



Summer 2018

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## Headteacher's 'blog' -SUMMER 2018

### HT final comments

We have reached the end of the school year and the end of my 39 years as a Teacher and finally as Headteacher of Laurence Jackson School, as I retire at the end of the Summer.

The end of a school year is always a poignant and reflective time, as I look back on the many events and achievements that have taken place since the Winter Newsletter was circulated in December 2017.

This week, we are welcoming our new Y7 cohort who are experiencing the

school systems and expectations, so that they can hit the ground running in September. We have formulated an interesting and engaging programme, which I am sure they are enjoying, which will also enable them to familiarise themselves with the school building.

Our enrichment programme remains second to none and I am humbled by the collective efforts of staff to offer such an excellent range of experiences and opportunities. Although not recognised by Ofsted, these are aspects that I know are valued by students, parents and the wider community and we should be extremely proud of the overall offer that 5 years at LJS provides.

As usual in July, we say farewell to some esteemed colleagues who have provided dedicated service to the school and community.

**Natalie Jeffels**, a former Student Welfare Manager and subsequent Cover Supervisor, has been inspired by LJS and is going on to train as a teacher – I am sure she will excel in the profession.

**Ellie Goodall**, a long serving and talented member of the English Department and former Year Leader, and **Andrew Todd** (Technology) who are moving to new positions elsewhere – good luck to them both.

After varying lengths of service, the following teaching and support staff are retiring – each and every one of them have contributed significantly to so many aspects of school life:-

**Julie Scott**, our Director of Alternative Provision;

**Maria Tudor**, former Student Welfare Manager and latterly Behaviour Support Assistant;

**Darren Swinhoe**, Learning Support Assistant;

**Linda Davison**, an excellent member of the English team and former student who has given 16 years of service to the school;

**Josie Lawrence**, our fantastic Finance and HR Manager who has kept the school 'in the black' over the last 19 years – no mean feat in this educational climate.

And finally, **Julie Allen** who has nearly been at the school as long as I have (36 years) but not quite! Julie is retiring after a long and distinguished career from leading the Technology Department and as an Assistant Headteacher but more significantly will probably



be remembered more in the community for her promotion and involvement in the performing arts areas of school. Fittingly, she is bowing out after a superb performance of 'Beauty and the Beast', which earned richly deserved plaudits across the board.

All staff leaving have contributed greatly to the school's ethos. We thank them and wish them all the best for the future.

I will take with me a few regrets but more importantly, 39 years of fantastic memories, achievements, relationships and progress, including a wonderful new building, fit to educate young people in the 21st century.

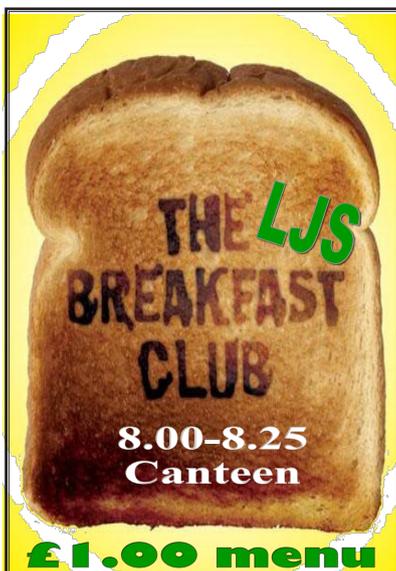
Please support Mrs Jukes and the brilliant LJS staff in continuing the good work across the school to 'Improve Life Chances' and best wishes for a happy, healthy future for everyone!

This newsletter shares the multitude of opportunities, experiences, successes, achievements and celebrations that occur on a daily basis at LJS and epitomises why I am passionate about the school, what it offers and will continue to offer in the future. May I take this opportunity to thank the many staff members who give their own time to allow all these events and trips to take place.

Best wishes to all staff, students – past, current and future – and to the community of Guisborough for your constant support.

