



A message from the Headteacher:

You may have seen quite a lot of stories in the news over the last few weeks regarding how children use electronic devices and the amount of time that is spent on them. There have been many reports about how parents can limit time and some advice from the Government about how to manage this. As a school, we have not gone down a route of banning mobile phones and we are aware that most children are in possession of one. I can also understand how useful they can be for parents to track children down and for you to have peace of mind of being able to contact your child in an emergency. The downside is however that children have access to all internet content and social media platforms. Disagreements and inappropriate comments on these platforms often fall out into school time and this is unacceptable. I would like to remind you that every child in Year 7 & 8 is below the legal age of social media apps like Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype and they should not be accessing them. From an E-Safety perspective it would also be useful if you are able to monitor your child's internet and social media use.

Sandra Muir
Headteacher



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House News

As **FITZROY** came top of the league table this term, they are allowed to come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 13th February as a reward.

Year 11 News

Important Evening for Year 11 Parents

On the 28th February at 6pm we are holding our 'Steps for Success' evening for all Year 11 pupils and their parents. During this evening you will find out about the exams your child will be sitting in the summer, how best they can prepare, and all our Year 11 pupils will receive a personalised revision folder with revision booklets for all of their subjects. For full details please see the letter at the back of this newsletter.

Lost property

We have a lot of lost property in Student Services, if you have lost an items of clothing, stationery etc. please visit Student Services before Wednesday 13th February as after this date everything will be taken to a charity shop.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 12th February

PTA AGM 6-7pm – all parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 13th February

Non-Uniform day for **FITZROY** pupils only

Thursday 14th February

Whole School Personal Development Day

Thursday 14th February

Last day of Term 3

Friday 15th February

Inset day, school closed to pupils

Monday 25th February

First day of Term 4, 8.40 start

Thursday 28th February

Year 11 'Steps for Success' evening

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LOCAL OFFER BIG DAY EVENT TUESDAY MARCH 12th at STEAM

The event is being organised by Swindon Borough Council in conjunction with Swindon Families Voice, who are a voluntary organisation representing the parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

The event is to promote our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Local Offer website. The Local Offer which is available at www.mycaremysupport.co.uk explains what support and services (incorporating public, private and third sector) are available in the local community for our children and young people with SEND.

The event will consist of a range of service stands providing information and materials about their service. The themes will include:

- Accessible activities for children and young people with SEND e.g. Wheelchair basketball, Performing Arts group for children with autism, Aiming High services
- Transport and travel e.g. how to find accessible transport
- Support e.g. advocacy services
- Money matters e.g. Citizens Advice, disability grants
- Health & Wellbeing e.g. information on the autism diagnostic pathway and collecting feedback
- Resources e.g. wheelchair services, disabled toilet keys, dressability
- Transition e.g. Transition Team for Adult Social Care, PLUSS
- Having your say and getting involved e.g. a range of areas that the local community to provide feedback on what is working well, wasn't working well and what they want
- Keeping safe e.g. counselling services
- Education e.g. Specialist Advisory Teachers

You are invited to the SEND Local Offer Big Day March SENDsation

How can I access information and support?

How can I learn about services available?

www.mycaremysupport.co.uk

Do you have views about the services available for children and young people with SEND?

How do I get advice about SEND?

How do you want the future Local Offer to look?

SEND

Stall holders to include:
Activities & Equipment, Travel, Finding support, Money matters, Health & wellbeing, Have your say, Education & Transition

**12th March 2019
12:30 to 17:30
at STEAM Museum**

Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EY

Information, advice and services that support families of children and young people age 0 - 25 with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) brought together in one place

Employment Pathway

This week in the Employment Pathway we completed some bird identification and dissection of owl pellets.

We had to use tweezers and cocktail sticks to pull apart the pellets to see what the owls had been eating. Owls are carnivorous and eat small mammals and reptiles like voles, mice, frogs and also small birds.

We found all the bones, fur and feathers that the owls are not able to digest and they then regurgitate all of the waste.



This shows a vole skull, a breast bone from a bird and a bird leg.

Media Studies

On 4th February, Year 11 Media Studies pupils went on a trip to Bristol University to explore the university's media related courses. The day was a great success and started with a visit to the famous Wills Memorial building where we received an hour's example film studies lecture and seminar. We then explored the libraries and great hall which were stunning. A number of film studies pupils were on hand to answer questions about university life and we finished the day with a tour of the Media and Film department in the Student Union building. The building was complete with edit suites, lecture theatres and even a cinema! We were also lucky enough to learn about subjects that Film & Television Studies can be paired with, such as Theatre Studies, English Literature and Innovation; Innovation is a course which is being pioneered at Bristol which equips pupils for business and teaches how to develop entrepreneurial ideas into businesses. We had a great day (with lots of walking!) and it really helped to see what Media Studies could lead to in the future.



Miss Townsend



Library's book Sale

WEEKLY BOOK SALE
Different books
Different prices
Different deals
Grab yourself a bargain!!



11th Feb – 15th Feb
'Horrible Histories, Horrible Science' & 'The Knowledge' books
50p each – buy 2 get one FREE!



February 2019

Dear Parents

We are delighted to invite you to our 'Year 11 Steps to Success' evening on Thursday 28th February from 6.00-7.00pm. This is a crucial evening in your child's final and most important year at Lawn Manor and we believe it will help prepare them for their GCSE exams in May and June. During the evening there will be presentations on how to revise for English, Maths, and Science from the Directors of those subjects, and the Directors of all our other subjects will be available to speak to as well. We will also be doing a revision skills presentation that will highlight ways you can help with your child's revision. I will also deliver a brief presentation on the new way of grading the GCSE's (9-1 rather than A*-G). We appreciate all the changes in education recently can be confusing and hopefully this brief presentation will help answer any queries you may have.

Your child will also receive a 'Revision Folder' which has been personalised for each pupil and contains a set of revision resources for each of their subjects – these will be crucial in helping them to revise. The event will be held in West Manor Hall and if travelling by car we would ask that you park in West Manor Car Park.

We appreciate that this can be an anxious and stressful time for our Year 11 pupils (and their parents!) and we really believe this evening will help your child and you feel more prepared for their exams. The reward when they get the results they want will make all their hard work worthwhile! We look forward to seeing you and your child on 28th February.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jonathan Hill
Assistant Headteacher

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8th February 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

LAWN MANOR ACADEMY YEAR 11 PROM – MARRIOTT HOTEL

I am writing to inform you that Prom tickets now need to be purchased in full in order to secure a seat at the table! We are getting very excited to celebrate with the Year 11s at this fabulous occasion and hope it is a wonderful night to remember for all. In order to secure the booking and entertainment, tickets need to be purchased ASAP and all payments to be completed by 6th May 2019 through ParentPay. If you have paid a deposit, then the final payment required will be £27.50.

The evening celebration includes entry, a drink on arrival, hot and cold buffet and disco. There will be a strict formal dress code and behaviour code (any pupils not adhering to either will be asked to leave).

A number of pupils have paid the deposit and so have secured tickets already. If your son or daughter has not paid a deposit but would like to attend please ask them to come to speak to me ASAP.

Should you be unable to access ParentPay, please contact Mrs A. Rani in the Student Support Centre for login details.

Please note that admission will be subject to good behaviour, attendance and punctuality throughout the year and will be at the Year Leader, Lead Professional – Pastoral and the Deputy Headteacher’s discretion.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Rani
Year Leader – Year 11

REPLY SLIP (please return to Mrs A Rani in the Student Support Centre)

NAME I LEARN group

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend Lawn Manor Academy’s Prom on Friday 5th July 2019. I understand that this event will cost £37.50 per child and am paying the full amount (minus the £10 deposit if paid) on ParentPay.

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

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