

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 7 June 2021 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Today has been one of those happy-and-sad occasions, when we said a formal farewell to students in years 11 and 13. In most cases these students have coped amazingly well with the demands of two lockdowns, remote learning, COVID-19 restrictions, new rules around school, and most recently Teacher-Assessed Grades. For all of us, parents and carers, teachers and students, this time has been incredibly challenging. I want to commend our students for the way they have adapted and responded, become self-reliant and supported one another. We are all incredibly proud of them, and I'm sure you are too.

It was touching to see the mixture of emotions among students today: pleasure and joy in one another's company, some sincere gratitude for their teachers, and some tears as friends parted. We wish all of them very well for the future. We also hope to see many of the year 11 students again in our sixth form in September. Even this week, students have been having conversations with Mrs Kendall about places and courses in the sixth form, and there are some places still available.

Most students in years 11 and 13 have now completed their assessments. If you have a child in year 11 or year 13, please spare the time to look at our Centre Policy and the information from each subject about how the grades will be assessed. You can find this information on our website, at:

<https://www.lordlawson.academy/gcse-exams-and-assessments/> and <https://www.lordlawson.academy/a-level-exams-and-assessments/>

Our Centre Policy has now been approved by the awarding organisation.

Students in years 11 and 13 have also been asked to sign their subject evidence sheets (one for each subject), saying that they understand which pieces of evidence will be used to award their grade, and to confirm that it was all their own work. If students have not signed these sheets, we will contact them after half term.

A reminder that, when we return after half term, we will return to changing for PE lessons. This means that students must wear **full school uniform every day**, and bring their PE kit with them for PE and dance lessons.

For students in other year groups, and for all our staff, today marks the end of a hard and unusual half term. I wish them, and you, a peaceful and restful break. Please stay safe!

With all good wishes

Yours faithfully

Mr A T Fowler
Principal

Free online maths summer club for your child

Eedi has offered all year 5 to year 9 families free access to **Eedi Summer Club**, a maths summer program **100% free of charge**, that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.

Your child will first do a quick placement quiz to set their work and then receive recommended topics that will help them improve the most over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. Parents will receive weekly reports on how they're doing.

The minimum recommended work is 1 lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work.

Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement - from who's given the most thoughtful explanation to a problem, to which team has the highest number of points 🏆... Plus there are real prizes up for grabs!

Signup deadline: Monday 14 June

Summer Club Starts: Monday 5 July

Summer Club Ends: Monday 23 August

Sign up on this link to have the offer automatically applied to your account.

If you have any questions, please contact family@eedi.co.uk directly.

Enjoy everyone.

Mrs Jackson

Subject Leader - Maths

First Aid Unit Awareness Topic - Hydration

As the weather starts to warm up and we look forward to warm, sunny days, we need to think about hydration and the importance of drinking enough water every day.

This is crucial for many reasons:

- to regulate body temperature
- to keep joints lubricated
- to prevent infections
- to deliver nutrients to body cells
- keeps organs functioning properly
- improve sleep quality, cognition and mood
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The recommended intake per day is 6 to 8 glasses of fluid. This doesn't only have to be water, it can include low fat milk and sugar free drinks including tea and coffee.

To ensure our students stay hydrated, we ask that they bring their own water bottle to school each day, which they can refill at **break** and **lunchtime** from the water dispenser in the dining hall. This will also help to alleviate headaches and enable them to feel alert and ready to learn.

Mrs Maynard
Student Support Manager

Parents of Students in years 11 and 13

The following information has been given to students in years 11 and 13 this week.

Dear Year 11

Year 11 Transition week: w/c 21 June

Dear Year 11

Welcome to Lord Lawson of Beamish Sixth Form. Please find printed on the following page a timetable of taster lessons and catch-up lessons to ensure you are prepared for your sixth form courses.

All students who have applied to the sixth form are required to return during this week. You will only need to come into school for the subjects that you have chosen to study at sixth form. You will need to sign in and out of school at reception and collect a sixth form lanyard. You are not required to wear school uniform but must ensure that you are dressed appropriately for a school environment. You will be able to access the cafeteria for food if required.

ALL students must attend the 'Welcome to Sixth form and FutureMe' session on Tuesday 22 June at 8:50am. Please arrive at reception from 8:30am onwards and you will be directed to the correct room.

Any students who are following maths at A-Level must prioritise this subject in order that you have covered all GCSE content in preparation for A-Level.

If you are still undecided about returning to Lord Lawson of Beamish Sixth Form and would like to attend the taster sessions, please contact Mrs Jordan at: (ajordan@lordlawson.academy) who will be happy to allocate you space in the sessions. If you then decide that you would like to apply for the sixth form, please contact myself at: (kkendall@lordlawson.academy) to discuss your choices.

Any questions about the week please get in touch with either myself or Mrs Jordan. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June.