Regards

Belinda Wheatman  
Headteacher



# Calendar dates for Term 1

## SEPTEMBER 2018

3	Training Day
4	School re-opens to students at 8.20am
13	Staff/Governor Event + 'Think Tank Governors' Meeting
18	Governors' Steering Group Meeting
20	Open Evening (normal school day)
21	PD Day – staff only – school closed to students

## OCTOBER

1	Careers Convention
15	Y7 Drop in session
16	Governors' Pay Review Committee – 1.30pm
16	Governors' Personal Development & Well Being Committee – 4.30pm
24	Enrichment Day
24	Y10 Making Opportunities Day 1
25	Y7 PC1 issued
26	School closes for half term holiday at 3pm
27	Dubai Sports Tour leaves

## NOVEMBER

3	Dubai Sports Tour returns
5	School re-opens at 8.20am
7	Governors' School Improvement Committee – 4.30pm
14	Friends of LJ meeting
15	Ex Y11 Presentation Evening at 7pm
21	Y10 PC1 issued
22	Y10 Parents' Evening
22	Governors' Finance & Resources Committee – 4.30pm
27	Governors' Policies Committee – 4.30pm
29	Christmas Fayre – 4-6pm

## DECEMBER

3	PD Day – School closed to students
6	Y11 Parents' Evening
12	Y8 PC1 issued
18	Christmas Concert
20	Y7 Parents' Evening
21	School closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays (re-opens 7 January at 8.20am)

# 'Friends of LJS' Update

'Friends of LJS' is a Committee made up of parents and staff who undertake fundraising activities to support and finance extra-curricular activities for students. At the moment, we are looking for new members to join our currently very small team. We meet once a half term – normally the Wednesday of the second week. Recent funding has been allocated to the SEN Department to purchase laptops and reader pens, PE Department to purchase a washing

machine and tumble dryer to wash sports kits and purchase additional PE kits and Student Voice/SMSC to help build the memorial garden.

The '200 Club' always welcomes new members (£6 per quarter or £10 for two numbers) with monthly prizes on offer of £75, £50 and £25, with a Summer Draw of £200. If you would like to join the '200 Club', please contact Mrs E Spencer or Mrs V Armstrong at the school.

For further information about 'Friends of LJS' events please see the school's website. The next meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 September - 7pm start.

If you wish to join or are interested in finding out more about us, please contact Mrs Spencer at school, either by telephone or email [spencere@laurencejackson.org](mailto:spencere@laurencejackson.org).

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### Spanish Celebrations

On Friday 15 June, Mrs Allan, Mrs McGrogan and 21 Y11 students went out for a Tapas meal at 'Vista Mar' in Saltburn-by-the-Sea, to celebrate finishing their GCSE Spanish exams.

The staff at Vista Mar were fantastic. They brought out a large variety of authentic tapas dishes including patatas bravas, calamares, boquerones, and chorizo amongst others. The food just kept on coming and coming, so much so that they let us take a lot of it home in plastic containers!

The students were exemplary and all of us had a great time. It was an excellent end to a fantastic few years of Spanish with these students and we wish them well for their GCSE results in the Summer.

*iHasta luego!*

Señora Allan y Señora McGrogan



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# LJS Summer Production 2018: Standing Ovations for Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast'

'This year's production of Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast', which played to packed houses, was simply outstanding. The cast, which included students from all year groups, delivered 2 performances of the smash hit musical by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice.

Anna (Y9) and Scott (Y11) performed the lead roles of Belle and the Beast. Both delivered moving performances, especially with their solos, 'Home' and 'If I Can't Love Her'.

They were supported by an extremely strong cast of talented principals - the dastardly Gaston and his sidekick Lefou (played brilliantly by Carl and Zach - both Y11) were joined by Noah (Y9), who gave a great performance as the sinister Monsieur D'arque.

The Beast's enchanted household of Lumiere - George (Y8), Cogsworth - Ewan (Y10), the superb Madame De La Grande Bouche - Aimee (Y8), Babette - Caitlin (Y9) and Chip - Emily (Y8), delighted audiences with their humorous interpretation of the roles.

Ellie (Y8), who gave a wonderful performance as Mrs Potts, also beautifully performed the title song, 'Beauty and the Beast'. Luke (Y8) as Belle's father and Bryony (Y10), who delivered an atmospheric introduction to the story as the Narrator, gave other high quality performances.

A superb chorus, who performed musically challenging set pieces such as 'Be Our Guest', combined with polished choreography and excellent characterisation, underpinned the show.

The hours of work students had put in to create the show certainly paid off with standing ovations on both nights.



*"The show was fantastic, everyone involved was amazing - they all did an incredible job."* Nick Colman (visiting Sound Technician).

As always, the project brought together a wide range of disciplines in the Arts and was supported by a large team of staff. The production team would like to thank the many students and staff who were involved in creating this fantastic five-star performance.

Please check out and follow our twitter feed @LJS\_MusicDept for upcoming information about future productions, workshops and concerts.



