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Dear Parent / Carer

### End of term arrangements

I would like to inform you about our arrangements for the final few weeks of summer term and the return to school in September. This includes the Recharge and Refuel programme, the timetable rollover and key information for the beginning of the autumn term.

### Recharge and Refuel programme

The Recharge and Refuel (R&R) Programme comprises two days of enrichment activities on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June. As in previous years, the purpose of these days is for students to enhance their social skills, reflect on new experiences and engage in unique activities.

We would like to thank every parent and carer who has contributed to the cost and resources for this exciting programme: your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Friends of Lawnswood, who have made considerable donations that have enabled us to make R&R as inclusive as possible.

The following table provides an overview of the programme.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Wednesday 29 June	Trips	Trips	Sports day	Sports day
Thursday 30 June	Sports day	Sports day	Trips	Trips

Year 12 students will be undertaking work experience during week beginning 27 June.

You should have received information already about the detail of your child's R&R schedule.

On sports days, staff and students will walk to the Leeds Beckett Carnegie site in groups.

Timings for trips out of school will vary according to the destination.

Bowling	
Time	Time
9.30am	Arrive and meet in G24 (Diner waiting lounge)
2.00pm	Estimated arrival back at school

Lightwater Valley	
Time	Activity
7.45am	Arrive and meet in the KS3 Diner (getting food if required)
6.00pm-6.30pm	Estimated arrival back at school

Sports Day	
Time	Activity
8.30am	Students register in form as normal before departure
2.00pm	Estimated arrival back at school

Once the students have returned safely to school after a trip, they will be released to go home.

On Lightwater Valley trip days, the car park will be open for parents to collect children.

Students doing **in-school activities** instead of a trip, should **arrive for 9.00am** and go straight to their allocated room to register. Lunch break will be 11.00am – 12.00noon and the second activity of the day will run from 12.00noon until **2.00pm when the students will be released to go home.**

We hope that all students enjoy and benefit from this year's planned activities.

### **New academic year and timetable rollover**

Our new academic year starts on **Monday 4 July at 9.45am**. Students should arrive in time to report to their form rooms at 9.45am. School will be open to students from 9.30am.

In order to maximise teaching time and make the best use of the summer term, Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will return to school to begin their new courses for the 2016-2017 academic year. This means that we shall complete our teaching of current courses on Tuesday 28 June before the aforementioned R&R activities.

Friday 1 July is a training day so school will be closed to all students.

At rollover, students will be given a new timetable and will follow this for three and a half weeks before breaking for the summer holidays. They will follow this new timetable again when they return to school on Tuesday 6 September 2016. Monday 5 September is a training day so school is closed to students.

Starting the new timetable early will enable students to get a head start on their new courses. For students who will be in Year 10 or 11 next year, this means they can start work towards their GCSE exams in option subjects. Teachers will be able to get to know their new classes, and set high quality home learning for the summer holidays that will enable students to return to school feeling prepared.

The final few weeks of this academic year will therefore be crucial in establishing a solid foundation for achievement and, as always, we will be expecting the highest standards of attendance, effort and engagement from students during this time.

The school will close on **Wednesday 27 July at 12.30pm**.

### **Live at Lawnswood**

It was wonderful to join students, families and colleagues at this week's Live at Lawnswood event, where we were treated to a fabulous range of performances from students of all ages. We have a great pool of young talent and are looking forward to fostering (and enjoying) that talent in the forthcoming years. Thank you to family and friends for supporting the event and to Friends of Lawnswood for providing the refreshments.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We hope that our students have a successful end to the school term.

Yours faithfully



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