



LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Mathematics & Computing College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As a very busy term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and recommend that you take a moment to visit our website to read about just some of the activities in which our students have been involved.

As usual, our spring term is also a busy one! To help you organise your diary, I would like to highlight a few key dates and some other useful information.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The subject specific consultation evenings provide a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress.

If you are unable to attend, please get in touch with your child's Progress Leader to arrange an alternative time to come into school.

Wednesday 9 December: Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Wednesday 27 January: Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Tuesday 9 February: Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Thursday 17 March: Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Wednesday 30 March: Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Thursday 28 April: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening from 5.00pm until 7.00pm

Year 9 Options Evening: Wednesday 13 January

Parents of Year 9 students are invited to our Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 13 January. This is an important event for the students as it will offer an overview of your child's study options in Years 10 and 11.

Other events and deadlines

Friday 4 December: Sixth Form Taster Day

Friday 4 December: mock exams begin for Years 12 and 13

w/c 14 December: Year 7 reports will be posted home

Wednesday 9 December: Year 8 Let's Talk Careers event (during the school day)

Wednesday 16 December: Christmas Show

Friday 18 December: Key Stage 3 Spellathon (during the school day)

Friday 18 December: end of term

18 December: UCAS Progress deadline for Year 11 applications to Sixth Form

Monday 11 January: mock exams begin for Year 11

Tuesday 26 January: Year 10 British Values conference

Friday 29 January: school closed to students - staff training day

Thursday 11 February: Year 10 Employability Skills workshops

Friday 18 March: Sport Relief 2016

Wednesday 20 April: Year 7 Curiosity Fair (during the school day)



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Road Safety

Unfortunately, there was a traffic incident near school recently, in which a student was injured by a passing car. I am pleased to report that the student is making a full recovery but this accident clearly highlights the need to ensure that our students are safe on the way to and from school.

As you may know, we work with our safer school's officer and a road safety officer from the council to teach all students about road safety at a level that is relevant to their age. In addition to this, we frequently remind students of the dangers of crossing the road whilst talking to friends or listening to music, through assemblies and registration activities. We are also working with the council to investigate safer options for students to cross busy local roads.

To this end, I should be grateful if you could take the opportunity to discuss road safety with your son/daughter and to remind him/her about the real dangers presented by traffic to pedestrians.

I would also like to request politely that you refrain from driving on to the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. Again, this is to ensure our students' safety.

Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our current parent governor's term of office ends in December, so we are seeking a new governor. I have enclosed a letter from our Chair of Governors inviting you to nominate yourself.

Christmas Show

You and your family and friends are warmly invited to join us at our annual Christmas Show at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16 December. Tickets are £2.00 and available from Miss Dickinson in F47 at lunchtimes. We look forward to welcoming you at this fabulous seasonal event.

Former students of Lawnswood School

We are working with the charity Future First to help reconnect with our former students. Our vision is that our school should be supported by a thriving, engaged alumni community. Former students can offer us and your son/daughter support in several ways, including as career role models, work experience providers, mentors, governors and even fundraisers or donors.

Whether former students have gone on to be graphic designers, sports coaches or surgeons, we want current students to understand the different options that are out there for them. Very simply, if former students can do it, so can they.

If you, or any of your children, friends or neighbours are former students of the school, please do pass on the following link: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/lawnswood>

If you would like to find out more information directly from Future First, you can contact our Alumni Officer, Adam, on adam@futurefirst.org.uk or 07943 503 131.

End of term arrangements

Students will finish school at 1.00pm on Friday 18 December. The diners will be available to provide lunches (sandwiches, pasta, fruit and other cold lunch choices) to students who would like lunch before they leave.

2015 spring term and school start time

The spring term will begin on Monday 4 January 2016. Students should be in the building no later than 8.25am and ready to start in their tutor rooms by 8.30am.

Please be aware that Easter weekend falls *before* our next end of term holiday. School will be closed on Good Friday on 25 March and Easter Monday on 28 March. We will then return to school until the end of term and beginning of the school holiday on Friday 1 April.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year. I look forward to welcoming all our students back in January.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher