

Lockyer's Middle School

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Headteacher Update

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin the 2026/27 academic year. It's wonderful to see the energy of activity around the school once again! To our returning families, welcome back and to those joining us for the first time, a huge welcome to the Lockyer's Middle School community. Our pupils have made a fantastic start to the term, with returning students settling seamlessly into their routines and new starters already embracing the exciting challenges of our school life with confidence.

Welcome to Lockyer's

We've been thrilled to welcome our new Year 5s and all the new students across other year groups who have joined our school community this term. It's also a pleasure to introduce new faces to our staff team: **Miss Hough** (Year 5), **Miss Hassell** (Head of Year 6), **Mrs. Goodwin** (French), and **Mrs. Adlem**, our new Pastoral Wellbeing Lead.

Teacher Training Days

We returned on Tuesday for two days of dedicated staff training, focused on making our classrooms even more engaging and effective for your children. We explored new ways to bring our curriculum to life, refined our teaching methods, sharpened our focus on foundational literacy, and strengthened how we support every student's individual needs.

Lockyer's Awards

Last term, we were proud to achieve the **Gold Pupil Resilience Award**, making us the only school in Dorset with this recognition. This award highlights our commitment to fostering self-belief, resilience, and confidence in our students. We are also thrilled to share that Lockyer's Middle School has been awarded the **Platinum School Games Award**, an honour granted to schools that have maintained Gold status for four consecutive years.



Strong Start September

We want all of our pupils to feel prepared and ready to learn each morning. Please take a moment with your child to ensure their pencil case is packed with the following daily essentials:

- Pencil, sharpener, and eraser
- Blue handwriting pens (and a spare)
- Green, pink, and purple biros
- Whiteboard pen
- 30cm ruler
- Glue stick

If you need to restock any items, essential stationery is available to buy from the library. Thank you for your support!



Meet The Tutor Evening

Working closely with parents is vital to helping our pupils thrive. We are pleased to share our upcoming **Meet the Tutor Evening**, offering a great opportunity to connect with your child's tutor. Please save the dates: **Thursday, 8th October** and **Tuesday, 13th October**. Further details regarding booking appointments will be provided shortly.

Open Evening

We are excited to host an **Open Evening** for prospective families on **Wednesday, September 16th**, from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. If you have friends or neighbors currently exploring school options, please do pass on this invitation! It's a wonderful opportunity for them to tour our school, meet our dedicated teachers, and see firsthand what makes our school community so special.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. It has been a busy first full week back and I am sure both staff and pupils are looking forward to a well-deserved rest.

A. Dufek

A.Dufek, Headteacher



Lockyer's Middle School

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
See it, Hear it, Report it.



Your safeguarding leads are:

 Mrs K Whittaker Member of SLT Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Miss A Dufek Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mr T Mockridge Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs E. Adlem Pastoral Well-Being Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs R Stevens LSC Member with responsibility for Safeguarding	 Miss B Murphy Member of SLT Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Our School - Our Values

 Ambition Ambitious in all we do.	 Courage Courageous in who we are.	 Respect Respectful in our interactions with others.
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September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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We are pleased to share the 'FACE family advice' schedule of talks for September 2026.

FACE was set up with the aim of offering advice, tips and support to parents who want to get the best out of their family relationships and equip them with new tools to do that. Further information can be found on their [website](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk).

Accessing online talks free of charge. The **Lockyer's access code** is **LK101125**. At the payment stage of booking, add the LMS code where it says **ADD PROMO CODE**. This will drop the price from £24 to £0

This can be used by any parents from LMS for unlimited access to all of the FACE Parent Talks. The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from different schools.

