



LAUREL PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

This has been a busy week indeed with lots of celebratory trips! I had the pleasure of taking year 7 to The Chickenshed Theatre to see their Christmas performance. The students did exceptionally well en route to and from the theatre in some wet and unpleasant conditions. Once in there they were met with lots of lights, sound, costume and a very big cast. Some of our students were very excited to see friends in the performance. It was a great trip and students had a wonderful time.

Keeping with the theme of theatre, I also lead the Year 8 trip to the Millfield Theatre to see the annual pantomime, which this year is Sleeping Beauty. Year 8 have been studying Melodrama this term, so a visit to the best example of melodrama was well deserved. Part of our aim as a school is to ensure that every child is a theatre goer, which we have made a great start in fulfilling. In January we will be taking some students to the National Theatre to see Roald Dahl's The Witches followed by a February visit to the theatre where Year 10 and Year 11 students will see Berkoff's Metamorphosis.

As I write this newsletter, Year 11 are in Winchester on their reward trip, visiting a Christmas market. I am impressed that they arrived at school very early, ready for a fun filled day.

A huge thanks to all the staff and prefects who have accompanied these valuable trips, which provide enrichment opportunities for our young people and support our character curriculum.

This week also saw some tense Basketball games and no more tense than our Year 11 team who played Highlands. The team did superbly well and stepped up their performance from their last competitive fixture. The final score saw Highlands beat LPS by 2 points!!

At this charitable time of year, it has been lovely to see so many acts of kindness and goodwill. Students have been busy donating items for the food bank. A number of Year 9's and one Year 10 volunteered to stay after school on Wednesday to help Ms Smith & Mrs Tansley coordinate the items, ready for collection. Thank you to Mohamed, Georgi, Ali, Abdallah, Darius and Kiera.

The Year 11 character prefects were called to their first task.... To judge the penguin competition! It was tough, with lots of creative pieces submitted to the competition. They did reach their decision, which will be shared next week.

Finally, as we near the end of term, both staff and students are tired. However, a reminder that we must continue to live out the core values of our school both within the building and in the community. Every moment our uniform is worn, our young people are ambassadors of our school. To parents, please remind your children that they will need to be in the correct and proper uniform and behave accordingly especially on their way to and from school.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

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be Week 2



Laurel Park Business and Industry Centre Proposal

Notice is given to the London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XQ that Laurel Park School proposes to add a post-16 vocational offer to the current provisions.

The vision of Laurel Park School is to develop well rounded students with the ambition and determination to excel in their lives whether this be through academic study, vocational training, or employment. Alongside this, Laurel Park School has a commitment to developing character and integrity across the school and wider community.

Opportunities are provided outside of the taught curriculum to develop core life skills, preparing our students to be proud global citizens. Laurel Park School's governing body is therefore proposing to open a sixth form to allow students to take further vocational courses for their post-16 education.

This provision will be situated within existing buildings on the main school campus at Wilmer Way, London, N14 7HY. Therefore, no special transport arrangements are required as there will be no change to the travel arrangements for the students and there is unlikely to be any change to current levels of car use.

It is proposed that the admission process for internal and external students for the new established post 16 vocational offer will open from early 2024 with pre - admissions interviews between March- April 2024.

Laurel Park is a relatively small secondary school with a family type community. For some students it is an overwhelming thought and experience having to transition again at the end of year 11 to a larger college.

Most of Laurel Park's current students go to college outside of Enfield for their post-16 studies. Having a vocational education at Laurel Park School sixth form could help to retain and support those students who wished to pursue vocational education in Enfield, as opposed to going to schools and/or colleges either within or outside of the borough.

Laurel Park School believes there is a need in the school to provide a post-16 offer to retain students and support them on their journey into Higher Education, Apprenticeships, or employment.

Courses provisionally on offer:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma in Computing

Cambridge National Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma in Performing Arts

T Level Technical Qualification in Science

T Level Technical Qualification in Management and Administration

Parents & Carers : Any person can object or endorse the proposal by emailing Neil Best, Head of Strategic Resourcing & Partnerships on neil.g.best@enfield.gov.uk

Deadline 12th January 2024

Please support us to set up a 6th form provision at Laurel Park School from Sept 2024

Year 7 visit Chickenshed Theatre to watch the Toymaker's Child

The Year 7 year group had their second trip of the year this week to Chickenshed Theatre to watch the Toymaker's Child. The toymaker lives a simple and quiet life. He has just one child, his pride and joy; but (as all parents do) he worries. They often play alone and rarely bring friends home from school. Worried his child is lonely, the toymaker cooks up a cunning plan...

Using a magical 3D printer, he creates an all-singing all-dancing AI child! However, things don't quite go according to plan when the AI child, serial number PIN:0Cch10, proves to be a bit too mischievous to handle!



