



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

This week has started with a very eager and focussed Year 11, who have started their mock exams. I always find it an overwhelming moment when another year group takes their seats in the sports hall to start the process of exams. I am pleased to see that so many students are taking it seriously and that they recognise the importance of trying hard. It is also important to know that these are not the final exams, they are assessments to let us know where the gaps are so that we can help our young people in the run up to exams. We will be having a mock results day in January, which will be closely followed by Year 11 parents evening on the 17th of January and a compulsory intervention process.

This week I have had the pleasure of delivering assemblies on Leadership and in particular what outstanding leadership looks like. I spoke through parts of my own role and focussed on areas that meet or core values. One of the most important things is being able to look after people and say sorry when you have got something wrong. I linked this with our core value of integrity, which is a leadership quality I see in so many of our students. We have great leadership amongst the student body in our school. Recently, Nicollas in year 8 has been coordinating the 'CleanUp team' in the canteen, where he has recruited students, liaised with Ms Bignell to get bespoke aprons and liaised with Perla in Year 11 to get the prefects on board. This is an excellent example of leadership!

On Thursday of this week, students in year 9 celebrated their end of term trip which was ice skating at Alexandra Palace. It was great to see so much excitement about the trip and is a lovely way to celebrate the end of term. My skating skills are appalling, but I am sure year 9 are far more skilled than me! Thank you to Mr Stewart for coordinating the trip and to the staff who went along to support.

A number of Year 8s were chosen to decorate the Christmas trees around the school, all branded of course in Laurel Park colours! I was then invited to choose the winning tree which I couldn't do because they all looked lovely, so I declared them all winners! Thank you to the Year 8 students for doing such a great job with this. On the theme of Christmas, I was blocked out of my office this week when the naughty Laurie the Laurel Park Elf blocked the door to my office by taping Christmas paper across it! Please look out for the naughty elf and report any sightings to the front office!

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

Next week will
be Week 2



Year 9 Ice Skating Trip to Alexandra Palace

Over the next 3 weeks, all year groups will be going on their Winter trips. On Thursday Year 9 went to Alexandra Palace to develop their ice skating skills along with balance, coordination, teamwork and speed.



It was a wonderful experience for all involved, made more exciting by watching Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean rehearsing for Dancing on Ice when they arrived!



Year 11 Football Match report (by Mr Gallagher)

2-0 and winning. Our Year 11 footballers travelled to Latymer School last Thursday 9th November. On a cold, rainy and dark Autumn evening, our boys started off very well by scoring within the first five minutes of the game. The tone for the game was established! Notable performances from Ali, Samuel and Antaios set the tone for the game. We were very solid as a defensive force due to the leadership of Egidijus in goal. In our previous game, there were glimpses of individual sporting talent and this was definitely evident on this outing as our team were cohesively strong. I am extremely proud of these group of boys and where they have come from. We have had difficult games this year, however it is obvious that they have matured and developed resilience to pick themselves up and get their first win.

1.Egidijus 2. Caleb 3. Samuel 4. Adem 5. Antaios 6. Luno 7. Emre 8. Lagen 9. Dylan 10. Christian 11. Jason
Subs: Jehovan, Ilyas, Haatan, Joshua

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INTERPRET

DEFINITION

Verb:
1. to translate spoken words from one language into another
2. to believe that something someone does or something that happens has a particular meaning

SYNONYMS

- Elucidate
- Clarify
- Translate

SENTENCES

1. No one in our tour group spoke Spanish so we had to ask the guide to interpret.
2. Differences in the way people are treated can be interpreted as evidence of discrimination.

ETYMOLOGY

The verb "interpret" (1300-1400) French interpréter, from Latin interpretari, from interpres "someone who explains or translates"

Important Dates between now and half term

DECEMBER

Friday 1st: Year 8 Museum of London Research Project

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. Students dismissed at 12 noon.

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.

'Ask the Professional' kicks off within the Music Department

Music has the unparalleled ability to blend artistry and innovation, and at Laurel Park School, we're taking that harmony to the next level.

Welcome to our new initiative, the **"Ask the Professional"** series—an exclusive opportunity merging music education with real-world industry insights.

Our aim?

To cultivate collaborative learning experiences that ignite passion and drive among our music and music production students.

Our Inaugural Guests.....

Rapper PSYCHS

With lyrics that echo raw emotion and beats that captivate, PSYCHS brings a unique narrative to the rap scene. Known for his powerful storytelling and rhythmic flow, PSYCHS has navigated the music industry's twists and turns, making him an invaluable resource for those eager to delve into the world of rap and hip-hop. (October 2023)



International DJ Juliet Thurbz

Hailing from the global stage, Juliet Thurbz has electrified audiences worldwide with her pulsating mixes and infectious energy. Her expertise in DJing, remixing, and navigating the ever-evolving electronic music landscape promises a wealth of knowledge for our students aspiring to make their mark in the world of EDM. (November 2023)



Thank you to both our professionals for their contribution.

Through their experiences in the programme, our students will gain first-hand knowledge, learning not just the technicalities but also the essence of what it takes to succeed in today's music industry.

Join us as we embark on this enriching journey, bridging the gap between music education and the thriving music industry.

Stay tuned for updates on our "Ask the Professional" series and get ready to amplify your passion for music!"

Mr Christofides, Head of Music

Food Vouchers and Food Bank Support over the Christmas period

Students that are eligible for Free School Meals will receive food vouchers from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund through the London Borough of Enfield.

