

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

As we approach the end of another bustling week at Laurel Park, I'm thrilled to share some of the remarkable achievements and exciting events that have taken place recently.

Our pupils continue to shine in various arenas, demonstrating their talents and dedication. We're particularly proud of Yazan, who was named Enfield's runner-up in the Black History Month poetry competition. Mr Sahbaz had the pleasure of accompanying Yazan and Emily to the Dugdale Centre for the announcement of this prestigious accolade. It's heartening to see our pupils expressing themselves creatively and engaging with important cultural celebrations.

In the classroom, our Year 10 boys have been impressing us with their English work. A recent book look revealed fantastic extended writing pieces that the pupils are justifiably proud of. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning and self-expression.

Our commitment to providing diverse learning experiences was evident in the recent Royal Institution of Science workshops. Thanks to a grant secured by Ms Gamble, our pupils enjoyed engaging sessions, while our staff received valuable training. These opportunities enrich our curriculum and inspire scientific curiosity.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils continue to excel. The Mock Trials on Saturday saw our Year 10 team law team emerge victorious in each of their cases. The judge was particularly impressed by Tallulah and Nathan's performances. A big thank you to Ms Joseph, Mr London, and Mrs Nicolaou for their dedicated support of our young people in this endeavour.

We're also focusing on the wellbeing of our pupils. Kooth has begun delivering assemblies to year groups, highlighting the importance of mental health. They offer online counselling services that pupils can access through self-referral, providing an additional layer of support for our young people.

Individual achievements also deserve recognition. Kieran in Year 10 competed in the Trampolining Challenge Cup last Sunday, winning by an impressive 8 marks. We're immensely proud of his accomplishment and the dedication it represents.

As our Year 11 pupils embark on their mock exams, it's encouraging to see them approach this challenge with focus and determination. These mocks are an important stepping stone in their academic journey, and we're confident in their abilities to showcase their knowledge and skills.

At Laurel Park, we're committed to nurturing not just academic excellence, but also the personal growth and wellbeing of our pupils. The diverse range of activities and achievements highlighted here exemplify our holistic approach to education.

As always, I'm incredibly proud of our pupils and staff for their hard work, creativity, and resilience. Together, we continue to make Laurel Park a vibrant and inspiring place of learning.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Adele Christofi
Headteacher

Next week is
Week 1

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 10 and 11 winners from this week who received a great surprise to find out they had won this prestigious award!

Year 10

Ali - Wins for **Integrity**, A kind and supportive member of the tutor group who is always helpful, Ali goes out of his way to support two students who struggle with English being their second language.

Rania - Wins for **Determination**, Great role model in the form, always following instructions and always in correct uniform

Christo - Wins for **Excellence**, Christo has been a model tutee and fantastic support to the group and myself this term. He is punctual, has the correct equipment, with an excellent attitude to learning and wholeheartedly, community spirited. He teaches PSHE tasks to the form which shows his leadership, maturity and public speaking skills.

Micha - Wins for **Excellence**, Always on time, perfect attendance, well equipped, follows instructions first time and engages in all parts of lesson.

Oliver - Wins for **Ambition**, Oliver is making superb progress throughout Year 10. He's always punctual, in full uniform and with full equipment, every morning. His attendance is exemplary. He has graduated onto our Prefect Programme - & rightly so. He has great character and resilience to be the best version of himself every day. Well done Oliver - keep it up.



Year 11

Ilayda - Wins for **Integrity**, Attendance, punctuality to Roll Call, Form and lesson; showing respect and being a positive role model to others.

Jewel - Wins for **Determination**, Jewel is present on time every single day, with all his equipment and well presented. He is always eager to assist with handing out the books, helping the teacher and volunteering to read no matter what the part is. His kindness, cheerful attitude and sense of humour brighten the classroom environment making it a more positive space for everyone.

Georgi - Wins for **Excellence**, Attendance and punctuality is very good. Always demonstrating the correct values during roll call and form time. Is a positive role model to others and is always engaging with form activities.

Hani - Wins for **Ambition**, Hani has recently joined our form but has shown great focus and respect to all his new form group. He is well organised and is always doing his best despite moving to a new form at an important time for a year 11. We are very happy to have such a great addition to our form.



The Royal Institution visited Laurel Park and performed their 'Explosive food' show to Year 7 and 10. They showed students the gruesome process of how food is ingested, digested and eventually, egested as well as demonstrating just how much energy is in carbohydrates with an impressive fireball from flour.



KS3 Art Club is launching!

Every Tuesday and Thursday
after school in M4 from
3:15 to 4pm.

Come along to enjoy drawing,
painting and making!

Year 11s have completed their first full week of mock exams this week. Their attitude has been fantastic - lots of revision notes and strategies shared on the way into their exams. Mocks will continue next week with their mock results day taking place on Monday 10th January.

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 Determination

How can Speaking help us achieve Determination



- *When students can clearly articulate their thoughts, they gain a sense of accomplishment. This builds their determination to tackle other challenges.*
- *A student with good speaking skills can more confidently ask for help when facing difficulties. This proactive communication fosters a growth mindset.*
- *Engaging in speaking activities helps students express their ideas clearly, boosting their self-confidence and determination to participate in discussions.*

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



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



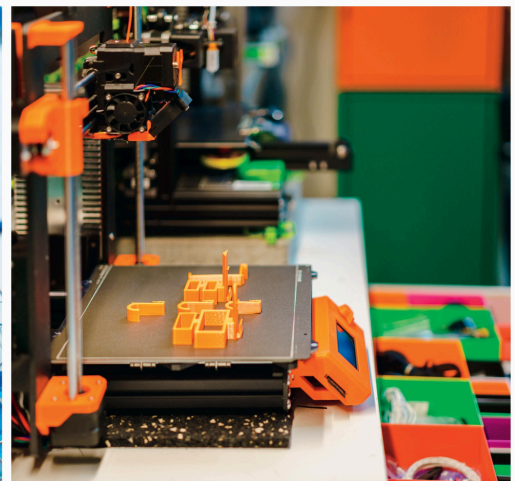
Providing students with the pastoral care and support they need to reach their full potential.



