



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Another busy week at Laurel Park School! This week saw Year 10 visiting the London Eye and going on a river boat trip on the Thames. Although the weather was great the students had a fantastic experience, and some were very shocked at the price of snacks in London! It is absolutely essential that all young people have the opportunity to develop their cultural capital and have opportunities to experience life outside of the school gates. What was most pleasing was an email I received from a member of the public who commented on how lovely and polite our students were on the train. The student offered their seat to him, and he saw other students offer their seats too. He described our Year 10s as polite and fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done to all of the Year 10s!

I also had the pleasure this week of meeting all our students for the Headteachers' Awards. This is where the form tutor nominates students for attributes linked to the core values of the school. This week I awarded Year 8 and 9 students. As people, we all make mistakes but also do great things and that is the foundation of our behaviour policy. We award students to say well done when they do great things, and will apply sanctions if it is necessary. This is fundamentally teaching our young people about life beyond the school gates. Well done to this week's winners - this is one of the highlights of my week.

Also, this week, I spent enrichment time playing Monopoly with two of our Year 7 students Aidan and Emiliano. There was fierce competition and some great learning about money and finance. It was lovely spending time with them, and Aidan asked me very politely if I could be the banker, which I happily obliged to do. It was lovely to see team work, helping each other with maths and money management, lots of smiling and laughing. The final result saw Aidan win with a little bit more money than Emiliano... Well done to Emiliano and Aidan!

Well done to Year 11 who have completed their first set of mock exams. It has been a good experience for them to be able to understand what this will feel like in the summer. We will be doing a mock results day in January and starting our targeted compulsory interventions to make sure we address those gaps.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

**Next week will
be Week 1**

WINTER CONCERT

Monday 18th
December

Doors Open 17.45
Concert 18.00-19.00

To reserve tickets, scan the QR code or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/LPSConcert>





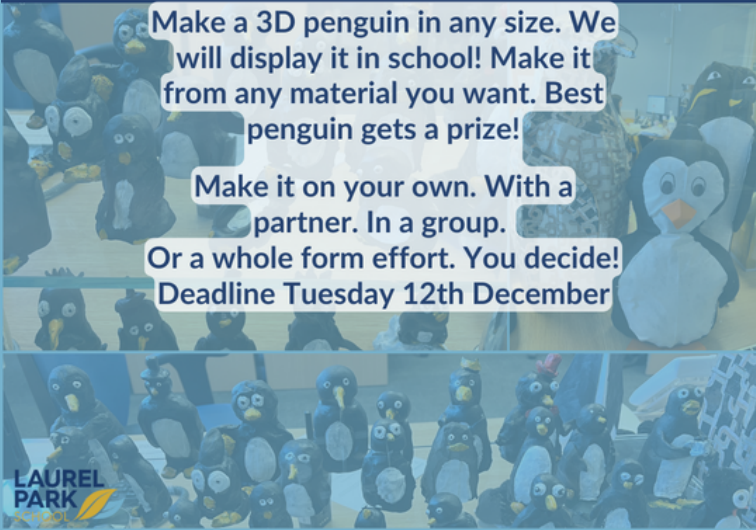
December Student Events

Make a Penguin Competition!

Make a 3D penguin in any size. We will display it in school! Make it from any material you want. Best penguin gets a prize!

Make it on your own. With a partner. In a group.

Or a whole form effort. You decide!
Deadline Tuesday 12th December



LAUREL PARK SCHOOL



Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December

£1

Suggested donation to Save the Children

This is **NOT** a non-uniform day



You don't need to buy a new jumper - a festive coloured jumper will do.

Wear instead of your LPS Jumper or PE Jumper



LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Christmas lunch



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This year the Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday **20th December** across period 4 and lunchtime.

Christmas Lunch will cost **£3.00** via Parentpay, if you do not normally have a school meal, and will be free to families entitled to FSM.

Students will be asked via **Google Classroom** if they will be having Christmas Lunch so that we can cater for the correct number.

Character Points

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

Thursday 30th - Wednesday 6th December

Year 7

Adem
Alice
Alexander
Diana
Marianna
Daryna
Nita
Valentina
Vy
Joris

Muniira

Sophie
Nandito
Chloe
Nicole
Trey
Edwin
Alexandros
Vittoria
Isabely
Sami

Year 8

Kaitlyn
Nicollas
Emanuela
Alessia
Flavia
Year 9
Farhaan
Megan
Mohammad C
Christo
Zora
James

Year 10

Jayliah
Lara
Fatmata
Alexandra
Albena
Antelainta
Kaua
Georgi

Edlira
Brielle
Nefeli
Siyar
Laura
Esma
Rami
Kristiana

Year 11

Msli
Miruna
Vanesa

DEADLINE EXTENDED



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 **MONDAY 11th**

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

Important Dates between now and half term

DECEMBER

Tuesday 12th: Year 7 Trip to Chickenshed Theatre

Thursday 14th: Open Morning

Thursday 14th: Year 8 Trip to Millfield Theatre

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. Students dismissed at 12 noon.

