

## A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

### Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

As we embrace the warmer days ahead, I'm thrilled to share with you the vibrant pulse of life at our school. The corridors are buzzing with activity, and our pupils continue to impress us with their dedication and achievements.

Our Year 11 pupils have been showcasing their creativity and linguistic skill in recent weeks. The graphics exam was a testament to their artistic flair and technical skills, while the community language and MFL exams celebrated the rich tapestry of cultures that make our school community so unique. It's heartening to see our pupils express themselves through various mediums, be it visual arts or multiple languages.

We recently hosted our Year 8 parents' evening, which proved to be an invaluable opportunity for meaningful dialogue. It was a pleasure to commend our pupils on their hard work and offer constructive feedback to further enhance their learning journey. These conversations are crucial in nurturing our pupils' growth and ensuring they reach their full potential.

Exciting developments have taken place in our outdoor spaces. Thanks to funding secured from London Sport, we've installed new playground equipment that's already proving popular. Additionally, I'm delighted to announce that our trampolining club has sprung back into action, offering pupils another avenue for physical activity and enjoyment.

Our commitment to pupil well-being extends to the dining hall, where Chef Dan and his team have crafted a new lunch menu for this term. The enthusiastic response from our pupils suggests it's already a hit!

I'm particularly proud to share a significant achievement in our staff attendance. Our incentive programme for staff who maintain 98% attendance has yielded remarkable results. This initiative has dramatically reduced our reliance on supply teachers, ensuring our pupils benefit from consistent, high-quality teaching and learning experiences. It's a testament to our staff's dedication and the positive impact it has on our pupils' education.

As we look forward to sunnier days, I kindly remind parents to ensure pupils come to school without their coats. Please make sure they bring a water bottle and apply sun cream as needed. These small steps will help keep our pupils comfortable and protected as they engage in their daily activities.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Together, we're creating an environment where our pupils can thrive, learn, and grow. The energy and enthusiasm I witness daily from our pupils, staff, and wider community never cease to inspire me.

Here's to another term of growth, achievement, and shared success at Laurel Park.

Enjoy the bank holiday!

*Ms Christofi*  
Headteacher



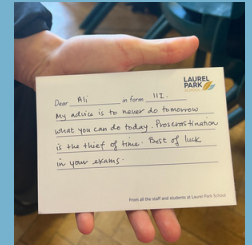
**MONDAY 5TH MAY – BANK  
HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Next week is  
Week 1**

Another busy week for Year 11 has seen our speaking exams in Turkish, Persian, Portuguese, French, Spanish, Arabic as well as Graphics. Next week we continue to have Spanish speaking exams. Our written exams will start formally on Thursday, with Drama and Turkish starting us off. All students should be continuing to revise in school and at home in the lead up and during the exam period.

**A reminder that Prom will be on Tuesday 24th June at Forty Hall and tickets are available on Parent Pay. We also have available to purchase leavers hoodies on Parent Pay. Both need to be purchased by Friday 9th May.**

## Life of a Year 11



This week also saw us supporting Year 11s by giving each one a personalised postcard written by a member of the senior leadership team wishing them luck in their up and coming exams. They were given out to the students in assembly this week. The students really appreciated the care that had been taken by staff and it is a reminder of just how far they have come on the journey to the end of Year 11.



A big round of applause to the following students for their outstanding performance on Educake this week:

Y7: Aleks S  
Y8: Daria M  
Y9: Ada S  
Y10: Georgi C  
Y11: Michael D



Keep up the great work, everyone! Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring.

Educake can be accessed here <https://my.educake.co.uk/login>  
Students are regularly set homework on here and have the option to select their own questions too.

## Important Dates!

5th May - Bank Holiday - School closed

6th - 7th May - Year 11 Spanish Exam

8th May -  
**Written Public Exam For Year 11 Students Start**  
Year 7 Form Award Winner Breakfast

9th May -  
Year 8 Form Award Winner Breakfast  
Year 7 National Gallery Workshop Trip

14th May - Year 10 Harry Potter Studios Trip

22nd May -  
Guitar and Drums Showcase 5PM  
Year 8 Armed Forces Cricket Trip

**HALF TERM BREAK**  
**Monday, 26 May - Friday, 30 May 2025**

11th June - Year 7 Parents Evening 3:45pm - 6:15pm

16th June - Year 10 Mocks Begin

23rd June - KS3 Core Subject Mock Exams Begin

24th June - Year 11 Prom

10th July - Summer Achievement Assembly Week

**15th July - School Trip Day**  
Thorpe Park (Year 9 & 10)  
Whipsnade Zoo (Year 7 & 8)

16th July - Culture Day

17th July - Sports Day (TBC)

18th July - End of Term

*Do not forget*



## Kung Fu Club

By Mr London



This is a great opportunity to get fit, make more friendships, learn new skills and have the possibility to gain AQA unit awards, grade and compete at National level. You will also be able to join Tai Tsung Kung Fu school outside of this.



