



# NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

The week started with a number of sporting events! On Monday, we hosted the Enfield Trampolining competition, where we had several Enfield students on site. We were chosen to host the event because our school has the best trampolining facilities in the Borough. When I visited the Sports Hall, it was buzzing and bouncing with lots of energetic students. I am always in awe of young people on trampolines who show no fear and display effortless routines. I am also pleased to announce that we came away with a number of medals too - so thank you to all of our students who represented our school.

Also on Monday, we hosted the first Basketball fixture of the year where our students played Enfield Grammar and Mr London was one of the referees! It was a tense start to the game but as the event progressed our students gained in confidence. We didn't win, but our team put in a huge amount of effort, were relentless in their energy and showed great sportsmanship in defeat.

Monday was a busy day because we also hosted a touring theatre performance by Front Face theatre company, which is an inclusive touring company which employs actors who have a range of needs. Our Year 10 and 11 GCSE drama students, along with several students from Year 9 were invited along to watch the performance which was called 'It's My Move'. The performance was a Theatre in Education piece centred on choices and pathways after Year 11. It was a great performance, and as a drama teacher it was lovely to be able to experience this with our students and be able to discuss the structure and influences on the piece. Our students were brilliant and engaged in the performance when they were invited on stage.

I also had the pleasure of popping into the Art GCSE exam on Wednesday, where Year 11 students were busily focussed developing their art pieces. I saw a whole display of materials being used, paint, digital art, 3D making, fine line drawing and montage. The students are creating pieces based on the theme of 'Lock' and were completely engrossed in the process. Good luck to all of them!

Some of our Year 9 students and staff were a little starstruck this week when Rudolph Walker aka Patrick from Eastenders walked into the building! The Rudolph Walker Foundation is his company that works to take theatre workshops into schools. Some of his workshop leaders have been delivering workshops to a group of Year 9 students after school on a Wednesday, when everyone goes home and they are currently working on a short performance which they will hopefully perform at the end of term. This Wednesday however, the man himself decided to drop in! It was an absolute delight to see the faces of our young people when he arrived, which was just in time for him to feature in the Headteacher's Award photograph! Ms Umer also jumped in for a selfie which was also very entertaining!

Finally, our school improvement partner visited this Friday and visited a number of lessons across the day. His feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the focus, discipline and great work being completed in lessons. However, I was very moved by some of the comments communicated by students in the focus group who were overwhelmingly positive about their lessons, teachers and learning taking place. We have a great school.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi  
Headteacher

## Rudolph Walker visits Laurel Park!



Rudolph Walker, better known as Patrick Trueman from Eastenders, visited school on Wednesday to observe the REACH project that has been running at Laurel Park this term.

The REACH Project is an afterschool project which offers a range of creative experiences, including drama classes delivered by the Rudolph Walker Foundation. These classes recognise of the power of the performing arts to support young people to work through difficult times and build important personal and practical skills. The young people can explore issues of concern to them, and are matched with well-known professional actor/mentors, who will support them to develop their own piece of drama or poetry for a final performance in front of an audience.

## Headteacher's Awards

This week we celebrated Year 10 with the support of Rudolph Walker!

**Esma** wins for **Excellence** for being a model student who is always polite and respectful to everyone around her. Her effort and determination has been excellent this year.

**Michael** wins for **Integrity** for having a consistent, good work ethic. He is always polite and well behaved, a positive role model for other Year 10 students.

**Maria** wins for **Excellence** for continuing to make a positive contribution to class and form time through perseverance and ambition.

**Alvita** wins for **Integrity** for consistently choosing to do the right thing at the right time both in lessons and within the wider school community. She is a credit to the school.



## Year 11 Mock Exams start next week



Year 11 students will sit down in the sports hall and other rooms next week to start the first block of their mock exams. This week the Art students sat their practical exam.

Next week students will have exams in English Language, RE, Biology, IT, Music, Computer Science, Maths, Business, Food, Chemistry, History, Geography and English Literature.

Best of luck for everyone for next week and please support your child with effective revision to best prepare for these exams.

## TfL Project Guardian Assembly

TfL came in on Thursday for a workshop known as 'Project Guardian', with the aim to raise awareness of inappropriate behaviour that can happen on public transport and what they can do to report it. Year 9 were really engaged and asked some great questions. The presenter said 'the Year 9s are a dynamic bunch and there were some magic moments achieved and some great participation - I hope they find the messaging helpful!'

Hilmi and Ali said 'it was horrible to hear some of the stories and victims that happens. But we got some great advice about what to do, such as tell the bus driver.'

