



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Welcome back to our school community and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a restful and peaceful time for your families. I'd also like to welcome Mrs Sheikh-Oomar, who is a new member of our senior leadership team and who will be leading our Languages department. Likewise, I'd like to welcome Mr Khan, who has joined our PE department.

This week, we have been delivering assemblies on New Year's resolutions and making a commitment to do something better this term. One of the areas we have spoken about is about ensuring acts of kindness on a daily basis and how good that can make us feel. We also launched our school virtues with students to run alongside our values of Integrity, Determination, Excellence and Ambition. This month our virtue is 'Creativity' and how we all have the gift of imagination and creativity, which can come in lots of different forms. More details of this can be found later on in the newsletter. We have tasked our students with a competition to create a poster to be displayed around the school, communicating ways that we help our students at Laurel Park School.

This week also saw our Year 11 students having a mock GCSE results day to mimic what will happen in the summer. This is an excellent way for students to explore how they feel at the time they open their results and assess whether they want to feel that emotion in the summer. This should now also help students to prepare for the mock 2 set of exams, which will start immediately after the February half term. We will be distributing bespoke additional support timetables to all students at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 17th January. All parents are expected to attend this event as it is crucial to the progress of your child.

In other Laurel Park news this week, we had two of our Year 9s compete in a STEM competition. Ms Saunders took our students and reported back that they came 2nd, which is a phenomenal achievement! Well done to our students who made us proud.

We are also awaiting news on our sixth form proposal from the Borough of Enfield. Us providing post-16 education is an essential part to the school's growth and development so we would welcome all our parents to get behind us and if you haven't done so already, please email your support to Neil Best at the borough. His email is: Neil.G.Best@enfield.gov.uk

We only have 4 school weeks until the next half term - so please ensure your child is at school everyday - every minute of learning counts towards their overall progress.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

**Next week will
be Week 2**

Year 9s generating ideas for their social enterprise project

On Wednesday 26 Year 9 students were lucky enough to take place in their first workshop looking at how they can start a social enterprise project. They thought about what a business is what charities are and how they can combine for a social enterprise project.

They debated on various topics that are important to them at the minute, such as climate change and discrimination and looked at ways in which they can be tackled by young people.

They then worked in groups to look at the characteristics of people in the local community, what obstacles and problems they face and how to challenge them.

They will follow this up on another workshop next week before a group of them take on this project as part of their enrichment programme and be entered into Enfield's 'Dragon's Den' competition. We will keep you posted on how the project is going as the year goes on!



NoTurningBack2020 marketing talk



On Thursday we were very fortunate to have a marketing talk from NoTurningBack2020 which was attended by Year 9-11 students who have expressed an interest in marketing.

Amandeep from Harvard and Bolade from Edelman shared some great insight into their path into marketing and how it can be a serious careers choice for young people.

There will be some follow up work with the students in order to raise awareness of the marketing sector as well as linking up students to possible jobs in the future. There will also be opportunities for some of our younger students to explore the world of marketing, which they may have no idea about!

Year 11 Art tip to the Tate Modern

The Year 11 Art class embarked on an inspiring journey to the Tate Modern for the captivating exhibition, "Captured Moments." Among the numerous highlights, witnessing Picasso's iconic "Weeping Woman" in person left an impression on the students. Engaged and enthralled, they immersed themselves in the diverse artworks, some even finding inspiration to sketch on the spot. The atmosphere within the gallery was nothing short of magical, contributing to a truly enriching experience.



I highly recommend visiting the Tate Modern if you ever find yourself near the South Bank of London, as it not only houses outstanding exhibitions like "Captured Moments" but also offers lots of free exhibits. Congratulations to Year 11 for making the most of this opportunity, and I hope the experience serves as inspiration for your upcoming exam project and builds upon the foundation laid in your previous coursework.



Mrs Mustafa.

Careers Corner

Year 9 started their options process in earnest this week with an assembly led by Deputy Head, Mrs Seymour, all about how the Options process will work for Year 9.

There was lots of exciting buzz from them after the assembly with students already asking teachers questions about their Options choices and suitability!