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# 'Start the Change' - Global Citizenship Initiative



LJS is working with our partner schools to develop an active citizenship model that means young people can take informed action

to develop safe spaces, change their school, community or wider world for the better, and promote peace.

The projects will support the young people participating to develop into critical thinkers, with an awareness of global issues, developing their capacity to make informed decisions and take action.

## Community Project

This project entails creating a memorial garden for the school and community to use within the new school grounds.

Students are liaising with relatives and friends of people connected to the school: soldiers who have died in conflict, past teachers and students with a view to including plaques to commemorate their lives. There will also be a bench and plants.

A student competition took place, with winning designs from each year group and an overall winner.

Some money has been provided to the project by the 'Friends of LJS' and we also have a bid in process via the Local Authority for further funding.

## Regional Project

This took place on Thursday 7 June, when a group of students visited Parkside Academy (Willington – Bishop Auckland) to compare the lives of LJS students to that of those

at Parkside. Students also took part in a workshop on cultural awareness.

## National Project

Miss Dixon and Mr Wood took a group of Y8 and Y9 students to London on 5 & 6 July, where they were given the opportunity to look at diversity between the North and South Divide - how LJS and the North East compares to London based on ethnicity, religious and cultural background.

The main purpose of the trip was to visit Parliament and experience a day in a South East London school as well as exploring central London. The students were very excited about the opportunities that this visit held.

Students involved were:- Luke B, Molly W, Aimee B, Noah M, William S, Gabrielle S, Owen D and Qin Y.

## Glorious weather for Commondale!

16 students enjoyed fabulous weather for the 'Jackson Club' outdoor weekend at Commondale Scout Camp.

Leaving early on Friday afternoon, our intrepid band of explorers set off to the wilds of the North York Moors, Mr Gibson's car being packed full of suitcases, rucksacks, water pistols and ginger cake!! A quick change and off to 'The Mill' in Stokesley for a scrumptious evening meal.

On returning to camp, Mrs King, Mrs Jobling, Mrs Gray and Mrs Demoioly organised a game of rounders, whilst Mr Gibson eventually managed to get the camp fire going, around which toasted marshmallows were enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning saw the dawning of another gorgeous day, when Mrs Wheatman visited to enjoy the Archery that saw Matthew C and Kaci F the champion Archers.

After a bit more exploring up to the quarry, a long walk to the beck followed and fun on the tarzan swing saw many

overcome some personal fears and gain new found confidence.

Following lunch, the legendary water fight saw everyone, including staff, getting soaked to the skin. Not a bad way to cool off!

Tired and tanned, the students returned home in time for tea having thoroughly enjoyed another wonderful weekend away, all well organised as usual by Mrs Rowe.



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# France Trip 2018

Over the Easter holidays, a jolly bunch of 40 Y9 and Y10 students set off for a four-day adventure to Northern France. They boarded the bus in the wee hours of the morning, pillows in tow and ready for sleep, to embark on a long coach journey to the Château d'Eblinghem. On arrival, the group took the time to settle in and make friends with the local cat. A scavenger hunt around site the made for some very inventive selfies and some interesting costumes!

Day one, Lille and a trip to the zoo was very eventful indeed. Excited students took in the city sights, tried a traditional chocolate chaud and even got involved in the most popular of French pastimes – a strike! After a long browse in Sephora (and having already spent most of their euros), all were happy to head back to the coach in readiness for the Waffle Factory. Students learned how the traditional gauffre is made and particularly enjoyed sampling the sweet snacks. They were certainly preferred to the typical wartime biscuits that they got to try later in the evening!

After an early start to day two, they headed across the border to Belgium. Students were fascinated by the history of Talbot House. Many enjoyed



some time for reflection in the chapel, followed by a nice cup of tea. Some were so moved by the stories they had read that they felt inclined to leave messages of remembrance and respect for the fallen soldiers. A ramble around some real WW1 trenches followed. Students were amazed by the harsh realities of life on the front line. Their feelings were only emboldened by a moving visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, where several students tried to find relatives and local heroes, and a chance to watch the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Lucas and Emily laid a wreath on behalf of LJS and students appreciated a chance to pay their respects to those who lost their lives. A very humbling day indeed.

A more jovial day ended our séjour, with a trip to a traditional French market. The 2€ challenge sparked fierce competition between teams, with each vying for the most unusual object! The trip to the snail factory was a delight. Students held and fed snails while learning about how they are raised. Some of the more squeamish were reluctant to taste them, but most seized their opportunity, with some wolfing down several portions for their team. The trip to the chocolate factory was highly popular and plenty of pennies were spent on gifts galore for all back home! After an evening of crêpe making, it was time to pack and prepare for our homeward journey. We returned happy and hungry for our Easter dinners.



