

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 13 September 2021 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the 2021-22 academic year! We have had an excellent start to the term, with high levels of attendance. It has been very good to see all our students back in school again. I have spoken with students in their start of year assemblies, urging them to make the most of the opportunities that school provides for them – now that things are getting back more to normal, we can appreciate what we have missed over the last year and a half. Even to see a whole year group in assembly is something that we haven't been able to do for more than a year.

We are now able to welcome you once more into the academy, for parents' evenings, for individual meetings, and for school events, such as our school show *Les Miserables*, to be performed at the end of this half term. Please take the time and make the effort to come into school – you will be very welcome. As we all know from our experience recently, we need to see one another face-to-face in order for our relationships to function well. We will continue to exercise COVID caution, to keep everyone safe, so please follow the instructions that will come with the invitations to our parents' events.

COVID testing has gone well this week. We have a great team of support staff, agency staff and ex-sixth-formers, coordinated by Mr Pedlingham, our business manager. They have been able to help over 350 students a day carry out their tests. As one of our supervisors joked to the students, it's probably the only test they'll take this year that they don't need to revise for!

Our Year 7 students are settling in well. We have given them access to lunch earlier, and it is good that lower school students have different times and spaces for break and lunch, separate from older students.

Our newly refurbished toilets look fantastic and function extremely well. You will be able to see these when you visit. Reaction from students has been very positive. Some sixth form girls were overheard saying approvingly, 'these look like hotel toilets.' Praise indeed! Let's keep them like that.

Thank you for the effort that you have all put into making sure your children are in correct uniform. They look excellent! The point of uniform is not that everyone looks the same – they don't, of course – but that we have a uniform basic standard to which we all conform. We have had some initial conversations with individuals, and we have listened to parents where there have been particular problems; we are taking what I hope is a sensible line. As I said to Year 11 students in assembly this morning, this means we can now focus on the things that are the most important in school: learning, progress and wellbeing.

I am delighted to announce that Lord Lawson has been approved as a member of the government's Behaviour Hub programme, headed up by Tom Bennett. This is part of the work we have already started to make further improvements in students' behaviour and attitudes. The large majority of our students behave very well, and we continue to improve the behaviour culture around school. The lead school for our regional Behaviour Hub is Carmel College in Darlington, an 'outstanding' school, who are willing to share their ideas and approaches with us. Mr Walsh and I will travel to Birmingham for the national launch of the programme on Tuesday, and we will host visitors from Carmel College the following week.

Yours, with all good wishes,

Mr A T Fowler
Principal

Year 7 Tutor/Information Evening: Tuesday 14 September 2021

Parents/carers of our year 7 students will have the opportunity to meet year 7 tutors, on Tuesday 14 September. The evening runs from 4.00 – 5.30pm.

Additionally, there will be a presentation in the main hall, supported by Year 7 Leader Mrs Jacobson and members of the academy Senior Leadership Team.

Regards

Mrs S Wakefield
PA to SLT

Upcoming Subject Specific Parent Evenings: These will take place in school

Year 13: Thursday 16 September - between 3:30 and 6:00pm

Students have been issued with an appointment card and they are currently negotiating timings with their subject teachers. Please check with your child, regarding their progress and what appointments have been made.

Year 11: Tuesday 21 September - between 3:30 and 6:30pm.

We will be sending a letter home soon to inform you of how you book appointments. We are using School Cloud which is an online booking system.

For any questions regarding parent evenings, please contact Mrs K Hubbard via :
khubbard@lordlawson.academy

Thank you

Mrs K Hubbard
PA to SLT

Uniform policy

ALL pupils are expected to wear their uniform to foster a sense of equality and encourage pride in the Academy. Pupils must **ALWAYS** wear the correct uniform while in the Academy and travelling to and from the Academy. Where appropriate, pupils will be directed to wear their uniform on educational visits.



