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Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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15 October 2025 (Week A)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have had our celebration assemblies. It was good to see how many students had received reward points and certificates for the work that they have done this half term. Despite a number of colds going around the school, our attendance has been very good and there was a long list of students who have been here everyday, achieving 100% attendance. Next week is the last week of what has been a long half term, the final push before everyone can have a well-deserved break.

Shropshire Youth Awareness Day – Wear it Blue

The High Sherriff of Shropshire, Jane Trowbridge, is championing a youth led initiative across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to raise awareness of the challenges facing our young people and to raise money to fund the local charities which are supporting them. This is an entirely youth led project, empowering young people of all ages to do something to help their generation, and giving them control, as they will decide the final distribution of all monies raised amongst their chosen local youth charities. Many of these charities are in critical need of extra funds due to cuts in grants and government funding. To support, this week on Thursday we will be taking part in the wear it blue day. This event is being supported across Shropshire and students are encouraged to wear something blue and donate a suggested amount of £1.00 to support the scheme. Further information on this initiative can be found by watching this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/JuELaIDKZ1M>

The blue item can be small like earrings, hair ribbon or socks, all the way through to a full blue outfit. All we ask is that the "own clothes" worn are suitable for school. Therefore, no cropped tops, string vests or other skimpy items are allowed. Furthermore, any boots worn should be clean and non-steel toe capped. There will be the opportunity for pupils to further fundraise on Thursday through bake sales and a sweet stall organised by the Mortimer house. Any pupils wishing to bake cookies or cakes to sell should bring them into school on Thursday morning. Please note we are a nut free school.

Year 7 settling in evening

We have our Year 7 settling in evening tomorrow, starting at 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear a little more about the school now that our Year 7 students have been with us for nearly seven weeks. If you would like to have a discussion with your child's form tutor, our Year 7 lead, Mrs Aldridge Bufton, our SENCo, Mr Stiles, or our behaviour and attendance lead, Mr Wood, they will also be available during the evening. If you have not registered for the event but are intending to come, I have put a link to our registration form below. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

[Year 7 Settling in Evening Registration](#)

Rugby and mouthguards

Following a review of the risk assessment in the school, mouthguards will now become mandatory for any contact Rugby rather than being recommended. If your child is due to take part in any form of contact Rugby but they do not have a mouthguard we will organise an alternative activity.

A wonderful evening of storytelling

On 26th September, Year 7 students along with their parents were wowed by our local, professional storyteller, Annie Muscutt (*Wings of Words*), as she took us on a magical journey into the world of Greek mythology. We heard of the sorrowful, cautionary tale of Icarus; the torment of Theseus on his return from helping the minotaur; and the agony of Orpheus as he loses Eurydice to Hades forever. This evening supplements our current study of ancient myths in our Year 7 English curriculum and we want to thank Annie for bringing these stories to life so vividly. One student said "I think it is really unique and enjoyable. You are really great at what you do. Hope to see this again."

We are hoping that Annie may be at Lacon again for a Christmas treat, so watch this space!



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 link below. This link will be active for the next 3

[Parent/Carer Questionnaire Autumn Term 2025](#)

Parent/carer forum

This year we will be having a series of opportunities for parents and carers to have a discussion with members of the senior leadership team. Next week on Tuesday 21 October at 6.30pm is the first meeting with myself. Below is a link and QR code to a form, can I ask that if you are attending you complete the form so that we can plan for the evening. I look forward to meeting with you.

[Parent/carer forum form](#)



Opportunity for a minibus driver at the school

Are you looking for a flexible and rewarding way to support your local school community? We are currently recruiting casual drivers to help continue our vital transport service for students who live in areas not covered by County Transport. We are looking for drivers who can do morning or afternoon journeys or both, we also have availability for some daytime driving.

Full details of the role as well as the salary are on our website, you can access the advert following this [link](#).

Help us keep this vital service running – and be part of something that matters. If you are interested or just want to know more please contact Viv Hulme, Trust Estates, Facilities and IT Infrastructure Leader via email at viv.hulme@laconchilleschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Stuart Weston
Headteacher

Thursday 16 October	Settling in evening – Year 7 only
Thursday 16 October	Y7 Castles Trip – Clee and Mortimer
Friday 17 October	Y7 Castles Trip – Wrekin and Stretton
Friday 17 October	Y11 (11.1) Science Hobsons Trip
Tuesday 21 October	Parent Forum (6.30pm)
Friday 24 October	Last day of term
Monday 3 November	Return to school
Thursday 6 November	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 20 November	Y12 Presentation Evening
Monday 24 November	Y11 Mock Exams – 2 weeks

Item	Information	Payment Due
Year 10 Poland Instalment	£150.00	31/10/2025
Year 9 Paris Deposit	£50.00	24/10/2025
Year 10 and 11 Drama Students Theatre Trip	£28.50	03/11/2025

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