



Parent Bulletin

Principal **Dr A T Fowler**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today we reach the end of term, and the end of the school year. Like many events in our lives, this much-anticipated date has seemed so far away – and suddenly we are here! I hope you and your families have some plans for the summer period, and that you have time to enjoy one another's company.

For children and adults, who have worked hard during the year, the opportunity to do less – perhaps nothing at all for a period – is of real value. We all need to stop, take time to unwind, and have space to collect ourselves and reflect. Sometimes a change of scene can help this restorative process; sometimes just the absence of routine is enough. Being a little bit under-occupied, 'bored' even, can be a great stimulus for future achievement and creativity. We need not to cram activity into each moment.

Today we say goodbye and thank you to valued colleagues who are leaving Lord Lawson. Julie Cross has worked at the academy for 28 years, during which time she has been head of modern languages, a learning coach, and subject leader again, as well as undertaking many other roles and responsibilities. She has taken countless students on foreign language and cultural trips and exchanges, and her excellent teaching has inspired many students to take their passion for languages further. Ms Cross moves into a well-earned retirement. We are hugely grateful for all she has given to students and colleagues at Lord Lawson over three decades, and we will miss her.

Kelly Ross has taught mathematics at Lord Lawson for ten years. She has also thrown herself into the life of the academy, leading the Brilliant Club and organising the Remembrance Ceremony for several years. We wish Mrs Ross all the best in her new school, closer to her home.

Mrs Angie Hulbert and Miss Kimberley Watson, from our special needs department, also leave us today. We thank them for the help and support they have given many of our more vulnerable students, and we wish them well for the future. Miss Bethany Conway began her career as a science teacher with us, two years ago. She has made a tremendous start to a very promising career. We thank her for her enthusiasm and dedication, and we wish her well as she moves on from her fixed-term contract with us.

• Trust

• Respect

• Courage

• Ambition



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I want to thank all my colleagues for their work with your children this year. To parents and carers as well, thank you for all your support and the ways you have worked with us this year for the benefit of your children. We have enjoyed a successful year and made significant improvements. We look forward to celebrating very good A level results on Thursday 14 August, and GCSE results on Thursday 21 August. Term begins again for students on Tuesday 2 September, at the usual time of 08:40.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Fowler
Principal

Examination Results Days

Please find below the timings for the A level and GCSE exam results days:

Year 13 A level: Thursday 14 August

Students can collect their results between **8.30am** and **10am**.

Staff will be in school to celebrate and support our students if they have any questions about their next steps.

Year 11 GCSE: Thursday 21 August

Students can collect their result between **9am** and **10.30am**. Students enrolling for sixth form can speak to staff on the day.

Students from other schools who wish to enrol for our sixth form can do so between 10.30am and 11.30am.

We look forward to celebrating with all of our students the success of all their hard work!

Mrs J Laidlaw
Assistant Principal – Head of Sixth Form



Year 9

Congratulations to the Class of 2027 who progress to year 10 at the end of this week. Here are some of the achievements of the year group since September 2024:

- Over 5,000 praise points awarded
- A significant increase in praise points
- A very small number of consequence points
- 40 students in the year group received no consequence points
- Attendance has significantly improved
- GCSE options chosen
- Many individual success stories

Miss Harrison and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers of our soon-to-be year 10 cohort for their unwavering support throughout this academic year.

We hope all of our students and their families enjoy a wonderful, safe and restful summer, full of happy memories.

Best wishes

Mr Cumiskey and Miss Harrison
Year 9 (soon to be year 10) Leader and Deputy Leader

Sports Day 2025

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in Sports Day 2025 on Wednesday this week. The day featured a number of activities which all students and participating staff threw themselves into with true spirit and resilience.

Over the last week, tutor groups have been making and fine tuning their respective team crests and team chants. Winning tutor groups for team crests are:

Y7 crest winner - 7GP Miss Pallas, Y8 crest winner - 8CHL Miss Hancill, Y9 crest winner - 9JBM Mr Bramham and Y10 crest winner - 10MG Mrs Glass.

8HT took home the prize for overall school team chant!

Well done everyone!

The PE Department

Creative Rehearsal Sessions

From every Friday commencing 5 September 2025, year 11 Performing Arts Students – Dance, Drama and Music – are encouraged to attend after school creative rehearsal sessions, to support their progress as they work towards their non-examined assessment (NEA) performance material.

