



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

Dear Laurel Park community,

I'm delighted to share some of the remarkable experiences and achievements that have taken place at our school recently.

Our Year 7 pupils had an unforgettable day at the Royal Albert Hall, attending a 'Future Makers' event celebrating music. The grandeur of the venue left them awestruck, and their creativity shone through on the journey home as they composed their own rap, earning enthusiastic applause from fellow London Underground commuters. My heartfelt thanks go to Ms O'Flaherty for organising this enriching trip and to Ms Antwi for her support.

In preparation for next week's Remembrance observances, Ms Anscomb delivered a poignant assembly that broadened our understanding of remembrance. Beyond the World Wars, she highlighted the crucial roles of emergency services and others on the front lines. I'm proud of our pupils' respectful engagement during this assembly. On Monday, we'll honour this tradition with a minute's silence during roll call.

We were privileged to welcome Stephen Woolley, the renowned actor, film producer, and director, to Laurel Park. His talk to our Year 11 film and media pupils was truly inspiring, offering invaluable insights into the industry. Such encounters with professionals are instrumental in broadening our pupils' horizons, and I'm grateful to Ms O'Flaherty and Ms Gurcali for facilitating this opportunity.

I'm thrilled to celebrate some outstanding individual achievements. Maria in Year 11, working towards her Gold STEM award, delivered an impressive assembly on Flow State to her peers. In Year 9, Emily and Yazan have been shortlisted for a borough poetry award following their entries in the Black History Month competition. We eagerly await the results as they attend the celebration at the Dugdale Centre next Friday. Our Year 12 pupils have completed their public exams in English and Maths, and we look forward to their results with anticipation.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to two important events. On Wednesday, 13th November, we'll be hosting the Laurus Nobilis Awards, a wonderful celebration of staff and pupil achievements. Winning pupils have already received their invitations. Additionally, our Sixth Form Open Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th November, from 5:45pm to 8pm.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils' accomplishments and grateful for the dedication of our staff in providing these enriching experiences. Together, we continue to foster an environment where every pupil can thrive and reach their full potential.

Adele Christofi
Headteacher

**Next week is
Week 1**

This week our assembly was dedicated to Remembrance Day which is happening on 11th November. Mrs Anscomb, our Head of Humanities, presented to all year groups this week about Britain and its previous colonies roles in conflict - 56 different countries altogether. She spoke about how Remembrance Day isn't just about the soldiers but also about many different roles within the armed forces, such as recruitment, nurses and transport. It was beautifully linked to our core values of integrity and determination. Thanks to Mrs Anscomb for her work on this.



Student Success Story!

Before half term, Maria in Year 11 emailed her RSL, Ms Gray to ask if she could be part of a Year 11 assembly. She is working towards a STEM award where one of the requirements is to do a presentation in front of an audience based on a topic she has researched. Maria chose the Flow State, an area of psychology about how your brain can switch off and the reasons why, as well as ways to 'switch' the brain back on.

This linked fantastically to our key skill this month, which is speaking. Well done to Maria for her confidence in presenting in front of her year group and we wish her the best of luck in achieving her STEM Award



As a part of the YSA, I was required to deliver a presentation to an audience based on scientific research. Immediately, I knew I had to choose psychology! My interest gained in a course I did with University of Sunderland on the psychology of males. I wanted this presentation to be useful for all as well. As a result, I did continued my research in psychology and in particular, the flow state!

Laurus Nobilis Awards Invitations

This week we gave out the invitations for the Laurus Nobilis Awards taking place on **Wednesday 13th November at 6.30pm.**

The Awards evening will celebrate with young people across all year groups (including Year 11 leavers) being presented with prizes at a very special awards ceremony. Students and their families are invited to join us in celebrating their achievements.

We look forward to celebrating at this prestigious event and will share winners shortly.



Royal Albert Hall Year 7 Trip 'Future Makers'

On Wednesday 6th November a group of Y7 students went to the prestigious Royal Albert Hall. To watch the fantastic final of, Future makers 2024. Where talented musicians aged 14-19 from across the UK competed for this year's title. The chosen acts performed original music from a wide mix of genres in front of a panel of industry experts and an energetic Key Stage 2 and 3 audience. The performers were competing for the chance of winning a year of tailored music industry support as they get their careers off the ground. Hosted by Jess Gillam and Lion Heart, plus a special performance from last year's winner Amity Miller. This high-energy show got our wonderful Y7 students cheering, singing and dancing along as they experienced the thrill of live music at the Royal Albert Hall. Here's to our students being up on the legendary stage at Royal Albert Hall next.....



Y11 Wonderboy Theatre Trip

On the evening of Thursday 17th October Y11 Drama travelled to the legendary, Stratford East Theatre to watch an enchantingly heart warming performance of Wonderboy, written by Ross Willis. Y11 will use this wonderful production-produced by a Y10 parent- for their Live Theatre responses worth 10% of the GCSE.

"There's something incredibly vitalising about laughter in the face of crisis, and you'd be hard-pressed to find a play as simultaneously hilarious and devastating as Wonder Boy". The Guardian



Stephen Woolley

As part of the Speakers for Schools programme, On Thursday 7th November Y11 Media & Film Studies students were joined in the Drama Studio by the BAFTA & Oscar winning Producer, Director and Co-Founder of Cloud 9 Films, Stephen Woolley- pictured are a small number of his films.

Stephen was born in London in 1956. He is an English film producer and director, whose prolific career has spanned over three and a half decades, for which he was awarded the BAFTA award for Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema in February 2019.