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## Alton Towers

On 20 April, over 100 Y11 students attended the annual rewards trip to Alton Towers; this was a well-earned break from their hard work preparing for their exams. Students who attended managed to meet our points threshold throughout the year. This is an absolute credit to these students, who attended revision sessions, both in and out of school as well as the hard work these students put in day in and day out during their final year at LJ.

## Leavers Assembly

Monday 18 June saw Miss Sarginson, Miss Clements and other staff say goodbye to Y11. Two video montages of their journey through LJS contributed to a fantastic atmosphere.

Jack T composed an outstanding piece of music, which he showcased to the year group, Matthew D delivered an amazing speech about his own personal journey through LJS, which resulted in a standing ovation from staff and roaring applause from his peers.

## Prom

The Y11 Prom took place once again at Gisborough Hall in early July, which everyone agreed was a fantastic event.

*Good luck to Y11*  
from all the staff at LJS.

## Enrichment Day

28 June saw students enjoying rewards trips, with the majority of students going off site to Lightwater Valley (Y7) or Flamingo Land (Y8 & Y9), whilst others stayed in school for Arts and Crafts and Film Club. Congratulations to all students who qualified and well done for making it such a successful event, thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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# Royal British Legion

LJS is very proud to announce a formal affiliation between school and the RBL. The document sets out that each body will have an 'understanding and respect for the aims and objectives of each others respective organisations, ..to provide mutual support and encouragement within our community'.

We are honoured to have been asked to write a message on behalf of the school and local community on a card, which will be placed on a wreath to be laid at the Menin Gate in August.



# World Autism Week

Each year we encourage our students to get involved and raise awareness of autism. Mrs Demoily kindly donated our Easter prize, which was won by Jasmin B in Y7.

Students also held a raffle and cake sale to raise funds.



# Geography

Y10 Geographers recently carried out their river studies fieldwork in the scorching Danby sun on the North York Moors. They accurately recorded the depth and the width of the river at three different sites to investigate how the river changes as it flows downstream.

The Geography staff were very impressed by the students' dedication and perseverance with their data collection and follow up work.



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## Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition

A 13 strong team of Y8 and Y9 students competed in the regional round of the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition at Teesside Magistrates' Court on the morning of Saturday 10 March.

The LJS team for the prosecution in Round 1 faced Wyvern Academy and put in a very strong performance, with the verdict going in favour of LJS. Round 2 saw the LJS defence team up against Egglecliffe School and, despite an impressive performance, the verdict went against LJS.

Scoring wasn't just based on outcomes, and each member of the team could earn up to 10 individual points in addition to a whole team score out of 10. Unfortunately, LJS

didn't progress through to the next stage of the competition, but gave the eventual winners Egglecliffe a good contest in Court, with the verdict proving controversial with those supporting from the public gallery!

Every single student was incredible in their effort and contribution to the team. They should be thoroughly proud of their achievements in what is the school's first ever entry into the competition. Outstanding ambassadors for Laurence Jackson School.

William S, Qin Y, Gabrielle S, Molly W, Jessica M, Emily C, Brian R, Owen D, Aimee B, Noah M, Jennifer M, Jack C and Luke B were outstanding ambassadors for LJS

## KS3 Sports Day

On 29 June, all KS3 students took part in our annual Sports Day. Students competed in a form room sports quiz, inter form Rounders and Football and an Athletics competition on the track. The Athletics track event scores were added to the field event scores, which had previously been completed in recent PE lessons.

The day was a huge success, with all students in Y7, Y8, and Y9 showing excellent levels of behaviour, attitude and effort and there was a real sense of teamwork and respect throughout the whole day.

As well as excellent standards of performance, one of the main highlights was watching how the students supported and encouraged each other.

Well done and thank you to all involved.

## Fundraising

As part of the school's work for charities, each year group is allocated their own charity for which they raise over the year.