Nathan said 'it was really good at letting us know we should be watching out for people on the buses - it helped to raise awareness.'



## It's my move - theatre performance

On Monday, we received a visit from Facefront Theatre who deliver engaging theatre sessions to support the well-being of young people.

It's my move focuses on the transition from school to adult life where the audience explore how to make positive outcomes through changing the actions of the characters.

A selected group of Year 7 - 9 students watched the performance along with GCSE Drama students.



## Laurel Park Christmas Appeal



Each year our students and families give generously by donating to our Charity Christmas Appeal. This year we are proud to be partnering with North Enfield Foodbank.

North Enfield Foodbank will be giving Christmas Hampers and food parcels to families in need. If you are able to support the charity, please donate any of the following by Friday 8th December. **There are donation boxes in main reception and students can also hand in items to Student Services in the office during break and lunchtimes.**

### Urgently needed items:

- Carrier bags
- Christmas food treats (cake, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, sweets etc)
- Gravy granules / cranberry sauce / Stuffing
- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Long life milk
- Hot chocolate / coffee
- Speciality food items - vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free
- Sweet and savoury snacks
- Noodles and ready meals
- Squash / long life juice
- Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder
- Baby items - Nappies size 5 and 6, baby food, baby wipes



# Enfield Trampolining Competition

On Monday Laurel Park hosted the annual Enfield Trampolining Competition for the first time. Thanks to our funding from London Sport, we proudly have some of the best facilities in Enfield, if not London. So when the Enfield PE Team asked us to host, it was an easy yes!

Our 14 competitors from Year 7 through to Year 11 participated with focus, enthusiasm and confidence. Some of our Year 7 students only been trampolining a few weeks, yet learnt the routine and competed, contributing to Laurel Park placing 3rd overall as a team. Our older students challenged themselves with the harder routine, in order to secure high grades for their CNAT Sport Studies course.

Thank you also goes to the Year 9 sports leaders who did all the running around so Mrs Tansley didn't have to! Special mention must also go to Carrie-Ann and her team from Zenith Trampoline Club for coaching our squad every week as well as providing the judges, Mr Sroka for setting up the sports hall at 7am and Chef Dan for baking cookies for all the competitors!



## INDIVIDUAL

### DEFINITION

Adjective:  
1. considered separately from other people or things in the same group  
2. belonging to or intended for one person rather than a group

### SYNONYMS

- Independent
- Discrete
- Isolated

### SENTENCES

1. After this review process, budget analysts consolidate the individual department budgets into operating and capital budget summaries.
2. The Roman script was phonetic and the book consisted of a series of dialogues, building up with phrases rather than individual words.

### ETYMOLOGY

The adjective "individual" (1400-1500) Medieval Latin individualis, from Latin individuus "undividable", from dividere; → DIVIDE

## Important Dates between now and half term

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 27th:** Year 11 mock exams start

**Thursday 30th:** Year 9 Trip to Alexandra Palace Ice Skating

### DECEMBER

**Friday 8th:** Secret Listeners Workshop for selected KS3 students

**Tuesday 12th:** Year 7 Trip to Chickenshed

**Thursday 14th:** Open Morning

**Thursday 14th:** Year 8 Trip to Millfield Theare

**Friday 15th:** Year 11 Trip to Winchester Christmas Markets

**Monday 18th:** The Winter Show

**Wednesday 20th:** Christmas Day at LPS (Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch)

**Thursday 21st:** Last day of term, early finish. Times TBC shortly.

School starts on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.25am

\*This list will continue to be updated, please check the dates every week as new information is released.

# ESOL Class Update

Ms Sehitaj has launched our new Thursday ESOL class for current and local parents that wish to improve their English. The lessons have going really well and we welcome all new parents. The new times of the class are 1.00-2.30pm



**Free**  
**ESOL CLASSES**

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

STARTS THURSDAY  
9TH NOVEMBER  
13:00 - 14:30

Free classes for parents of  
Laurel Park students and local  
primary school children\*

\* Classes available regardless of legal status.

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get more information or email  
office@laurelparkschool.co.uk



# THE 2024 PEARSON NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

## Entries now open for nominations

The Pearson National Teaching Awards were set up to celebrate the impact of invaluable education within the UK. Run by The Teaching Awards Trust and supported by Pearson and the BBC, they are the UK's most prestigious celebration of transformational teaching.

### The 'Unsung Hero' Award

Judged by a panel including BBC The One Show's Alex Jones, this award shines a spotlight on our unsung heroes. From stand-out teachers, friendly caretakers, playground helpers to brilliant office receptionists, this is the only award open to nominations from parents/carers and pupils

Do spread the word amongst your school community and encourage them to make their nomination via the form below. When you are writing your nomination, please consider the following:

- How has your nominee made a difference to children and their families?
- Where possible bring your nomination to life with some examples of the great things they do and their impact on the school community.

