



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Welcome back to our school community. I hope that you all had a well deserved break with friends and family. This is a very short term indeed so we must all make the most of it!

Before I update you on this week's news I'd like to say a big well done to the Year 11 students who came in over the holidays to complete intervention lessons with their teachers. Also, a huge thank you to staff who came in to support our young people, preparing them for their exams.

This week, we received news that we won a small grant from the Tesco Sure Starts programme, which is fantastic news. We put a bid in to fund our enrichment programme, and then hoped that customers in various Tesco's stores would place their blue chips from the checkout into our project....which they did! The money will go towards our school garden that Mr Martin is working towards with groups of students.

This week also saw our Year 9 parents invited along to the Options Evening presentation. We are well into the process of choice making, which is essentially the first major decision that our students will make in their education pathway. I am incredibly proud of the curriculum we are offering, as it is broad, balanced and gives students a range of options both in academic and vocational pathways.

Over the half term break, I received a very well written email from one of our Year 11 prefects, who wanted to discuss how we could further develop provision for Year 11 students to enable our young people to further better prepare for their up and coming mock exams. He suggested a study space beyond the intervention times after school, more exam practice opportunities and easier access to past papers. In true Laurel Park form, we have put this into action. From Monday 26th February, we will be launching 'Champions Hour'. This will be a study space that will be staffed by the senior teams and will operate between 3.15pm and 5.00pm every day. Students will be given a snack and drink and will have the chance to work and revise in a silent space. Champions Hour will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the subject of Year 11, a reminder that Mock 2 exams will start on Monday 26th February and will operate in a very condensed format for a week and a half. Please support your children as we are moving towards the time that is most stressful for them.

As part of our commitment to equality and diversity in the school, Mr Akubuko has delivered assemblies this week on the subject of unconscious bias. He explained to students how this emerges and factors that affect bias in society and what we must do as people to consciously ensure we are inclusive, celebrate each other's, cultures, religions and other differences that make each of us unique. This supports and encompasses our overall school values of IDEA and our drive to make our young people the best versions of themselves, ready to go into society. It was great to see our students so focussed on the theme. One of the special aspects of our school is the diverse makeup of both students and staff.

We are very busy working on our Sixth Form, so I hope to be able to share more information soon on the curriculum offer we will be launching for September 2024.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend.



PROCEED

DEFINITION

Verb:

1. to continue to do something that has already been planned or started
2. to continue
3. to move in a particular direction

SYNONYMS

- Get going
- Advance
- Move

SENTENCES

1. Contract drafting and negotiation contract drafting can generally proceed concurrently with due diligence.
2. Both historians proceed to a greater or lesser extent by way of discussion of great photographers.
3. We now proceed to examine some simple cases.

ETYMOLOGY

The verb "proceed" (1300-1400) Old French proceder, from Latin procedere "to go forward"

FEBRUARY

Monday 26th: Beginning of Year 11 Mock exams

Tuesday 27th February: Year 10 London Careers Festival trip

Wednesday 28th February: GCSE Drama trip to Metamorphosis; Year 10 Work Experience Evening

MARCH

Tuesday 5th: Health drop in clinic

Wednesday 6th: Year 6 welcome evening (virtual)

Thursday 7th: Year 9 visit to Digital and Creative Exhibition

Monday 11th: Southern Challenge STEM trip

Tuesday 12th: Year 6 Taster Day

Wednesday 13th: Year 9 immunisations; Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 14th: Tina Turner Education Day

Character Education focus of the week

This month's Virtue is **Critical Thinking**

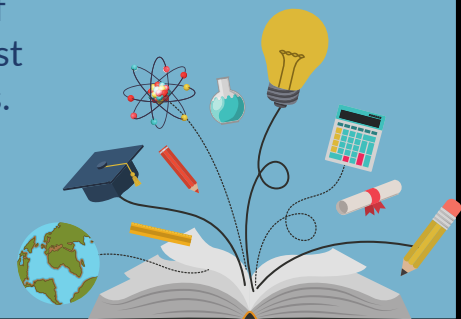
Critical Thinking is the ability to think reflectively and to come to independent conclusions

"Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all." - Hypatia of Alexandria

This weeks' value is **determination**

How can **Critical Thinking** help us achieve **Determination**?

