

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 23 May 2022 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we have seen the first full week of public examinations. Our students in years 11 and 13 are both well-prepared and nervous, an understandable mixture. We have been helping them prepare for the routines and practice of examinations through our Autumn and Spring Assessments, so the format and expectations are familiar. Our staff have ‘gone the extra mile’ in putting on evening and morning sessions, and in all the dozens of ways in which they have supported individuals and groups. On your behalf I want to thank them. It is so obvious, in everything they do, that they care deeply about your children, our students, and want the very best for them. These are not empty wishes, however: they have been translated into action by the strategies adopted by Mr Dicocco, Mr Thompson and Mrs Clarke, and all the subject leaders.

Your children have been amazing in their approach to these examinations! Attendance, punctuality and behaviour have been superb. To see so many coming into school at 8am every morning this week has been inspiring – and I don’t think it has just been the offer of a Danish pastry, a bottle of water and a piece of fruit that has tempted them in! This morning we saw the biggest 8am attendance of the week, as teachers and pastoral leaders helped students get themselves into the right frame of mind for their first Mathematics GCSE paper.

Many of you reading this bulletin are parents and carers of children in year groups that are not facing public examinations. Their behaviour around school whilst the examinations are going on has also been good, and I commend them for the understanding and support they are giving to their friends and fellow students. Their time in examinations will come soon enough, and I guess some of them sense this.

I feel that I have written about examinations quite a lot in the past few weeks – too much, you may be thinking. This is inevitable, given that these are the first public examinations for three years – actually my first as Principal, since I took up post towards the end of June 2019. I know, however, how very much more there is to education than assessment, and how much more there is to school life than exams, so let me focus on some of the many other activities that are going on in school.

You will see, later in this bulletin, that our Religious Education department, led by Mrs Adair McAuley, are once again encouraging students to enter the Spirited Arts competition. We have many talented artists among our students, and I know how many students also love to discuss deep questions, so this competition is ideal for them. We have already shared on social media our individual students’ and teams’ successes in sporting events, and we congratulate them on these. You may not yet know that our Year 9 Athletics team also came third this week in the Gateshead Schools Athletics Championships. Our weekly schedule of rehearsals for our production of *Matilda* continues, and the leading roles will be cast after half term. Arrangements are being made for our Geography field trips. It's good to be able to celebrate the whole life of the academy once more.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Mr A Fowler
Principal

Year 11 and 13

We would like to take this opportunity to praise our Year 11 and 13 students for completing their first full week of GCSE and A-Level exams. Their attitude and conduct have been exemplary. Attendance at revision sessions has been high and we are really impressed with the work ethic being shown.

If your child is in year 11, you can see the timetable for the next two weeks included at the end of this bulletin. This is included so you can support your child to attend the revision sessions provided before and after the normal school day. If your child is in Year 13, the revision sessions have been organised directly with their subject teachers.

Please keep supporting your children through the exam season; we have one full week of exams before the short half-term break and we need them to keep 'giving their all'!

Mr J Dicocco
Deputy Principal

PE Kit

Please see below a polite reminder of the correct kit that all students are expected to bring to every PE lesson.

Boys PE Kit: Academy PE T-shirt, plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain black jumper, suitable outdoor footwear.

Girls PE Kit: Academy PE T-shirt, plain black shorts, plain black sports leggings or track suit bottoms, plain black jumper, suitable outdoor footwear.

Any PE kit not purchased from The School Outfitters should not, where possible, display branding or large logos. Stripes etc. should be kept to a minimum.

Thank you for your support.

Mr D Wyllie
Subject Leader - PE

What's coming up in the world of RE at Lord Lawson?

As part of our curriculum development, since last year, students in year 7 have the exciting opportunity to develop their spirituality as part of our 'Spirited Arts' scheme of work. Spirited Arts is an international competition run by the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) and is open to all schools. The students have a selection of themes to choose from and this year these are: We have far more in common than that which divides us; God's great Earth and Where is God?

As a department, we will have the difficult task of having to select only 10 pieces to submit to NATRE. Winning entries will receive Amazon vouchers and will be displayed in their online Gallery; a link to the gallery displaying previous winning entries can be found below.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/2021/>

In our lessons, we have been exploring different religious art and will shortly be completing our own final piece based on a theme of our choice. This art piece will be accompanied by a written explanation, detailing the student's thoughts, ideas and philosophy behind their work. In order to help us whittle the entries down, we will be having a 'POP-UP' Spirited Arts exhibition in the LRC for the last 2 weeks of term before the summer holidays, where staff and students will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite entry. The top 10 entries selected from our mini-exhibition will be submitted as the entries for Lord Lawson. We will provide certificates for these students as well as a small prize for the top three entrants.

We hope that our students will find this a unique opportunity to explore big questions and spirituality in RE through their art work, and look forward to being able to share with you pictures of our exhibition in school.

In other RE based news, we are excited to announce that in July we will have a visit for year 8 from the British Humanists Association, linking to their worldview unit on Humanism, as well as a visit from a practising Buddhist for our GCSE year 10 RE students, with an opportunity for Q+A on a range of topics to complement our Buddhism studies for Paper 1. This is yet another example of how RE is proving to be an important and relevant subject for our school community.