I had a wonderful experience and really enjoyed the show. I would love to go and see it again. I also met my primary school teacher at the theatre who was watching the same show!

Vy

I really enjoyed the trip"
Edwin



Character Points

Congratulations to the following students who collected all 53 points on their Character Cards this week:

Thursday 7th - Wednesday 13th December

Year 7

Adem
Alice
Amelia
Gergana
Ezgi

Year 8

Jasmine
Arben
Kaitlyn
Nicollas
Emanuela
Alessia
Mariana
Rumeysa
Yanis
Flavia

Year 9

Mehrab
Asil
Tallulah
Sebastian
Azal
Sahra
Keiran
Kylie
Zera

Year 10

Jayliah
Lara
Fatmata
Alexandra
Dimitri
Serena
Antelainta
Aithor
Kaua
Georgi
Edlira
Petroula
Ismail
Lorenna

Nefeli
Siyar
Jasmin
Laura
Esma
Maria
Kristiana

Year 11

Ciprian
Yvonne
Marta
Msli
Miruna

**WORD
OF
THE
WEEK**

EXPORT

<p>DEFINITION</p> <p>Noun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the business of selling and sending goods to other countries a product that is sold to another country 	<p>SYNONYMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock Commodity Inventory
<p>SENTENCES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Again, these can be used to assess potential export demand or continuity of import supplies. Britain's total exports to the other EU member states now exceed imports. 	

ETYMOLOGY

The noun "export" (1400-1500) Latin exportare, from portare "to carry"

Important Dates

DECEMBER

Monday 18th: The Winter Show 6-7pm (All invited)

Wednesday 20th: Christmas Day at LPS (Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch)

Thursday 21st: Last day of term, early finish. Students dismissed at 12 noon.

JANUARY

Monday 8th: School starts at 8.25am. It will be week 1.

Wednesday 10th: Year 11 Art Trip to Tate Modern

Wednesday 17th: Year 11 Mock Results Day and Year 11 Parents Evening

Wednesday 24th: Trip to the Southbank to watch The Witches

Tuesday 30th: Year 10 Geography trip

Headteacher's Awards

This week we celebrated Year 7

Muniira wins for **Determination** for consistently striving to do her best, whether that be in lessons, with friends or helping staff. She is always one of the first to put her hand up to volunteer and contribute in lessons.

Alice wins for **Integrity** for settling into LPS very well. She is the perfect role model in class and always offers to help her form tutor as much as she can. She is a fantastic asset to school.

Kania wins for **Excellence** for making an amazing start to LPS, working hard, being polite and respectful. She has also collected a huge amount of Character Points showing much much she is valued by all her teachers.

Taihyana wins for **Integrity** for being disciplined, wanting to do well and always coming to school fully prepared for the day ahead with all the right equipment.



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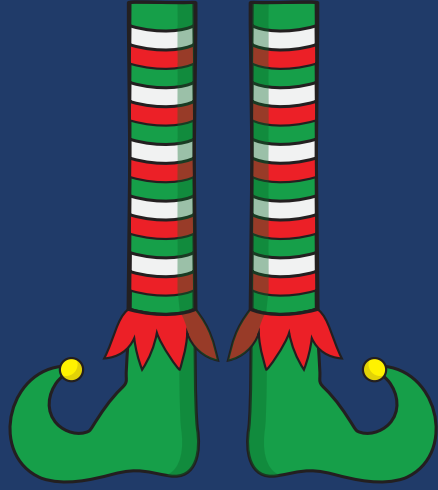
Secret Listeners Workshop

On Monday we welcomed Joanna Hutt from Freshwater Theatre Company for a highly interactive workshop based on the Secret Listeners of Trent Park House.

The Secret Listeners carried out important intelligence work during the Second World War. Many of the Secret Listeners were German or Austrian, and many of them were Jewish. They had left Germany to find safety in Britain.

They worked in shifts in the basement at Trent Park, a large country house in Enfield. It was their job to listen carefully to what others were talking about. They had to translate the German into English and then try to understand what was being said and whether it had any military significance.

Our Year 9 group were fascinated during the production and it prompted some excellent questions and discussions around the topic. Thank you to Joanna and the team for an excellent, informative and thought provoking session.



LAURIE THE ELF!

Will Laurie's behaviour improve before Ms Christofi has to apply more sanctions?

This week, he hasn't been too good!



