

# Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 13 May 2024 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

How good it has been to welcome the warmer weather this week! The sunshine has timed its arrival – as so often – with the start of the formal examination period. We offer all our students sitting examinations our very best wishes, and we continue to support them with our programme of wrap-around care. Thank you for everything you are doing to support them too: it feels like team work.

Other teams have been spectacularly successful too, as you will see from pages further on in this bulletin. Both our Year 8 and our Year 10 boys' football teams have won the Gateshead cup for their age group. All members of the teams have been awarded the Principal's Award (P5), for outstanding contribution to school life. The cup for Year 8 boys was first awarded in 1924, so it celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Looking at it, as I did on Wednesday with members of the winning team and their coach, we noticed many repetitions of some other local schools. The last time it was won by Lord Lawson, however, was in the year 2005, several years before any of our team members were born.

The trophy itself is an interesting piece of sporting and social history. It is called the "Wicks Challenge Shield", and it was awarded by Councillor Alice M Wicks, who was also a Gateshead magistrate. Her trophy was awarded as part of a football competition to raise funds for a local hospital. This large oak shield with its well-worn silver plate decorations, now stands in our school trophy cabinet in the atrium. If you are in school for any reason over the next year, please do ask to see it.

My congratulations also go to the teams' coaches, Mr Cumiskey and Mr Wallace, and to the whole PE Department, that does so much to encourage a love of sport and physical activity in all our students.

The forecast appears set fair for the weekend as well, so I hope that you and your children can enjoy some quality time and fun activities together.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

***Dr A Fowler***  
***Principal***

## **Safety On Site**

As a school, we understand that many parents/carers wish to collect their children at the end of the school day.

We are able to facilitate this on the understanding that parents/carers, or whoever may be collecting your children from site, observe the necessary safety precautions.

Last week there was an incident that required an ambulance to be called on site. Unfortunately, a large number of vehicles had blocked the entrance gates, resulting in the ambulance and its crew losing precious time coming to the assistance of one of our students as they were unable to access our site immediately or safely.

To ensure this sort of incident does not occur again, we ask you all to adhere to the following instructions when visiting site, and especially when collecting children at the end of the school day:

- Vehicles will not have access to the school site after 3pm.
- No vehicle should park directly outside of the school in Birtley lane – there are yellow road markings denoting where you must not park.
- No vehicles should park in the school bus lanes on site. The lanes are there to ensure there is a safe collection and drop off point for our students.
- We have up to 1400 students exiting school at the end of the day at the same time. Can you arrange to collect your child from an accessible location nearby, that is not causing disruption to traffic flow or to people who live in the community?

Safety of your children is at the forefront of this reminder, and we ask you all to support us to keep your children safe.

***Mr I Cooper***  
***Deputy Principal***

## **Good Luck Year 6**

Monday 13 May sees the start of SATS week for pupils in year 6.

We would like to wish all year 6 pupils the very best of luck. We know you will all do your very best, which is all anyone can ask of you.

Good luck!!

***Mrs Jacobson***  
***Year 7 Leader and Transition coordinator***

## **Junior Maths Challenge Success!**

Congratulations and a huge well done to the following students in Year 8, who took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge Competition.

The students answered some really challenging questions and showed great understanding of the subject to score this highly. Kira Flett was the highest scoring in the year group narrowly missing out on Gold Award, so particularly well done to her.

### **Silver Award**

Kira Flett (Best in School)

Matthew Oakes

Jensen Elderbrant

Michael Baldwin

Alfie Bell

Elize Estudillo

Kieran Nicholson

Darin Omar

Joe Curtis

Larkin Reid

### **Bronze Award**

Ralph Slater (1 point away from Silver)

Rachel Law

Leia Musk

Teigan King

Oscar Gibson Tuck

Dylan Kelley

Matthew Robson

Ethan White

Sebastian Swistak

Lilly Bailey

Rohan Morrison

Harry Fairbairn

Bailey Baldwin

Addi Brown

Harry Keenan

Dipeash Vijayakumar

Ava Turnbull

Once again, congratulations from everyone in the Maths Department to all of our students who participated, and to our medallists above, bravo!

***Mr L Robertson***

***Teacher of Mathematics***

## **Year 10 Footballing Success**

On Friday 3 May, our year 10 boys football team played Cardinal Hume in the League Cup Final.

In a dazzling display, the boys dominated the first half of the match, having several good chances and striking the post twice!

When the second half came round, the boys continued to press and their quality shone, finally becoming too much for the Cardinal Hume team with goals from Thomas Old, Zac Boddy and Chris Copeland.

We are so proud of all the boys, not just for winning, but for showing that with hard work, dedication (and talent), you can do amazing things.

Well done: Alex Lowes, Rhys Downey, Connor Noble, Matthew Stephen Butler, Ethan Small, Chris Copeland, Thomas Old, Isaac Smails, Zac Boddy, Josh Smith, Jamie Anderson, Josh Tiffen, Josh Downey, and Matthew Forrest.

The PE department and the Year 10 Team are so proud of you all!



## **Year 8 Football Champions**

To continue the footballing success stories, we are pleased to announce that our Year 8 Lord Lawson Boys Football team lifted the Year 8 Gateshead Schools trophy, on Friday 3 May.

Gateshead Stadium hosted the final: Lord Lawson v Emmanuel College. In a tough fought match, Lord Lawson was triumphant at the final whistle, beating Emmanuel College by 2 goals to 2.

Emmanuel College have been unbeaten in all competitions this academic year, until last Friday, when they came up short against our team.

The shield has been awarded to winning year 8 teams since 1924 and the victory today sees Lord Lawson crowned as the 100th winner of the prestigious shield. The last time Lord Lawson won the trophy was in 2005.

Captain, Alfie Aynsley, along with his teammates listed below lifted the shield in front of the many family members and friends who came to support.

The whole of the Lord Lawson community are so proud of each of the following students: Mo Conteh, Alfie Aynsley, Alfie Bell, Ethan White, Bailey Mitcheson, Zack Munro, Joel Devlin, Charlie Foster, Josh Lane, Matthew Robson, Harvey Cook, Harry Gilhespie, Jensen Elderbrant, Kieron Bernard, and Connor Brown.

Thank you to the many parents, carers and friends who attended the game to show their support, and for the many well wishes we have received via social media.

Well done boys! You absolutely deserved to lift that trophy

***Mr Cumiskey***  
***Year 8 Leader***



## **Half Term Maths Revision Sessions**

Maths revision sessions will run on Tuesday 28 May, from 10am to 12 noon, for foundation and higher students.

Places at these sessions are limited so I urge you to reserve a place by emailing me direct at: [djackson@lordlawson.academy](mailto:djackson@lordlawson.academy), giving me the name and tutor group of your child, by no later than Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Text messages will be sent to confirm a place has been allocated to your child.

*Mrs D Jackson*  
*Subject Leader – Mathematics*

## Deaf Awareness Week

This week is National Deaf Awareness Week. Our In The Loop students wrote a poem in honour of the week, which we would like to share with you.

The group were discussing the topic of a phrase they find themselves using often: "It doesn't matter." You didn't hear what your friends said to you – it doesn't matter. You missed some information in a conversation or a lesson – it doesn't matter.

But it DOES matter. It matters a lot.

The groups discussion then led onto things that people can often assume about them, which are often untrue. For example, the assumption that loud noises shouldn't bother them because they're deaf or hearing impaired. Actually, their hearing aids amplify sounds and loud noises can be painful. Hearing aids don't differentiate between which sounds they need to hear and which sounds they don't (which our brains do every day without us even realising) so they can live in a very noisy and uncomfortable world.

As part of our inclusive academy I hope you take something from the words of their poem and it may prompt a discussion at home, helping to make us all more 'deaf aware.'

***Mrs J Kemp***  
***HI Coordinator***

It Doesn't Matter  
Blaring sirens, frightening sound.  
It doesn't matter.

Shrill shrieks invade the corridors.  
It doesn't matter.

Extreme emotions amplify it all.  
But still, it doesn't matter.

Muffled sounds fill my ears,  
Did I hear you? Did you speak?  
What did you say?

But for you,  
It doesn't matter.

All the sounds that you can turn off  
Build up in my head.  
They pound my skull,  
Picking away at my sanity.

Speak normally,  
Look at me,  
Make sure I know what's said,  
Shut out the noise,  
Be aware of sounds,  
They all get into my head.  
Clang, Creak, Buzz, Pop,  
Jingle, Clash, Slurp, Shhh,  
Crash, Bark, Boom

STOP!

Please know,  
It does matter.

## Year 11 Examination and Revision Schedule: Week commencing Monday 13 May 2024

Timings	Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May
08:00 - 08:40 <b>Independent revision</b> - breakfast items will be provided	English Literature (paper 1) EN10 - CBK EN11 - KB EN12 - SMY EN14 - BG EN15 - FR EN16 - LF EN17 - ARE EN19 - FC EN111 - SBS	French Listening and Reading: Foundation/Higher MFL36 - AMD	History (paper 1) HI32 - ATR HI33 - JSN HI31 - CL	Mathematics(paper 1): Foundation/Higher MA20 - HBS MA21 - BC MA22 - FB MA23 - SSY MA24 - JDI MA25 - DJN MA26 - NSN MA27 - LR MA28 - JBM MA29 - SHE MA211 - KF	Chemistry (paper 1): Foundation/Higher SC20 - CD
08:40 - 08:55 <b>Guided revision</b>					
Pre-exam routines	08:55 - 09:00 Line up outside the exam location 09:00 - 09:02 Exam tips talk 09:02 - 09:05 Enter the exam location 09:05 - 09:10 Exam talk by invigilator				
09:10 - Exam start	English Literature (paper 1) - 105/132 mins (141/52)	French Listening: Foundation - 80 mins (9/0) French Listening: Higher - 105 mins (6/0)	History (paper 1) - 120/150 mins (82/22)	Mathematics (paper 1): Foundation/Higher - 90/113 mins (173/61)	Chemistry (paper 1): Foundation/Higher - 105/132 mins (22/6)
10:10 - 10:30 - Break					
Arrangements after exam	105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2. 132 mins - Go to café for late break (11:25 - 11:45) then go to the remainder of P3.	80 mins - Go to café for late break (10:30 - 10:50) for the remainder of P2. 105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2.	120 mins - To go to café for late break (11:10 - 11:30) then go to P3 150 mins - To go to café for late break (11:40 - 12:00) then go to the remainder of P3.	90 mins - Go to cafe for late break (10:40 - 11:00) then go to the remainder of P2 113 mins - Go to cafe for late break (11:00 - 11:30) then go to P3.	105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2. 132 mins - Go to café for late break (11:25 - 11:45) then go to the remainder of P3.
11:30 - 12:15 Revision session (changes to P3)		Business Studies (paper 1) BS39 - CWE BS31 - VN	Computer Science COM33 - RMY COM37 - ACL	Religious Studies (paper 2) RE31 - ACE RE33 - JA	Geography (paper 1) Cafe - MS Year 10 base - ABY
12:15 - 12:57 Lunch					
Pre-exam routines	13:00 - 13:05 Line up outside the exam location 13:05 - 13:07 Exam tips talk 13:07 - 13:10 Enter the exam location 13:10 - 13:20 Exam invigilator talk				
13:10 - Exam start	Turkish: Listening and Reading - 110 mins (0/1)	Business Studies (paper 1) - 90/113 mins (43/10)	Computer Science - 90/113 mins (22/7)	Religious Studies (paper 2) - 105/132 mins (35/12)	Geography (paper 1) - 90/113 mins (79/24)
Arrangements after exam	110 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5.	90 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 113 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5.	90 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 113 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5.	105 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5. 132 mins - The end of the school day; students to leave the school site.	90 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 113 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5.
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08:40 - 08:55 <b>Guided revision</b>			Physics As (paper 1)		
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09:10 - Exam start	Biology As (paper 1) - 90 mins (3/0)	Business Adv (paper 1) - 120 mins (25/0)	Psychological approaches and applications - 90 mins (12/0)  Physics As (paper 1) - 90 mins (1/0)	Geography Adv (paper 1) - 150/188 mins (19/2)	Psychology Adv (paper 1) - 120/150 mins (26/4)
10:10 - 10:30 - Break					
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11:30 - 12:15 Revision session (changes to P3)	Further Mathematics As (paper1) MA211 - KF	Health and Social: Equality, Diversity and Rights COM10 - GP	N/A	Health and Social: Health, Safety and Security COM11 - SW	Further Mathematics As (paper2): Discrete and Mechanics
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## Upcoming School Events for the Summer Term

At the beginning of every term we publish a list of upcoming school events in this bulletin. Some events, such as Parents' Evenings, will also be communicated separately via email or ClassCharts. Please ensure you look out for these. The events for the Summer Term are:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 26 June:	GCSE and A Level External Examinations
<b>Friday 24 May:</b>	<b>Last day of school for staff and students – May half term begins Monday 27 May (Late Spring Bank Holiday). School reopens for all students on Monday 3 June.</b>
Wednesday 26 June:	Year 10 into year 12 Taster Day.
Wednesday 26 June:	Transition Evening for parents'/carers of pupils who will be joining us in September 2024.
Friday 28 June:	Year 11 Prom.
Saturday 29 June:	Year 13 Prom.
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July:	Year 6 Transition Days – for pupils who will be joining us in September 2024.
Monday 1 to Friday 5 July:	Year 12 Work Experience Week.
Wednesday 3 July:	Year 11 into year 12 Transition Day.
Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 July:	Year 12 – Life After Lord Lawson.
Monday 8 July:	Year 7 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Tuesday 9 July:	Year 8 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Wednesday 10 July:	Year 9 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Thursday 11 July:	Year 10 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Monday 15 July:	Sports Day – All students.
<b>Friday 19 July:</b>	<b>Last Day of Term for Staff and Students.</b>
<b>Thursday 15 August:</b>	<b>KS5 (A Level) Results Day.</b>
<b>Thursday 22 August:</b>	<b>KS4 (GCSE) Results Day.</b>