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A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

We are Laurel Park School - A new school for Palmers Green and Southgate families!

Welcome back to our school community, and a very special return to school it has been indeed! Over the summer a huge amount of work has been taking place to get the new school ready and what a superb job has been done. Classrooms revamped, new signage, new toilets - this is just to name a few things! I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Jebri and his team, Miss Bignell, Mrs Tansley and our admin team, led by Miss Nicola who have done an incredible job to ensure we are ready for the start of term.

I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed with specialist teachers in all areas and at this point I'd like to welcome all of our new staff to our school:

Mr Shabaz - Leadership Team and Computing Mr London - Leadership Team and Science Ms Ali - Leadership Team and Maths Ms Ezzeldin - Leadership Team and Technology Mrs Nicolaou - English Ms Joseph - English Ms Robertshaw - PE Mr Martin - SEND Ms Dimitratou - Drama Ms West - Spanish Ms Marques - Spanish Ms Umer - Maths Mr Martson - Art Mrs Xyrizou - Beauty



The week has included a cycle of staff training and student induction and it was lovely to meet all of our new Year 7's who looked exceptionally smart and eager to get started. They took part in a range of activities centred around our new values. I now have a significant number of pieces of writing to read and have the difficult job of selecting some for the first Headteacher commendations. Likewise, I was somewhat overwhelmed seeing the return of our year 8-11 students, filled with ambition and demonstrating excellence and pride in their overall appearance and attitude. The students have started the year positively and now that needs to continue as lessons start.

I am also pleased to say that we have made it through to the second round of the Tesco Groundwork project, which means our school can win some money for our enrichment programme. In a variety of Tesco's in Barnet and Hendon, our school will have a box where shoppers can place their token following a purchase. If we get the most tokens we will win! A full list of Tesco's will be published in the near future so that we can all share with our friends and family.

You may have seen that our new school website is now live: <u>www.laurelparkschool.co.uk</u>. This is phase one of the website launch, it will be further developed across the coming months. Thank you to Mrs Tansley.

The final piece of positive news to share is that our overall exam results and outcomes have shown improvement on last year's results. The school improved its outcomes across all of the headline measures that the DFE publish, and although not where I know the school can and will be, it was great to see that in a school where there was a new Headteacher, a school rebrand and instability in staffing at various points that we improved results. I am confident that our new school will now be the stepping stone to more rapid progress.

I am so excited about the year ahead and the opportunities that our young people will be able to have as part of their new school.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend.

Ms Christofi Headteacher Laurel Park School

Beginning of term updates

Uniform

Well done to all our families and students who have successfully made the change to the new Laurel Park uniform this week. A copy of the uniform expectations are included in this newsletter for reference. All incorrect items must be rectified by Monday 11th September, as per the letter you will have received.

PE Days

Students are expected to wear their full Laurel Park PE kit on their allocated PE day. If they are attending an after-school sports club on a different day, they are to bring their PE kit to change into after-school. GCSE PE students are to wear school uniform for their lessons unless directed by their PE teacher in advance. A text will be sent home to parents for when practical lessons are scheduled as part of their GCSE.

Year 8 Monday Year 7 Tuesday Year 9 Wednesday Year 11 Thursday Year 10 Friday

After-school clubs

The after-school clubs timetable is in the process of being finalised and will be circulated to students and families shortly.

In the meantime, we're delighted to share that Mrs Tansley has been successful in sourcing £20,000 from London Sport to fund more trampolines which takes us up to 5 - the most in the borough for a state school!

We are launching a new community trampolining club for ages 3 to adult on Tuesday evenings - the flier is included in this newsletter. Discounts are available for Laurel Park students, and of course if there are any barriers to the costs, please do get in touch as we can make exceptions.

Next week is Week 2

Broomfield uniform recycling

Please bring in your own Broomfield uniform for recycling. These can be left in bags in reception.Families can also donate clothes and linen as you would normally donate to a charity shop. All items must be received by Friday 22nd September ready for collection by our charitable partner Astra Recyling who will be sending the charitable clothes to vulnerable families in Ukraineand Poland, and our old Broomfield uniform will besent for recycling within the UK to be made intoindustrial-sized cleaning wipes!

Welcome to our Year 7 families

A warm welcome to our new families joining us in Year 7. Welcome to the Laurel Park community. This newsletter will be sent out to you every week with important information, upcoming dates and news articles about events taking place in school.

Please do also follow our Instagram page @laurelparksch which gives more information as well.

