



# NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

This week we have seen a great deal of excellent practice taking place around the school. Focussed lessons and children who are keen to display the work that they have been doing. One of the pleasures I have had was visiting our Laurel Park beauty room, to see the new beauty course that we have put on the curriculum. I walked into the lovely scent of incense and saw a group of students in their tabards, in the process of giving manicures to each other. What I was particularly impressed with was their ability to discuss the process of what they were doing and the science behind the nail beds. The atmosphere was calm, and the students were 100% engaged in what they were doing. Thanks to Mrs Xyrizou for all of her expertise that she is imparting to our students. Likewise, it was great to hear about the PE students and the year 11s who were busy completing coursework and going above and beyond in the work that they were creating. Students are clearly living out the school values of determination and ambition, which is fantastic to see. Year 11s written mock exams start on Monday the 27th of November, so everyone should be getting those revision timetables together.

As part of our Enrichment for All programme, one of our student groups is putting together a termly school magazine. This week I was interviewed by a group of students. They were very professional! Niki emailed me to ask if she could arrange a time for the team to meet with me. I advised her she would need to contact my PA to arrange the appointment, which she did. The students arrived and the students were offered refreshments as we would have in any other meeting. We sat around my conference table and students had questions and laptops in hand. The entire process was a pleasure, professional and well considered. I was incredibly proud of their overall approach to this and hope they also had a pleasant experience and got a taste of a real life meeting in a professional environment. I very much look forward to the first edition.

I want to say a huge well done to our Year 10 netball team who competed in a tournament this week. The team did a fantastic job and showed great team spirit! We didn't win but as always, teamwork and resilience are key skills for life.

We had around 30 parents visit the school as part of open morning this week and what a joy it was to show them around! We had a team of students on hand to make tea and coffee for our parents and take part in our Q and A session. Whilst touring round the school parents were impressed with the disruption free learning they saw, alongside the politeness of our students. Walking around the school showing what we are doing is one of my favourite activities and a good way to get in my steps!

Finally, integrity and kindness are two of the most important qualities that we instil in our young people and this week I was impressed with two of our Year 11 boys Bilal and Jo who helped a member of the public after school who appeared to be having a mental health crisis. They spoke to him, calmed him down and got a member of staff who helped him get home. The students dealt with this with such care and maturity - this is what we do at Laurel Park.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi  
Headteacher

**Next week is Week 1**

# Updates & News



## DEFINITION

Verb: 1. to happen  
2. to happen or exist in a particular place or situation

## SYNONYMS

- Transpire
- Take place
- Materialise

## SENTENCES

**Health and Beauty:** Health and beauty go hand in hand, as a balanced diet and regular exercise often occur, leading to natural radiance and well-being.

**Drama:** In Drama Studies GCSE, students explore various dramatic techniques and analyse how they occur within theatrical performances to create compelling storytelling experiences.

## ETYMOLOGY

The verb "occur" (1500-1600) comes from Latin *occurrere*, which derived from *currere* "to run".

## We need YOUR amazing children

- Does your child play for a sports club at the weekend?
- Or maybe they're a musician?
- Do they volunteer?
- Do they contribute to their place of worship?
- Or maybe they've just done something that has made you very proud recently?

The newest awards for Laurel Park School have opened. The **Headteacher's Commendations** are issued termly to students that have displayed our core values of Integrity, Determination, Excellence and/or Ambition.

**Anyone can nominate.**

Students can nominate themselves. Parents can nominate their children. Staff can nominate. The more the merrier.

Click on this link to nominate your child for the Winter Awards:



## Year 11 student wins mural competition

This week we learned that Berfin in Year 11 has designed a mural which is now on display in Broomfield Park!

The Matchbox organisation was funded by Curate Enfield to create an art trail in Palmers Green. They worked with a number of community partners in the area including our Year 10 students before the summer. Three murals have so far been chosen and painted, with **The Cat in the Aviary** being inspired by Berfin's original design.

The whole process has been filmed and is currently being edited. We will, of course, share with our school community once we have more details.

In the meantime, here is the photo of the mural which you can see in Broomfield Park. plus a quote from Ms Mustafa, Head of Art and Technology.



*"I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 Art class for their outstanding contribution to the community project in Broomfield Park. The final piece, now proudly on display for the entire community to admire, is a testament to their boundless imagination and collective effort. It's truly exceptional that one of our students' works served as the main theme for this project. May Laurel Park School's creative spirit continue to enrich and inspire our community for years to come. Congratulations, Year 11, on a job well done!" Ms Mustafa*

## Photography - Monday 16th October

On Monday we will have a second visit from our professional photographer - Scott Johnson. Scott first visited us in June to capture a range of images for the new website. He now returns to increase our portfolio and to take advantage of all students wearing the new Laurel Park uniform. Photographic permissions & GDPR consent will be considered at all times on Monday.

# NOMINATIONS FOR HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Anyone can nominate a student for a  
Headteacher's Commendation.

Staff, parents, other students -  
complete this nomination form:



## Criteria

**Integrity** - for hard work, honesty, making good choices, representing the school

**Determination** - for motivation, overcoming barriers, effort, self-discipline

**Excellence** - for Character Points, personal excellence, sporting / musical excellence

**Ambition** - for high aspirations (mock) exam results, assessment results



Bronze Award  
Awarded 1st time



Silver Award  
Awarded 2nd time



Gold Award  
Awarded 3rd time

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## Important Dates between now and half term

### Year 10 Netball Tournament



This week the Year 10 Netball Team went to Latymer for a netball tournament. The girls played 4 matches, with 3 being a close result. All games except 1 were low scoring, a reflection of how end to end the games were. They played well and displayed excellent resilience. Well done girls. Ms Robertshaw.

### Tempest Photography

A reminder that if you wish to purchase the school photograph of your child, then your order must be placed by Friday 20th October to receive free delivery to school.

#### OCTOBER

**Monday 16th:** Primary Football Night  
**Tuesday 17th:** Flu Immunisations  
**Thursday 19th:** Open Morning 9.10am

#### Half Term:

Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 3rd Nov

#### NOVEMBER

**Monday 6th:** School starts (week 2)  
**Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th:** Year 10 History Trips  
**Friday 10th:** Remembrance Day trip  
**Thursday 16th:** Year 7 Trip to Hampton Court Palace  
**Monday 27th:** Year 11 mock exams start  
**Thursday 30th:** Year 9 Trip to Alexandra Palace Ice Skating

#### DECEMBER

**Tuesday 12th:** Year 7 Trip to Chickenshed  
**Thursday 14th:** Year 8 Trip to Millfield Theatre  
**Friday 15th:** Year 11 Trip to Winchester Christmas Markets

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

### Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who won the Headteacher's Award this week:



**Mohammad** wins for **Determination** for consistently helping the form class by distributing the reading books and collecting them in at the end of Tutor Time Reading Programme (TTRP).

**Khadija** wins for **Integrity** for continuing to achieve across the school. She supports the school in a variety of ways such as assisting with large school events.

**Eylul** wins for **Excellence** for consistently displaying the correct attitude to learning during form time.

**Elidjana** wins for **Determination** as she has been working very hard to improve her English acquisition. Her English teacher is especially with her progress and attitude to learning.

**Trevaun** wins for **Integrity** as he is consistently mature and focused in lessons. His teachers say he is always polite and friendly.