

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 2 May 2022 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families enjoyed the Easter break. The bright spring weather we enjoyed disappeared promptly at the start of this week, but it seems to have reappeared – let's hope it stays for the bank holiday weekend.

This week we welcomed to the academy Mr Ian Cooper, our new Deputy Principal. Mr Cooper's responsibilities are for pastoral care and inclusion. These areas of responsibility include behaviour, attendance, special educational needs and personal development. He brings a wealth of successful experience, local knowledge and wisdom, allied to a down-to-earth leadership style. Mr Cooper has made an excellent start, and he has introduced himself to our students and staff. We look forward to the contribution he will make to our academy and the lives of our children.

We have come back to school with renewed vigour and purpose. Marking the change to the summer term, our cherry trees are in full bloom; more prosaically, the football goals are down, and the athletics tracks have been painted.

Students in years 11 to 13 now begin their final countdown to public examinations. Many of our students are approaching their preparation conscientiously. Some are not, however, and the uptake for additional revision sessions for students in year 11 is lower than we would have expected. Mr Dicocco has spoken with students in assembly, and he has posted a notice in this bulletin. Please urge your child to take full advantage of the expert help that is on offer, every night of the week, from their subject teachers. Students can attend sessions led by any teacher – it does not have to be their own class teacher. We want our students, your children, to come into school in August for their results, perhaps nervous but absolutely confident that they did everything they possibly could to achieve good results.

I have written recently about attendance. All our teachers returned to school after the Easter break, but not all our students did. We recognise that some diseases are circulating. If your child is not ill, however, they must be in school. Please work with us: every day counts!

Finally, a safeguarding notice. We have been alerted to a new account on TikTok that is negatively affecting the wellbeing of some of our students. It is called 'Rating Lordies', and it involves students 'rating' other students via a photo, giving a score out of 10 and adding a comment. Some of the comments have been highly unpleasant, and no-one should face this sort of scrutiny or humiliation. We have reported the account to TikTok, and we expect it to be taken down. Please check that your child is not using – or being subject to – this account. If you have any specific concerns about online bullying, please report them to the Police and keep us informed.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mr A T Fowler
Principal

Year 11: Revision Sessions

Commencing Tuesday 3 May, year 11 students will have access to revision sessions every night after school.

A full timetable will be published on Tuesday next week, but we ask that you encourage your child to attend as many as possible, to support their preparation for their upcoming Summer exams.

Mr J Dicocco
Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

Futures4Students Virtual Careers Fair: Tuesday 3 May 10am – 4pm Age16+

On Tuesday 3 May, 'Careers Jam' are hosting a virtual careers fair which includes a variety of panel discussions and workshops, where industry leaders and young professionals from the organisations such as: Google, Tate and Lyle and Workfinder, will share their experiences, advice and tips on a range of issues relevant to young people.

The event is perfect for 16 to 24-year olds seeking career guidance and opportunities, including school and college students/leavers, university students/graduates and those seeking employment or training. Educators and parents can also attend with young people or encourage them to attend individually.

This is a free online event, which can be accessed on any laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile device, using the search engines Chrome, Mozilla or Safari.

The whole platform, including recordings of the sessions, will be available on-demand throughout the summer until September, meaning this is a fantastic careers education resource for four whole months!

For further information on what's included, please access the link below:

[F4S Careers Jam](#)

Mrs A Jordan
Head of Sixth Form and Careers Lead

Year 8 and Year 9 Immunisation Catch-up Session

On Friday 6 May 2022, the School Immunisation Team will again be visiting Lord Lawson. They will provide catch-up immunisations for any year 8 or 9 students who were absent when the original immunisations took place for the following:

Year 8: HPV vaccine

Year 9: ACWY and DTP vaccine

These immunisations will take place in the main hall in school and will be spread across the day. Only students who have returned a consent form and missed the original immunisation will be included on the day.

If you have any questions please contact me on the details below.

Mrs K Maynard

Supported Learning Manager

kmaynard@lordlawson.academy

Year 10 Work Experience: Monday 4 - Friday 8 July

The deadline for submission of year 10 work experience placement forms is:

Friday 6 May 2022

If you are struggling with your child to secure a work experience placement, please advise Mrs Hubbard on: khubbard@lordlawson.academy as soon as possible. We have a database of contacts available to us to aid placement searches.

Mrs K Hubbard

PA to SLT

Year 12 Work Experience: Monday 27 – Thursday 30 June

Please note that we are still accepting work experience placement forms for our year 12 students. If your child is yet to secure a placement, please advise them we can offer support with this.

Tutors will discuss with individuals who have not yet secured a place. Further support is being given to our year 12 students by Mrs Braban, our newly appointed Careers and Enterprise Advisor.

Mrs A Jordan
Head of Sixth Form and Careers Lead

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 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