Uh oh, Laurie has been in the Bay Leaf Restaurant and found the flour. Guess he really wants it to snow this December as he's been practising his snow angels



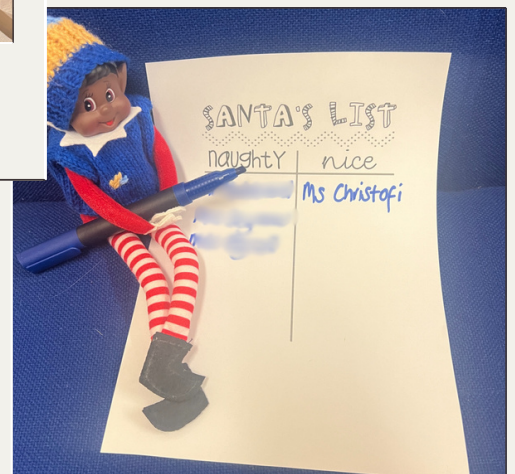
Smart watches are banned at school due to JCQ regulations. Laurie, we see what you've tried to do here but we're onto you. That watch is now confiscated...



Sorry Laurie, no you can't join Food Technology. Those aren't proper fried eggs....!



Laurie you're actually being helpful today? Well done for reminding everyone to turn off the lights as you leave a room.



It would appear Laurie is trying to win over Ms Christofi?

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Workshop

On Tuesday we welcomed the Speakers Trust on behalf of the Jack Petchey Foundation to deliver a public speaking workshop for a selected group of Year 10 students.



The workshop focused on helping students find their voices and show their public speaking capabilities to their peers. A full day workshop was spent on public speaking training with the impact being that students increased their empathy with the views of others along with improving their ability to work under pressure.

All the students prepared and delivered their speeches during the day. It was a very close competition but the five finalists were Laila, Ismail, Jenny, Endri and Diamond. The leader wanted to give a special mention to Michael, as he was very nervous about having to speak and thought he wouldn't be able to, but in the end he gave no hesitation at all and delivered well too.

The next stage is the five finalists will perform their speech in assembly in January where a panel will select Laurel Park's representative for the regional final. This will take place at Enfield Grammar on 8th Feb.

Ms Gray said 'it was a pleasure to see so many of the Year 10s take a great opportunity and put the skills that they had been taught during the day into practice.'

Thanks to Miss Bignell and Mr Polycarpou for organising, and for Ms Gray, Ms Ali and Mr London in supporting in the sessions



Careers Corner

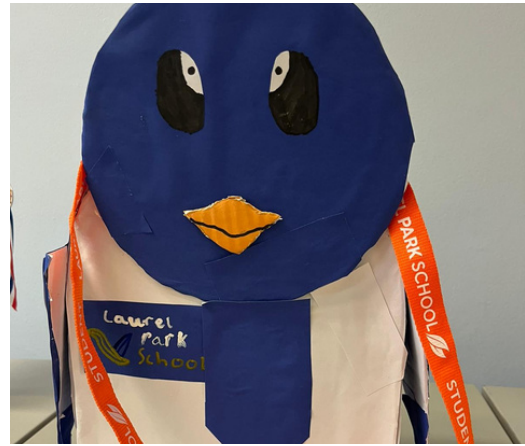
For their PSHE lesson this week, Year 11s have been researching local post 16 providers and courses with a view of making applications. Now is a crucial time for students to be doing this as some schools have deadlines coming up. Students may also be invited for interviews soon so it is important they are prepared for this - Unifrog has some great tips on this.

A reminder that students should complete forms using the email:
referencesyr11@laurelparkschool.co.uk

All reference requests will be sent out in January once the mock results have been marked. If the students need grades before then, they can use their more recent report on Go4Schools.

The Penguin Competition

This term's challenge was to make a 3D penguin in any size to display in school. The penguin can be made from any material and the best penguins get a prize. Well done to everyone that made penguins, we were super impressed. Winners announced next week!



ENFIELD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

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WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

Enfield Council Youth Development Service working in partnership with

& Creative Corner are providing fantastic free activities and hot meals during the winter break. There are 4 holiday camps running at:

Craig Park, 2 Lawrence Rd, Baxter Rd, Edmonton, N18 2HN

Ponders End Youth Centre, 141 South St, Enfield, EN3 4PX

Croyland Youth Centre, 1 Croyland Road, Edmonton, N9 7BA

Alan Pullinger, 1 John Bradshaw Road, New Southgate N14 6BN

The winter camps will be packed with a range of activities to choose from such as Drama, Music, Art & Craft, Sport and many more.

CRAIG PARK 11am-3pm (Thu 21 Dec & Fri 22 Dec)

PONDERS END 3.30pm-7.30pm (Thu 21 Dec & Fri 22 Dec)

CROYLAND 3.30pm-7.30pm (Wed 27 Dec), 11am-3pm (Thu 28 Dec),
11am-3pm (Wed 3 Jan & Thu 4 Jan)

ALAN PULLINGER 11am-3pm (Wed 27 Dec, Thu 28 Dec, Fri 29 Dec)

HOW TO ACCESS

If you are aged between 11-16 and you are currently receiving free school meals, a unique booking code will be sent by email to eligible parents on Fri 17 Nov. If you do not receive your voucher, please firstly contact your child's school or visit Enfield Council HAF webpage for more information about how the vouchers work.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes>

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