Over the past year, the following funds have been raised:

<b>Y7</b>	<b>JDRF - JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION</b>	<b>£200.12</b>
<b>Y8</b>	<b>ZOE'S PLACE</b>	<b>£764.76</b>
	<b>plus £200 toy and gift donation at Christmas</b>	
<b>Y9</b>	<b>CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE</b>	<b>£282.52</b>
<b>Y10</b>	<b>GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE</b>	<b>£1331.68</b>
<b>Y11</b>	<b>DAISY CHAIN</b>	<b>£1000.00</b>

As part of the Y11 Leavers' Assembly, we had the pleasure of presenting a representative from **DAISY CHAIN** with a cheque for **£1000** to support the fantastic work they do.

**Well done to everyone involved!**



## LJS 'Bake Off'

Due to the popularity of the Science 'Bake Off', which raised money for Amy B's JustGiving page, other students in the year group wanted to get involved in fundraising activities for the same cause, so a 'LJS Bake Off' took place on Wednesday 11 July.

The theme was colour, based on Amy's love of make-up.

# Y10

## Making Opportunities Conference

The Making Opportunities Conference is a 3 day event, held during October and June. The normal school timetable on those days are suspended.

The conference is designed to develop job applications and interview skills, and to deliver careers information, with the day being supported by various external companies and independent careers services.

In June, the students were encouraged to identify their personal skills and

qualities, given activities to develop their self-confidence and practical job hunting skills. Students also received advice on interview techniques and experienced a mock interview with an external provider.

## College Taster Day

Also in June, Y10 students had the opportunity to choose Taster Sessions at either Prior Pursglove College, Redcar & Cleveland College or Middlesbrough College. Courses on offer ranged from A-Levels to vocational courses, including Plastering, Construction, Health & Social Care and Hair & Beauty. All Colleges offered our students a fantastic insight into College life. We hope that the day will have focused students on their final years of study, enabling them to secure the grades for onward progression in life after LJS.

## Work Experience

We are pleased to announce that over 200 Y10 students spent a valuable week on Work Experience, where they were able to enjoy a diverse range of opportunities within the world of work.

Many students arranged placements with the assistance of family, friends and the school's Work Experience Co-ordinator. Our students had some very exciting placements, which included assignments with Tata Steel, gymnastic coaching, retail outlets, offices, schools and businesses in the local area.

The feedback we have received has been outstanding. What has been evident throughout staff visits to companies is that our students are a credit to themselves, the school and the wider community.



## Laurence Jackson School University Challenge

This year saw the inaugural running of a school quiz competition based on the style of University Challenge.

16 teams entered and battled against each other in a knock-out style format until the eventual winners were crowned – congratulations to 'Warren's Warriors' (Kellen H, Connor P, Mrs Warren and Mr Hawthorne), who defeated a Staff Team in a very competitive final.

Well done and thank you to everyone who entered - University Challenge will return again next year.

## Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project

LJS has been involved in the Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project since the inception of the heritage project idea to restore the town hall.

With the recent confirmation of initial funding granted by Heritage Lottery there are exciting times ahead as the development phase approaches. Students and staff from the school

continue to remain actively involved on the Committee and their continued support and contribution is greatly appreciated by Mr Andy Murray, Chair of the Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project and a Governor at LJS.



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## Race for Life

### 'Race for Life'

On Tuesday 3 July, many of our students, staff, friends and family participated in 'Race For Life' at LJS.

The event was a huge success, with all funds raised not only going to Cancer Research but to a LJS student who is

currently undergoing chemotherapy. Thank you to everyone for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

**The PE Department**



### Oxford University Pathways visit

In April, 6 Y10 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Oxford University and experience what life is like at one of the leading Universities in the world.

Despite an early start and long coach journey, it was an incredible day for students who got to visit Merton and Keble Colleges, experience lectures and masterclasses delivered by Oxford University lecturers and PhD students and take a tour of the city.

Thanks to staff from Prior Pursglove College in helping organise such a memorable and inspirational visit for our students.

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## STEM Challenge Day – Teesside University

On 27 June, 12 students from across Y8 and Y9 visited Teesside University to attend a Science & Technology Challenge Day. The event provided an exciting opportunity for students to experience working in several different areas including robotics, vehicle

design, E-FIT construction and medical diagnostics.

Students worked in teams to tackle the challenges and each showed great skill, determination and creativity in achieving their aims. Well done to Olivia

C and Bradley J who were winners of an individual challenge and congratulations to Qin Y and James L who were part of the overall winning team and now progress to the Regional Finals to be held at the University of Sheffield later this year.

