

26 February 2025 – Week B

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Assemblies

This week, Mr Wood has been leading assemblies for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 which have focused on the significance of common language in enhancing learning experiences within the classroom. A shared vocabulary fosters effective communication among students and teachers, creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels comfortable engaging in discussions. By using consistent terminology, teachers can ensure that all students, regardless of their background or prior knowledge, are on the same page. This common language not only aids in the clarification of concepts but also encourages collaboration and mutual understanding among peers. Through these assemblies, we aim to highlight how a unified approach to language can empower students to take ownership of their learning and support one another in their educational journeys.

Headteacher recruitment

Just before half term, SGET began advertising for a new Headteacher and this half term our recruitment process begins in earnest. We look forward to announcing the successful candidate before Easter. As a school, we are continuing to work with Four Stones to support our improvement journey and our current leadership of Mrs Croxton-Broome and Mrs Allen will remain in place until the end of this academic year.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The Local Governing Body of Lacon Childe School has a parent governor vacancy. Please find a nomination form below. If you would like to make a nomination please complete and return the form to hannah.coleman@laconchildeschool.co.uk by 3.30pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Hannah Coleman, Governance Professional, on the above email. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

PSHE - Information for KS4 parents

On Monday, Year 10 and 11 began the half-term with an assembly from 'Everyone's Invited'. The trainers Vanessa and Nathaniel ran a workshop followed by a Q&A in single sex groups. It was a lively and thought-provoking discussion about relationships. It was particularly looking at how gender stereotypes affect young people and the choices they make going into relationships. Ms Shepherd was very impressed with the students' attitudes and responses to the discussion. Several of them have spoken positively to me today expressing their opinions and feelings about the session, and I hope that it creates discussion at home about their hopes for the future. Thanks go to Mrs Shepherd for organising this opportunity as part of our PSHE curriculum.

Year 9 Options Evening

A reminder that Year 9 options evening will take place tomorrow, Thursday 27th February, 4.30 - 7.00pm. A reminder that the first presentation begins at 4:40pm 5:45pm. This is an important evening where we will be sharing important details about the options process as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss the various courses on offer with our subject leads. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday and discussing the next exciting stage of your child's education with you.

See you in Court! Mock Trial Team news

As part of their preparation for the mock trial competition, the mock trial team visited Worcester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 13th February to watch a court live in action. On this particular day, the courts were dealing with people who had been arrested and charged and were in court for the first time entering a 'guilty' or 'not guilty' plea. There were a range of allegations ranging from drink driving charges, possessing an offensive weapon in a public place, to sending private picture messages without consent. It was an eye-opening

experience for the team; not only is the court a very formal and intimidating environment, but it is powerful to witness the repercussions of poor choices and alleged criminal behaviour and how the British justice system handles the fate of these people. We will be back in the courts next week to compete in the first round of the national mock trial competition. Best of luck to the team!

Macbeth at The Globe Theatre

If you are visiting London in the next few weeks and fancy a trip to the world-famous Globe Theatre, then why not book yourself tickets to see 'Macbeth' a 90 minute production of the classic tragedy that we currently study at GCSE and dip into in Year 9.

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/playing-shakespeare-with-deutsche-bank-macbeth/>

Poetry events

There are a number of poetry events that our students will be celebrating and participating in over the next few weeks. A wide range of students across the SGET Trust are busy rehearsing their poems ready for the event on Thursday 20th March held at Lacon Childe. Alongside this, performers can record their recital and send it in to be judged for the national poetry competition run by Poetry by Heart (deadline 4th April).

<https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

In addition to this, Worcestershire County Council and Severn Arts have launched their young poet laureate competition for talented young writers (deadline 28th March) - [Severn Arts](#)

Please email Mrs Britton if you would like any further information or would like to enter these competitions.

Safeguarding students travelling by Shropshire Council Buses and Lacon Childe School minibuses

It has come to our attention that some students who travel to us by bus are not coming straight onto school site and are instead going into Cleobury village centre. They are then purchasing sweets, chocolate, ice lollies and drinks and attempting to bring these onto school site as breakfast. We have made it clear to our students that for safeguarding reasons they must come onto school site immediately, please can we ask that you discuss this with your child at home. Thank you.

New uniform supplier - Crested Schoolwear

We are pleased to confirm that our new online uniform supplier, Crested Schoolwear is now live. There have been some small changes linked to the use of different suppliers. The PE top will be a new design. There will be no requirement for parents to buy the new design. New PE tops should only be replaced when your child grows out of the current one. In line with the national policy and to support families we only have three branded compulsory items our blazer, tie and PE shirt. All other uniform items can be purchased from a variety of shops. Three times a year, Crested School Wear will host a pop-up shop where families can see and try on items and the online provision will be available all year round. Please see link below to Crested Schoolwear. Any questions please contact Mr Wood.

[Crested Schoolwear](#)

Year 7 Rugby

There was lots of excitement during the warm-up as the Year 7 boys awaited the arrival of Chantry School. The first 5 minutes was gridlocked in the middle of the pitch with both teams putting in huge tackles and a few mistakes happening early on due to first match nerves. Some excellent tackling and counter rucking enabled Lacon to turn the ball over and executing some hard hitting runs they managed to break the line and go over for the first score of the game. Lacon's nerves settled and more good play through the middle of the pitch led to another breakthrough to gain a second score. Chantry came back strong and were able to respond quickly to get on the score board themselves. As the match went on there were some huge tackles going in from Lacon players and the squad continued to press and put the Chantry team under pressure. The final score was Lacon 7 tries to Chantry's 3. The whole squad should be extremely proud at their performance and how they represented the school. Mr Adams cannot wait for your next match!

Equestrian Squad news

On the first Saturday of half term Olive Godwin (Year 7) represented Lacon Childe School on her pony Soloman at the NSEA Eventers Challenge at Allens Hill Equestria Centre in Pershore. On their debut representing the school the combination finished in a very creditable 19th place, well done! We are very proud of you!



Badminton England

Congratulations to Leo Potter in Year 9 who won the bronze medal in the Badminton U15 tournament. We are very proud of you!



Attachments

[Lacon parent governor vacancy](#)

[Wake Up Wednesday - Instagram](#)

[Sleep Tight](#)

[Understanding your child](#)

[Parenting help and support](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R Croxton-Broome".

Rachel Croxton-Broome
Head of School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ruth Allen".

Ruth Allen
Consultant Executive Headteacher

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		01/03/25
Year 8 Arthog Trip		21/03/25
Year 9 French Trip		01/03/25
Year 10 Poland Trip		03/03/25
Year 10 GCSE Fine Art Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 GCSE Materials Contribution	Voluntary Contribution	
Year 10 History Revision Guides		
Year 11 Hoodies		

Fixtures

 LACON CHILDE SCHOOL <small>...more than just a school</small>	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Friday 28th February	Y9/10/11 Boys	Badminton	Shrewsbury Badminton Tournament - all day	ZT
	Monday 3rd March	Y9 Girls	Football	Lacon vs Tenbury 3.15 to 5.00pm (Home)	LS
	Tuesday 4th March	U13 Boys	Rugby	County Cup @ Lacon 2pm - 3.30pm	GH
	Wednesday 5th March	Y11 Boys	Rugby	Lacon vs Tenbury 3.15 to 5.30pm (Home)	GH

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