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Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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05 March 2025 (Week A)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebrating achievements in attendance

This week's assemblies have centred around the vital importance of regular attendance at school and the positive impact it has on students' academic success and personal development. During our assemblies, we have highlighted the impressive improvements in attendance rates over the first half of this academic year - it has been encouraging to see a significant increase in student commitment to attending school regularly. This dedication not only enhances individual learning experiences but also contributes to a vibrant and engaged school community. To celebrate these achievements, we have recognised students who have demonstrated exemplary attendance and commitment. These acknowledgments serve to motivate all students to strive for their best and reinforce the message that every day of learning counts. We believe that consistent attendance fosters a strong sense of belonging and helps students develop essential social skills. As we move forward, we encourage all students to maintain this momentum and continue prioritising their education. Thank you to all of our parents/carers for your support in promoting attendance. Let's keep celebrating our collective efforts in making our school a thriving place for learning!

Y11 Consultation Evening

Just a reminder to Year 11 parents/carers that it is consultation evening tomorrow from 4.30-7.00pm. Appointments can be made via Arbor until 9am, any further appointments can be made by contacting the school office.

Y11 Hoodies

Just a reminder, if your child would like to purchase a hoodie, please complete the form on the attached letter. The form acts as consent for your child's signature to appear on the back of the hoodie and provides details of your child's size and colour preference. We have extended the deadline for this until 14 March.

World Book Day

Tomorrow is World Book Day, and a great opportunity for us to celebrate. We will be reading our favourite book recommendations in school throughout the day, as well as holding a fun challenge to see if students can match 10 members of staff to a well-known character and book. Don't forget to spend the voucher that your child will be given for World Book Day! For further information about World Book Day and the £1 books that are available to purchase with the voucher, please visit the official site: www.worldbookday.com.

School Uniform

We would like to clarify some important changes to our school uniform policy due to the enforced change in our uniform supplier that we have previously communicated to you. The school tie has been changed, and we have moved to a student designed tie that incorporates each house colour. The ties will also be clip on in design. To ensure a smooth transition, these changes will be phased in over time and current students will not be expected to purchase the new uniform items until they require a replacement. This approach allows families to plan accordingly without incurring unnecessary expenses. A reminder that our new uniform supplier is [Crested School wear](#). If you have any

questions or concerns regarding these changes, please contact your child's Year Lead. We appreciate your understanding and support during this transition.

National Careers Week

This week we are celebrating National Careers Week, a great opportunity to inspire our students and raise awareness about the diverse career paths available to them. It provides us with a chance to engage in discussions and activities that help students explore their interests, develop essential skills, and gain insights into the world of work. By highlighting a variety of post-16 options available to our students, National Careers Week can motivate students to think about their future goals and the steps needed to achieve them. In addition, we have invited representatives from four local colleges to our Year 11 parents' evening tomorrow, to give our students and parents/carers an opportunity to explore post-16 possibilities. Additional documents and resources are available in the attachments. If you have any questions regarding careers provision, please contact Mrs Koziel by email: Aleksandra.Koziel@laconchilleschool.co.uk

Guest speaker: Derek Larkin (Retired criminal Lawyer)

Students taking Religious Studies at GCSE, and selected students who have expressed an interest in criminology, sociology, and careers in the law, were privileged to have retired lawyer Derek Larkin as a guest speaker, to talk to them about his 50-year career as a criminal Lawyer. He spoke to our students about the changes to the law throughout his career and told Year 11 about the university route into the law. He also explained his route into the law through the *Chartered Institute for Legal Executives* and pointed students towards *The Law Society* for information and advice into how to get into the law. In addition, Mr Larkin spoke to students about a variety of different jobs within the law including his own role as a lawyer, solicitors, barristers, probation officers, police officers, and a variety of other different roles. This allowed students to ask questions about these roles, and some students asked some brilliant questions about Mr Larkin's approach to the law, and the ways that people should be sentenced and given custodial sentences. Students asked Mr Larkin on his views on sentencing and certainty in the law, asking if he felt crimes like burglary, and stealing should have harsher sentences, or that there should be more of a change in society. Students listened well, and those who asked questions were very thoughtful in their approach. Mr Larkin was pleased with his time spent at Lacon Childe and, and commented on how well behaved our students were, and that they did our school proud. Thanks go to Mrs Blizzard for organising this excellent opportunity for our students.