- **Critical Thinking** helps us analyze our own strengths and weaknesses, so we can set realistic goals that we can achieve. Achieving our goals makes us proud and keeps us **determined** to keep going.
- **Critical Thinking** allows us to weigh the pros and cons of different options we have. Knowing that we made the best decision boosts our **determination** to complete our tasks.
- **Critical Thinking** helps us identify our personal areas for improvement, motivating us to stay **determined** to achieve personal growth and success.



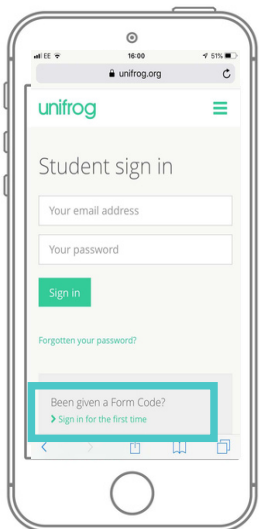
Careers Corner

On Wednesday 28th February, we are pleased to invite in Year 10 parents to explain the work experience process to them.

All Year 10 students will be expected to attend a live work experience placement from 8th-12th July

We will be using Unifrog to support students with the paperwork relating to their placement - more details about how parents can log on can be found below
There will be a talk from 5.00pm. All Year 10 parents are encouraged to attend

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Scan this QR Code or go onto

www.unifrog.org/student and click 'Sign in for the first time'

You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

LRPSParents

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

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Headteacher commendations are now open!

At the end of the newsletter are some details about how you can nominate someone for a Headteacher's commendation.

Any previous nominations for students who didn't receive a commendation last term are carried over to this term so the more a student is nominated for outstanding reasons, the more chance they have of getting the award!

Year 11 mocks start next week!

All Year 11 students will be completing the next set of mock exams starting on Monday

This will be a very busy and intense period for the students but it will be a chance for them to show what improvements have been made since the mocks in December and look at gaps in knowledge

Thanks to Mr London, our LP for assessment, feedback and consistency in supporting Year 11 in their assembly this week

Laurel Park launches new homework policy for KS3

All Year 7-9 parents will have received a letter about our new homework policy - self quizzing

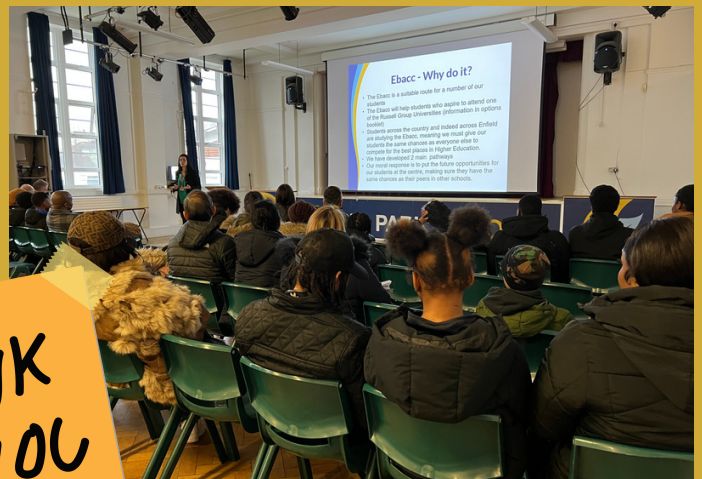
We have decided to do this as self quizzing is proven to significantly improve the retention of information in the long term memory through retrieval practice. Educational research shows that recalling information from memory actually helps our ability to memorise information over time. As a result pupils who regularly complete self quizzing homework are more likely to achieve at the highest grade.

All students should complete 20 mins of homework per night in the subject according to their timetable. This will be checked each morning by their tutors. We would appreciate your support in this new initiative.

Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Year 9 Parents Evening this week.