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



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OPEN EVENING FOR 2025 YEAR 12
Wednesday 27th November
5.45-8.00pm

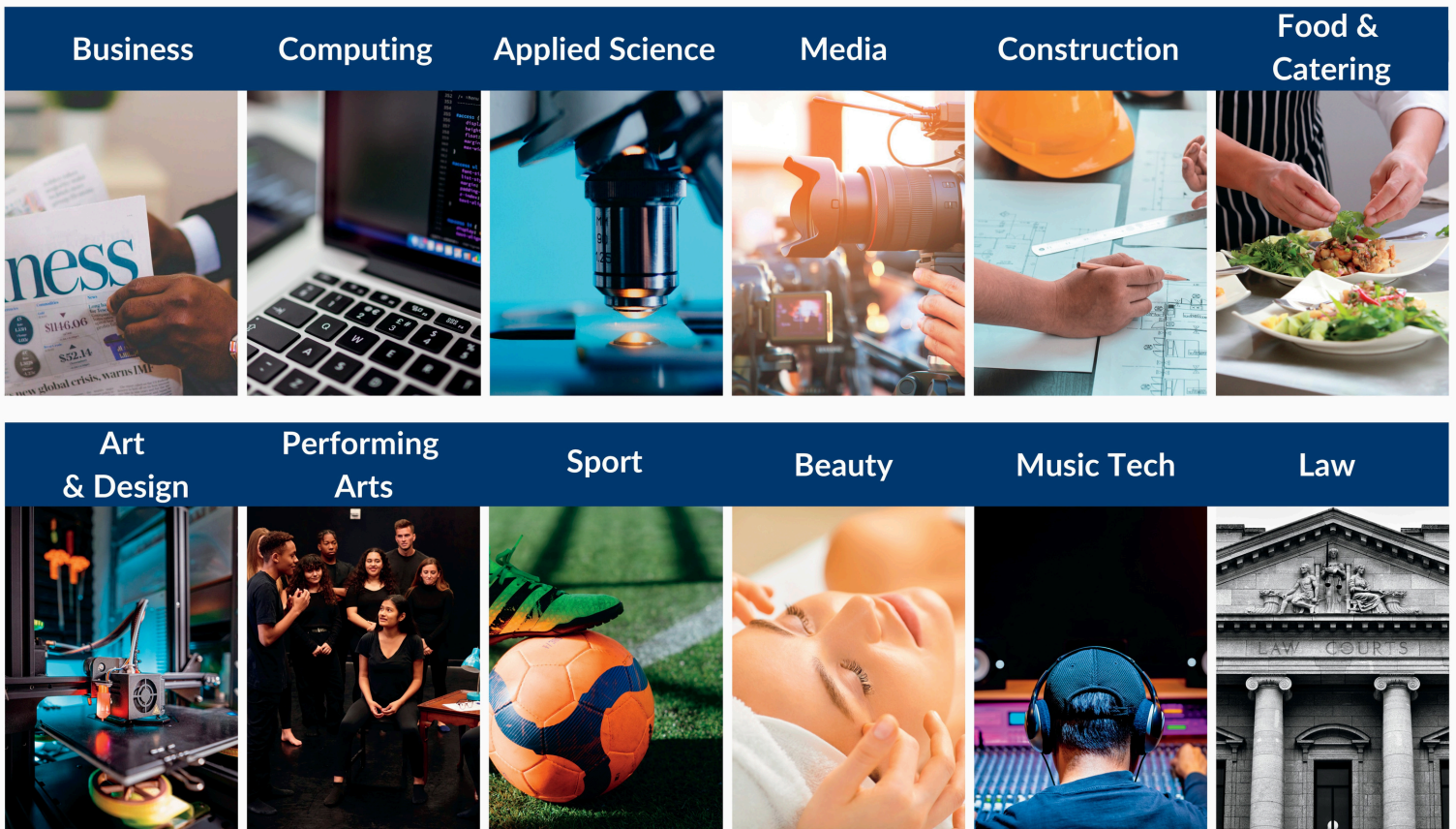


Why choose Laurel Park for your Sixth Form?

- Our Sixth Form offers a range of subjects. You can choose to immerse yourself entirely in one subject or opt for a combination of double and single award across two subjects.
- Level 3 courses are equivalent to three A Levels in UCAS points, which are used for university admissions.
- Each course equips you with the professional and personal skills needed to advance in your chosen career path, whether in university, apprenticeships or employment.
- A Sixth Form Study Centre - dedicated space for you to learn and study.
- Ongoing support and careers advice.
- Trips, visits and guest speakers to broaden your minds.
- Life skills: money management, how to cook, interview skills, UCAS support, developing oracy.
- The opportunity to work in the community.
- Teachers who care.

Choose your course:

Plus English and Maths GCSE resits where required.



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Keep Your Child Safe Online



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TALK

Talk to your child about their internet use and safety

Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet

Praise your child for safe online behaviours

Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

EDUCATE

Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity

Teach your child about specific issues and concerns

Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

CO-VIEW

Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week

Interact with your child online

Model appropriate online behaviour

Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all



HOUSE RULES

Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")

Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices

Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas

Use filters and parental controls

Spend regular screen-free time with your child



AGE 11+

for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE 14+

for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use