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Lacon Childe School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Assemblies

Year 7-10 - Positive Behaviour

This week our assembly focused on positive behaviour we looked at UNICEF's article 28 'every child having the right to an education' having audited children in Key Stage 3 they shared with us that learning was sometimes disrupted by their peers we focused on the need to support each other stay on task and engage in all learning activities. Students were brilliant, remained focused and gave valued responses to the questions asked.

Year 11 Careers Assembly

On Monday, we hosted David Handy from King Edward VI. David shared with our Year 11 students key dates, information about the application process and King Edward's offer. All students were fantastic and made us proud with their focus and an exemplary attitude. Attached you will find the presentation shared with us. If you have any questions regarding post-16 education or if your child needs support with their application, please contact Mrs Koziel on aleksandra.koziel@laconchilideschool.co.uk

School production - Annie Jr

A reminder that tickets are now on sale for our wonderfully rotten production of Annie Jr. Be transported to 1930s New York City, where Miss Hannigan, the old school has been, will do everything and anything to make sure these rotten orphans get the life they deserve! Performances are next week, Wednesday 5th February to Friday 7th February. Doors open at 6:30pm and show starts at 7pm. The approximate running time is 1 hour 45 minutes, including an interval. Tickets are available to purchase in the school shop section on Arbor, if you have any issues purchasing tickets please contact the office. Please come along and support our exceptionally talented students and all of their hard work, dedication and shining talent. It is not one to be missed! Don't miss out, you rotten orphans!

Snus

As we see the decline of vaping in young people the worrying trend nationally is the use of snus. Traditionally, snus refers to a form of moist smokeless tobacco widely used in Scandinavian countries, where it is placed between the lip and gum. Modern snus includes tobacco-free nicotine pouches, which deliver the same addictive substance without the traditional tobacco base. These pouches are discreet, odourless and often resemble chewing gum or mints, making them harder to spot than vapes. They are particularly appealing to students looking for a concealed way to consume nicotine during school hours. Despite the absence of tobacco in some snus products, the nicotine content can be alarmingly high. Some pouches contain double or triple the nicotine of a pack of cigarettes. The symptoms include dizziness, nausea, sweating, increased heart rate, gum irritation, receding gums and an increased likelihood of addiction. Prolonged use can lead to significant oral health issues, such as gum disease and tooth loss.

The legal landscape around snus is not straightforward. Traditional tobacco-based snus has been illegal to sell in the UK since 1992, but tobacco-free pouches exploit a regulatory loophole. These products are not subject to the same age restrictions as cigarettes or vapes, meaning they can be legally sold to minors. Efforts are under way to address this gap, with proposals to ban the sale of nicotine pouches to under-18s. However, for now, these products are easily accessible online and in high-street shops. The normalisation of snus among celebrities has amplified its popularity among young people. High-profile footballers have been spotted using nicotine pouches, and TikTok influencers often promote the products under the guise of sharing personal

habits. This visibility lends an air of glamour and acceptability to snus, making it appear harmless or even aspirational. Furthermore, snus products are marketed with bright, playful packaging and sweet, fruity flavours that mimic those of popular confectionery.

We wanted to raise awareness with you, our parents/carers, about the product and its risks. As snus gains in popularity, it is important that schools, parents and communities work together to address this growing issue and shine a light on a form of nicotine use that has gone under the radar while attention focuses on the danger of vapes.

Blood Brothers

Lacon students were fortunate enough to go to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to see Blood Brothers last week. This was organised so that GCSE Drama students could see their set text performed live on stage, preparing them for the written exam, with an immersive and unforgettable experience. Even some KS3 pupils were lucky enough to come along too! Our pupils were, as always, exemplary; their theatre etiquette was outstanding and truly showed what fantastic role models we have when in the community. It made Mr Martin incredibly proud. A huge thank you to Mrs Marsh and Mrs Young who helped to support. An even bigger thank you to Mrs Britton and Ms Shepherd, who gave up time on their day off, to accompany the pupils and allow the trip to go ahead and for Mr Martin for organising this excellent opportunity for our students.

Year 9 Football Lingo

On Friday the 31st we will be holding an all day languages and careers event called Football Lingo. This will involve the whole of Year 9 being off timetable and will include a range of workshops and activities. We have an external provider coming in to run some sessions which will look at how languages are used in professional football as well as some practical sessions which will require students to have their PE kit and some sessions looking at careers and options. We think this is a really great opportunity for Year 9 to think about future careers and life after Lacon. Students will be in normal school uniform other than for their practical sessions.

Stakeholder Voice

We are continuously looking for ways to improve and your opinions as parents/carers are extremely important to us. Please could we ask you to complete the parent/carer questionnaire using the QR code below. This link will be active for the next 3 weeks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vK7qjzzvgq>



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 at the office by breaktime on the day they wish to use it (The buses do not run on a Friday). Please use the transport section on Arbor to add money to your child's transport account. The cost of L@fter is £2.50. Please ensure that you add funds ready as the deduction will be made that day.

PTA News

The PTA will be running the bar, refreshments and a raffle with fantastic prizes, at each performance of Annie next week. If anyone has a spare hour to help serve at the start and during the interval, that would be greatly appreciated.

SAVE the DATE! This year's Race Night will be Friday 21st March - it is always a great night, highly entertaining, a chance to generate some winnings and there will be a licensed bar and nibbles.

Current PTA members include Sam Harrison (Chair), Sarah Westmacott (Treasurer), Rachel Datlen (Secretary), France Pioger, Allan Romeo, Rachel Lambert, Hales Smith and Leonie Driver - we always welcome new members.

Attachments

[Safer internet parent webinar](#)

[Football & Netball Easter Flyer](#)

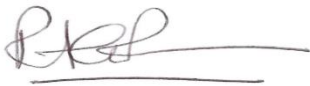
[Macbeth in Cinemas](#)

[Poetry Events](#)

[King Edward VI College Presentation](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School



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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	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		

Fixture Results

Year 8 netball v QE – lost 12-8. Most Valued Player Nancy Potter, Players' Player Grace Brick and Chloe Busby.

Fixtures

	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Thursday 30th January	Y7 Girls	Netball	Lacon vs QE 3.15 to 5pm (Away)	ZT/GH/LS
	Thursday 30th January	Y7 Boys	Football	Lacon vs QE 3.15 to 5pm (Away)	ZT/GH/LS
	Tuesday 4th February	KS3/KS4 Boys	Badminton	Schools Games Badminton Competiton Lacon 3.45 to 5.30pm (Home)	ZT
	Tuesday 4th February	Y9 Boys	Rugby	Lacon vs Thomas Adams 2pm - 4.30pm (Away)	SA

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