Save the date -Thursday 14th Sept School Photo Day

All students will be having updated photos taken on Thursday 14th September in their Laurel Park uniform. Students must be in correct school uniform and Year 11 will be in their PE kit as it is their PE day. Proofs will be given to students and families order the photos directly with Tempest Photography. If you order before the deadline, there is no delivery fee as the photos will be delivered to school.

Welcome Year 7!

Highlights from their first week at school



Learning the school rules

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Writing about school values



Welcome assembly



Teambuilding winners!

Officially opening the school

Who's Who at Laurel Park? The Core Senior Leadership Team

In our first week of Who's Who at Laurel Park, we focus on the Core Senior Leadership Team.

Headteacher: Ms Adele Christofi Adele joined Laurel Park in September 2022 as the Headteacher of Broomfield School. In her first year of headship at the school, she led the school through a journey of rapid school improvement including stabilising staffing, developing a new curriculum, introducing new behaviour standards and changing the school from Broomfield to Laurel Park. Ms Christofi also teaches Drama.

Deputy Head: Miss Bignell Miss Bignell is a non-teaching Deputy Headteacher. She manages school budgets, finances, site operations, HR and recruitment.

Deputy Head: Mrs Seymour Mrs Seymour manages the school curriculum, including teaching & learning, data, assessments and external exams. Mrs Seymour is also a Science teacher.

Deputy Head: Mr Hubbard Mr Hubbard leads the school on student behaviour and attitudes. His role is to ensure that our behaviour expectations are consistent across the school to ensure 'disruption free learning' and every student makes the best progress possible. Mr Hubbard is also a Drama teacher.

Assistant Head: Mr Akubuko Mr Akubuko is responsible for complex behaviour across the school. His role is to ensure that our most complex students are able to focus on their learning and to provide appropriate support so they are safe, happy and learning on a daily basis.

Associate Assistant Head: Mrs Tansley Mrs Tansley manages the branding and marketing of the school along with parent communication and primary school transition. Mrs Tansley is also a PE teacher.

Associate Assistant Head: Mrs Mohamad Mrs Mohamad supports the Early Career Teachers (ECTs) in school organising mentoring, professional development and regular meetings. Mrs Mohamad is also Head of Maths.



Important Dates between now and half term

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 14th: School Photo Day Tuesday 19th: Trampolining club starts Wednesday 27th: Year 7 Families Welcome Evening Friday 29th: Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE kayaking coursework trip

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd: Primary Football Night Wednesday 4th: Open Evening (early finish for students) Thursday 5th: later start due to Open Evening - times to be confirmed Monday 16th: Primary Football Night

Half Term:

Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 3rd Nov

Laurel Park School Uniform List

Our Mindset

Smart on the outside, smart on the inside

Item	Required /Optional	Branding	How to buy	Cost per item
Regular school uniform (4 days a week)				
Navy V-neck jumper with school logo	Required	School logo	Smiths Schoolwear	£20.95 to £32.95
White Shirt with collar - long or short sleeved	Required	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A
Grey trousers, shorts, knee-length pleated skirt or full length straight skirt	Required	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A
Navy knee/ ankle socks or tights	Required	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A
Sensible, plain black shoes (not trainers or boots)	Required	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A
Tie in Key Stage colour	Required	School Colour	Smiths Schoolwear	£4.95
Plain Black belt	Optional	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A
Lanyard - Year colour	Required	School Logo	1st provided by school replacements charged	
PE KIT (1 day a week)				
Dry-fit PE T-Shirt	Required	School logo	Smiths Schoolwear	£18.50-£19.50
Dry-fit PE Jumper	Required	School logo	Smiths Schoolwear	£24.50-£26.50
Sports Trainers (no high tops or Converse)	Required	Plain - black or white	Regular retailers	N/A
Dry-Fit tracksuit bottoms	Either tracksuit bottoms or shorts required	School logo	Smiths Schoolwear	£21.50-£24.50
PE Shorts	Either tracksuit bottoms or shorts required	School logo	Smiths Schoolwear	£10.90-£12.95
Navy sports socks - football, ankle, trainer.	Required	No branding	Regular retailers	N/A

Do not buy uniform outside of the guidance above, your child will be sent home to change.





Community Trampolining Club

In partnership with Zenith Trampoline Club

Tuesdays in term time

Laurel Park after-school trampoline club 3.15 - 4.00pm Session 1 4.00-4.55pm Session 2 5.00-5.55pm Session 3 6.00-6.55pm

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