



NEWSLETTER

A ROUND UP OF THE WEEK AT LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

This week we have been busy celebrating our school! This week marks an important week for Laurel Park as we held our annual open evening, which for me is a celebration of our students, staff, learning and enrichment.

I felt so proud to see so many of our students volunteer to celebrate their school. In our school, we don't just pick students who will give the best impression of our school, we open up the opportunity to all students so that they can help out in departments or volunteer as tour guides. Mrs Tansley had a huge job on her hands this year with the number of volunteers to organise.

Maria in year 11 along with a number of our year 7s, spoke sincerely about their experience and the rapid change our school has undergone over the last two years. Likewise, I always enjoy walking around the school seeing all of the great activities that staff and students do in order to celebrate the subject.

Our social media team have done an incredible job, creating reels and materials for our Instagram and social media page, their open evening reels have been played over one hundred thousand times - which is an incredible achievement.

Likewise this week I have also hosted a number of open mornings and parents are always impressed with the calm atmosphere and the purposeful lessons, where children are focused and learning.

This week also marks the start of Black History Month and we have a range of celebrations and events in the calendar over the next few weeks to celebrate. Each year there is a theme and this year's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives' which marks a shift towards recognising and correcting narratives of Black history and culture. I look forward to updating you on events in the coming weeks.

Finally, the Golden Tickets seem to be gathering pace and it has been wonderful to see students engaged in trying to secure those tickets. This week I also saw an act of kindness from two of our year 10 boys towards two of our year 7 students. It was a heart warming moment so they secured their tickets for showcasing the school's value of integrity - doing the right thing even when they thought no one was watching.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher

WOW!

Bake Sale Highlights!



On Thursday, September 26th, we celebrated Languages Day with a delightful bake sale that warmed our hearts and filled our bellies! We're thrilled to announce that we raised a whopping **£250** for Macmillan Cancer Support! Your generous donations will go a long way in helping those in need. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, baked, and supported this fantastic event. We couldn't have done it without you! Let's keep the spirit of giving alive!



On Wednesday 25th, we welcomed our new Year 7 parents to Laurel Park. It was a very informative evening, with the opportunity to learn about targets grades, school trips, extra curricular opportunities as well as meet the Year 7 team! We look forward to welcoming parents to many more events throughout their time at Laurel Park.



Next week is Week 2

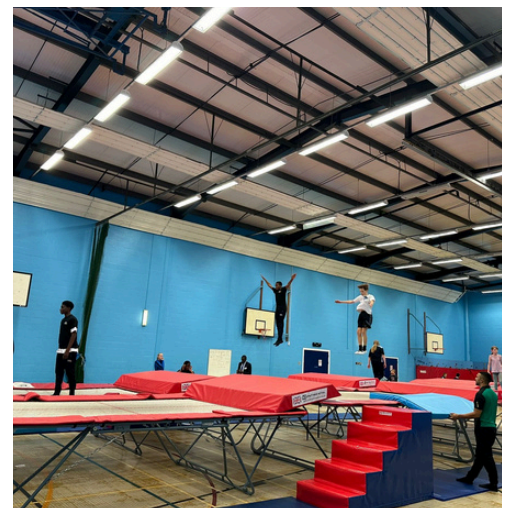
Open Evening thank you

Thank you to our amazing staff who displayed, communicated and celebrated all the fantastic opportunities on offer to our school community.

Thank you to our amazing students who volunteered to be tour guides and department helpers. You are a credit to our school.

Thank you to Chef Dan who baked a variety of exceptional cakes for our visitors.

And thank you to the Open Evening team. This event takes months of planning and coordination. We are all delighted with how well it went. Highlights of the evening can be found on our instagram page.



Year 10 GCSE Drama

Year 10 GCSE Drama students are off to a flying start with their practical explorations of selected extracts from 'An Inspector calls' for the Component 3 set text written exam, worth 40% of the course. Here are some of their Still Images that sequence the plot, exploring the use of stage space and character proxemics for their selected moment. There will be plenty more to come!



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



Chyna Blu - Wins for **Integrity**, much improved attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning. Good reading during the Tutor Reading Programme.

Shir - Wins for **Determination**, Shir comes to school every day with a positive attitude and determination to try his best. This positivity influences everyone around him, creating a very uplifting atmosphere. During TTRP, Shir proudly took on the challenging role of Macbeth and put all his effort into performing it well. During difficult scenes, he even stands and walks around the room to stay in character

Fatmata - Wins for **Excellence**, Fatmata is a positive and enthusiastic member of the form. She always assists with everyday form tasks and enjoys reading aloud to her peers. Her uniform is always immaculate and her attendance and punctuality is exemplary. She always displays a 'I can do' approach to everything she puts her mind to.

Petroula - Wins for **Ambition**, Petroula has started the term being very focused and stated that she wants to do her best. Her behaviour has been amazing and she always has a positive attitude. Reading in English has been challenging but she is trying her best with small roles.

Well done to our Year 11 students!



