



# NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, I hope you enjoyed the two week break, I know I certainly did! It has been great to come back to work and to see the school community, both staff and students looking refreshed, and ready for the term ahead.

This week we remember those who fought in both World Wars and who fought for our freedom. This year's theme is 'Service' to mark key anniversaries of different wars. It is the 70th anniversary of the armistice, which ended the fighting of the Korean War. Alongside this it is the 75th anniversary of the arrival of settlers from the Caribbean on the Empire Windrush and the Royal British legion is this year exploring the connections between the Armed Force and Windrush Generation, and to mark their service and the part the Windrush Generation played in rebuilding post war Britain. To highlight the theme of remembrance, all students have had assemblies, which have been underpinned by the school's core value of integrity. Being kind and caring and being able to solve conflict in a diplomatic way, means that our children will have the chance to have more peaceful lives, and the centre of this starts with education and how we solve conflict and deal with issues at school.

This week we also had a reset on expectations and Roll Call started on Monday with replenishing any lost pens and doing a full and thorough uniform check. Students look very smart and are coming to school ready to learn. I'd urge parents to ensure that they support their children in being ready to learn, by checking that they have all the uniform and equipment they need.

This week, we also had the GCSE year 11 revision evening, which was dedicated to helping students prepare for those all-important exams. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout. Both students and parents were given advice on revision, attendance, alongside key information from English, maths and science leads. Year 11 are really stepping up their game and it's been a pleasure meeting my mentees this week, who were talking me through their timetables and discussing any further support they need. Mock exams start in two weeks.

Years 7, 8 and 9 students are in the process of doing assessments with reports being completed in the next few weeks. Likewise, Years 10 and 11 students have completed the first set of assessments and will be shortly receiving their progress reports.

We have a number of trips going out over the next few weeks, so please respond to the letters and make payments on ParentPay as it is a huge admin task our end if deadlines are not met. Trips are a vital part of a child's education and experience, which is why we have made arrangements to ensure that all students will have a place, and only their behaviour would prevent them from going.

Finally, on Wednesday the 15th of November we have our very first Laurus Nobilis Awards ceremony, which we are very excited about. I look forward to updating you next week.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi  
Headteacher

**Next week will  
be Week 1**

Special congratulations to the Year 11 Football Team who secured their first win against Latymer School on Thursday evening 2-0!  
Well done to Emre and Lagen for scoring the winning goals.

# Remembrance Day

The school gathered in their line up areas at 11am on Friday for a 2 minute silence in respect of the Remembrance Day services taking place this weekend.

Meanwhile Ms Christofi and Ms Gray took David, Hassan, Ezekiel and Kayra from the Year 11 Prefect Team, to Broomfield Park for the annual service of Remembrance. Hassan and Ezekiel had the responsibility of laying the Laurel Park Wreath whilst David and Kayra both read poems.



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## CONTEXT

### DEFINITION

Noun: 1. the situation, events, or information that are related to something and that help you to understand it  
2. the words that come just before and after a word or sentence and that help you understand its meaning

### SYNONYMS

- Surroundings
- Background
- Environment

### SENTENCES

1. This makes it absolutely clear that the early road and the drains belong in a mid to late second-century context.
2. General evolution takes place when the broader context itself changes, a process that is both unintentional and willed.

### ETYMOLOGY

The noun "context" (1400-1500) Latin contextus "connection of words", from contexere "to weave together", from com- (→ COM-) + texere "to weave"

## Important Dates between now and half term

### NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 15th:** Laurus Nobilis Awards
- Thursday 16th:** Year 7 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
- Monday 20th:** Enfield Trampolining Competition hosted at LPS
- Monday 27th:** Year 11 mock exams start
- Thursday 30th:** Year 9 Trip to Alexandra Palace Ice Skating

### DECEMBER

- Friday 8th:** Secret Listeners Workshop for selected KS3 students
- Tuesday 12th:** Year 7 Trip to Chickenshed
- 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. Times TBC shortly.

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.

## 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 Friday 8th December





# Meet our PREFECTS

We are really pleased that Laurel Park School have appointed their first prefect team. After a very strong application process with some fantastic speeches in from of Year 7 and 8 students, 20 students were selected. The standard really was outstanding and all students who took part will be entered for Unit Award Scheme for public speaking.