Science Homework

Thank you to our students who have responded brilliantly to the homework expectations in science this academic year, making great use of the retrieval activities to enhance their studies. A reminder about what they have been working on:

- **Year 7**

Our Year 7 students have a bespoke booklet of questions and are set the homework by one of their 3 teachers. This could be Biology, Chemistry of Physics and is checked weekly (with page numbers on Arbor).

- **Year 8**

In Year 8, students have been using revision clocks and flash cards to support them in retrieving key knowledge. They have picked up this style of revision brilliantly and are making good use of the revision clocks, particularly when preparing for end of unit tests. Students are set three short, separate homework's each week to represent Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

- **Year 9**

Between September and Christmas, students were set homework for the unit they were studying, in the form of a revision clock or flash cards. They completed these very well and made useful notes to use as a revision tool later in the unit, which was a great way for them to work on their retrieval skills. Since January, students are using a bespoke booklet with exam style questions based on previous lessons (so again looking at recall and retrieval). They are set one homework (10-15mins) from each science, each week.

▪ Years 10 and 11

A huge thank you to parents/carers for purchasing the revision guide and workbook. Students are set pages from these weekly, for each science. Students are making the most of the extra recall and exam practice, and it is paying dividends!

Well done to all of our students, keep up the fab work!

Primary Festival Feedback

Clee Hill Primary School had a fabulous session with our young leaders at our tag rugby festival last Thursday afternoon, organised and run by Mrs Stokes. A number of adults commented on how well the young leaders communicated instructions, and how passionate and supportive they all were. Archie Wenlock and Ethan Morris in particular, both stood out as being exceptional. All leaders were amazing ambassadors to Lacon Childe School. A big thank you to the staff at Clee Hill for sharing this wonderful feedback with us!

Shropshire School Games Badminton - Friday 28th February

Last Friday the students below travelled to Shrewsbury Sports village to take part in the Shropshire School Games badminton finals.

KS3 - Delon Fletcher, Freddie Little, Leo Potter and Archie Wenlock.

KS4 - Liam Coll, Oliver Eades, Jay Williams and Connor Winch.

The results were as follows:

KS3 Competition - Final position 3rd

Group games:

Holy Trinity	Lost 4-1
Meole Brace	Won 5-0
Thomas Adams	Won 3-2



KS4 Competition - Final position 2nd

Group games:

Telford Langley	Won 4-1
Thomas Adams	Won 5-0
Haberdashers Adams	Lost 5-0



The quality of opposition was extremely good, and our students were a real credit to Lacon Childe School. A massive thank you goes to Mr Blair for taking the boys on this fixture.

Race Night - Lacon Childe School Friday 21st March - First Race 7.15pm - Tickets only £3.00 each.

Lacon Childe School PTA need your support with RACE NIGHT. The event will enable us to raise as much needed funds to keep the school equipped with the latest equipment. There are a variety of different ways that you can take part:

- * **Own a horse** - You get to name your horse and win a prize if the horse comes first. Only £5.00 per horse. There are 56 horses for sale prior to the night.
- * **Tri Cast Square** - You have the opportunity to win £100. Each square costs only £1.
- * **Sponsor a race** - £25 and you or your business name will be printed in the programme.

Please join us on the night for all the fun, bet on the horses as each race is run and hopefully go home with more money than you came with, If you are unable to be with us on the night you can still own a horse or purchase Tri Cast squares. Please complete the form below with your choices and make

payment in the shop section in Arbor by 3pm on Wednesday 19th March. Purchases will only be valid if payment is received.

[Race Night Form](#)

Attachments

[Year 11 hoodie letter](#)

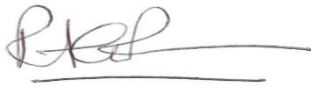
[Race night poster](#)

[Careers menu](#)

[National careers week](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely



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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		01/03/25
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		
Race Night Tickets		19/03/25

Fixtures

 LACON CHILDE SCHOOL <small>...more than just a school</small>	Date	Year	Sport	Venue & Start Date	Staff
	Wednesday 5th March	Y11 Boys	Rugby	Lacon vs Tenbury 3.15 to 5.30pm (Home)	GH
	Monday 10th March	Y8/Y10 Girls	Netball	Lacon vs Tenbury 3.15 to 5.00pm (Home)	ZT
	Tuesday 11th March	Y7/Y9	Netball	Lacon vs Bewdley (Away) 3.15 to 5.15pm	ZT
	Wednesday 12th March	KS4	Football	Lacon vs Tenbury 3.15 to 5.15pm (Away)	GH
	Wednesday 12th March	Y7	Rugby	Rugby festival @ CCS 3.15-5.15pm (Away)	SA

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