- Trust
- Respect
- Courage
- Ambition

Boys' uniform

- Black blazer with the Academy badge (compulsory)
- Black V-neck pullover with Academy logo on (optional)
- White cotton school shirt that must be able to be buttoned to the top
- Black smart tailored trousers - no jeans, tight fitting trousers of any description or leggings



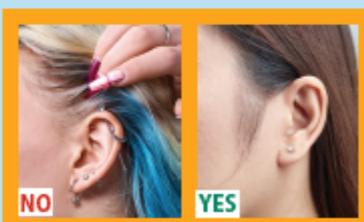
Girls' uniform

- Black blazer with the Academy badge (compulsory)
- Black V-neck pullover with Academy logo on (optional)
- White cotton school shirt that must be able to be buttoned to the top
- Black smart tailored trousers - no jeans, tight fitting trousers of any description or leggings
- or blue checked skirt
- Plain black tights



School shoes, hair colour, jewellery, make up and nails

School shoes should be a black leather type and should have no prominent logos on them. Due to health and safety reasons shoes should have strong uppers. Canvas shoes are not permitted. Any heels should not be no more than 3cm in height. Trainers that are all black are allowed. They must be fully polishable with no canvas sections.



Hair colours - In the past some pupils have arrived with outlandish hair colours or inappropriate styles. This has led to the pupil being taught in isolation until a more appropriate colour or style is more acceptable. This has a negative impact on pupil progress. While we encourage pupils to be individual with their own unique personality we would also wish to cultivate a positive corporate image for the Academy. If a pupil wishes to dye their hair then they must choose a natural colour. There should be no extreme cuts, e.g. shaved short all over.

Jewellery - Earrings should not be worn with the exception of one pair of studs in the lower ear. No facial piercings or rings are allowed. If pupils are unable or unwilling to remove their jewellery, they will be taught in isolation. The jewellery will be kept safe by staff, until it can be collected by parents. The Academy accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any of the items.

Make up - We prefer students not to wear make up, but if subtly applied and unobtrusive, it will be acceptable.

NO false tan, false eye-lashes and false nails (nails should be natural).

Purchase of uniform

Little Gems in Washington, Unit 62, Hutton Close, Crowther Industrial Estate in Washington. Please state Lord Lawson of Beamish will be the attended school or order at www.schooloutfit.co.uk.

Lost Property

A reminder for parents/carers of the importance to label all items of uniform, PE kit, footwear, outdoor coats etc., for their child.

We regularly accumulate many items of clothing which are easy to return to students or year leaders if they are identifiable.

Moving forward, any items of unclaimed clothing will be disposed of at the end of every half term.

Kind regards

Mrs S J Wakefield
Office Manager

Year 7: Football Trials - Boys

Football trials will take place after school on Monday 13 September. Students should arrive at the PE changing rooms at the end of the school day – after 3.15pm. The session will run until 4.30pm on the Astro turf.

Students should wear either molded football boots or trainers, along with shin pads and appropriate sportswear or PE kit.

As this will take place after school, there will be no scholars bus available; parents must organise for their child to get home safely following the event.

Mr G Thompson
Subject leader - PE

The PE department would like to hear from you!

We are interested to know if your child is involved in any extracurricular sports outside school. Please let us know what your child has been up to, as we would love to celebrate their successes.

If you have anything you would like us to know about, please email:

htroughton@lordlawson.academy

Thank you

Miss H Troughton
Teacher of PE



PE Extra-Curricular Timetable: Term 1



	Week 1 3.30-4.30	Week 2 3.30- 4.30
Monday	Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 8) Trampolining and Gymnastics: Miss Golby (Year 7-11) Rowing: Mr McConway (Year 7-11) Boys Football: Mr Thompson (Year 7)	Netball: Mrs Halliday (Year 7) Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 8) Trampolining and Gymnastics: Miss Golby (Year 7-11) Rowing: Mr McConway (Year 7-11) Boys Football: Mr Thompson (Year 7)
Tuesday	No clubs	No clubs
Wednesday	Netball: Miss Troughton and Mrs Halliday (Year 9 and 10) Rugby: Mr Wyllie (Year 7) Girls Football: Miss Golby (Year 7-11)	Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 10) Rugby: Mr Wyllie (Year 8 and 9) Girls Football: Miss Golby (Year 7-11)
Thursday	Boys Football: Mr Cumiskey (Year 8) Boys Football: Mr Earle (Year 9)	Netball: Mrs Halliday (Year 9) Boys Football: Mr Earle (Year 9)
Friday	No clubs	No clubs