Mrs Kendall
Assistant Principal

Year 11 transition timetable: w/c 21 June

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1 – 8:50 – 9:50	Physics Mr Carruthers		Welcome to Sixth Form, tutor and FutureMe Webinar		History Mrs Tahir – HI32	Geography Mr Surtees – GG35	Geography Mr Rogers- GG34	Photography Ms Murray - AR13	Biology Ms Craig SC25	
2 – 9:55 – 10:55	AR15 English Literature Ms Cairns EN17 Applied Psychology Mrs Nicholson SC25	PE Miss Troughton ICT31 Drama Miss Race PA11	Mrs Hall - HI32 Ms Cairns - HI33 Mr Wyllie - RE31 Ms Cross - HI31 Mrs McDowell - GG30		Chemistry Mrs Robson – Sc28	French Mrs McDowell - HI31	English Language – Mrs Malloy - GG32	PE Miss Golby – ICT31	Business Mr White – BS39 Dance Ms Brown – PA13	Maths Mrs Hulme HI31
3 – 11:15 – 12:15	Graphics Ms Murray AR13		History Mrs Tahir – HI32	Business Mr White – BS39	History Mrs Tahir – HI32	Psychology Mrs Rutherford PY38		Art Ms Dixon - AR12		
4 – 12:15 – 13:15	German Ms Cross - RE33		French Mrs Carty – HI31		Maths Mrs Smith– GG34	German – Ms Cross – RE33	IT/Computing Mr Robinson – ICT11	PE Miss Troughton - ICT31		
5 – 13:55 – 14:55	IT/Computing Mr Robinson – ICT11 Health & Social 12:15 -13:15 only Mrs Greenwell – TE11 Biology Ms Dixon – SC26		Psychology Mrs Rutherford PY38		Applied Science Mr Croucher – Sc21 Politics Mr Clarke - RE31	Dance Ms Brown – PA13 Chemistry Ms Falconer – SC28		Physics Mr Boxall - SC29 Drama Miss Race – PA11 Sociology Mrs Rutherford - PY38		

Year 13 Transition timetable

Dear Year 13

You will already have discussed with your subject teachers the sessions you need to attend to ensure that you are fully prepared for further study in your subjects. The timetable below outlines the dates and times that these sessions will run. You need only to attend sessions for subjects you are continuing to study beyond A-levels.

If you are unsure if you should attend a subject please discuss with your subject teacher. If you have already indicated to your subject teacher that you will be attending sessions and no longer need to, please also advise your subject teacher.

We look forward to supporting you during these two weeks.

Mrs Kendall
Assistant Principal

w/c 21 June 2021

IMG students to attend normal lessons during this period

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 – 8:50 – 9:50	H & S Ms Moody – TE11	Psychology Mrs Rutherford – HI33			
2 – 9:55 – 10:55		French Mrs Carty – HI31		French Ms Carty– HI31	PE Mrs Halliday – ICT35
3 – 11:15 – 12:15	Maths Mrs Fuller – MA21	Geography Mr Gemmell – GG34	German- DT – HI30	Psychology Mrs Rutherford HI33	Maths Mrs Smith – HI33
4 – 12:15 – 13:15		Business Studies Ms Ness – BS31		Business Studies – Ms Ness – BS31	Geography Mr Surtees – GG35
5 – 13:55 – 14:55				Maths Mrs Fuller - MA211	PE – Mrs Halliday – ICT 35

w/c 28 June

IMG students to attend normal lessons during this period.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 – 8:50 – 9:50					
2 – 9:55 – 10:55					
3 – 11:15 – 12:15	PE – Mr Thompson – EN14				
4 – 12:15 – 13:15		PE – Mr Thompson - RE31			
5 – 13:55 – 14:55					

What's Next Careers Survey for Year 11 Leavers

Gateshead Council Careers Team requires all year 11 students to complete an online careers survey regarding their post-16 options, which is now live and will run through to 30 September. On completion of the survey, the Careers Team are available to support students who are not returning to Sixth Form and require support in deciding their next steps. Gateshead Council will accept responses from parents or young people.

For students who have not been able to complete this survey in school, the LIVE What's Next link can be accessed below:

<https://consultation.gateshead.gov.uk/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=1044&SessionId=RBN3WKB57P>

***All completed surveys will be entered for the chance to win Metro Centre vouchers.**

Please find details below of the careers support offered by Gateshead Careers Team:



Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

What Next?

We offer help, information and advice on education, training and employment, and can support young people up to the age of 18 to make choices and plan for their future.

We can help young people with:

- making the right choice of college, training course or apprenticeship
- developing skills and confidence to achieve their goals
- completing application forms
- building CV's
- approaching interviews with confidence

Information for Students in years 11 and 13

- 28 May:** In common with many other schools, we have decided that our **last day of formal lessons** will be Friday 28 May. This is the last day before the May/June half term break. In previous years, this is when students started study leave before examinations. Please note that this is not the school leaving date.
- 7-18 June:** For the two weeks after half term, we need **all students in years 11 and 13 to be available to attend school if required**. This is because grades this year are based on assessments done in school, and we may need students to come in to complete some more work, or to certify work that is being sent off to the examination boards as a sample. At other times students will be asked to work remotely to complete online careers work and bridging units. **It is essential that students do not plan to go away at this time**. Grades will be submitted to examination boards by 18 June.
- 21 June:** **2 July:** Students will be **invited to attend school for enrichment**. Year 11 students will have their **Sixth Form induction** and taster lessons, as well as **opportunities for further work** in subjects they wish to study in the sixth form. They will be treated as sixth formers, and will not be required to wear school uniform. Year 13 students will have sessions to help them **prepare for moving on** to university, apprenticeships and employment. The official school leaving date is the last Friday in June, so students need to be available to attend school until this time. Further details about these weeks will be communicated shortly.

*Mr Fowler
Principal*