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.



We are aware teenagers grow fast! If you have any items of uniform, including coats that your child has grown out of we would welcome donations that can be given to students who forget uniform or need some support.

TfL Workshop

TfL came in on Thursday to run their second 'Project Guardian' workshop with its aim to raise awareness of inappropriate behaviour that can happen on public transport. This time it was Year 10s time in the workshop.

Some great questions were asked if they were taken through different incidents that have happened on public transport and what they can do to raise awareness, such as speaking to the bus driver, asking the victim questions such as 'what time is it?' and using the help points at tube stations. Students were also told to always tap in and out as it helps TfL to know which bus or tube they were on if an incident occurs.

They were given lots of places to report incidents on public transport, which can also be used by parents, such as:

- Download the Railway Guardian app to report any incident
- Report the incident to the Police - 999 if someone is in immediate danger, 101 or online after the event
- Text British Transport Police on 61016
- Report online - <https://www.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/v1/rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/>
- Live chat - Victim Support <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/live-chat/>



Welcome to Careers Corner

Do you know that all Year 9-11 students will receive an impartial careers interview once a year? This is to prepare them for making their options in year 9, work experience in Year 10 and college applications in Year 11. Year 11 are about to finish their interviews and after Christmas we will be starting with Year 9. More details can be found in the flyer on this newsletter (have attached). As always, feel free to contact Ms Gray on ngray@laurelparkschool.co.uk if you have any questions regarding careers.

Whatsapp. A parent reminder

Locked Chats. Did you know that you can hide conversations and lock them away in WhatsApp? This was a feature introduced in May 2023 and was easy to spot (if you knew how), but WhatsApp have updated the feature which makes it much more difficult to find.

In the original update you had to swipe down in the 'Chats' window to see locked chats, then input a code, fingerprint or Face ID to unlock. However, this meant that other people (parents, teachers, partners) would be able to see that you have got locked chats, even if you can't see the content. WhatsApp have just updated this (being rolled out worldwide from the beginning of December) and locked chats can now only be viewed by entering a secret code into the search bar, meaning that you will not be able to tell if there are any locked chats without knowing the code.

More information can be read here: <https://blog.whatsapp.com/introducing-secret-code-for-chat-lock> or click on the 16+ image to the left to be directed to the website.



What is this?

A 50 minute one-to-one meeting with a professional qualified and independent careers advisor to help you feel confident about the choices and decisions you are facing on your journey to finding a positive career.

What will be discussed?

Ensuring confidentiality* the advisor will;

- Help to identify your personal qualities and skills
- Explore your interests, likes, family influences and personal barriers
- Discover current and future job opportunities
- Understand job searches, writing a CV and going for job interviews
- Develop your employability skills to be work ready

* There will be a duty of care to pass on any safeguarding concerns to the safeguarding team at LPS

When will I have a careers meeting?

You will have three opportunities to meet the careers advisor:

- In Year 9 as your approach making your choices for the Key Stage 4 subjects, normally in the Spring term
- In Year 10 as you prepare for work experience, normally in the Summer term
- In Year 11 as you prepare for your post 16 options, normally in the Autums term

There are also drop in sessions available during Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in the Careers Room

Where will we meet?

In our dedicated careers room, which can be found on the stairway going up to E corridor. You will also have access to the careers library, prospectus and your Unifrog account

What will you be given?

- Accurate and up-to-date impartial and independent information
- The opportunity to use and discuss the outcomes from online quizzes and assessments from Unifrog
- Alternative sources of information and help if required
- A personalised action plan
- Reflection, challenge, motivation and self-belief

How should I prepare?

Ask yourself the following:

- Where am I now?
- What ideas do I have?
- What have I explored/researched?
- What do I need help with?
- What thoughts do I have about the future?



WORD OF THE WEEK

ASSESS

DEFINITION

Verb:

1. evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of
2. estimate the value of (property) for taxation

SYNONYMS

- Evaluate
- Measure
- Appraise

SENTENCES

1. Instructors say it's tough to teach and assess motor skills, like catching and kicking, online.
2. He had the power to assess the security situation, send backup, send help.

