Tuesday 8th April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As the Easter holiday approaches, I would like to thank you for your on-going support of Lancaster Academy.

It was my pleasure to attend this year's drama production 'The Beast of Gevaudan' last week. Very well done to Mr Anderson (and all other staff members who contributed) and all the cast for a showcase of talent, hard work and inclusion. Towards the end of a very long term, it was the 'tonic' that everyone needed.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child attends school all day and every day unless there is a valid medical reason why they are unable to. Please also ensure that you make medical and dental appointments beyond the school day where possible. *There is clear evidence to support the assertion that those students who attend the most, make the most progress.*

Please see the additional letter about Generation Juice. This is an initiative to support the world in reducing the use of one-use plastics. The kitchen will no longer be selling drinks in plastic bottles. Instead, a token will be issued for students to use the Generation Juice drinks machines. To support this, students will be given a re-usable bottle that they must bring to school, both to use at lunchtimes for Generation Juice products and to fill with water when they need it. These will be supplied only once.

Please be reminded that when you use the school carpark you should find a bay to park in. Please avoid parking on double yellows and refrain from mounting the pavement to park. This is to safeguard students.

We are fully staffed for the summer term and have no teaching staff leavers at Easter, which is very pleasing.

Year 11 have been issued with details of Easter revision and study support classes. I would urge Y11 to take full advantage of these. There is a clear link between attending study support and good achievement. As some of you will be aware, some exams are already underway, such as MFL speaking. The Business Studies exam kicks off the main summer written exams on Friday 9th May.

The Learning without Limits Academy Trust has been working on a Parent Code of Conduct which will be on the LwLAT website in due course. Please take time to familiarise yourself with it.

We break up on Friday 11th April at 3.15. Please make sure that you support full attendance right up until this point. Friday will be a non-uniform day in aid of various charities - £1.00.

Students should be back in school at 8.40 on Monday 28th April in full school uniform.
I hope that you manage to enjoy some peaceful family time over the Easter holiday period and that those of you who marked Eid also managed to enjoy the celebration.

Yours sincerely

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Reducing Plastic Waste at Lancaster Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 29th April 2025 we will be launching a range of exciting new drinks which will greatly reduce our use of plastic and encourage the use of reusable bottles at school.

Schools of a similar size to Lancaster Academy throw away around 114,000 plastic bottles and cans each year! In terms of harmful CO2 generated, that's the volume of more than one Olympic sized swimming pool each week. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that do get recycled are creating more harmful CO2 into our environment at each recycling process.

With the help of our very own Eco Club, the generationJuice Drinks Hubs will be introduced next term, which will allow students and staff to purchase a variety of drinks dispensed into their own reusable drink bottles.

These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into the drinks bottle and are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.

Students and staff will be able to dispense the drinks themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. They can choose from a range of water or juice flavours including *Raspberry Peach, Lemon & Lime, Cherry, Strawberry and Tropical*.

All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Even better news is that the drinks will cost only 50p for a 250ml portion and they will also be included in the great value Meal Deal.

From Tuesday 29th April 2025 students and staff will need to remember to bring a reusable bottle to school, so that we can all cut this plastic use and waste, offer better value and enjoy great hydration with the delicious new chilled drinks.

At schools already serving generationJuice, student feedback has been really positive, regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value.

To help with the transition to Generation Juice each student will be given an initial reuseable bottle.

They fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.

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