

School Newsletter

Welcome to the final edition of the Laurus Ryecroft School Newsletter for the academic year 2018-19! What a year we have had! We are so pleased to see the thriving community developing within our school. The summer term has been a busy one, as always, and our students have been tackling more new challenges and experiences. Many of our stories are written by our talented students, bringing updates on what has been happening at Laurus Ryecroft. If you haven't already, please follow and like our Twitter and Facebook pages @LaurusRyecroft for information about what our students are doing.

Mr M. Vevers, Head of School

Highlights of the Summer Term

Intra -Trust Geography Competition - We were delighted that Laurus Ryecroft triumphed in the first ever intra-Trust Geography Quiz where all the Laurus Trust high schools competed against each other. Congratulations to all our geographers who brought home the trophy!



The Junior Maths Challenge – Over 4,000 schools nationwide took part in the Junior Maths Challenge and we were delighted to discover that two of our students had gained a silver award and six had gained bronze!



Bosworth battlefields trip – Nearly 100 students travelled to the Bosworth battlefields to get a real experience of battle in the 1400s. Students especially enjoyed trying out some replica medieval weapons!

The Summer Chamber Concert – Over 40 students performed at our first ever music concert. Most of our musicians only took up their instruments this year and they all showed incredible courage to stand up and perform in front of a packed audience.



Sergeant Simon – Our drama specialist came in to take our students through their paces as a WW1 drill sergeant. The immersive drama workshop complemented their current studies of the book 'Stay where you are and then leave' by John Boyne.

Electives

For the final time this year students have changed their electives. Electives give students the chance to enhance their knowledge and skills in various subject areas both within and outside of the curriculum.

New electives are brought in every term, which allows students to have a CHOICE. The areas students can pick from are Leadership and Service; Academic Aspiration; Culture, Creativity and Rhetoric and Competition and Physical Endeavour.



The new electives that have been launched this term are photography, rounders, InSCIde knowledge, cricket, golf, Catalan, Latin, tennis and many others.

Next year will see some exciting new additions as we get more facilities in our new building from the spring term. However, we will also see some new electives in the autumn term with a Formula One elective and a film studies elective.

- Chloe Devlin 7LB



Stretch Projects

The Laurus Ryecroft newsletter has never seen stretch projects before, so I, Finlay Tench, have decided to put in a section to explain all about them. The stretch project system works in a way that allows students to create a project on a subject they are interested in. We are given a whole term to thoroughly research our idea and we are challenged by our Personal Tutors to extend our thinking and be critical about sources.



My Term 1 project was on the Titanic (NOT the movie, that isn't a correct version). This was a really nice opportunity to express my knowledge about the Titanic with my classmates. During the research process people visit websites and read books about their topic. They then need to consider how to present their research to the class and often make models or presentations.

My Term 2 project is a missing person's case about the Sodder Children. This is a case where five children went missing in 1945. I am researching this because I am interested in weird and spooky stories about missing persons. Mainly though, I am interested in other people's projects. I find it fascinating to learn about other subjects that I may not have ever heard about. For example, this time I have already learned something new about fencing! Overall, this is a great system that has been started in Laurus Ryecroft!

- Finlay Tench 7LC

Sporting Success

Over the year, we have taken part in multiple house sport events and varsity events, having the opportunity to compete in sports such as football, rugby, netball and cricket.



The school football team have earned multiple trophies and medals. They are very determined to continue their winning streak next year and we are very proud that they have represented our school multiple times.

The football team even got the chance to train at the Etihad Campus with Paul Dickov before their Tameside Cup final game. The students completed training drills aimed at building communication and improving teamwork as well as competing in a friendly match at the end of the

session. Paul and the City in the Community coaches gave the students match-winning tips and encouraged them to give their all.



Some great moments on the field.

Pride while playing

Overwhelming moments playing rugby

Ridiculously great goals in team matches

Team work makes the dream work

- Alfie Hill 7LB & Ellis Jackson 7LB

Term Dates for Autumn Term 2019



Monday 2nd September – Inset day

Tuesday 3rd September – First day of term

Friday 18th October – Inset day

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Half term

Monday 28th October – School reopens after half term

Monday 2nd December – Inset day

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January – School reopens after Christmas holidays