Parents are encouraged to visit the website below and nominate their unsung hero:

<https://www.teachingawards.com/parents-page-the-unsung-hero-award/>



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# NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



## THE 2023-24

# Dance CLUB



**EVERY WEDNESDAY 2:00 - 3:00PM  
IN THE SPORTS HALL**

**SEE MS ANTWI FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

**ENFIELD DANCE FESTIVAL  
MILLFIELD THEATRE  
WEEK OF 18TH MARCH 2024**



# BOUNCE

at  
**LAUREL  
PARK  
SCHOOL**

**Community Trampolining Club**  
In partnership with *Zenith Trampoline Club*

**Tuesdays in term time**

Laurel Park after-school trampolining club 3.15 - 4.00pm

Session 1 4.00-4.55pm

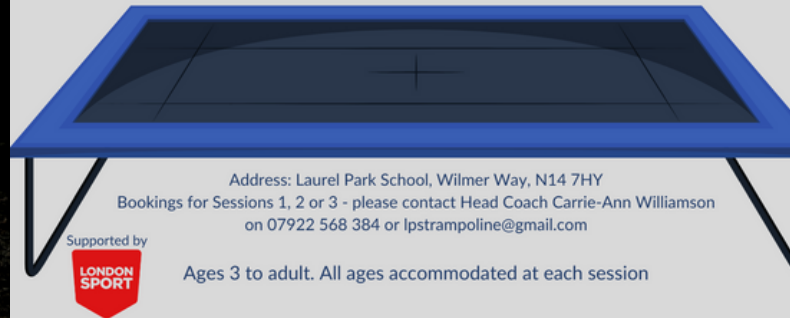
Session 2 5.00-5.55pm

Session 3 6.00-6.55pm

£6 a session

£5 for Laurel Park students.

Discounts available on request



Address: Laurel Park School, Wilmer Way, N14 7HY  
Bookings for Sessions 1, 2 or 3 - please contact Head Coach Carrie-Ann Williamson  
on 07922 568 384 or lpstrampoline@gmail.com

Supported by



Ages 3 to adult. All ages accommodated at each session

## Weekly Sports Clubs

- Mondays** Volleyball 3-4pm
- Tuesdays** Basketball 3-4pm  
Trampolining Club 3-4pm  
Bounce Trampolining Club 4-7pm
- Wednesdays** Dance 2-3pm
- Thursdays** Football 3-4pm  
Netball 3-4pm

**Next week will  
be Week 1**



## ParentPay

Please can you ensure your ParentPay lunch money account is topped up in advance to enable your child to visit the Bay Leaf Restaurant. Meals are £3 per day and therefore you should expect to top up £15.00 per week if your child visits every day.

## Character Points

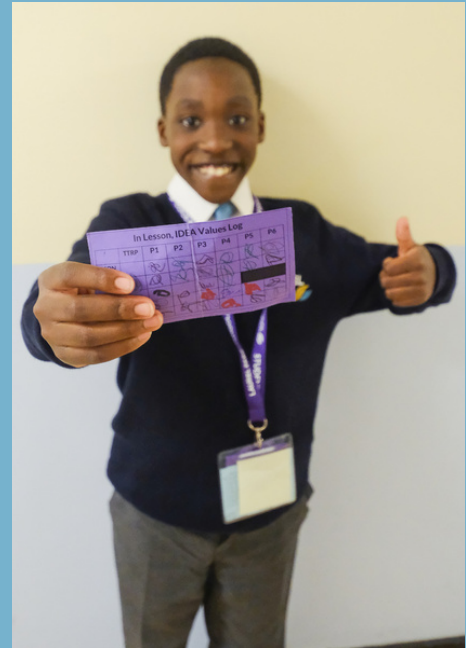
Each week, students receive a Character Card. There are 53 opportunities for this card to be signed in a week, most within lessons but also in free time in relation to the school values of Integrity, Determination, Excellence and Ambition.

Congratulations to the following students who collected all 53 points on their Character Cards this week:

**Thursday 16th - Wednesday 22nd November**

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 10
Marianna	Jasmine	Farhaan	Jayliah	Laura
Adem	Kaitlyn	Mohammad	Alexandra	Esmā
Alice	Nicollas	Riyansh	Dimitri	Maria
Nita	Alessia	Rocco	Albena	Daria
Dennise		Gulab	Kaua	
Vy			Georgi	<b>Year 11</b>
Nicole			Brielle	Ciprian
Ezgi			Nefeli	Yvonne
Edwin			Siyar	Marta

# WELL DONE!



## Welcome to Careers Corner

Where each week you get updates on the careers education programme

### Year 11 mock exams to begin!

The mock exams have started for Year 11! The art and drama subjects have had the practical part of their exam this week and the written exams will start on Monday 27th November. Students have been working hard revising for these exams both in and out of school. These grades will be put on their references going to the schools, 6th forms and colleges they are applying for ready for September. Best of luck for Year 11!

### Year 11 assembly with Capital City College Group

This week Year 11 were fortunate to have another post 16 provision visit them for assembly. This time it was Capital City College Group, of which the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL), Westminster Kingsway and City and Islington are all part of. Students were given a great talk about the wide range of subjects on offer on many different campuses. Thanks so much for Mr Hussain for attending and we look forward to working with CCCG in the future.



# LAURUS NOBILIS AWARDS

## THE CS LEWIS AWARD FOR INTEGRITY WINNERS

Continuing with our theme of celebrating our winners, this week we focus on the students that won the CS Lewis Award for Integrity



**Year 8**

**Emily H**

*For volunteering in activities in school life as well as being a positive role model to others in the year group*



**Year 9**

**Mary Y**

*For always being the first to volunteer to help with anything in the school. Her enthusiasm is contagious and she is a model student at school*



**Year 10**

**Tom L**

*For participation in extracurricular societies as well as maintaining strong grades in his subjects*



**Year 11**

**Jasmin G**

*For consistently working hard across all her subjects*



**School Leaver**

**Beth P**

*For being honest, having strong moral principles and being a model student throughout her 5 years at school*



# New Menu from 27th November

## Lunch Menu - Week 1



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main (Option 1)	Sweet Chilli Noodles (V) (Wheat, Milk)	Jerk Chicken	Chef Special Pizza of the Week (Wheat, Milk, Please Ask)	Barbacoa Beef Taco (Wheat, Milk)	Fish and Chips (Fish)
Main (Option 2)	Roasted Vegetable Arrabiata (V) (Wheat)	Spinach and Feta Pie (V) (Wheat, Milk, Egg)	Margherita Pizza (V) (Wheat, Milk)	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans (V) (Milk)	Mixed Vegetable Curry (V)
Sides	Garlic Bread with Pumpkin Seeds (Wheat)	Jollof Rice	Garlic Dip (Milk, Egg) Fresh Salads	Zesty Lime Rice Hot Sauce Paprika Mayo (Egg)	Yoghurt Raita (Milk) Indian Chutney (Sulphites)
Vegetables	Mediterranean Vegetable Medley	Blistered Green Beans	Roast Peppers and Courgettes	Roasted Corn	Coriander Rice
Salads and Desserts	Seasonal Salads, Fresh Fruit and a Pot of Fruit Flavoured Yoghurt Prepared and Available Daily Tuesday - Dried Apricot and Coconut Flapjack (Oats) Thursday - Coco and Banana Loaf Cake (Flour, Egg)				



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## Lunch Menu - Week 2



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main (Option 1)	Mac 'n' Cheese (V) (Wheat, Milk, Mustard)	Beef Lasagne (Celery, Milk, Wheat, Mustard)	Chicken Biryani or Jacket Potato with Tuna and Sweetcorn (Egg, Mayo)	Pasta Meatballs in a Fresh Tomato Sauce (Wheat, Celery)	Roast Chicken Dinner
Main (Option 2)	Pasta Napolitana (V) (Wheat, Celery)	Vegetable Lasagne (V) (Celery, Milk, Wheat, Mustard)	Aubergine Chaat Curry (V)	Veggie Meatballs with a Fresh Tomato Sauce (V) (Wheat, Celery)	Quesadilla with Cheese and Tomato Chutney (Wheat, Milk, Celery)
Sides	Garlic and Rosemary Focaccia (Wheat)	Homemade Bread (Psomi Spitiko) (Wheat)	Coriander Rice	Italian Herb Baguette (Wheat)	Sour Cream (Milk) Salsa
Vegetables	Roasted Peppers	Lemon & Dill Potatoes	Cucumber Raita (Milk) Seasonal Chutney (Sulphites)	Seasonal Mixed Leaf Salad	Paprika spiced Mixed vegetables
Salads and Desserts	Seasonal Salads, Fresh Fruit and a Pot of Fruit Flavoured Yoghurt Prepared and Available Daily Tuesday - Marble Cake (Wheat, Milk) Thursday - Banoffee Traybake (Wheat, Milk)				



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