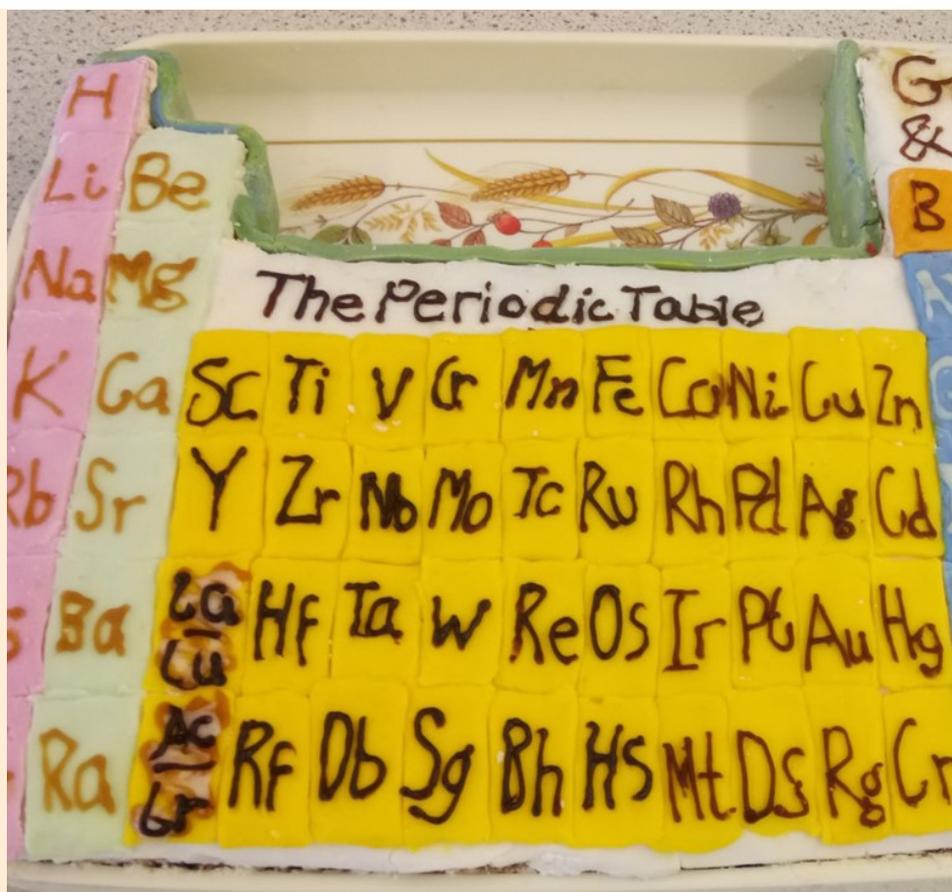
## Science 'Bake Off'

Miss Wardle and her 9z1 Science class came up with the idea of having a Science themed 'Bake Off' and then selling the cakes – all proceeds to go to Amy B's 'Just Giving' page....

Students paid £2 to enter a cake and Miss Evans and Mrs Crawford agreed to judge the entries. Cakes were sold at lunchtime.

There were 9 AMAZING entries – 1 overall winner, 3 winners in separate categories and the remaining entries were highly commended.

The winning cake was made by Gabrielle S and Qin Y.



# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition - Roseberry Topping to Grosmont

On day 1, 12 students walked from the bottom of Roseberry Topping to Ravens Gill Scout Camp in Commondale. Students erected their camp and cooked an evening meal for themselves.

After a cooked breakfast on day 2, students dismantled the camp and headed to Lawns Gate Farm, Lealholm for their second night under canvas. Again, students had to cook an evening meal.

On day 3, students dismantled their camp for the final time and headed to their finish at Grosmont Train Station, following the Esk Valley Walkway.

These students have excelled on the Duke of Edinburgh course and have

learnt new skills in art, sign language, photography and learning to play the guitar.

The students, Meredith R, Jessica C, Millie W, Jadene K, Ben J, Grace G, Lois M, Ellie O, Morgan H, Jennifer M, Isobel J, Lucy N, Qin Y, Georgina L, Emily B, Kaitlan D, Brad J, Jonathan D, Sam W, Karma R, James L, Ellie-Mae N, Katie L, Cara S and Joe C were a credit to their parents and great ambassadors for LJS.

Thanks to staff who accompanied this group – Mr Wyke, Miss Sadler, Miss Street, Miss Colman and Mr Weatherald.



## Dance Success for Former Student

We are delighted to share the news that former student Andrew Ashton, will be joining internationally acclaimed and world renowned choreographer Matthew Bourne's 'New Adventures Company' for their National and International tour of 'Swan Lake'! For Andrew to be graduating from University straight into this show is an incredible and well-earned achievement.

