



Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

We have had an amazing week at Laurel Park, showcasing our new school! One of this week's big events was showcasing our school for the annual open evening and what an event it was. As families started to come through our doors, they were greeted by a team of wonderful students and staff and the prospective Year 6 students were handed an empty pencil case, with the treasure hunt task meaning they had to visit all department areas to collect pencils, rubbers and an array of other goodies!

We had a huge number of our students who volunteered to be Tour Guides and help out with departments. They were busy from the moment they arrived, helping staff and excited to talk to parents about the transformations and about their experiences. Each one an ambassador for our school, and didn't they do well? I couldn't be more proud of the way all of our young people conducted themselves with pride, maturity and kindness, making sure that all our visitors had an exceptional experience.

Following my speech, a number of our Year 7 and Year 11 students gave a speech and what struck me was their communication about our core values, and how important each of these were for them. The whole experience in the hall was cemented by beautiful music played by Riyansh in Year 9 and Zoe in Year 11 who sang her own song whilst playing the keyboard, who finished alongside a standing ovation from the audience

The feedback from parents, students and visitors was overwhelming and they were super impressed with our transformation. Well done to all staff and students who contributed to such a wonderful event, and to Mrs Tansley and Miss Bignell for the overall coordination.

Friday of this week we had 32 Year 11 students who prepared a speech to deliver to year 7 and 8 students about why they should be selected as one of the Senior Prefects of the school. Preparation has been a hot topic, with students asking teachers to give feedback and advice on how they could improve what they had developed. The event was a formal one and year 11s did us proud. They spoke with eloquence and confidence, explaining what they would do in such an important role. What was most impressive was the diversity amongst the student body who really did put themselves in the limelight. Public speaking is a hard task and takes great courage. However, the speeches also showed the ambition and determination that they had to be part of the student leadership team. We will now have a hard choice to select the final cohort. Thank you first and foremost to Year 11, and to Ms Gray for coordinating.

We are pleased to be hosting an Open Morning on Thursday morning for prospective year 6 parents, which I am very much looking forward to. Thank you for your on-going support.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

Next week is Week 2



Updates & News

Primary Football Night

This week we hosted the first Primary Football Night on our football pitch, welcoming Year 5&6 boys teams from Oakthorpe, St. Michael at Bowes, Hazelwood, St Monica's, Wolfson Hillel, Bowes and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Schools.

It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying our amazing football facility along with their teachers and parents. Well done to our Year 7 Community Volunteers who served refreshments and cookies for our visitors.



Open Evening Thank you

Thank you to our amazing staff who displayed, communicated and celebrated all the fantastic opportunities on offer to our school community.

Thank you to our amazing students who volunteered to be tour guides and department helpers. You are a credit to our school.

Thank you to Chef Dan who prepared and served a variety of dishes from the Bay Leaf Restaurant menu keeping all our visitors fed.

Thank you to our parents who took the time out of their evenings to visit the school and see the changes that have taken place over the summer.

And thank you to the Open Evening team, led by Mrs Tansley and Miss Bignell, who organised the evening. This event takes months of planning and coordination. We are all delighted with how well it went.

Open Evening Highlights

You can view the highlights from Open Evening here:



**OPEN EVENING
2023 HIGHLIGHTS**

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INDICATE

DEFINITION

Verb: 1. to show that a particular situation exists, or that something is likely to be true
2. to say or do something to make your wishes, intentions etc clear

SYNONYMS

- Designate
- Stipulate
- Show

SENTENCES

Media Studies: Media GCSE studies indicate the importance of critical thinking and media literacy in today's information-driven society.
ICT: ICT studies indicate the growing significance of technology skills in the modern workforce, providing students with valuable digital competencies for the future.

ETYMOLOGY

The verb "indicate" comes from (1600-1700) Latin past participle of indicare, from dicare "to say publicly or officially".

Open Evening Feedback

"I believe the headteacher really knows what is best for this school"

"The students leading the tour were engaging and a real credit to the school"

"Visited last year, visited this year. The difference is incredible"

"We came last year and the transformation is amazing. We were very impressed with the whole school."

Headteacher's Award

At the end of each week, selected form tutors choose one student from their form for the 'Headteacher's Award'. In a special ceremony with Ms Christofi, she shares the 'story behind their success' with the winning recipients. The students also receive a special certificate and pin badge to commemorate the achievement.

Congratulations to the Year 11 and Year 10 winners from last week who received a great surprise to find out they had won these new prestigious awards!



Year 11 Winners

Dylan wins for **Integrity** for fully embracing the new values of the school. He is always dressed smartly and continuously does the right thing which sets a great example for the rest of the form to follow.

Raine wins for **Excellence** for already being ready in line up, always has the correct uniform and equipment. She is polite, with a great sense of humour, is kind and hard working. She also wrote a speech for Open Evening.

Malaika wins for **Ambition** as she is always 'switched on' for school and pushes herself in every lesson. Her 'can do' attitude represents all the bedrocks of Laurel Park, and her positivity helps to build her resilience to keep improving.

Chloe wins for **Integrity** for a settled start to Year 11, working hard and following the school rules.

David wins for **Integrity** for a great start to the year and continuously doing the right thing. He is a reliable student in Year 11.

Marta wins for **Determination** for improving her attendance and punctuality to school this term. She is always one of the first students arriving to line up and getting things right.

Martyna wins for **Excellence** for receiving lots of Character Points already and representing the school in the netball tournament.



Year 10 Winners

Jasmine wins for **Integrity** for helping new students and always being polite and respectful to everyone around her. She is always trying her best, taking books home from school and reading at home to help her with her English.

Kaua wins for **Excellence** for being a hard working, polite and model student in Year 10.

Laura wins for **Excellence** for always supporting other students, being polite and ambitious.

Daria wins for **Determination** for always being there to support others, from her teachers to other students and visitors. She is a person that you can always trust and rely on. She is always on time for line up and great at following instructions. An asset to her form class.

**WELL
DONE**

Food Technology at Laurel Park

This week, our Year 11 students have been making Beef Empanadas in the kitchen!



Students chosen for public speaking opportunity at Open Evening

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to read a speech at Open Evening:

Year 7

Entered a competition to write a speech titled 'My Laurel Park'

Fatoumata

Alice

Victory

Nita

Adem

Year 11

Comperes: Casey & Niki

Speech: Raine

And a special mention to Riyansh (Year 9) and Zoe (Year 11) who performed on the piano and/or sang at Open Evening.

Free

ESOL CLASSES

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

EVERY THURSDAY

13:30 - 15:00



Free classes for parents of Laurel Park students and local primary school children*

* Classes available regardless of legal status.

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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
- 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.

Who's Who at Laurel Park?

The Office Team

This week we focus on our Team based in the main office and reception. Their role is to contribute to the smooth running of the school along with being the first point of contact for parents and visitors to the school. The Office Team is led by Miss Nicola and Miss Bignell.

Deputy Head: Miss Bignell
Office Manager: Miss Nicola

Cover & Data Manager: Miss Pitsilis
Senior Administrator: Ms Efstathiou
Senior Finance Officer: Mrs Elsom
Exams Officer: Ms Agrotis
Attendance Officer: Mrs West
Student Services: Miss Baxter
Senior Receptionist: Mrs Andreou
Receptionist: Ms Hood

Office Opening Hours

A reminder that the office is open between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm.

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Homework Club

**Where?
Library**

**Time?
15:20 16:00**

**Days?
Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday**