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10 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 mocks

Our Year 11 second round of mocks begin during the week beginning 27 February. Year 11 students should be starting their retrieval practice in preparation during half term. Monday 27 February is a training day and Tuesday 28 February is the second proposed strike day. Whilst we are not yet in a position to decide how many students we can accommodate in school on this day, the Year 11 mocks will go ahead as planned and school will be open to Year 11 students on 28 February.

Leeds SENDIASS – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice Support Service – Virtual Information Sessions

Leeds SENDIASS are running some virtual information sessions to provide parents / carers with information, advice and support on the SEND topics that they are asked about most frequently. They will also be able to answer questions about the topic discussed at the end of each session. [Events \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/events)

University of Leeds ‘Explore’ programme

Year 9 students visited the university this week, with other Leeds schools, to share posters made in school about different languages with programme leaders and ambassadors. The Lawnswood Arabic group poster was a winner! Activities during the trip included exploring the language centre and discovering different resources; visiting a French cafe to practise French speaking skills with university students and ambassadors; and taking part in an Italian taster session. They also had a tour of the campus finding out about what there is to do, accommodation, food, and societies, and were able to ask students about what it's like to be a university student. Hopefully some of those who attended will be inspired to study languages in the future.

Lawnswood FOYF Opportunities

This week our dashboard <https://padlet.com/foyfpadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990> has nine live competitions and lots of new opportunities, including:

- Stemettes for girls / non-binary – a day of online STEM-related activities
- Free webinars to support Uni / Post-18 decision-making for 12 different subject areas
- Work Experience (online) for students aged 14-17 in Medicine, Midwifery, Dentistry, Psychology, Architecture, Business, Veterinary Science, Law, Computer Science & Performing Arts (cost £59)
- A coding competition from Amazon – all resources provided, a coding walk-through film, and lots of amazing prizes!

- An opportunity for Year 13 students who want to study Law at University to apply for a 3-year scholarship
- Free A Level crammer-sessions in biology, chemistry, maths and physics for aspiring medics
- A free Summer Med School for aspiring medics in Y12 – limited numbers, so apply quickly!
- Work experience from HSBC with a webinar to explain the applications process
- Digital Work Experience with Channel 4 for students aged 16+
- Virtual Work Experience, or paid on-site work experience, with PWC for students in Year 11 or 12

Please click the link to our dashboard and encourage your young person to try something new!

Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 20 February

Sixth Form interviews begin

Tuesday

Year 13 law ambassador day

English lecture. Main School Hall, 3.15pm

A Day in the Life of a Safer Schools Officer filming

Thursday

English lecture Main School Hall, 3.15pm

Friday

Leeds City College trip, Year 10 students

Year 10 parents evening booking opens

Saturday

Health & Performance NEA Day, 9.30am-12.00pm

I hope your young person has a restful half term and I look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Monday 20 February.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher