



# NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

We are 4 weeks into school already! Time really does fly when you are having fun! Our week started this week with the year 11 football team playing the first school's league game, which was against Southgate. I went along to support and saw some great football with a great contribution from Luno and pace from Christian. Our team was playing against a well-established team, so didn't win the overall match, however I was super proud of the way they conducted themselves as professional sportsmen, shaking hands with players of the other team. Although the LPS team were disappointed with the outcome, we made it clear that their second half in particular was credible, and that they had made us proud.

Tuesday saw the Year 7 team play against Aylward, and although I was unable to attend that one, I waited with anticipation for the email and was obviously elated when the result came through with a 2-0 win for us! Well done to our year 7 team!

Wednesday our Year 11 girls represented the school in a local netball tournament. Again, we were playing against well-established teams, and a lot of individuals who play in the local netball leagues at Broomfield Park, but our girls had fun and looked brilliant in their new PE kit.

Big thanks to Mr Gallagher, Mr Allen, Ms Robertshaw and Ms Antwisi for taking our teams.

This week we also showcased the school to visiting prospective parents and to current parents in various forums. It's been an absolute pleasure showing parents around and seeing focussed and disruption free learning. Likewise at our year 7 settling in evening, it was great to hear how pleased parents are with the school and how happy their children are.

On Thursday we had an array of visitors in to see the progress that the school has made in such a short amount of time, but what pleased me most was our young people, who as part of their school day hold doors open for each other, offer to help manage the canteen at lunchtime and who ask adults how their day has been. This is not only what we want as a school but as parents too, developing young people who have great character.

Thursday afternoon saw some great enrichment tasks taking place. This week saw the delivery of the bees for bee-keeping enrichment, and this was supported by a senior person in Enfield who delivered a speech to our young people. We also had Year 11 bake bread with Chef Dan, who were proud to take home their loaves and the volunteering teamwork with our site team to clear areas of the school ready for open evening. It was a pleasure to see so many character enrichment activities taking place to support the development of our young people. Some students will now start to gain certification from one of the exam boards, to evidence their enrichment, which they will be able to use for post-16, university and employment in the coming years.

A huge number of Year 11s have opted to put themselves forward to become prefects. This will involve them in delivering a speech to Year 7 or 8 students and then having a short interview with the Senior Team. It's fantastic to see so many students applying for leadership opportunities. The outcomes will be published in due course.

A reminder that it is the school's annual open evening on Wednesday 4th of October. Students will finish at the usual time of 1.50pm on Wednesday. Thank you to all the helpers who will be staying to support the event. A reminder that school will start a little later on Thursday. All students need to be in school by 9.15am, for a 9.20am roll call. Breakfast will be available from 8.50am.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi  
Headteacher

## Open Evening Arrangements

### Student Tour Guides

- Meeting on Monday at 2.45pm in the Hall with Mrs Tansley & Miss Bignell to receive your route (You will be collected from your Period 6 lesson).
- Register in the Bay Leaf Restaurant at 5pm
- Arrange to be collected or make your way home, at 8pm

### Department Helpers

- Some of you will be asked to stay at school to help set up between 1.50-3.15pm on Wednesday. Check with your teacher if you are needed.
- If you are staying until 3.15pm and don't want to go home in the gap, you can go to J6 to work independently on Chromebooks. Don't forget to bring some food to keep you going.
- Everyone register in the Bay Leaf Restaurant at 5pm, bring a water bottle.
- Go to your department areas where you will stay all evening to help.
- Arrange to be collected or make your way home, at 8pm

### Speakers

- Meeting on Monday at 2.45pm to practice your speech
- Register in the Bay Leaf Restaurant at 5pm
- You will be based in the assembly hall, your parents are very welcome to come and watch you speak
- Arrange to be collected, or make your way home, at 8pm

### Has your child not been chosen?

- If your child has not received a letter to help out and they would like to, they can find Mrs Tansley in the Bay Leaf Restaurant on Monday lunchtime to see where there are spaces.

### Current families

- **We would like to invite ALL families - current and prospective, to visit Laurel Park at our Open Evening on Wednesday 4th October 6.00-8.00pm.**
- Please come and visit the school, see the changes that have taken place within the corridors and the classrooms, meet the new teachers and take in the exciting Laurel Park atmosphere that permeates through your child's education. .

## Thursday 5th October

Due to the late finish on Open Evening, school will start for all students on Thursday 5th October at 9.20am.  
Gates will close at 9.15am.

Breakfast will be available from 8.45am in the Bay Leaf Restaurant.

## Important Dates between now and half term

### OCTOBER

**Monday 2nd:** Primary Football Night  
**Wednesday 4th:** Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm  
**Thursday 5th:** School starts at 9.20am  
**Thursday 12th:** Open Morning 9.10am  
**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  
**Monday 27th:** Year 11 mock exams start

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

## The throne comes home

After a summer being hosted by the Tower of London, our Coronation Bench has been transferred to its new home, taking pride of place outside school reception.

Back in March, the students' design was chosen from over 1500 entries across the UK, to have the bench created and displayed at the Tower of London during the Coronation celebrations in May.

After a summer of being on display to the general public, (and being featured on BBC London News!) this week we installed the bench into its permanent spot at school.



# Who's Who at Laurel Park?

## Heads of Departments

This week we focus on our Heads of Departments. Their role is to lead their curriculum area in the school, fostering a love of the subject at every level and promoting it within the school. Each Head of Department contributes to the strategic development of the school, ensuring the organisation, teaching and assessment of the subject across Key Stage 3 and 4.

The Heads of Department are led by **Mrs Seymour**, Deputy Headteacher for Curriculum.

**Head of Art:** Mrs Mustafa  
**Head of Beauty:** Ms Xyrizou  
**Head of Business:** Mr Polycarpou  
**Head of Computing:** Mr Sahbaz  
**Head of English:** Mr Coyle  
**Head of Humanities:** Mrs Anscomb  
**Head of Maths:** Mrs Mohamad  
**Head of Media:** Ms Bampanatsa  
**Head of Modern Foreign Languages:** Ms Sheikh Omar  
**Head of Performing Arts:** Mr Christofides  
**Head of PSHE:** Ms Gray  
**Head of Religious Education:** Ms Barmounaki  
**Head of Physical Education:** Mr Sroka  
**Head of Science:** Ms Gamble  
**Head of Technology:** Mrs Mustafa

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ESTABLISH

### DEFINITION

Verb: 1. to start a company, organisation, system, etc. that is intended to exist or continue for a long time

2. to find out facts that will prove that something is true

### SYNONYMS

- Inaugurate
- Set up
- Found

### SENTENCES

**Business Studies:** Studying Business GCSE helps students establish a strong foundation in key economic concepts and entrepreneurial skills.  
**RE:** Engaging in RE GCSE studies allows students to establish a deeper understanding of various religions and their cultural significance.

### ETYMOLOGY

The verb "establish" comes from (1300-1400) Old French establir, which in turn derives from Latin stabilire "to make firm"





# NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



A busy week of fixtures and clubs for the PE department. Here are the highlights:

## Year 7 Football

The newly formed Year 7 football team played their first match against Aylward Academy this week. Well done for a 2-0 win.



## Year 11 Football

Year 11 played their first match against Southgate this week. This is the first fixture this team has had for a few years due to Covid and a change of staffing within the PE dept.

The result sadly didn't go in their favour but the team displayed excellent determination and integrity until the final whistle, and have a good focus on areas for improvement in preparation for their next match in 2 weeks time.

## Year 11 Netball

The Year 11 netball team played in a secondary schools friendly tournament on Wednesday. We were playing against well-established teams, and a lot of individuals who play in the local netball leagues at Broomfield Park, but our girls had fun and looked brilliant in their new PE kit. The Sport Studies students were able to use their performance to count towards their GCSE grade as well.



## Kayaking fun for Year 10 & 11 Sport Studies students

On Friday, 30 students that have chosen to study Sports Studies for GCSE went to Herts Young Mariners Base in Cheshunt to participate in a kayaking experience as part of their coursework.



## Well done to Keiran

Keiran was selected to represent Enfield in trampolining in the London Youth Games last year. He contributed to his team finishing in 3rd place across 32 London Boroughs. This week Keiran attended a special awards ceremony to celebrate his achievement. Keiran also coaches every week at Bounce Trampolining Club, to pass on his skills to others.





# ENRICHMENT HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Our Character Education programme is one of the unique aspects of our curriculum. As young people going into society and as parents, we want our children to be kind, inquisitive, curious, resilient and to have a thirst for lifelong learning. Within the Enrichment for All sessions every Thursday fortnightly, this is where our entire staff body works with our young people to develop these key attributes.