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 Listening!

Listening is a special and creative skill – Susan Sontag

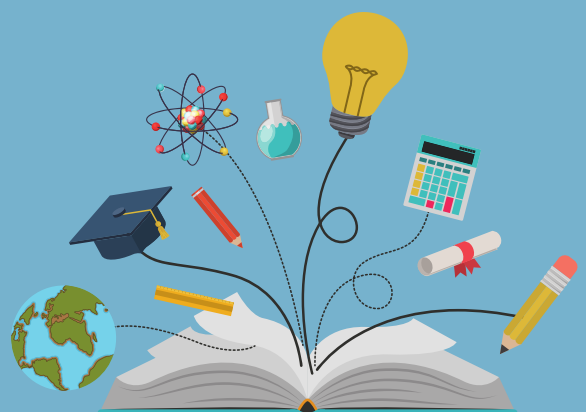
This week's value is integrity



How can Listening help us achieve integrity?

- **Demonstrates Respect:** Actively listening shows respect for others' viewpoints and experiences.
- **Builds Trust:** Listening fosters trust in relationships, leading others to perceive you as honest and reliable.
- **Encourages Open Communication:** It creates an environment where others feel safe to share their thoughts, promoting transparency.

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



Careers Corner

There's only two weeks to go until Unifrog's UK University Fair on Wednesday 16 October at 4-6:30pm. This is available for our Year 10-12 students where they will be invited to meet 40 universities in two hours - including University of Bristol, University of Warwick, University of Leeds, and Cardiff University. They'll gain practical advice from the experts to help them get a step closer to their dream university.

For students who are unsure about what or where to study - Live sessions and interactive booths can inspire them to consider a diverse range of universities from all over the UK.



[Sign up to the fair](#)

All Year 10 parents should now have received a letter about our Year 10 work experience week which will be taking place from 3rd-7th March 2025.

Please support us by speaking to your contacts about sourcing a placement for your child

**CAN YOUR
CHILD HAVE
FREE SCHOOL
MEALS?**

[Click here to check and
complete the form](#)

The Bay Leaf Restaurant is open every morning from 7.50am to 8.15am for free breakfast for all students.

At lunchtime we serve two hot meal options and unlimited salad bar, all prepared from scratch by Chef Dan and his team.

If you pay for your meals please make sure ParentPay is topped up.



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RESTAURANT

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

Black History Month Poetry **Competition**

Whether you're a poetry aficionado or an amateur poet, we'd love to hear from you!

Aimed at 11-16 year olds, the theme of this year's Black History Month is 'Reclaiming the narrative', which is all about celebrating the crucial power of stories as a means of empowering, enriching and validating the experiences of the Black community.

Entry details: Entries are limited to one poem per student with a maximum of 500 words.

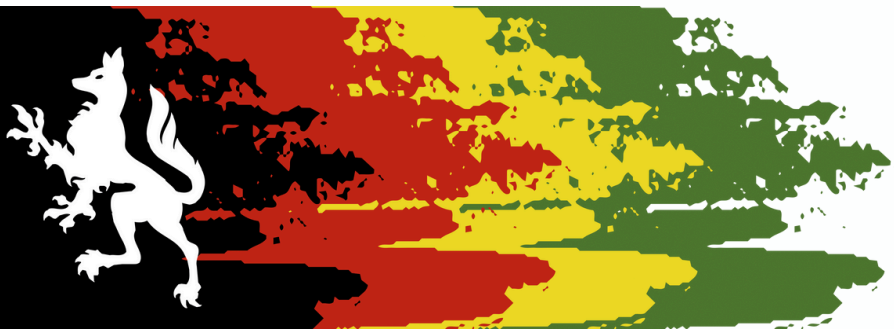
The competition begins on 1st October and closes on 31st October 2024.
The prize for winning is £20 worth of book vouchers from Amazon.

Please hand your entries to your English teacher.

The winner will be announced in early November. Good luck!



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BLACK HISTORY**



Is emotionally based school non-attendance a concern for your school or setting?



Join the Educational Psychology Service at an online two-part workshop for schools. We will:

- ✗ Learn more about the factors which trigger and maintain anxiety
- ✗ Consider the issue through a trauma-informed lens
- ✗ Explore the assess-plan-do review cycle for pupils experiencing this issue
- ✗ Discuss partnership working with parents and young people
- ✗ Share good practice amongst schools
- ✗ Identify what is in place for parents, young people and schools



SESSION 1
Tuesday 12th November
4pm-5pm
SESSION 2
Tuesday 3rd December
4pm-5pm

[Sign up here](#)

For more information, please email
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Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



Join the Educational Psychology Service at a online two-part workshop for parents and carers. We will:

- f f Learn more about anxiety
 - Explore what feels helpful for your child and family
- f Discuss working together with schools to help young people attend
- f Share your thoughts and ideas with each other
- f Identify what help and support are available
- f Connect with other parents and carers with similar concerns
- f Consider how we can look after ourselves when things are hard

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