They have started their role in earnest. So far we have had the marketing team preparing for the Laurus Nobilis Awards next week and the charity team selling poppies for Remembrance Day. Aaliyah and Irina attended the Enfield Rotary Club on Monday, getting the opportunity to network with members of the Enfield Community. We also had Hassan, Ezekiel, David and Kayra attending the Remembrance Service at Broomfield Park on behalf of Laurel Park School. They have also started to support the Year 7-9 tutors groups during their Tutor Time Reading Programme during morning registration.

We are looking forward for the students to work with key members of staff in order to drive the standards of the school forward. **Ms Gray**



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## FIRST ANNUAL LAURUS NOBILIS AWARDS

*save the date*

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023 6.30-8.00PM

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF  
DETERMINATION AND EXCELLENCE AT  
LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

We are looking forward to seeing the winners of the Laurus Nobilis Awards and their families on Wednesday 15th November.

Doors will open at 6.10pm for refreshments with a prompt 6.30pm start. There will be music performances as well as the awards being announced.

The awards consist of the following:

- English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, PE, Drama, Computing, Media, RE, Art, Technology, MfL and Music.
- The CS Lewis Award for Integrity, The Jesse Owens Award for Determination, The Aristotle Award for Excellence and the Malala Award for Ambition.

We look forward to celebrating at this prestigious event and will share winners shortly.



**The Year 7 Netball Team** played their first match against Highlands this week. It was a tough game with Highlands taking the win. Well done to the girls for trying their best. Onwards and upwards to the next fixture!

# Year 11 Revision & Interventions Timetable

November 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before school</b> 7.50-8.20am	Free breakfast in the Bay Leaf Restaurant	Free breakfast in the Bay Leaf Restaurant	Free breakfast in the Bay Leaf Restaurant	Free breakfast in the Bay Leaf Restaurant	Free breakfast in the Bay Leaf Restaurant
<b>Lunch</b> 1.00-1.25pm		<b>History</b>	<b>Geography</b>		
<b>Afterschool</b> 3.15-4.00pm	<b>English</b>  <b>Music</b>  <b>Homework Club (Library)</b>	<b>Science</b>  <b>RE</b>  <b>Art</b>  <b>Music</b>  <b>Homework Club (Library)</b>		<b>Maths</b>  <b>Music</b>  <b>Sport Studies</b>  <b>Homework Club (Library)</b>	<b>Media</b>  <b>Music</b>

## Our Community Lettings are run by Schools Plus.

You can enjoy the use of our facilities on Evenings, Weekends and School Holidays. Facilities available to hire include the 3G Pitch, Sports Hall, Drama Studio, Main Hall and more. To make a booking, please visit:

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# New Laurel Park photos



We were delighted to welcome Scott Johnson from the Edge Photography back to school before half term to take more professional photos around school. These pictures will be used to grow and diversify the photos we use around school and on the website. Here are a selection of the photos taken on the day.





Laurel Park School are delighted to announce we are part of the Stronger Starts Programme. Between now and January 2024 you can vote for LPS with a blue token each time you shop at a local Tesco.

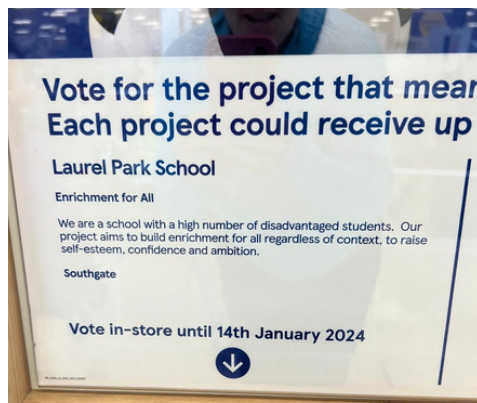
**Our project aims to build enrichment for all, regardless of context, to raise self-esteem, confidence and ambition.**

The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500.

Voting for Laurel Park School can take place at any of the following Tescos:

Osige N14 5JP	Brent Cross NW2 1LZ	Colney Hatch N12 0SH	Canons Corner HA8 8AF	Finchley N3 1XP
Goodge Street W1T 2QB	Hendon NW4 2EL	Golders Green NW11 8HB	New Barnet EN4 8QX	Finchley Road N12 9QH
Mill Hill NW7 3DA	Edgware Hale Lane HA8 8NP	Hendon NW9 5AA	Barnet High St EN5 5SJ	Barnet Greenhill EN5 1ES
Whetstone N20 0BU	Crickelwood NW2 3DR	New Southgate N11 3LX	Hendon Vivien Ave NW4 3YA	Edgware Glengall HA8 8TE

If you are shopping with self-service, you will have to specifically ask for a token.



**Please encourage your friends and family to vote for Laurel Park School!**