Friday evening creative rehearsal sessions provide an opportunity for students to improve their work through 'little and often' rehearsal sessions. Over the years, these sessions have proven to help reduce pressure points near NEA deadlines while supporting students to achieve their full potential and ensuring they are happy with their final performances.

Performing Arts NEA deadlines have already begun, with GCSE Drama students completing their devised performance work, and GCSE Dance students will perform their Solo performances in early October. Early attendance to rehearsal sessions will result in increased student confidence and improved final performances.

Sessions will run every Friday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm in the following classrooms:

GCSE Dance- Dance Studio, PA13
GCSE Drama - Drama Studio, PA11
GCSE Music- Music Classroom, PA10

Thank you for your continued support towards the Performing Arts Department and our students. We look forward to supporting Year 11 further as we transition into their examination year.

If you have any queries about Performing Arts creative rehearsals sessions please contact me via email at sbrown@lordlawson.academy and I will be happy to help.

Miss S Brown
Subject Leader – Performing Arts



Dance Leaders

Congratulations to our first cohort of official Lord Lawson Dance Leaders who have met for the past four weeks to launch the Level 2 National Dance Leadership qualification. The first four sessions have been filled with exciting and inspiring activities such as a Great Gatsby inspired Musical Theatre workshop, a professional dance industry careers talk from Lord Lawson alumna Georgia Robson and a Choreography workshop.

We are looking forward to launching the course material in September after making such an impressive start collaborating as a team this half term.

The Dance Leaders group is a new extra-curricular opportunity with funding for each of the 22 students being provided by the academy. This trial year is focused around Year 8 into Year 9, with the potential to extend to future Year 8 cohorts over the coming years.

If you have any queries about the dance leadership qualification or dance at Lord Lawson, please contact directly via email at sbrown@lordlawson.academy

Miss S Brown
Subject Leader – Performing Arts

Bringing together information for children and young people aged 0 to 25 years with SEND and their families



SEND Local Offer

The Gateshead Council newly re-designed SEND Local Offer is the go-to website for services, support, and information for children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Whether you're a parent, carer, young person, or professional, the updated website makes it easier to:

- find out about support for education, health, and care needs
- understand the SEND Thresholds to find out what help is available and when
- explore our new Stepping Up page and app for guidance on transitions from birth to adulthood
- access clear, up-to-date information on local services and how to get involved.

Visit the new site today and see how we are all working together to help every young person in Gateshead thrive. www.gateshead.gov.uk/local-offer

Mrs H Potter
Assistant Principal – SENDCO

Birtley Community Pool

Birtley Community Pool are running a full timetable of activities throughout the six weeks of the summer school holidays, including additional inflatable sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as the usual weekend inflatables sessions.

The inflatable obstacle course has been extended by purchasing three new sections so it will be more challenging and varied as two of the sections are interchangeable.

For further information and a full list of their activities, please use the following link to access their July newsletter:

[Birtley Community Pool Newsletter July 2025](#)

Mrs S Wakefield
Office Manager



Birtley Community Centre

Birtley Community Centre resides within the heart of the Birtley Community between Elisabethville and Station Lane. They cater from birth to senior age delivering a variety of activities.

As well as their dedicated team of staff, the centre's activities, clubs and events are assisted by volunteers who work around the clock to help support the welfare and benefit of the people of Birtley.

With the cost of living crisis, many people are be making very tough choices. Birtley Community Centre is ready and equipped to assist where possible. Their main focuses are:

- Food Poverty
- Hygiene Poverty
- Signposting the right help to those who seek it
- Providing activities for younger people
- Tackling stigmas around 'mental health', 'being too proud to ask for help', whilst also stepping up our game even more to ensure that everyone who turns to us feels safe, included and heard.

Their office is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm.

For a list of upcoming events, which include a family children's party on Sunday 20 July, their Summer fayre on 10 August, and upcoming **FREE** First Aid sessions in August, visit their website at: <https://www.birtleycommunitycentre.co.uk/>

Mrs S Wakefield
Office Manager

Afternoon Musicale

Many congratulations to all the students who, on Friday 1 July, came together in the Performing Arts department to share their work and the favourite pieces of music they have been rehearsing and mastering with their peripatetic music teachers this academic year. It was a wonderful afternoon that allowed all of the musicians and instrumentalists to present their work to their peers and to members of staff who came to support the event.

Students have worked incredibly hard throughout this year, developing their technique, musical skills and talents, and this was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate each individual student's achievements and success on their preferred instrument. The hours of rehearsal that they have put into developing their practice was evident in their professional presentation of the work and in their performances. To our dedicated team of instrumental staff: Mr Wright (guitar), Mr Tarrant (Piano), Mr Langthorne (Brass and keys), Miss MacDonald (Woodwind), Mrs Cuggy (Strings) and Mr Rickman (Drum Kit), we thank you for preparing our students and helping them in their training and advancement in becoming master musicians.

The Performing Arts Department are extremely proud of all who took part in the event. We also appreciate the support of parents and carers in your encouragement of the students on their musical journey. A list of participating students can be found below.



Emily Marshall
Jason Harwood
Bella McAuley
Reece Armstrong
Emily Johnson
Bobby Fenley
Missy Melton
Rachel Law
Elize Estudilo
Robin Brandes



Caitlin Soulsby
Sanjana Ajish
Savannah Scott
Roham Javadi
Dylan Kelley
Finn R-Kent
Skye Watson



Caleb Dunlavy
Emily Marshall
Tom Bainbridge
Esther Marshall
Esther Marshall



Freya Jefferson
Elliot Smith
Brodie Ellison
Dean Walker



Jessica Lamb
Willow Gibson
Ava Dyer Oriana
Foister Cook
Maddison Storey
Jeannie
Wetherell



Imogen Scott
Ellis Kerry
Ben Mawson
Henry Barron
Marley Bage
Ruby Mae Taylor
Lucy Lawrence
Lily Bell
Leah Gibbons & Isaac Richardson
Qohaar Kotun & Aaron Vella

Letters regarding the continuation of instrumental lessons in September, will be posted out during the summer holidays. Forms should be returned to reception and payments completed on ParentPay **by Wednesday 10 September 2025**, as lessons will recommence week beginning Monday 15 September. *If any student would like to commence instrumental tuition in the new academic year, please contact Mrs Hall for further information:*

rhall@lordlawson.academy

Mrs R Hall
Teacher of Music

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Lord Lawson Alumni

Over the past half term the Performing Arts Department have been thrilled to welcome returning alumni Chloe Griffiths, Georgia Robson and Luke Mallon who have shared their time to work with, and inspire, our GCSE Students, Performers and Dance Leaders.

It was wonderful of our former students to share their time and recent achievements with us, including both professional and personal success, all of which are interwoven through their passion for and experience in the Performing Arts.

Whilst at Lord Lawson Sixth Form, Chloe studied A level dance (2018), Georgia studied A level dance and A level drama (2018) and Luke studied A level drama and A level music (2022). Throughout their Lord Lawson careers they all performed in many academy productions and shared the stage with each other for the 2018 academy production spectacular of Cats, where they each played iconic roles: Chloe as Macavity, Georgia as Bombalurina and Luke as Shimbleshanks.

Since then, Chloe has achieved a BA (Hons) Dance from the University of Leicester and credits her Dance and University experience for her confidence to travel the world. For now Chloe has settled in Australia, where she is loving and living her active lifestyle to the maximum.

Since graduating from Laine Theatre Arts, London, Georgia has also travelled the world, performing professionally in various Musical Theatre productions. Georgia's most recent contract sees her return home to the North-East. We are thrilled that she has been able to direct some Singin' in the Rain Junior choreography sessions, adding her own Broadway finesse to our upcoming academy production.

This month, Luke has graduated from Durham University with a First Class Honours degree in Music. In September he will begin his Masters degree in Creative Producing at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. For a student who studied A level music at Lord Lawson during the pandemic, when the Creative Arts Industry was on hold, Luke has proven that studying the Performing Arts for the love of the subject, the experiences it offers and skills it develops can result in success, continued ambition and personal happiness.

We are so proud of Chloe, Georgia and Luke for all of their achievements, but also for the kind, passionate and professional adults they have become. They are all caring individuals who are keen to encourage and support our younger generation of Lord Lawson Performers.

The workshops, talks and time they have contributed to our current students experiences this term have been exceptionally inspirational and highlights that Performing Arts nurtures more than the skills we see evident on the stage.

We would like to thank Chloe, Georgia and Luke for sharing their valuable time with us. We wish them the best of luck with their next steps and look forward to seeing you all soon either in the dance studio...or on the stage!

Miss S Brown

Subject Leader – Performing Arts