I am very excited to see the outcome of all these opportunities! If you have any questions about any of these, please do not hesitate to contact me on: jadairmcauley@lordlawson.academy and I will be delighted to help.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and a massive shout out to the GCSE RE students who sat Paper 1 last week and have Paper 2 this week as their final exam for RE. We are very proud of you and are sure you will do well!

Mrs J Adair-McAuley
Subject Leader - RE

Hearing Impaired Club

From Wednesday 25 May 2022, there will be a Hearing Impaired (HI) support club, for any student who has some form of hearing loss, whether they use a hearing aid or not.

The group will meet once every half term on a Wednesday during KS3 lunch, 12.30 – 1.10pm, with the intention of giving the students the opportunity to meet with their peers who may face the same difficulties as themselves, providing each other with support. We will meet in the small conference room, near to Mr Fowler's office. Students can bring a packed lunch or obtain an early lunch pass from me.

If your child is currently awaiting a hearing assessment but is not yet diagnosed, they are also welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me on:

jkemp@lordlawson.academy

Mrs J Kemp
HI/VI Liaison

Year 11 Summer Exam and Revision Timetable: w/c Monday 23 May 2022

| Timings | Monday 23-May | Tuesday 24-May | Wednesday 25-May | Thursday 26-May | Friday 27-May |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| 08:00-08:40 Independent revision | Geography independent revision (MS BS39 / CR Cafe / DGL BS31) | French independent revision - ANC MFL34 | English Literature independent revision FRD- EN15, SBS-EN111, LF- EN18, CCM - EN13, JPN - EN 10, KB - EN11, BG - EN14 | Construction independent revision PW TE14 | Chemistry independent revision SFR - SC28, CD - SC23 |
| 08:40-08:55 Guided revision | Geography guided revision (MS BS39 / CR Cafe / DGL BS31) | French guided revision Foundation - AMD MFL36 + Higher - ANC MFL34 | English Literature guided revision JPN- EN10, KB/SBS - EN11, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, BG - EN14, FRD - EN15, JG - EN 16 , KK - EN17, CBK - EN18, FC - EN 19, | Construction guided revision PW TE14 | Chemistry guided revision SFR - SC28, CD - SC23 |
| 08:55-09:00 Line up outside exam 09:00-09:02 Exam tips talk 09:02-09:05 Enter exam hall 09:05-09:10 Exam talk by | | | | | |
| 09:10 Exam start | Geography Paper 1 - 90(113) mins (167 students) | French Listening & Reading (80(F)/105(H) mins (35 students) | English Literature - Paper 1 Modern Prose/Drama & Poetry - 100(126) mins (246 | Construction - Safety & Security Unit 1- 60(75) mins (24 students) | Chemistry - Paper 1 - 105 mins (47 students) |
| Arrangements after exam | Go to Period 2 | Foundation - go to P2. Higher - go to cafe until break | Go to cafe/bottom of rear yard until break | Go to Period 2 | Go to café until break |
| Supervising staff | | YL, DYL & SLT | YL, DYL, SLT, all staff teaching Year 11P2 | | YL, DYL & SLT |
| 11:10-11:30 Break | | | | | |
| 11:30-12:15 Changes to P3 | | PE GCSE - D/W PE13 Yr 10 Sport studies CNAT KG Café (These sessions runs for the whole of P3) | | Religious Studies revision JMC RE33, ACE RE31 | Computer Science revision ICT37 - ACL |
| 12:15-12:55 Early lunch | | Lunch for these students starts at 12:30 PE GCSE students | | Religious Studies students | Computer Science students |
| 12:55-13:00 Line up outside exam 13:00-13:02 Exam tips talk 13:02-13:05 Enter exam hall 13:05-13:10 Exam invigilator talk | | 13:10 - students go to year block for 10 minutes final prep, then got to exam areas at 13:20 | | | |
| 13:10 Exam start | | Yr10 PE Sports Science OCR - Risk of Sport Injuries Start time 13:30 not 13:10 - 60(75) mins (38 students) PE GCSE - Paper 1 Start time 13:30 not 13:10 - 75 mins (13 students) | | Religious Studies - Paper 2 - 105(132) mins (74 students) Exam start LRC 13:00 not 13:10 | Computer Science - Paper 2 - 90(113) mins (28 students) |
| Arrangements after exam | | Go to P5 | | Go to cafe until 15:15 | Go to P5 |
| Supervising staff | | | | YL, DYL & SLT | |
| 14:10 Period 5 | | | | | |
| 15:15 Revision | French - Foundation AMD in MFL36/Higher ANC in MFL34 & PE GCSE D/W PE13 | English Literature revision FRD - EN15, SBS - EN111, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, JPN- EN10, KB - EN11, BG - EN14, CBK - EN18, KK - EN 19, LF - EN 16 | Construction revision PW - Te14 Religious Studies revision - ACE RE31, JMC RE33 | Chemistry - SFR - SC28, CD - SC23 Computer Science revision - ICT37 - ACL | German revision JCS in MFL32 |
| Subjects finished teaching | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams) | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams) | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams) | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science |

