

Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update



A Warm Welcome Back

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year! The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. It's been wonderful seeing our returning students and welcoming new families to Lockyer's. We've loved hearing about everyone's summer adventures and seeing friends catch up. A special welcome goes out to our new students who joined us for their very first day on Monday. We are so proud of how well they've settled in; they're already getting used to our routines and working incredibly hard.

Teacher Training Days

This term began with three busy INSET days for our teachers, and they were packed with valuable training.

On Wednesday, all staff participated in our annual safeguarding training. In the afternoon, we had an excellent session on autism led by specialist teachers. It was a hugely informative day for everyone.

The next two days were dedicated to a key focus for this year: responsive teaching. This means our teachers are continually looking for ways to notice and respond to a student's thinking in the moment, helping to build a truly deep understanding of a topic.

Our staff also had the chance to work with colleagues from across the Initio Learning Trust. They had some great discussions on how to create lessons that encourage deeper thinking and exploration, ensuring our students can really anchor new ideas.

We're confident this training will make a real difference in the classroom and help us deliver the best learning experience for our students.

Student Equipment

As we did last year, we will be checking for student equipment every morning during registration. Please help your child be ready for a successful day by ensuring they have all the necessary items. Starting lessons with missing supplies can be disruptive for both students and staff.

- **Please provide:** handwriting pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, and glue sticks
- **We will provide:** whiteboards and whiteboard pens



Meet the Tutor Evening

Strong partnerships with families are essential to our students' success. We are looking forward to our **Meet the Tutor Evening**, where you can connect with your child's tutor. Please mark these dates in your diaries: **Thursday, 9th October** and **Tuesday, 14th October**. We will share more details on how to book your slot soon.

Local School Committee: We Need You!

We are currently looking for **new members** to join our Local School Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in school governance and help shape the future of Lockyer's. If you are interested or would like to have an informal chat about the role, please contact Mrs. Lynch at slynch@lockyersmiddle.org.

Friends of Lockyer's

The **Friends of Lockyer's** are already busy planning events for this academic year to bring our community together and raise funds for our students. They will be holding a meeting at **5:00 pm on Monday, September 29th** at the school. If you're interested in joining our friendly team or just want to lend a hand as a volunteer for various events, please come along to learn more.



Open Evening

Our school **Open Evening** will be held on **Wednesday, September 24th, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to tour the school and learn more about the subjects we offer.

We have been in touch with our local first schools, but all prospective students and their families are welcome to attend and experience the Lockyer's community for themselves.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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A. Dufek, Headteacher



LOCKYER'S MIDDLE SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING 2025
Wednesday 24th September 2025
From 5pm – 7pm
Headteacher Talks @ 5pm and 6pm

- Tour our school and meet our pupils, staff and governors
- Visit subject departments, enjoy activities from across the curriculum and view a wide range of pupils' work
- There will also be an opportunity to arrange a tour during a normal school day

For more information please contact the school office on **01202 692779** or email office@lockyersmiddle.org

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