The Edenred vouchers are time limited and there is a voucher expiry date. The voucher cannot be reissued after the expiry date.

Parents can start ordering vouchers via Edenred from Wednesday 6th and the deadline is Wednesday 20th December.



Nominations Open for the Jack Petchey Leader Award

As part of the Jack Petchey Scheme, we are asking our students to nominate a member of staff that they believe that they have made a difference in the school or they have supported them to navigate life in school.

The winner will be able to apply for a £1000 grant that they can use on a project that will benefit the young people.

The only stipulation is that the member of staff must have been working in Laurel Park School for at least a year.

Students are encouraged to make suggestions on the type of project that they believe will make a difference in Laurel Park School.

Click on this text to take you to the nomination form or scan this code:



Careers Corner

Did you know about Unifrog?

At Laurel Park, we are committed to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school. The support with this, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. Unifrog transforms the way young people find and apply for post-16 and post-18 opportunities. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 now have access to this excellent website.

Students access the tool in school during their PSHE lessons. Their login details can be found through their school email account. They then login using their email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone.

However, new to Laurel Park is that parents are also able to access the platform by going to 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! We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

More details will be sent in a letter home to you soon! For more information, go to www.unifrog.org or contact Ms Gray at school.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT

FIND OUT ABOUT A NEW PROJECT FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY
BEING DEVELOPED AT THE CHARITY
SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET,
EDMONTON

1PM TO 4PM
SAT 2ND DECEMBER

GREEN TOWERS COMMUNITY
CENTRE

CONFERENCE ROOM
7 PLEVNA ROAD, EDMONTON N9 0BU

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



SAVING AN OLD SCHOOL TO HELP A NEW GENERATION OF
YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENFIELD FLOURISH

This project is being delivered in partnership by:



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Character Points

Each week, students receive a Character Card. There are 53 opportunities for this card to be signed in a week, most within lessons but also in free time in relation to the school values of Integrity, Determination, Excellence and Ambition.



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

Thursday 23rd - Wednesday 29th November

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 10
Adem	Dleen	James	Jayliah	Maximos
Alice	Samet	Mary	Fatmata	Esma
Nita	Kaitlyn	Miracle	Alexandra	
Kania	Jasmine		Dimitri	Year 11
Vy	Nicollas		Kaua	Ciprian
Munira	Emanuela		Georgi	Hildana
Sophie	Alessia		Edlira	Miruna
Nicole	Muhammet		Petroula	
Ezgi	Lisa		Nefeli	
Edwin	Muhammad		Siyar	
Shri Nila				



Laurel Park Christmas Appeal



Each year our students and families give generously by donating to our Charity Christmas Appeal. This year we are proud to be partnering with North Enfield Foodbank.

North Enfield Foodbank will be giving Christmas Hampers and food parcels to families in need. If you are able to support the charity, please donate any of the following by Friday 8th December. **There are donation boxes in main reception and students can also hand in items to Student Services in the office during break and lunchtimes.**

Urgently needed items:

- Carrier bags
- Christmas food treats (cake, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, sweets etc)
- Gravy granules / cranberry sauce / Stuffing
- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Long life milk
- Hot chocolate / coffee
- Speciality food items - vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free
- Sweet and savoury snacks
- Noodles and ready meals
- Squash / long life juice
- Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet roll, washing powder
- Baby items - Nappies size 5 and 6, baby food, baby wipes



WINTER CONCERT

Monday 18th
December

Doors Open 17.45
Concert 18.00-19.00

To reserve tickets, scan the QR code or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/LPSConcert>





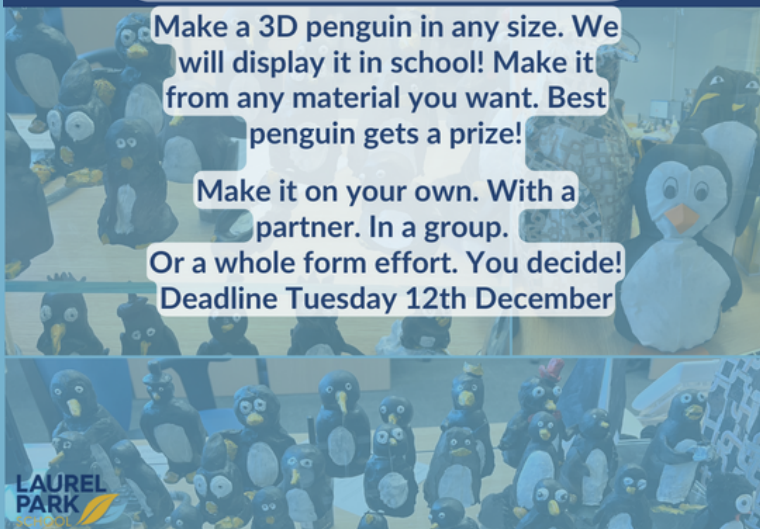
December Student Events

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 Tuesday 12th December



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Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December

£1

Suggested donation to Save the Children

This is **NOT** a non-uniform day



You don't need to buy a new jumper - a festive coloured jumper will do.

Wear instead of your LPS Jumper or PE Jumper



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Christmas lunch



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This year the Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday **20th December** across period 4 and lunchtime.

Christmas Lunch will cost **£3.00** via Parentpay, if you do not normally have a school meal, and will be free to families entitled to FSM.

Students will be asked via **Google Classroom** if they will be having Christmas Lunch so that we can cater for the correct number.