

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 10 January 2022 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that 2022 has started well for you and your families, and that we can all look forward to a year of success and progress together.

We started term with the surprise instruction from the government for us all to wear face coverings much more than we were expecting. Thank you to the large majority of you who have made sure that your children have come to school each day equipped with at least one face covering, or their exemption lanyard. No-one likes to wear face coverings, but we do need to get through these next few weeks together with as little fuss about safety measures as possible, and we hugely appreciate your cooperation. COVID testing in school has also been going well. We have around 4% of staff and students off at present (1 in 25), reinforcing how important these safety measures are to prevent further spread of the disease.

Your children will (I hope) tell you about some of the changes we have introduced, to make our classroom routines flow smoothly so we can get the most out of lesson time. We have introduced routines around the start of tutor period, the start of lessons, around acceptable noise levels for different activities, and for the end of lessons. This initiative has started very well, and I have seen all these new routines and expectations in place in lessons. Your children should have noticed much more consistency in these routines, so that they are free to focus on the learning in each class, rather than having to remember that Mr X likes this, but Mrs Y insists on that, and so on. Please continue to help your child organize themselves, so that they bring all necessary equipment and their bag to school each day.

I have been taking some assemblies this week. The theme has been 'Courage', which, as you will already know, is one of our school's values. I used Archbishop Desmond Tutu as an example of someone who showed great courage, in campaigning against apartheid in South Africa, but also in confronting head-on the injustices and crimes committed by all sides in the battle to end racial discrimination in that country. (Unfortunately, many of our students appeared not to recognize Desmond Tutu – had he been more active on TikTok, he might have achieved greater recognition with teenagers, perhaps.) I also talked about how each one of us needs to summon up our courage to speak out against things that we know to be wrong, whether that is anti-social behaviour, bullying, or racism. Courage goes hand in hand with Respect, another one of our school's values: if we truly respect someone or something, we need to be courageous in defending it. That's a good new year's resolution for all of us.

With all best wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mr A T Fowler
Principal

Year 9 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 11 January 2022 – 3.30 – 6.30pm.

A reminder for your diary, that the virtual subject specific parent evening will be on Tuesday 11 January 2022. You should have already booked your appointments with relevant teaching staff. However, if you have not been able to complete this yet, please do so using the following link:

<https://lordlawson.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please note: For any appointments with Performing Arts staff, you should select only ONE of the teachers. Please speak to your child to confirm which teacher they are most familiar with or who may have taught them most recently.

Should you have any questions about the evening, please email me at: khubbard@lordlawson.academy and I will be happy to help.

Thank you.

***Mrs K Hubbard
PA to SLT***

Healthcare Careers - Online Work Experience (Students Aged 14 - 18)

Every Monday evening at 7.30pm, the 'Weekly Surgery' are running online work experience sessions for students who may be considering careers in healthcare or are interested in becoming a doctor.

The Weekly Surgery take a different medical case each week, and their doctors, with the help of the students attending the surgery, diagnose and treat the patient in the interactive 2-hour sessions.

The standard cost for a monthly subscription is usually £39/month. Students are being given the opportunity to take advantage of a one-month free subscription. If they are interested, all your child needs to do is visit: www.theweeklysurgery.com and use our school code: WEEKLY90 for their one month free trial, for which they will also obtain a certificate to use in their university applications. Students would need to cancel the subscription at the end of the free trial period, before the subscription renews, unless, of course, they wish to continue.

Please note that the school code to access this offer is only valid until Thursday 20 January 2022.

Regards

***Mrs A Jordan
Head of Careers***

Year 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as the newly appointed Year Leader – Year 11, as of January 2022. I will be working alongside Mrs Clarke, who has recently been appointed as Deputy Year Leader – Year 11.

We are both looking forward to working with you all over the coming months, to support our students in achieving their full potential and preparing them for life after Lord Lawson.

If you would like to contact us, please email: gthompson3@lordlawson.academy or jclarke1@lordlawson.academy and we will be happy to support you.

From January 2022, you will also be able to contact me via the academy phone number (0191 433 4026) on extension 206, and Mrs Clarke via extension 301.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr G Thompson

Vacancies

Lunchtime Supervisor

Lord Lawson Academy would be interested in hearing from you if you would like to become a Lunchtime Supervisor. The role will involve supporting and supervising our students over their lunch time period.

The hours are: 12:15 to 14:15pm every day during term-time. The current rate of pay is £9.87/hour.

For an application form contact: recruitment@lordlawson.academy

Exam Invigilator - Casual hours

Required for Summer 2022

We are looking to expand our team of Exam Invigilators to invigilate all internal and external examinations.

Invigilators are responsible for ensuring the examinations are conducted in line with JCQ guidelines and that all students are given the best opportunity when taking exams to realise their full potential.

Duties will include: supervision of candidates during examinations, the preparation of exam halls, distribution and collection of exam materials and papers, completion of exam invigilation paperwork.

Applicants should be well organised, calm and methodical with an ability to follow procedures.

The hours of work are casual and successful applicants will require enhanced DBS disclosure.

Rate of Pay: £10/hour

Please contact recruitment@lordlawson.academy for an application form or any further information.

Mr J Pedlingham
Business Manager