As a BTEC Dance student, Andrew was an inspiration to many and helped break the stereotypes of males performing in Dance and has been one of the key contributors to the success and popularity of Dance within the school. We are ecstatic that his passion and determination to succeed in this fiercely competitive industry has been recognised and rewarded.

Andrew will be based at Sadler's Wells and will be touring the world with the company. I am sure everybody who knew Andrew will share our pride!

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

On Friday 8 June, 26 Y9 students, with the support of 4 staff set out on a practice walk and camp. The group walked from Castleton to Broadgate Farm, Westerdale using their newly learnt navigational skills. On arrival at Broadgate Farm, students pitched tents and cooked themselves an evening meal. The following day students cooked breakfast, dismantled the camp and walked back to Castleton following a different route, with each student given the opportunity to lead the group.

This group took part in their full expedition on Saturday 30 June. On day 1, they walked from Great

Broughton to Kildale and camped at Commondale. On day 2, the students walked from Commondale, following the Quakers Causeway back to LJS.

Well done to Carris B, Sarah S, Charlotte B, Grace R, Cadie M, Melody F, Chiara M, Isabella M, Abigail R, Scott M, Josh P & Oliver V.

A special thank you to Mr Wyke, Miss Sadler, Miss Street and Mr Weatherald for the time and effort they have put in to this group each week and for giving up their weekends to support these students to gain a recognised qualification.



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# SPORTS SPECIALISM UPDATE



## Connor Simpson

Former student Connor Simpson, has recently signed for Championship Club Preston North End, transferring from Hartlepool United. In his first game for the U18 team, Connor scored a hat trick! Connor visited LJS to hand over a signed PNE shirt, which is displayed in the Sports Centre.

We are very proud of Connor's brilliant achievements to date and we look forward to following his career in the future.

## Y7 Boys' County Cup Football Champions

Huge congratulations to our fantastic Y7 boys' Football team who won the 2017-18 U12 County Cup Final in March, beating Egglecliffe School 2-1, with a superb team performance.



Thanks to Mr Harrison for his coaching and guidance over the past year and well done to every member of the squad.

## LJS Success at the Tees Valley School Games

The Tees Valley School Games took place on 20 and 21 June at Middlesbrough Sports Village, with teams from Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington and Middlesbrough competing against each other. LJS had a number of teams representing Redcar & Cleveland across the two day event, as well as using our Y9 Leadership Academy to support on day one.

To qualify for this event, teams had to first win the Redcar & Cleveland round. The first day saw LJS teams competing in **Y7/8 Cycling** and **Y7/8 girls' Table Tennis**, against other students across the Tees Valley.



Showing excellent hard work and determination the **girls' Cycling team** finished 4th and the **boys' Cycling team** came home with a bronze medal, finishing in 3rd place.

In the **Table Tennis** event, LJS's Y7/ Y8 girls' team fought hard throughout and showed an excellent attitude and improvement as the event progressed. They finished in a very pleasing 4th place.



Our **Leadership Academy** students were a credit to the school and continued to show superb organisation and leadership skills throughout the whole day, supporting a variety of events during the Primary Schools' Athletics.

Day two saw LJS competing in **Y7/ Y8 boys' and Y7/8 girls' Volleyball**. Despite having very little practice, both teams competed exceptionally well and gained confidence as the games progressed. The girls showed immense teamwork and support for one another and finished in the bronze medal position, which was a fantastic achievement. As the games progressed, the boys went from strength to strength and despite intense competition, came out as champions!



All teams represented LJS to an extremely high standard, with impeccable behaviour and effort displaying the School Games' values at all times.

# Redcar & Cleveland Olympics 2018 held at LJS

On Tuesday 26 June, 9 Secondary Schools from across Redcar & Cleveland descended on LJS for the annual Olympics Day. LJS hosted approximately 300 students who took part in a variety of sports throughout the day.

Although extremely hot, the event was a huge success, with a number of positive comments from students and staff from all schools involved. LJS students performed to a very high standard in each of the events and the results are listed opposite:-

**ATHLETICS** (boys and girls combined)  
= **1 ST PLACE**

**RELAY** (boys and girls combined)  
= **1 ST PLACE**

**HANDBALL** (Boys)  
= **1 ST PLACE**

**CYCLING** (boys and girls combined)  
= **1 ST PLACE**

**ROUNDERS** (girls)  
= **JOINT 2ND PLACE**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**  
= **3RD PLACE**

Well done to all who competed and thanks to everyone who made the day such a huge success.



## Local Businesses Sponsor the LJS Dubai Sport Tour 2018

In October 2018, 28 LJS students will embark on the trip of a lifetime to Dubai, where they will play local schools in various sporting activities as well as experiencing the amazing leisure and cultural opportunities this wonderful city offers.

To help provide sports kits and equipment, local businesses were contacted to ask for sponsorship and I am delighted to thank the following companies for their fantastic generosity in sponsoring our students.

Please take time to visit their websites and Facebook pages and use their business to repay their amazing generosity towards LJS students.

Mr Tyzack



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# Leaders Support for Primary School Sport at LJS

As the Partnership Manager for Cleveland School Sports Partnership, one of my roles is to support young people within our Cluster Secondary Schools who are interested in exploring the opportunity to take on leadership roles within the framework of our Primary PE and School Sport offer.

Y9 students are invited to apply in September to be part of the Leadership Academy at LJS.

Last year, 19 students became members of the Academy and 12 pupils from Y7 to Y9 who attend a Tennis after school club were invited to become Tennis officials, following training.

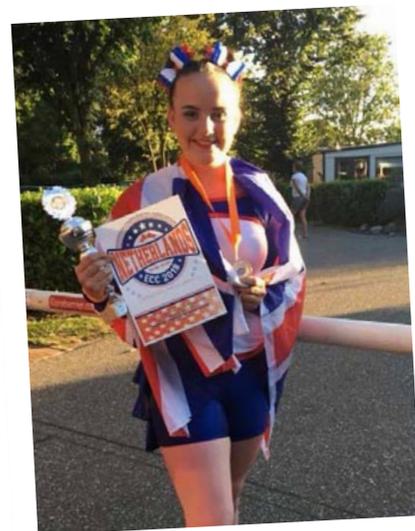
Leaders meet regularly to plan involvement in their respective Primary events.

Often the tasks can be challenging, being part of a team is essential to make an event work. Roles have included

setting up equipment and officiating. All of the Leaders who have stayed committed have worked hard to develop their confidence as they work with the younger children.

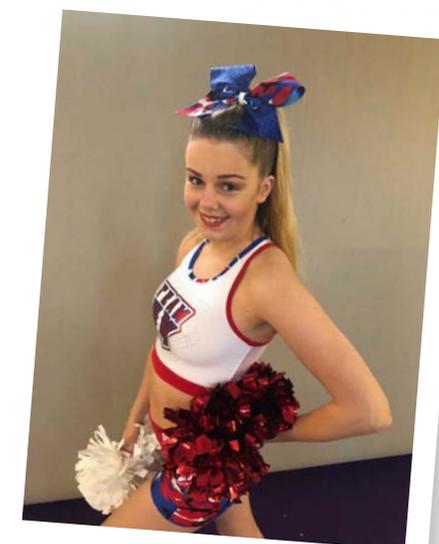
Sports that they have been involved in include Gymnastics, Cross Country, Swimming, Athletics and Tennis. I hope that they have enjoyed taking part in the events and value the experience and opportunities they have been given. I thank them for all their hard work and commitment. They have been outstanding Ambassadors for LJS.

**Pam Dodds**



## Cheerleaders European Championships Success

After winning a bid at the UK national finals, two Laurence Jackson students recently represented the UK with their cheer dance team as part of Puma Cheer and Dance at the European Cheer and Dance Championships in Holland. Shannon A in Y9 and Olivia T in Y11 competed in the team event and finished 3rd in Europe out of thirteen countries! Olivia also performed in a duet and came in 2nd place taking the silver medal! What a fantastic achievement, well done to the girls and the Puma Cheerleading Team!



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## OPENING TIMES:

**MONDAY** 5-10pm

**TUESDAY** 5-10pm

**WEDNESDAY** 5-10pm

**THURSDAY** 5-10pm

**FRIDAY** 5-8pm

**SATURDAY** 9am-4pm

**SUNDAY** 9am-4pm

## FACILITIES:

- A Full Size, Flood lit Artificial Grass Pitch
- 6-a-side Sports Hall
- Athletics Track
- Badminton Courts
- Activity Room/Dance Studio
- Meeting/Conference Room
- Classrooms, main hall and other areas within the school available for community hire

FOR ENQUIRIES: [sportsvillage@laurencejackson.org](mailto:sportsvillage@laurencejackson.org)

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