In the coming weeks they will have talks in assemblies and lessons about the different subjects on offer in preparation for them choosing two subjects for a taster lesson

Date for the diary - Wednesday 21st February will be our Options Evening for families to attend school to ask those all important questions. All Year 9 students and parents will be expected to attend

We would really appreciate it if you could spare 5 minutes to complete a quick survey about your views on Laurel Park School after our first term:

<https://forms.gle/J9dwvJTU6TtrPbPcA>

The deadline for this has been extended to Monday 15th January at 3.00pm



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, Excellence, Ambition and Determination.

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

This month's Virtue is Creativity!

Creativity is being able to create and to use your imagination.

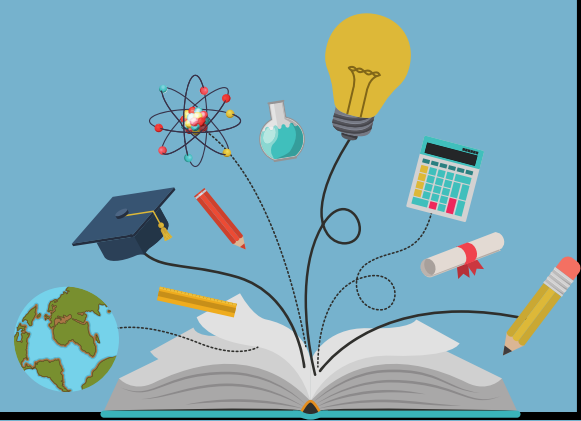
"Creativity is seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought." - Albert Einstein

This weeks' value is integrity

How can Creativity help us achieve integrity?

- Creativity comes through understanding yourself and what is good for your, helping you make the right choices –integrity.
- Creativity helps you be more flexible, which means that you can find easier ways to do the right thing even in difficult situations.
- Sometimes, Creativity can be achieved faster with collaboration, or receiving inspiration from others, which helps you understand your boundaries and the boundaries of others.

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





AUTHORITY

DEFINITION

- Noun:**
1. the power you have because of your official position
 2. an official organisation or a government department that has the power to make decisions, and has particular responsibilities
 3. someone who knows a lot about a subject and whose knowledge and opinions are greatly respected

SYNONYMS

- Jurisdiction
- Establishment
- Expert
- Connoisseur

SENTENCES

1. In the British system, the mayor has no authority over the local police.
2. The number of complaints received by the Police Complaints Authority has risen sharply in recent years.
3. The authority on ancient civilizations delivered a captivating lecture at the archaeological conference, captivating the audience with profound insights and extensive knowledge.

ETYMOLOGY

The noun "authority" (1200-1300) Old French *autorité*, from Latin *autoritas* "opinion, decision, power", from *autor*; → **AUTHOR**

Important Dates

JANUARY

- Wednesday 17th: Year 11 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 23rd: Post 16 fair
- Wednesday 24th: Trip to the Southbank to watch The Witches
- Tuesday 30th: Year 10 Geography trip

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 6th: Year 10 Geography trip
- Wednesday 7th: Year 9 Parent's Evening



Year 11 Parents Evening takes place on Wednesday 17th January from 3.45pm-6.15pm. All parents and students are expected to attend

Year 11s receive their mock exam results in pictures



Laurel Park School to sponsor an Owlet for North London Hospice

LPS is proud to announce that we will be sponsoring an Owlet as part of the trail organised by North London Hospice and Wild in Art for 2024. This will bring an exciting and iconic art sculpture trail to our community – Big Fun Art Adventure!

More than 30 giant owl sculptures, alongside a parliament of 30 smaller owlets designed by local schools and community groups, will hide in plain sight on the streets and in the parks of North London in the summer of 2024.

Each owl will be sponsored by a business and individually designed and decorated by local and regional artists, designers and illustrators. Each sculpture will celebrate the vibrancy, culture, and creativity that North London has to offer.

The owls will form a fun, family-friendly trail of discovery for visitors to enjoy and explore for eight weeks in the late summer of 2024 and will highlight iconic spots and local hidden gems.

Have a look at the website for more details: <https://bigfunartadventure.org>



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“ **Laurel Park School** are thrilled to adopt an Owlet for Big Fun Art Adventure. We encourage others to get involved in this vital fundraising initiative for North London Hospice. We already have a winning Coronation bench that we designed for a similar project displayed at the Tower of London, so we are looking forward to adding to our collection! ”



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London
Hospice