



Parent Bulletin

Principal **Dr A T Fowler**

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Dear Parents and Carers

I wonder if you saw some of our sixth form students on Tyne Tees Television yesterday evening? Two thirds of our sixth formers in Y13 have applied to university. With Mrs Laidlaw, Head of Sixth Form, our students were interviewed about their thoughts on student loans and the cost of university. As always, our students were wonderfully articulate, and we are very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Laidlaw for working with the students and with Tyne Tees TV.

In this newsletter you will find details of the cast of Billy Elliot, our next academy production. On Wednesday, together with Mr Dicocco and Mr Cooper, and the Performing Arts teaching team, I attended the announcement of the main cast for the production. This followed weeks of auditions and group work. There was a great deal of excitement about the announcement, and it was lovely to see our students supporting one another as the main roles were announced.

We want to thank Equans for donating new football shirts for our boys' Year 10 team. I hope that many of you will join our students in supporting the team as they prepare for their cup final match on 2 April.

Finally, we are continuing our preparation for the Open Evening for Year 5 students, which will take place on Thursday 26 March, starting at 4pm. Thank you to Mrs Jacobson and Miss Cooper for organising this evening. Many of your children are already volunteering to take part, acting as guides and in different subject areas to represent their school to our visitors. Thank you in advance for your support for this important event. If you know other parents who have children in Year 5 currently, and who may be interested in a place at Lord Lawson, please spread the word and encourage parents and children to attend. We expect it to be an excellent evening.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Fowler
Principal



Academy Production 2026: Billy Elliot The Musical – Cast Announcement

Over the past half term, members of Performers have participated in a rigorous and challenging audition process for our Academy Production, Billy Elliot The Musical. All students involved greatly impressed us with their dedication, preparation and enthusiasm. There were some difficult decisions to make. However, by the end of the audition process the selected students had really become the characters they have been selected to portray, sharing understanding and attention to detail in their performances.

Congratulations to all students who have been cast in leading roles; the whole Billy Elliot cast are proud of you and the Performing Arts department have every confidence that you will lead this production with maturity and heart.

Billy Elliot The Musical rehearsals will now continue every Wednesday, 3.20pm to 5pm until the end of the academic year. This week, Performers were given a further information letter detailing the rehearsal process and compulsory Sunday rehearsal dates to share with home.

Billy Elliot The Musical will be performed from Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 October 2026 and tickets will go on sale in September. Further details about ticket sales will be shared in future parent bulletins.

Please allow us to introduce you to the lead cast members for Billy Elliot The Musical:

Billy – Sam Richardson

Mrs Wilkinson – Grace Clelland

Jackie Elliot – Toby Cowan – Pickard

Tony Elliot – Tom Lane

Grandma – Hope Crozier

Michael – Bobby Mycock

Mum – Scarlett Malone

Mrs Braithwaite – Macie Ridgley

Kevin / Posh Boy – Finn Charlton

Leading Miners and Wives – Lyla Bloomfield-Reece, Ava Walsh, Louie Huntley and Zack Nicholson

Boxing Club – Marley Bage, Lawrence Steel, Joel Stevenson and Zain Hussain

For further information about Billy Elliot The Musical please contact me at sbrown@lordlawson.academy

Miss S Brown

Subject Leader – Performing Arts



Suit Direct: Prom Offers

With prom season approaching, **Suit Direct Newcastle – Monument Mall**, are offering Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy students **15% discount** on all of their suits (excluding the Marc Darcy range), from classic tuxedos to modern slim-fit suits, perfect for making a lasting impression.

You can visit Suit Direct instore or book an appointment online for 1-2-1 styling/fitting advice by accessing the following link: [Suit Direct](https://www.suitdirect.co.uk/store-locator/appointment/book?storeid=0) or by copying and pasting the address below into your internet browser:
<https://www.suitdirect.co.uk/store-locator/appointment/book?storeid=0>

Please note that the discount is valid until **1 June 2026** only.

Mrs J Clarke
Deputy Year Leader – Year 11

Year 5 Open Evening

Our Open Evening for Year 5 pupils is on Thursday 26 March 2026. The evening will include a presentation which will take place in the main hall at 4:30pm. Please arrive at 4:20pm for a prompt start.

If the main hall is full for the presentation, we will direct any parents and carers to our tour guides who will be happy to show them our school, and we will repeat the presentation at 5:10pm.

Mrs A Jacobson
Transition Coordinator and Year Leader – Year 7

Equans: Supporting Our Students

EQUANS are the site services management company who hold responsibility for maintaining our buildings and grounds.

