

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 4 October 2021 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 28 September, we held our Open Evening for Year 6 pupils, and I want to start by thanking all those children who stayed on to help with the evening. It was wonderful to be able to open our school again to parents and prospective students – but even better to see our own students taking the lead in presenting displays of their work, leading tours, and talking about our school to visitors. Many parents commented on how good it was to see students as such active ambassadors for the school. They could see that this reflects the culture we are creating here at Lord Lawson.

We have another Open Evening approaching: Tuesday 12 October, when we will be open to pupils currently in Year 5 and their parents. We know that parents make decisions about secondary schools well before their children reach Year 6, and we want them to know about the quality of education and opportunity we offer here.

Word of mouth and personal recommendation is often the best way to inform others, so once again I am asking for your help in spreading the word about Lord Lawson to parents and children who are thinking about coming here. You already know the strengths of the school, and you know how hard we are working to improve education here. We don't always get it right first time, but we are a community that listens and takes action to improve.

On Wednesday, we were visited by the NHS School-based Vaccination Team, administering flu and COVID vaccines. We were glad that the team was able to vaccinate students in years 9, 10 and 11, but sorry they were not able to accommodate everyone who wanted a vaccination, and particularly disappointed that they had to cancel their plans to vaccinate students in younger year groups. We have stressed with local NHS managers that it is vital that all these children have the opportunity to be vaccinated, if you have consented to this. We wait to hear news of their catch-up plan, and I shall let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Yesterday morning I had my first meeting with our new Head Girl and Head Boy in Year 11, Lucy McGuinness-Brown and Euan Rennie. Lucy and Euan were elected by students and staff, and they lead a new student team in Year 11, supported and inspired by Mr McConway and Ms Turnbull. I was impressed by their articulate and mature approach. They see their duties as being role models to other students, representing the views of students and taking opportunities to lead others. They have already taken part in the Open Evening, and are looking forward to their roles in the Remembrance Ceremony on 11 November. They, and all the other members of the new Year 11 student leadership team, are great examples of Lord Lawson students, and a credit to their families. I look forward to working with them.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mr A T Fowler
Principal

Car Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers who park considerately and safely when they bring their cars into the academy grounds.

We are fortunate to have some car parking, but we recognise that it is limited at busy times. Please encourage your children to walk to and from school or use public transport where possible.

Please make sure that you park within the bays and lines, so that our students are safe. Unsafe parking is inconsiderate and dangerous.

Thank you

Mr Fowler
Principal

Behaviour Survey

We would like to ask our students to evaluate behaviour in the academy. If parent consent is received, a student will complete an online survey within school time. The survey asks them about their experiences, and their views about rules and academy policies.

The results from the survey will generate a report that we will use to inform any future improvements to our current policies and practices relating to behaviour in school. It is important to note that the student response is confidential and anonymized.

We will be working with ECORYS who are supporting the DfE Behaviour Hub programme. ECORYS develop the survey, analyse the results and generate a report for the academy to use.

Students have been provided with a consent form – please check their bag if they have not as yet passed to you. Further details relating to the survey are attached to the consent form.

For students who are wishing to participate, their completed and signed consent form must be returned to the academy by Wednesday 6 October 2021. Students should return the form to reception (not their tutor or year base), for the attention of Mrs Hubbard.

Should you have any further questions, please email me at: khubbard@lordlawson.academy and I will be happy to respond.

This is an opportunity for students to have an input into how the school is run and influence our policies and procedures.

Thank you as always for your support; it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs K Hubbard
PA to SLT

Year 11 GCSE Dance Exams

Year 11 GCSE Dance students are completing their solo performance exam on Tuesday 5 October. Students will attend tutor in the morning, but will then be off timetable until they complete their exam; upon completion of their exam they will return to their normal timetable lessons.

Students should wear a colourful T-shirt; the Performing Arts department will provide this if required. Students should also bring a bottle of water and a snack in case their exam segment falls across break/lunch.

Please contact Miss Brown via email at: sbrown@lordlawson.academy if you have any questions about arrangements for this exam.

Miss S Brown
Subject Leader – Performing Arts

Academy Production ‘Les Miserables’: Ticket Sales

Tickets go on general sale for our 2021 Academy Production ‘Les Miserables’ on Monday 4 October. Tickets can be purchased for £6.00 each from school reception.

To aid social distancing in our audience, seating capacity has been reduced this year. Please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

A reminder for cast members as stated in the recent cast letter; the two compulsory Sunday rehearsals begin this weekend:

1. Sunday 3 October 10am - 4pm
2. Sunday 17 October 10am - 4pm.

Students must bring a packed lunch, plenty of refreshments, and warm clothing.

If you have any questions about the academy production, please contact me via email at: sbrown@lordlawson.academy

Thank you

Miss S Brown
Subject Leader – Performing Arts

School Photographs: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 October 2021

Academy photographs are being taken on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 October. The photographs are being taken in the main hall and the times and dates for each Tutor Group are set out below.

MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021

<u>Year 10</u>		<u>Year 11</u>		<u>Year 12</u>	
10CH	8.50am	11ACL	10.30am	12JBY	12.50pm
10CDI	8.50am	11FB	10.50am	12FC	12.50pm
10LS	9.10am	11BC	10.50am	12JCS	1.10pm
10LL	9.10am	11SHE	11.30am	12JH	1.10pm
10KG	9.30am	11LCR	11.30am	12DWE	1.10pm
10JKP	9.30am	11GGL	11.50am		
10LWD	9.50am	11JBM	11.50am		
10SBN	9.50am	11ACE	12.10pm		
10JF	10.10am	11ANC	12.10pm		
10CD	10.10am	11JMC	12.30pm		
10HT	10.30am	11HN	12.30pm		
		11SMY	12.50pm		

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

<u>Year 7</u>		<u>Year 8</u>		<u>Year 9</u>	
7SBS	8.50am	8TMI	10.30am	9DB	11.50am
7RM	8.50am	8CCM	10.30am	9DT	12.10pm
7NSN	9.10am	8LC	10.50am	9KB	12.10pm
7CWE	9.10am	8SFR	10.50am	9EC	1.10pm
7JMY	9.30am	8FR	11.10am	9SSY	1.10pm
7JRA	9.30am	8JPN	11.10am	9DGL	1.30pm
7AMN	9.50am	8KF	11.30am	9GP	1.30pm
7MG	9.50am	8KD	11.30am	9KT	1.50pm
		8PWE	11.50am	9JGR	1.50pm
				9LR	2.10pm
				9MS	2.10pm

Please ensure your child attends in full uniform. Should you have any questions, please contact me at: sspraggon@lordlawson.academy.

Thank you

Mrs S Spraggon
Admin

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.

A huge shout out this week to Leo Jones - one of our amazing year 8 students - for his fantastic effort and commitment to Birtley boxing club. Keep up the hard work Leo, we are really proud of you.

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

htroughton@lordlawson.academy

Thank you

Miss H Troughton
Teacher of PE