The Options form will go live on the Year 9 Google Classroom page on Monday 26th February at 4.00pm



THANK YOU 😊



Top Character points for week beginning 5th February !

Year 7

Esham, Favour, Adem, Alice, Alex C, Marianna, Amin, Dennise, Kania, Valentina, Safa, Amelia, Aida, Anna, Urooj, Verka, Joris, Christivie, Gergana, Rafael, Nandito, Kamil, Chloe, Daniel, Gabriel S, Trey, Ezgi, Ahad, Alexandros S, Alexandru S, Shri, Shaniya, Emiliano, Vittoria, Vasilen, Isabely, Oliver, Khairiya, Sami

Year 8

Jasmine, Beyza, Kaitlyn, Nicollas, Alessia, Mariana, Emily, Alex M, Rumeysa, Kadir, Haoxuan, Austin, Leonardo

Year 9

Wilson, Mergyul, Tallulah, Riyansh, Sahra, Alex P, Keiran

Year 10

Amir, Eylul, Jayliah, Lara, Fatmata, Aldo, Alexandra-Diana, Dimitri, Serena, Antelainta, Aithor, Melina, Georgi K, Edlira, Petroula, Brielle, Tom, Lorena, Nefeli, Siyar, Jasmin, Esma, Ana, Florin, Kristiana, Alfonso, Daria

Year 11

Ciprian, Raine, Yvonne, Marta, Ensar, Jasmin, Alan, Madiha, Msli, Ethem, Olivia, Kamela, Idil, Miruna

Artist Takeover

FREE
EVENT

Saturday 2nd March
12pm - 4pm

An interactive showcase from
the Festival of Industry

- Creative workshops
- Exhibitions
- Screenings
- Performances
- Learning Activities

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CENTRE

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**FESTIVAL
&
OF INDUSTRY**

Top Character points for this week !

Year 7

Esham, Favour, Adem, Alice, Jahiem, Marianna, Kania, Orlean, Amelia, Aida, Anna, Gergana, Nandito, Chloe, Daniel, Ezgi, Edwin, Shri, Joel, Khairiya, Sami

Year 8

Darvin, Jasmine, Markeli, Kaitlyn, Mariana, Roan, Muhammet, Jedidah, Kadir, Chinar, Haoxuan, Juan

Year 9

Megan, Tallulah, Dea, Alex P, Keiran, Gulab

Year 10

Amir, Eylul, Lara, Dimitri, Serena, Aithor, Melina, Kenny, Petroula, Nefeli, Maida O, Siyar, Jasmin, Esmā, Ana

Year 11

Ciprian, Yvonne, Jasmin, Madiha, Msli, Kristina, Olivia



Are you aged 11–25?

**TELL US YOUR
AMBITIONS
FOR THE
FUTURE FOR
THE CHANCE TO
WIN £200!!**



Complete our **15-minute survey** and you could **win £200** for yourself and **£500** for the youth organisation/school you are involved with. Enter by **11.59pm, Saturday 16th March 2024**



**Next week it will be
week 1**

Year 9 Animal Aspirations workshop

30 Year 9 students had a 'barking' time at the Animal Aspirations workshop. We were fortunate to have students from the Royal Veterinary College visits us and lead the students in this animal mad workshop.

The workshop was introduced with a talk about animals and how useful they are outside of their role of being pets and companions for people. They demonstrated case studies, talking about how vets can take of many different animals.

It was great that students got the opportunity to find out how to best to take care of the animals and what capabilities they have.

Thank you to Ms Barmounaki for organising the event.



NOMINATIONS FOR HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Anyone can nominate a student for a
Headteacher's Commendation.

Staff, parents, other students -
complete this nomination form:



Criteria

Integrity - for hard work, honesty, making good choices, representing the school

Determination - for motivation, overcoming barriers, effort, self-discipline

Excellence - for Character Points, personal excellence, sporting / musical excellence

Ambition - for high aspirations (mock) exam results, assessment results



Bronze Award
Awarded 1st time



Silver Award
Awarded 2nd time



Gold Award
Awarded 3rd time