Paul Templeton (Manager) and his Equans colleagues have very kindly agreed to support our year 10 boys football team by providing BRAND NEW home and away kits. The new kits were revealed to the team after assembly this week where students thanked Paul and Equans for their kind and generous donation.

Equans supports our whole school community every single day by keeping the building safe, warm, and well-maintained. Their onsite staff: Brian, Chris and Ian, are constantly working on the continuous maintenance of our school.

On behalf of the Year 10 boys, the PE department, and the wider school community we would like to pass on a huge thank you to Paul and the whole Equans team.

The new kit will be worn at the upcoming Cup Final, which will be held at Dunston Stadium at 4:30pm on Thursday 2 April – the last day of this term. ALL members of our school community are invited to show their support.

Mr L Cumiskey
Year Leader – Year 10



Year 8 Parents' and Carers' Evening: Thursday 23 April 2026

The year 8 parents' and carers' evening will be an in-person event and will take place in school on **Thursday 23 April 2026**. Staff will be based in the sports and the gym.

Although the evening will be in-person, appointments will be booked by parents/carers online, via **SchoolCloud**. Further information will be sent to you next week via Class Charts.

Please ensure that you regularly check for messages on Class Charts as there is still a nationwide issue with message alerts. Announcements are still being sent daily to parents and carers from staff about a variety of items, but you need to check your Class Charts app.

If you do not currently have the Class Charts app it can be downloaded for free from the App store.



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Mrs S Wakefield
Office Manager

Year 11: GCSE Dance NEA Dates and Details

Year 11 GCSE Dance students are currently working towards their final NEA date, the details of which are:

Choreography Assessment: Week 1 – Wednesday 18 March (Group 1/Solo Choreographies)
Thursday 19 March (Group 2/Group Choreographies)

The 15 GCSE Dance Students have been placed into two separate groups and will **only** attend one of the exam dates listed above. Students are aware of their exam date but if you require confirmation of a specific student's NEA date, please contact me via email at sbrown@lordlawson.academy. As with NEA recordings completed during earlier in this academic year, students are required to wear bright coloured clothing for the recordings

The additional students (Selected Year 9 Dance Leaders) dancing in the Group Choreographies will only support their year 11 peers on Thursday 19 March.

Students will attend the full tutor period on the day of their NEA and then be off timetable to record their exams for the whole day in the Performing Arts Department. Although it is our intention to ensure that all performances are recorded within school hours (9.10am to 3.20pm) in the event of a technical issue or any unforeseen circumstances during the day, students may be required to remain in school after 3.20pm on their NEA day to ensure all recordings have been completed. Students should plan ahead for this eventuality with parents/carers for their travel arrangements home.

If you have any queries about the GCSE Dance NEA days please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss S Brown
Subject Leader – Performing Arts



YEAR 10

WEEKLY WINNERS



Please contact Mr Cumiskey (Year Leader) or Miss Harrison (Deputy Year Leader) should your child in Year 10 require support

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Year 10: Weekly Winners

Congratulations to our year 10 cohort on another successful week. Most students attended every day, gained lots of praise points, and avoided gaining consequence points!! We are pleased to share our weekly winners with you:

Attainment: Willow and Finn won the attainment trophy for their impressive CD cover designs in Graphics!

Praise Points: In a week full of praise points in year 10, Joel came out on top as our praise points champion, demonstrating the academy values on a daily basis!

Attendance: Like most of our year 10 students, Ellie gained 100% attendance this week with the randomiser selecting her name and crowning her as our weekly attendance champion!

We look forward to seeing all students in full attendance each day next week, arriving by 8:45am. Attendance is key to academic and personal progress. The more a student is in school, the more they will learn. For any year 10 pastoral support please email either me or Miss Harrison at lcumiskey@lordlawson.academy or aharrison@lordlawson.academy

Thank you to all parents and carers of our year 10 students for your continued support. Your week-on-week commitment and support for your children, and us as their pastoral team, is fantastic! This was demonstrated last night by the number of parents and carers who attended the in-school in-person parents evening. Thank you; it was lovely to have the opportunity to speak to so many of you face to face!

With best wishes to you all.

Mr Cumiskey and Miss Harrison
Year 10 Team

Trust

Respect

Courage

Ambition

Calendar Dates and Upcoming Events for the Spring Term

Date	Event
Thursday 26 March 2026	Year 5 Open Evening 4.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 2 April 2026	Last day of term for staff and students – school finishes as normal at 3.20pm
Tuesday 14 April 2026	Naples Trip
Monday 20 April 2026	Staff and students return to school at 8.40am