



# NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Another great week at Laurel Park School, which has seen the start of our extracurricular clubs. Having secured funding, we have linked up with a local club to deliver trampolining sessions on a Tuesday after school, sessions are available for both LPS students and members of the local community. I made my way down to the sports hall on Tuesday to see children from all different age groups having lessons by a professional trampoline coach. What was exceptionally heart-warming was seeing our students supporting and helping children to make the most of our session. Well done to Kieran and Mary for being great ambassadors and showcasing our value of **excellence**.

Likewise, there was great attendance at the volleyball and football clubs. I'm excited to announce that the school football league is starting next week, which will see our year 11 boys team compete against Southgate School. I look forward to announcing the score in next week's issue. I know that our team will be **determined** to do well, once again living out one of our core values. We will soon be travelling in style to our matches as our Laurel Park minibus is on order and will be arriving soon!

Year 11 interventions have started, and the English department have started after school master classes on a Monday - this week the focus was Macbeth. Likewise, on Wednesday this week lunchtime history intervention started. Attendance has been excellent and year 11 are stepping up, showing their **ambition** (and another school value) to do well.

I have been in the community observing the behaviour of our students now that we are Laurel Park. It is wonderful to see students allowing members of the public to get on the bus first and being respectful in local shopping areas. I was contacted by a member of the public who wanted to express how impressed they were by the politeness, respect and smartness of our year 10 and 11 students, who visited B&M during this week. Again, this is our students living out the value of **integrity**, which makes me immensely proud.

I am pleased to announce that we have secured a significant sum of grant funding to support our character education programme, therefore this will give us more capacity and options to support our young people to develop their own character ready for life beyond school. This leads me on to highlighting the buzz on Wednesday when students were counting their character points for the first round of prizes!

Finally, the 4th of October is our annual open evening. Please come along to support it and take a look at our school and please do invite any friends or family who have children in years 4,5 or 6 to come along and see for themselves.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi  
Headteacher

# Important Updates

## Old uniform donations - thank you

Thank you to all our wonderful families that have donated not just old Broomfield uniform but provided charitable donations as well.

What happens next is that our Eco-Society will sort the branded items from non-branded and we will have a collection from Astra Recycling soon.

The branded items will be recycled into industrial cleaning wipes and the non-branded charitable items will be packaged and sent to support vulnerable families in Ukraine and Poland.

There will be further opportunities in the year to support charitable activities at school. Thank you again for your efforts this time.

## PSHE Information Evening Wed 27th Sept 5.00-5.30pm & 5.30-6.00pm

Over the next term, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) programme.

RSE lessons will include teaching about healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; developing self-esteem and confidence.

We would like to invite you to attend a parent information meeting on **Wednesday 27th September at 5.00pm-5.30pm or 5.30-6.00pm** (Year 7 only) to find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.

## Year 7 Families Welcome Evening Wednesday 27th September 6-7pm in the hall

All our Year 7 families are expected to attend the welcome evening to receive vital curriculum and pastoral information about Year 7.

## Open Evening - all invited

We would like to invite **ALL** families - current and prospective, to visit Laurel Park at our Open Evening on Wednesday 4th October 6.00-8.15pm.

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.

## Open Evening - student helpers

There are opportunities for our students to help at Open Evening. We will have students supporting the different departments as well as Tour Guides leading routes round the school. Letters will be issued this week to selected students. If chosen, they will be dismissed at 1.50pm as usual and will need to return to school in full uniform at 5.00pm to register in the Bay Leaf Restaurant.

Students will then be dismissed from school between 8.00-8.15pm.

If your child is not selected but would really like to help, please ask them to see Mrs Tansley in her office.

## 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.

## Next week is Week 2

## Important Dates between now and half term

### SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 27th:** PSHE Information Evenings 5pm & 6.30pm
- Wednesday 27th:** Year 7 Families Welcome Evening 6pm
- Thursday 28th:** Open Morning 9.10am
- Friday 29th:** Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE kayaking coursework trip
- Friday 29th:** Year 8 HPV Immunisations

### OCTOBER

- Monday 2nd:** Primary Football Night
- Wednesday 4th:** Open Evening 6-8.15pm
- 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



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## CONSTITUTE

### DEFINITION

- Verb: 1. be (a part) of a whole.  
2. to be considered to be something

### SYNONYMS

- Account for
- Compose
- Create

### SENTENCES

In Science: Nitrogen constitutes 78% of the earth's atmosphere.  
D&T: The different methods and tools used in the design process, such as brainstorming, sketching and prototyping, constitute the design toolkit.

### ETYMOLOGY

The verb "constitute" comes from Latin cōstitutum, neuter of cōstitutus, past participle of Latin cōstituō ("to put in place, set up, establish").

# Who's Who at Laurel Park?

## The Pastoral Team

This week we focus on our Pastoral Team. Their role is to oversee high standards of social, personal and academic development of students across their year group. The Pastoral Team is led by Mr Hubbard and Mr Akubuko.

**Deputy Head for Behaviour & Attitudes: Mr Hubbard**

**Assistant Head for Complex Behaviour: Mr Akubuko**

- Head of Year 7: Ms Gibson**
- Head of Year 8: Ms Gibson**
- Head of Year 9: Mr Stewart**
- Head of Year 10: Mr Polycarpou**
- Head of Year 11: Ms Malli**

**Out of Learning Provision: Mr Allen**

The Pastoral Team is also supported by a team of outreach mentors and counsellors who visit the school on a weekly basis to work with specific students.

## Food Technology at Laurel Park

Our Technology department has been busy this week with Year 10 making curry & sticky rice, and Year 8 making stir fried noodles!

