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31 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Eid April 2023**

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Eid this year and it is expected to last from Friday 21 April to Saturday 22 April. If you would like to apply for exceptional leave of absence please click [here](#).

### **Rewards**

The Spring Term has provided many opportunities for student rewards. This Term has seen students receiving new Lawnswood-branded Ready Respect Safe pens as a reward for their commendation totals and improvements. It is great to see so many of the students proudly using this equipment in their lessons. This week we have distributed over 240 Easter Eggs as prizes for those that have achieved the most commendations in their tutor groups. Some students are now achieving totals of more than 300 commendations – which is amazing. Some students, as a result, are about to receive their gold award badge and certificate.

£10 Amazon rewards vouchers continue to be handed out to those students who are selected from the random prize draw every week. There have been 23 vouchers distributed so far! World Book Day and the week-long celebration of literature at Lawnswood was another amazing opportunity to celebrate success and provide a wide range of amazing activities and competitions. The Year 7 Bookworm review competition was spirited and entertaining. In just four days, over 1000 reviews were written and displayed by students. Congratulations to 7LBE for winning! Every day this week, there has been a celebration assembly for each year group. This is an opportunity to praise and commend the wonderful achievements of all students across the Half Term. It is lovely to see Year groups come together to congratulate, commend, and praise one another. You should by now have received an invitation and information about the Summer Term Community trips. Please contact your year teams if you have any questions about this. We are excited to celebrate further student success as we move into the Summer Term. The School Twitter also provides a chance to see students' impressive work in their lessons; their contributions to the community and life at Lawnswood's; and some of the incredible upcoming opportunities, including the extended extra-curricular offer after the break.

### **Trips and visits communication**

This week you will have received several correspondences from school regarding both payment and consent for the community day trip in July. We are currently utilising different systems for communication which has caused some confusion during this week. We apologise for any inconvenience or worry this may have caused you and will ensure moving forward that communication with families is more accurate. As you can imagine ensuring such a large volume of students leaving site safely and

covering the cost of the visits is a major challenge, therefore your cooperation in consenting as early as possible and making your voluntary contribution is extremely beneficial in ensuring the logistics of the trip can be organised early. Therefore, please can I appeal for you to check your inbox's and ensure the consent for the trip is undertaken. Without consent your child cannot attend the trip, making payment is not sufficient for consent, we need parental or a carers permission for your child to attend. Should you wish for your child to not attend, please notify the administration team in school who will remove you from the trip list.

### **Focus On Your Future**

Coming up after the Easter break:

- An urban-planning workshop for selected geography, business and economics students in Y10 & 12 – the winning team will be visiting City Hall in London in July!
- A session on 20/04/23 for students in Y9, 10 and 12 interested in one of the 350 different roles within the NHS. Places are first come, first served – sign up with Mrs Gill on the first Monday back.
- A 'What's My Job?' event for all Y8 students – we have visitors from 8 different sectors coming to talk to our students.
- 1:1 careers guidance interviews for Y10 students begin.
- Painting of the alumni wall will begin – if you know of any ex-students who would be happy to have their image shared, please get in touch.
- Planning is well underway for our drop-down day in the summer term – if you would like to help with mock interviews, please get in touch with Mrs Gill: [samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk](mailto:samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk)

### **Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 27 March**

#### **Monday**

New timings of school day start

GCSE Drama moderation, P3-P5

Music PhD visitor – music research project, x6 students

#### **Tuesday**

CNAT PE outdoor ed trip

KS5 Student committee launch

#### **Wednesday**

French GCSE speaking

GCSE Textiles exam P2-twilight

PE Moderation Day – Dixons Trinity Chapeltown

#### **Thursday**

GCSE Textiles exam P3-twilight

NHS careers panel online, 11.00am-12.00pm, Years 9, 10 & 12

#### **Friday**

GCSE Textiles exam, P1 & P2

What's My Job? – English, P1 & P2

Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope all our students enjoy their holiday, get some rest and we look forward to seeing them safely back at school on Monday 17 April.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bell', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher