

Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 24 June 2024 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this, our year 13 students are celebrating the end of their time here at Lord Lawson. We held an assembly for the students, celebrating their time here, and as always it is remarkable to see the transformation from young children at the start of year 7, to young adults at the end of year 13. It was lovely to share this with the students. This event is followed by our new intake transition events in July. These transition points remind you how vital our colleagues who choose to work in schools are. Together, with parents and carers, we are privileged to play a transformative role in the vital years of young people, as they 'grow, learn and succeed'. I wish our outgoing year 13 students all the best and remind them that every end is also a new beginning.

These celebrations coincide with the end of a very long examination season. We trust that parents and carers of students in years 11 and 13 feel that their children were supported well during the exam season. We received, as we have become accustomed to, excellent feedback from the external exam inspection team who visit every year. My thanks must go out to all those staff involved in supporting our students over the last six weeks. It really is a team effort and massively appreciated.

Returning to the theme of celebrations, it is year 11 prom on Friday 28 June, and year 13 prom on Saturday 29 June. We love running these events, but it is important to point out that the staff do so out of goodwill and care for our students. If you have students going to either event, please remind them of the high standards expected of them at these celebrations. If we work together, they are an enjoyable night for staff and students. For students in other year groups, our awards evenings are on the horizon, scheduled for the week commencing 8 July. Further information will be sent nearer the time. These events provide us with a moment to celebrate some of the great achievements of students over the year.

I hope the recent run of good weather holds over the weekend and you get to enjoy it with your families.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully

Mr Joe Dicocco
Deputy Principal

Pride Week

Monday 24 to Friday 28 June is the third annual Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy Pride week.

Pride week is about acceptance, equality, and celebrating the work of LGBT+ people and education, in LGBT+ history. It is also a time for people to reflect on how damaging homophobia can be.

On Monday, all students will watch a pre-recorded student led assembly during tutor time. All students will be offered a pride sticker to wear on their blazer if they wish to do so – this is not compulsory.

The Mayor of Gateshead will be visiting the academy on Wednesday to meet Pride Group leaders and unveil an award at the main entrance. Details of the award will be shared in the next parent bulletin and on the academy social media platforms.

As in previous years, colourful bunting and flags will brighten up the academy throughout the week.

Should you have any question, please email me at lcumiskey@lordlawson.academy and I will be happy to help.

Mr Cumiskey

Year 8 Leader and PD Coordinator



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Young Carers Drop-in – Venue Change

The final young carers drop-in of the year with the carers trust, is on Wednesday 26 June 2024, and will be held in Mrs Glass' classroom, GG32. This is a venue change for this drop-in only.

All young carers are welcome to come along until 1pm. They can gain access by showing their young carers pass to staff.

Mrs M Glass
Young Carers



Sports Day

On Wednesday 17 July 2024, we will be holding our annual Sports Day. This is a change to the original planned date.

Students (and some staff) will be participating in a whole programme of events, further details of which will be provided in a future bulletin. Parents and carers will not be able to attend this event.

Mr D Wyllie
Subject Leader – PE

Year 6 – Transition Events and Communication

Firstly, a warm welcome to the parents and carers of our year 6 students who are joining us in September.

Communication

The Parent Bulletin is issued weekly on a Friday, with key items of information, notices, and reminders for parents, carers and students. This will be different to the way many of you are contacted about information by your child's primary school. Many of you may be used to receiving letters home on a regular basis for such items, but we, as a school, communicate mostly electronically.

The bulletin is sent to parents and carers via ClassCharts. However, as we will not have year 6 students on ClassCharts until nearer September, we will email the bulletin to you in the interim period. Alternatively, you may wish to visit our website via the following link and read past bulletins, as a copy is also posted there on a Friday after it has been issued:

[Parent Bulletins](#)

New Intake Evening

You should have received a letter, either via the post or your primary school, about our New Intake Information Evening on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

This is an important introductory meeting, where Dr Fowler, the Principal, and members of our Senior Leadership Team will formally welcome you and your children to the Academy. You will be provided with key information regarding your child's education, and which class they will be in for the transition days on **Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July 2024**.

To ensure everyone can be seated comfortably in the hall there will be two meeting sessions, which should last approximately half an hour.

Session one – 5.00pm to 5.30pm: All parents/carers and students from **primary schools with names beginning A to K**, e.g. Barley Mow, should attend this session.

Session two – 6.00 to 6.30pm: All parents/carers and students from **primary schools with names beginning L to Z**, e.g. Ravensworth, should attend this session.

Transition Days

On **Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July** all year 6 students will participate in two days of activities, which will provide your child with an authentic taste of life at Lord Lawson, in preparation for their start with us in September.

Additional information about transition days will be provided at the New Intake evening and can also be found in the New Intake letter previously sent.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children on 1 and 2 July and are excited to have this opportunity to help them to feel as though they are part of the Lord Lawson community before they join us in September.

Mrs A Jacobson
Year 7 Leader
And Transition Coordinator

Mrs K Coates
Year 7 Deputy Leader

Laptops on Loan from Lord Lawson

A reminder for parents and carers that any student in year 11 or year 13 who have a laptop on loan from the school, must return the laptop by Wednesday 26 June.

We will be contacting parents and carers via email initially to advise you if your child has been identified as having a school laptop on loan.

Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Mr L Gale
ICT Support Manager

School Uniform Reminder

I am aware that we are coming to the end of this academic year. However, I feel it important to remind parents and carers that our expectations regarding students attending school in full and correct uniform have not changed.

Should you have an issue regarding your child's uniform, please either speak to the year team or ensure your child comes into school with a note from you, which they should take to their respective year team staff.

Mr I Cooper
Deputy Principal

Attendance Incentive

On Monday 13 May, we launched to students our attendance incentive for the end of the summer term. All students who meet the entry requirements will enjoy a 'Fun Day' during the last week of term, the day and date of which will be confirmed later, but I can confirm it will not be the last Friday of the summer term i.e. 19 July 2024.

Student attendance will be reviewed for an 8-week period, from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024.

The criteria for students to qualify for this incentive and reward is based on a 3-tier system, details of which can be found below.

- **Tier 1** : achieve 100% attendance and receive no C Codes
- **Tier 2** : achieve over 96% attendance and receive no more than 8 negative points
- **Tier 3** : Demonstrate a significant improvement in attendance and behaviour (a member of the school Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will take this decision)

Spot prizes will be issued throughout the 8-week incentive. Any student who does not meet the qualifying criteria will attend lessons on the day as normal.

Key points for students to remember are:

- **Their attendance for the incentive is measured between 13 May and 12 July**
- **Student behaviour points are measured between 13 May and 12 July**

This provides students who may have accumulated negative behaviour points or have had low attendance before 13 May, to have a 'fresh start' and begin the incentive review period from a '0' negative start.

- **Students achieving Tier 1** – will have automatic entry to the 'fun day'
- **Students achieving Tier 2 or Tier 3** – their entry will be dependent on spaces available
- **Students achieving Tier 3** – their entry is also based on the decision of a member of SLT

We have also given our students the opportunity to provide us with suggestions and ideas for some of the activities they may wish to be included on their day, such as:

- Inflatables
- Ice Cream Van
- BBQ
- Sporting activities
- Burger van
- DJ
- Sweet stall
- Silent Disco

Any suggestions or ideas students have should be passed to their tutor representatives, tutor, or any member of their year team.

Please discuss these incentives and the qualifying criteria with your child and help them to be part of what will be a fantastic and 'fun' day!

Mr I Cooper
Deputy Principal

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:

Date	Event
Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 26 June:	GCSE and A Level External Examinations
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.
Wednesday 17 July:	Sports Day – All students.
Thursday 18 July:	Attendance Rewards Day
Friday 19 July:	Last Day of Term for Staff and Students.
Thursday 15 August:	KS5 (A Level) Results Day.
Thursday 22 August:	KS4 (GCSE) Results Day.