Year 11 Summer Exam and Revision Timetable: w/c Monday 6 June 2022

| Timings | Monday 06-Jun | Tuesday 07-Jun | Wednesday 08-Jun | Thursday 09-Jun | Friday 10-Jun |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| 08:00-08:40 Independent revision | German independent revision: Higher - DT MFL30 + Foundation JCS MFL32 Child development - GPYMI/CDI AR12/13/TE10 GG 8.10 TE15 | Mathematics independent revision: JD/AR-Ma20, BC-Ma21, FB-Ma22, LR-Ma24, DJ-Ma25, NS-Ma26, JB-Ma28, SH-Ma29, KF-Ma211. | English Literature independent revision FRD- EN15, SBS-EN111, LF- EN18, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, JPN - EN 10, KB - EN11, BG - EN14 | History independent revision JBY HI31 JH HI33 | English Language independent revision FRD- EN15, SBS-EN111, LF- EN18, SMY - EN12, JPN - EN 10, KB - EN11, BG - EN14 |
| 08:40-08:55 Guided revision | | Mathematics guided revision JD/AR-Ma20, BC-Ma21, FB-Ma22, SSY-Ma23, LR-Ma24, DJ-Ma25, NS-Ma26, LS-Ma27, JB-Ma28, SH-Ma29, KF-Ma211. | English Literature guided revision JPN- EN10, KB/SBS - EN11, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, BG - EN14, FRD - EN15, JG - EN 16, KK - EN17, CBK - EN18, FC - EN 19, LF - EN111, | History guided revision JBY HI31 JH HI33 | English Language guided revision: JPN- EN10, KB EN11, SBS - EN111, SMY - EN12, FRD - EN15, JG - EN 16, KK - EN17, LF - EN18, CBK - EN19 |
| 08:55-09:00 Line up outside exam 09:00-09:02 Exam tips talk 09:02-09:05 Enter exam hall | | | | | |
| 09:10 Exam start | Child Development - 75(94) mins (59 students) German Writing - 65(F)/80(H) mins (34 students) | Mathematics - Paper 2(F)/5(H) - 90(113) mins (255 students) | English Literature - Paper 2 - 105(132) mins (246 students) | History - Paper 1a - 60(75) mins (82 students) | English Language Paper 2 - 105(132) mins (252 students) |
| Arrangements after exam | Go to P2 | Go to P2 | Go to cafe/bottom of rear yard until break | Go to P2 | Go to cafe/bottom of rear yard until break |
| Supervising staff | | | YL, DYL, SLT, all staff teaching Year 11P2 | | YL, DYL, SLT, all staff teaching Year 11P2 |
| 11:10-11:30 Break | | | | | |
| 11:30-12:15 Changes to P3 | Film Studies revision JPN- EN10 | Geography revision (MS BS39 / CR Cafe / DGL BS31) | | Physics revision: LCR - SC20, JF - SC22 Combined Science revision: LL - SC21, CD - SC23, HN - SC24, PB - SC25, RD - | PE GCSE revision D/w PE13 |
| 12:15-12:55 Early lunch | Film Studies students | Geography students | | Physics & Combined Science students | PE GCSE students |
| 12:55-13:00 Line up outside exam 13:00-13:02 Exam tips talk 13:02-13:05 Enter exam hall | | | | | |
| 13:10 Exam start | Film Studies - Paper 2 Global Film - 90(113) mins (12 students) | Geography - Paper 2 - 90(113) mins (167 students) | | Physics Paper 1 - 105 mins (47 students) Exam start LRC 13:00 Combined Science - Synergy Paper 2 - 105(132) mins (197 students) Exam start LRC 13:00 not 13:10 | PE GCSE - Paper 2 - 75 mins (13 students) |
| Arrangements after exam | Go to P5 | Go to P5 | | Go to cafe/bottom of rear yard until | Go to P5 |
| Supervising staff | | | | All staff teaching Yr 11P5, YL, DYL & | |
| 14:10 Period 5 | | | | | 14:30 Leavers Assembly |
| 15:15 Revision | Maths revision: JD/AR-Ma20, BC-Ma21, SSY-Ma23, LR-Ma24, DJ-Ma25, NS-Ma26, JB-Ma28, KT-Ma28, KF-Ma211 Geography revision (MS BS39 / CR | English Literature revision FRD - EN15, SBS - EN111, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, JPN-EN10, KB - EN11, BG-EN14, CBK - EN18, KK - EN 19, LF - EN 16 | History revision JBY - HI31 JH - HI33 CL HI32 Physics revision: LCR - SC20, JF - SC22 Combined Science revision: LL - | English Language revision: FRD - EN15, SBS - EN111, SMY - EN12, CCM - EN13, JPN-EN10, KB - EN11, BG - EN14, CBK - EN18, KK - EN19, LF - EN16 PE GCSE revision D/w PE13 | |
| Subjects finished teaching | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science | Art/Photography/Graphics/Child Development/Construction/Hospitality and Catering/ICT (all unless resitting exams), Religious Studies, Computer Science |