Welcome to Careers Corner

Where each week you get updates on the careers education programme

This event is for year 10 to 13 students in the South East

If they're curious about Healthcare and the NHS in South East England, this is their chance to discover more about the opportunities ahead!

Event Details:

📅 Date: Thursday 14 Nov

🕒 Time: 18:00 - 19:00

📍 Location: Virtual

[click here](#) for more info and to register or scan this code



Before half term, Laurel Park hosted our post 16 and Careers Fair for Years 10 and 11. We had over 15 providers attend - careers such as opticians, solicitors and fitness and post 16 providers such as Wren and our very own Laurel Park Sixth Form. We were also fortunate to have London Met, University of Hertfordshire and Middlesex University attend. It was a fantastic event with lots of students engaging and asking questions, all thinking about their future prospects.

Thank you for Mrs Brown, our careers advisor, for co-ordinating such a fantastic event and for Ms Gray to organising the students attending

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 Skill and each week we will try to link this Skill to one of our Values.

This month's Skill is Speaking!

"Your voice can change the world" – Malala Yousafzai

This week's value is Integrity

How can Speaking help us achieve Integrity?



- When we speak with integrity, we become reliable voices in our school community.
- Speaking openly and honestly is fundamental to integrity. When students learn to articulate their thoughts and feelings truthfully, they model authentic behaviour for their peers.
- Speaking thoughtfully and truthfully contributes to an atmosphere where differing opinions can be shared without fear of judgment. This encourages open discussions, enhances understanding, and allows for a diversity of thought that enriches the school community.

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





ANNUAL

LAURUS NOBILIS
AWARDS

save the date

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024 6.30-8.00PM

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF INTEGRITY,
DETERMINATION, EXCELLENCE AND
AMBITION AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

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:
or go to www.laurelparkschool.co.uk/awards



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

LAUREL PARK SIXTH FORM

A Sixth Form like no other!

A unique vocational Sixth Form for North London



WHY LPS SIXTH FORM?



A small and nurturing Sixth Form, so students can be provided with 1:1 support.



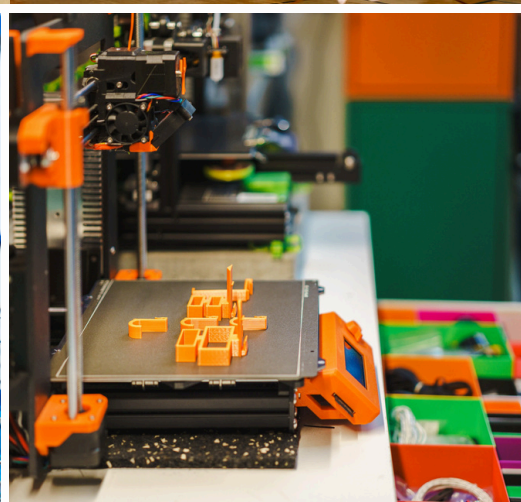
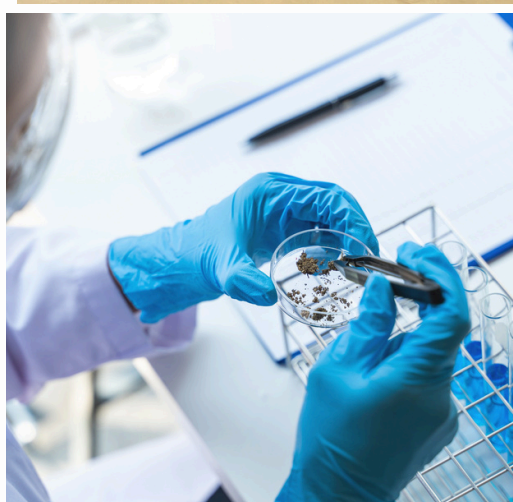
Providing students with the pastoral care and support they need to reach their full potential.



Offering personalised guidance to help students make informed decisions about their future university, apprenticeship and careers options.



Providing industry-specific work experience opportunities.



OPEN EVENING FOR 2025 YEAR 12

Wednesday 27th November

www.laurelparkschool.co.uk





An online 8-week support group
for parents and carers of adolescents (11-16)
who are waiting for CAMHS support for anxiety, low mood,
depression, self-harm and suicidal ideation, ASD and ADHD

**At this time we cannot support PTSD, eating disorders or
significant learning disabilities (program may develop in future)**

PARENTS in MIND

includes:

Ways to support adolescents' and parents' mental health
Mutual peer support
A safe & confidential space to share

Open to Camden, Islington, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey

For further information, please contact us at 020 8343 5705
or email parentsupport@mindeb.org.uk

FRESHSTEPS INDEPENDENT SEN SCHOOL & 6TH FORM OPEN DAY

2024

13th November 2024 | 5pm - 7:30pm



FreshSteps
Independent School



Explore our special needs school, dedicated specifically to meet the needs of pupils with SEMH. Meet our staff, and learn how we provide tailored education and support for our pupils with additional needs. Our school caters for ages 5 - 19 years.

GCSE | Functional Skills | Age 14-16 Vocational Programmes | Free laptop & Attendance Bursary for 6th formers | Free Breakfast Club
Headteacher Speech: 6pm

Primary & Secondary Site

4 Kinetic Cres
Innova House, EN3 7XH

Sixth Form Site

36 - 38 Island Centre Way
EN3 6GS

Shuttle bus between sites



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