

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 15 November 2021 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we observe the ceremony of remembrance. I am sure many of you will be attending ceremonies this Sunday and observing the minutes silence. In school we held a ceremony on Thursday 11 November. My thanks must go out to the students and staff involved, they are a real credit to Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy. Led ably by Mrs Kemp, the ceremony was respectful and thoughtful. Students from the Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadets were present in uniform, and other students laid poppies of remembrance, led readings of prose and poetry, and sang. We were fortunate to welcome the presence of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear and members of the local council, the governing body, and the local community. It was my pleasure to be involved in the ceremony and all involved were pleased to be able to hold a full remembrance service this year.

Also, this week, we received a copy of our report from the Ofsted monitoring visit on 5 October. This will be published next week on the Ofsted website and we will place a link to the report on our website. We are very pleased with the findings of the report. Firstly, in the headline of the report, Ofsted recognise that “leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school.” This was a vital judgement for us to receive, as we do firmly believe we are well underway in the improvement journey to gaining a ‘good’ Ofsted rating. We feel this is a good school and are constantly striving to make further improvements to the quality of education that we provide to your children.

Further findings in the report highlight improvements made to pupil’s curriculum entitlement and improvements in the leadership of subject leaders. Our work on curriculum has allowed “teachers to know which topics to revisit with pupils on a regular basis”. Our work so far on improving behaviour has been recognised; “staff have been fully involved in these changes and spoke positively of some of the improvements”. Work around improving the consistency of teaching and the introduction of student leadership roles has also been recognised. Importantly, and fundamentally, “pupils feel safe at this school”.

We do of course have some further areas to work on and we recognise and are already addressing these areas. These relate to identifying strategies to support teachers to meet the needs of all students, including the disadvantaged and those with SEND, providing students with additional opportunities to make a positive contribution to the life of the school, and continuing to improve student self-regulation.

We found the visit to be informative and supportive, and we welcome the feedback. We are very much on the way to achieving a ‘good’ rating from Ofsted in our next visit. We are striving to ensure the results for our students in Year 11 and Year 13 this year reflect this, and to make further improvements to the school life of all our students.

Yours Sincerely,

Joe Dicocco
Deputy Principal

Year 11: Prospective Sixth Form Open Evening – Tuesday 23 November 2021

Next week you will receive a letter containing further information relating to our upcoming open evening for prospective sixth form students.

The letter includes a link to an on-line form which we need you to complete, regardless of whether or not you or your child wish to attend. The form needs to be completed by Thursday 18 November, and we really appreciate your support in completing this.

Thank you

Mrs K Hubbard
PA to SLT

Ceremony of Remembrance

On the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the guns fell silent. 103 years later we remember all those who lost their lives in conflicts around the world. Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy joined millions of people around the world to show our respect with our Ceremony of Remembrance.

Over 50 of our students participated in the Ceremony itself. The event was attended by staff and students from Lord Lawson, and we were joined by visitors from our local community, members of our governing body, local Councillors Sheila Gallagher and Hazel Weatherley, and Her Majesty's representative, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear – Squadron Leader H John E Robinson RAFVR (T).

It was a moving service, including a performance by one of our very talented sixth form students, George Davidson, of 'Bring Him Home' from Les Misérables. Wreaths were laid and representatives from every year group in school planted a cross in memory of those named in our school Book of Remembrance and those named on the Birtley War Memorial.

All of our students involved in the service should be proud of their contribution; they were smart, respectful and a credit to both themselves and the academy. Thank you to each and every one.

Mrs J Kemp
Event Coordinator

Year 10: Subject Parents' Evening

The year 10 Subject Specific Parents' evening is to be held on Tuesday 7 December, 3:30 until 6:30pm, and will be a virtual event.

Further information will be communicated in due course.

Thank you

Mrs K Hubbard
PA to SLT

Year 7, 8 and 9: School Photographs

School photograph's have been rearranged for students in the above year groups for Tuesday 16 November. Students will need to be in their full uniform.

The schedule for the day is:

<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

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mrs S Spraggon
Event Coordinator

Year 7 Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Jack Gibson (7JRA) and Elizabeth Moulding (7MG) for being awarded 'Year 7 Spelling Bee' Champion and Runner Up (respectively).

This year, competition was fast and furious during the knock out rounds, and our two remaining contenders were exceptionally well matched!

Thank you and well done to all students who showed the required courage and ambition to take part.

Miss B Dixon
LRC Coordinator



Jack Gibson – Spelling Bee Champion 2021

Vacancy: 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.

For an application form contact: recruitment@lordlawson.academy

Mr J Pedlingham
Business Manager



**Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable
Autumn: Term 2
November – December 2021**

Day	Activity	Teacher	Time	Location
Monday	Orchestra	Mrs Gray	3.15pm - 4.30pm	PA12
Monday	Dance Club	Miss Brown	3.15pm - 4.15pm	PA13 (Dance Studio)
Wednesday	The Snowman @ Sage Vocal Tuition Audition Preparation	Mrs Hall	Individual Timings (Pre-arranged with Mrs Hall)	PA10
Thursday	Drama Project	Miss Race	3.15pm – 5.00pm	PA11
Friday	Year 11 Creative Rehearsal (GCSE Dance, GCSE Drama and GCSE Music Revision)	Miss Brown/Mrs Hall/ Miss Race/Mrs Gray	3.15pm - 4.15pm	PA10 (GCSE Music) PA11 (GCSE Drama) PA13 (GCSE Dance)

Create

*Team PA
Perform*

Inspire

Please email Miss Brown at: sbrown@lordlawson.academy if you require any further information about any of the Performing Arts extra-curricular activities above.



Updated PE Extra-Curricular Timetable: Autumn - Term 2



	Week 1 3.30 - 4.30pm	Week 2 3.30 - 4.30pm
Monday	Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 7 and 8) Trampoline and Gymnastics: Miss Golby (Year 7 - 11) Rowing: Mr McConway (Year 7 - 11)	Netball: Mrs Halliday (Year 7) Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 8) Trampoline and Gymnastics: Miss Golby (Year 7 - 11) Rowing: Mr McConway (Year 7 - 11)
Tuesday	No clubs	No clubs
Wednesday	Netball: Miss Troughton and Mrs Halliday (Year 9 and 10) Rugby: Mr Wyllie (Year 7) Fitness Suite: Mr Wallace (Year 7 - 11) Girls Football: Miss Golby (Year 7 - 11)	Netball: Miss Troughton (Year 10) Rugby: Mr Wyllie (Year 8 and 9) Fitness Suite: Mr Wallace (Year 7 - 11) Girls Football: Miss Golby (Year 7 - 11)
Thursday	Boys Football: Mr Cumiskey (Year 8) Boys Football: Mr Thompson (Year 7) Girls Rugby: Miss Golby (Year 7 - 11) CNAT Sport Science Coursework Catchup: Miss Troughton (Year 11)	Netball: Mrs Halliday (Year 9) Boys Football: Mr Earle (Year 9) Girls Rugby: Miss Troughton (Year 7 - 11) CNAT Sport Science Revision: Miss Golby (Year 10)
Friday	No clubs	No clubs