ETYMOLOGY

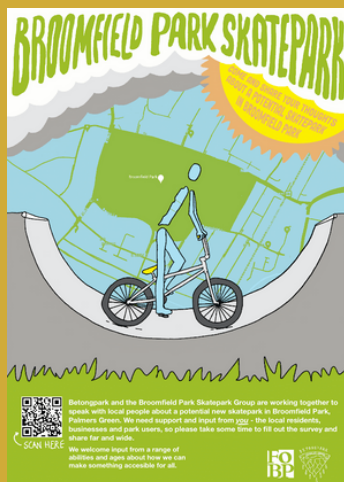
The verb "assess" (1400-50) late Middle English assessen, from Old French assessor, from Medieval Latin assessāre "to assess a tax," derivative of Latin assessus "seated beside (a judge)".

Skatepark at Broomfield Park?

Betongpark and Broomfield Park Skatepark Group are working together to speak with local people about a potential new skatepark in Broomfield Park, Palmers Green.

Before anything is agreed, we want first to determine if a skatepark is needed in Broomfield Park, where it could be located, and what people's hopes are for this potential skatepark. We also want to explore how we would make the space inclusive, encouraging people who wouldn't usually use skateparks to feel they can.

This consultation survey is an important part of an early-stage feasibility study for the skatepark, which is required by the Council. The study is being carried out by Betongpark - depending on the results, these can then be used to seek funding and planning permission.



The project started after a group of local parents and skateboarders came together and approached the council about the idea for a new skatepark to be built in Broomfield Park. The group felt the borough was seriously lacking a decent skatepark/facilities unlike many other places in London. They brought on board their friends, families and other wheeled sports users in the area, to form the Broomfield Park Skatepark Group and started talking to the council and the Friends of Broomfield Park about building a new skatepark for the local community.

Throughout the process we need support and input from you - the local residents and park users, so please take some time to fill out the survey and share far and wide.

The survey can be found on your child's google classroom

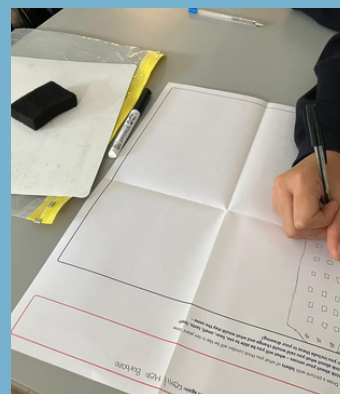
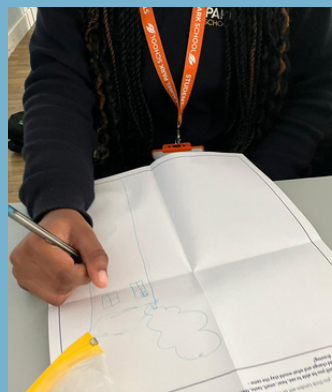
My London Story

All of Year 8 had a workshop entitled 'My London Story' organised by the Museum of London. Part of the workshop discussed about what it means to be a Londoner and what their hopes and fears are for London in the future.

Yanis said 'it has made me think about what it means to be a Londoner.'

Arben said he 'has learnt a lot of things about London, such as how good the transport links are and how many opportunities there are in London, such as the London Eye.'

Emanouela said she learnt a lot from the workshop such as London is a welcoming city for all, even if you weren't born here



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following Year 8 and 9 students who won the Headteacher's Award this week:



Year 8 Winners

Roan wins for **Determination** as he has recently joined Laurel Park and has done an amazing job at following the school's standards and expectations. This is all whilst maintaining a positive mindset in lessons.

Nathan wins for **Ambition** as he is a conscientious student who always tries his best. He always does the right thing and was very helpful at parents evening.

Darvin wins for **Integrity** as he always does the right thing and his behaviour is excellent.

Yazan wins for **Determination** as he has made a real effort in class to become more focused and improve his grades.



Year 9 Winners

Isabel wins for **Integrity** for consistently showing intellectual virtues, maturity to learning and following the expectations around the school in line with integrity.

Khyra wins for **Determination** for building emotional resilience during difficult periods of her school day. She is determined to succeed. This is evident in a variety of subject including History and RE.

Enis wins for **Determination** for improving his learning attitude in his subjects, in particular RE.

Azel wins for **Excellence** for supporting a new students with their English language acquisition and helping to settle her into school. She is demonstrating a more positive attitude towards both teachers and her peers. (Absent in photo)

Patrick wins for **Integrity** for assisting with various classroom tasks including distributing reading books and helping to organise the classroom resources. His proactive approach lightens the teacher's workload and is responsible for creating a sense of teamwork in the classroom.

Food Vouchers and Food Bank Support over the Christmas period

Students that are eligible for Free School Meals will receive food vouchers from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund through the London Borough of Enfield.

The Edenred vouchers are time limited and there is a voucher expiry date. The voucher cannot be reissued after the expiry date.

