

# Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 11 October 2021 – Week 2

Dear parents and carers,

This week we welcomed a member of Ofsted into our Academy. He was here to perform a routine Section 8 Monitoring Inspection. Although we cannot share the outcome with parents and carers until the official letter has been checked and published, the inspection went very well. Our staff and students were a credit to the Academy. The inspector gave us positive feedback on what he saw across the school and also made constructive suggestions for further developments before our next full inspection. We are looking forward to sharing the letter with you in due course, and hope it reaffirms what you already see and know about the improvement path the Academy is on.

Meanwhile, preparations have been in full swing for our long-awaited school production of ‘Les Misérables – School Edition’. It has been fantastic to pop in on occasions and see our supremely talented young people rehearsing. Tickets are on sale now, priced at £6 each. The production runs from Tuesday 19 October to Friday 22 October and starts at 7pm. I am aware that some of you, like me, have not yet seen a Lord Lawson of Beamish Production due to the pandemic. I have been assured they are a truly fantastic spectacle and cannot wait to see it. For those who have been to our productions before, you will be assured of a warm welcome and it will be a pleasure for the students to be able to perform in front of a live audience again.

Next week, on Tuesday 12 October we are running our second Open Evening, this time for prospective Year 5 students. It runs from 4:30 – 6:30pm. As with the Year 6 Open Evening, we would appreciate it greatly if you could spread the word around and recommend our Academy to others. We are again recruiting a large number of current student helpers for the night and expect it to be another excellent evening for the Academy. Feedback from the Year 6 Open Evening was overwhelmingly positive so we have high hopes for next week.

Yours Sincerely,

***Mr J Dicocco***  
***Deputy Principal***

### **Maths Department Transition Video Winners**

In July of this year, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Scully set a puzzle competition as part of our virtual transition, for our students who would be joining us in Year 7.

The challenge was to see if they could make the numbers one to five using the number four exactly four times!

We are delighted to announce the following students rose to this challenge fantastically and have been awarded their well-deserved prized:

- Connie Mears
- Phoebe Pace
- Mina Dezayi

Well done to everyone who took part and gave it a go; this is exactly what we look for and encourage in the maths department.

*Mrs S Scully*

*Deputy Subject Leader - Mathematics*

### **Year 11: GCSE Dance Students**

Massive congratulations to all of my year 11 GCSE Dance Students, who completed their solo exam this week. All students did a fantastic job and should be thrilled with their individual progress and final performances.

Well done to you all!

*Miss S Brown*

*Subject Leader – Performing Arts*

### **Academy Production: 'Les Misérables – School Edition'**

There is just over one week until our opening night of our Academy Production 'Les Misérables - School Edition'. Tickets can be purchased from school reception for £6.00 each. Friday is almost a sell-out night.

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: There is NO Sunday rehearsal this Sunday (10 October); our next Sunday rehearsal is Sunday 17 October, 10am - 4pm.

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

Thank you

*Miss S Brown*  
*Subject Leader – Performing Arts*

### **STEP INTO THE NHS: Nationwide Competition for years 7, 8 and 9**

The NHS remains the UK's biggest employer with 1.7 million staff in more than 350 different roles, from ambulance technicians to radiographers, and chefs to IT support officers.

This competition aims to raise students' aspirations and their awareness of the wide range of careers that are available to them.

Students will be asked to use their research to create a fun advertisement for one of the 350 NHS roles.

Students who would like to participate in the competition can enter through their school Science teacher (teacher and student entry form required). There are great prizes to be won, including Amazon gift vouchers.

Further information on the competition can be found by accessing the link below:  
<https://stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/secondary-schools/KS3-competition>

The deadline for all competition entries is: 30 April 2022.

Good luck to you all.

*Mrs A Jordan*  
*Head of Careers*

## **Speakers for Schools Experience**

There are some amazing opportunities for young people this October half term. Below you will find a link to an interactive poster detailing some of the opportunities open to you. [October Half Term](#)

Please follow the steps below to access those that appeal to you:.

1. Click on any of the logos you like, this will take you to the portal for full details of the placement.
2. Read through the advert carefully, make sure you are eligible and available for the placement.
3. If you are interested in applying, click on the purple “sign in” button on the top left corner of the advert.
4. Sign in to your account and complete the application, remember to check the deadline and submit it in time.
5. Ask your teacher to complete the Teacher Confirmation Form.
6. Check your emails for notifications from us and next steps.

If you want to return to the main poster after reading an advert, just hit the back arrow on your browser, select another logo and check out some other opportunities.

Students should be aware some of the opportunities are region specific (VolkerRail – Sheffield, and Game Academy - Sheffield City Region) – check your eligibility in the advert.

The programme of work experience for this October half term is something for everyone – with placements lasting a day to a week, blended, in person and virtual.

Students please apply, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. The applications need a Teacher Covering Note, so please give my name.

Thank you and good luck.

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

## **Get into Medicine Conferences (for students in years 10, 11 and 12)**

Medic Mentor are inviting aspiring medical students and parents to participate in a series of fantastic free networking events, where you will learn about medical careers and more in-depth knowledge of the UCAS application process, to help your child make an informed career decision.

The Get into Medicine Conferences are a fantastic turning point for many aspiring medical students. It will unlock opportunities to enhance your CV and help you to meet a variety of doctors who volunteer their time to support you on this journey into Medical School.

**You can register online, for FREE, using the coupon: teacher21** at this link:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

You can **meet Dr Olivia Coldicutt, President of Medic Mentor**, at one of our Get into Medicine Conferences, as well as many other doctors, and you can watch a quick video about her specific career here: <https://vimeo.com/603839144>

Do not miss out on this incredible opportunity to become part of the Medic Mentor Family, a non-profit national medical organization; join thousands of successful students by participating on any of the upcoming dates below:

- **9 October**
- **24 October**
- **30 October**

Your Chief Mentors look forward to meeting you there!

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

## **Year 8 and 9: CyberFirst - Girls Development Days**

Girls in years 8 and 9 can join **free** cyber security development days this October half term. This initiative is designed to increase understanding of the different specialisms within Cyber Security and equip girls with valuable, in-demand skills.

There are a series of fun and interactive face-to-face one day courses, as well as virtual courses, over two half-day sessions to choose from.

Inspired and led by the UK government's National Cyber Security Programme, CyberFirst is helping young people explore their passion for computers and technology and introduces them to the fascinating world of cyber security. Each activity is designed to seek out talented young people and give them the support, skills, experience and exposure they need to be the future first line of defense in our CyberFirst world.

Places are limited, so if you wish to find out more and reserve a place for your daughter, please access the following link:

[CyberFirst Girls Development Days](#)

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