**All you need is your  
PE kit and a bottle  
of water.  
Every Monday  
3.25pm - 4.30pm  
Venue: Main Hall.**



A huge thank you to Ms Robertshaw for leading the Year 7 Netball Team through an exciting and competitive tournament!

The team showed incredible spirit and skill, finishing second in their group with wins against Oasis Academy Enfield and Palmers Green High School. They went on to play Lea Valley Academy in the semi-finals and achieved a strong 4th place overall—a fantastic accomplishment!

Throughout the tournament, the team embodied all of our school values: **Integrity, Determination, Excellence, and Ambition.** We are so proud of each and every one of them!

🌟 Team Line-Up:

GS: Nehad | GA: Diane | WA: Lorin | C: Maeve  
WD: Rosie & Kenda | GD: Ines | GK: Julia

Well done, team! 🏆





# Headteacher's Award

At the end of each week, 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 winners from this week who received a great surprise to find out they had won this prestigious award!

**Diamond - Wins for Integrity,** For always being respectful and kind to everyone around him. showing great teamwork and leadership skills by helping everyone around him with a smile on his face. Always positive and willing to work hard for all his teachers.

**Kristiana - Wins for Determination,** Always participates and makes the most of her learning, whether it be Period 0 or Enrichment. She clearly wants to do well and puts in the effort to make sure she has all the information she needs to prepare for her exams.

**Muhtasham - Wins for Excellence,** Muhtasham has shown excellence in upholding the school's values and the role of Prefect.

**Tuana - Wins for Ambition,** For always being respectful and committed to improving her school work, using her problem solving and creativity skills. She is determined to do well and shows her peers excellent behaviour and discipline. She arrives to school with the correct mindset and is always fully equipped. Tuana is a very kind person, always willing to help everyone around her and is an asset to the form.



# Character Education focus of the week

The vision of Laurel Park School is to develop well rounded students who have the ambition and determination to excel in life whether this be through academic study, vocational training or employment.

Alongside this, we have 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.

Finally, Laurel Park is a school where all members of the community are treated with care and respect, whilst supported both with their well-being and their academic aspirations.

This is achieved through our Core Values of **Integrity, Determination, Excellence** and **Ambition**

Each month we will see a Skill and each week we will try to link this Skill to one of our Values.

## This month's Skill is Leadership!

*"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence." - Sheryl Sandberg*

## This week's value is Excellence and Ambition!

### How can Leadership help us achieve Excellence and Ambition?



- **Setting a Positive Example:** Leaders inspire ambition by living with honesty, kindness, and hard work. Their actions show that true excellence comes from character, not just achievements.
- **Encouraging Others:** A great leader lifts others up, not just themselves. By helping others believe in their ambition and potential, they build a culture of excellence.
- **Taking Responsibility:** True leaders don't blame others when things go wrong. By taking responsibility, they show the ambition to grow and the drive for personal excellence.
- **Standing Up for What is Right:** Leaders show ambition for a better world by speaking up against unfairness, even when it's hard. This courage sets a standard of excellence for everyone around them.

Students will be presented this in assembly each week but please also speak to them at home





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# TRIP TO ROME

Sunday 24th May - Tuesday 26th May 2026

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# PULSE DJ PARTY

THURSDAY  
8TH MAY

5PM TO 5.45PM

DOORS OPEN AT  
4.50PM

FEAT. TALI - DJ 2FOUR7  
DOMINIK - DJ DOMINIK  
ROCCO  
KEIRAN  
KEIRA  
SIVA - DJ SOS  
DAJA - DJ DAJA B



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**INFORMATION**

**MEET OUR  
SEND TEAM**

**Parents and the local  
community are welcome to join  
our SEND Team at our monthly  
events.**

**WEDNESDAY  
15TH MAY  
10AM TO 11.30AM**





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Calling all young artists aged 11 - 25! Get ready to show off your talent in this year's Young Artists Exhibition - and this time, we're turning up the volume with the theme: Colour Pop! Your artwork will shine in our Apthorp Gallery from Sunday 25 May to Saturday 31 May. You can interpret the theme however you like, and any medium is welcome - paint it, sketch it, sculpt it, snap it, stitch it... you name it! It's totally free to enter, but make sure to apply by 3pm on Monday 12 May. Let your creativity pop - we can't wait to see what you create! Find out more: <https://www.artsdepot.co.uk/young-artists-exhibition-2025-colour-pop/>

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# Young Artists Exhibition 2025: COLOUR POP!



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

### 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

### 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

### 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

### 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

### 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

### 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

### 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

### 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

### 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

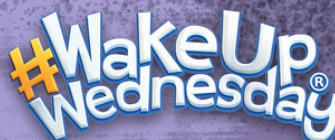
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

### 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

## Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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