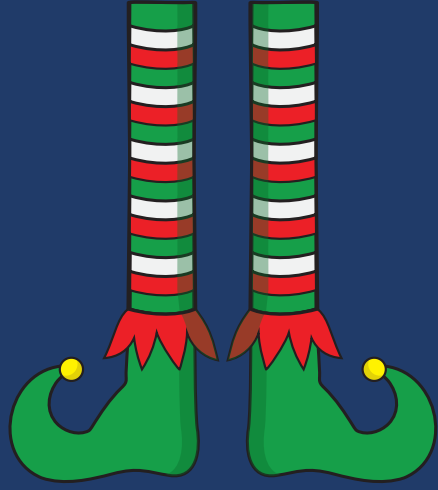
Parents can start ordering vouchers via Edenred from Wednesday 6th and the deadline is Wednesday 20th December.

We have received an update from Enfield Council:

The council have now cancelled all outstanding Edenred vouchers that haven't been redeemed.

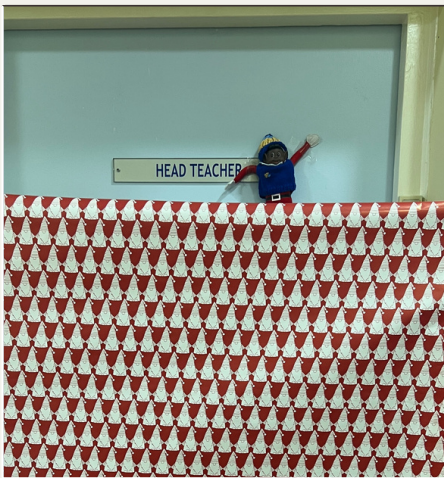
The vouchers have been stopped due to the amount being incorrect, and that they will be reissued at that correct amount asap.

The council appreciates this may have caused disruption, and do apologise.



LAURIE THE ELF!

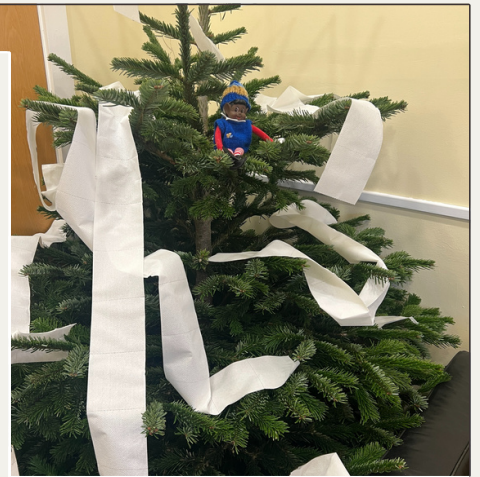
Oh no! We have a new student at school. His name is Laurie the Elf. He's been transferred from the North Pole. We're a bit worried about him already as he's not following our behaviour rules.....



Check out what he did to Ms Christofi's office door!



Oh dear Laurie what have you done?
Photocopying yourself at school isn't safe and it's naughty! No one needs to see your bottom!



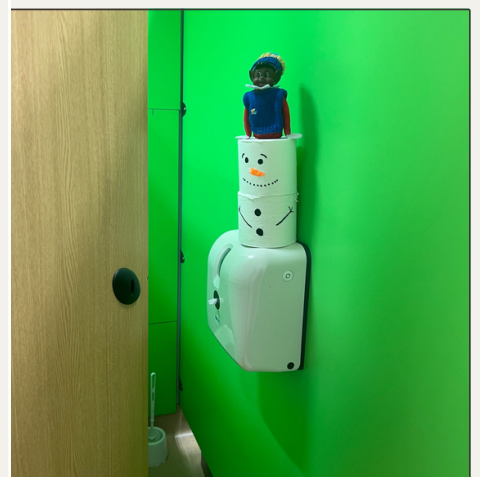
Laurie what have you done today? That Christmas tree isn't meant to be decorated like that? What a naughty elf!



Laurie has been in the Bay Leaf Restaurant and he's attacked our bananas! Very funny Laurie. At least we can still eat them...



Laurie has been to some lessons today and just take a look at what he got up to in Ms Xyrizou's Beauty lesson!



We found Laurie in the student toilets today. Wonder if he was trying to build a snowman....?

Year 10 visit the London Eye and take a river cruise down the Thames

"The trip was absolutely amazing. The London Eye was a great immersive experience"
Diamond



"I loved the London Eye!"
Jewel



"It brought us all together as a year group"
Aymn



"The boat was great even though it was icy cold!"
Hani



Online Safety for Year 7's

Year 7 students had a great talk from Safer School Officer PC Beesley about online safety this week.

Thought provoking conversations about social media and the potential dangers of hiding behind a screen and saying things you don't mean. Lots of great questions were asked.

