Christmas cash bonus on Saturday 21st December - so don't miss out; join Your School Lottery today! Further information on how to do this is attached for you. Thank you!

Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Farlow Farm Nursery for kindly donating our beautiful Christmas tree.

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

Yours sincerely



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Ruth Allen
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Attachments

[Lacon Lottery](#)

[Christmas Lacon Lottery](#)

[Safety over Christmas](#)

[HAF Holiday Activities](#)

Trips and Shop Payments

The following are available on Arbor to make payment for:

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 7 KS3 Design Technology Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 7 London Trip		01/01/25
Year 8 Arthog Trip	2 nd Payment	10/01/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/01/25
Year 9 DofE	Deposit	31/01/25
Year 10 Poland Trip	3 rd Payment	03/01/25
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	
Year 11 Geography Workbooks		16/12/24
Winter Concert Tickets	Available to purchase in the shop	16/12/24

Dates to remember

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday, 11th & Thursday 13th December

Monday 16th December

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Wednesday 18th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

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Friday 10th January

Book Swap - Library

Year 9 Network Rail Assembly

Christmas Concert 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Christmas Lunch

Carol Service, Christmas Jumper Day & Last Day of Term

PD Day – No students in school

All students return to school

Year 11 Triple Science Hobsons Trip

Year 10 English Language Paper 1

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