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July 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive academic year, I would like to inform you about our arrangements for the final week of term and our return to school in September.

This year has seen a fantastic range of achievements and enrichment activities with which our students and staff have been actively engaged. We keep our website updated regularly with our latest news; please do take time to visit www.lawnswoodschool.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @lawnswoodschool.

Sports Day

Lawnswood School sports day will take place on **Tuesday 18 July**. The event will be hosted on the school grounds and there will be a range of activities for students to choose. Form tutors will help to ensure that every student is able to choose an activity he/she will enjoy.

On Tuesday 18 July, students should arrive at school for a later start time of 9.00am. Students should come to school wearing their PE kit of a red polo shirt, black tracksuit bottoms or shorts and trainers. Students should bring a drink and snack with them to take to their activity so they can remain hydrated.

Please do not allow your child to bring any valuables to school on 18 July or to wear any jewellery.

Lunchtime will be scheduled slightly later than usual and will begin at 1.30pm.

In the event of poor weather that compromises either the health and safety or the enjoyment for students, Sports Day may be postponed. We will give 24 hours' notice of the postponement and will notify you by text message and by an announcement on the school website. In the event of postponement, Sports Day will be rescheduled for Thursday 20 July.

Maths summer challenges

On behalf of the maths team, thank you for the support you have shown this year. It has been a challenging year where we have had to make many changes - not only to meet the demands of the new curriculum, but to ensure that your child is as successful as he/she can be.

The holidays are nearly upon us and, although a well-earned rest should be enjoyed by all of our students, we would like to offer them the opportunity to practise a little bit of maths at the same time.

In lessons before the end of term, we will introduce some online maths challenges to students currently in Year 7 to 10. The challenges are accessible on maths websites the students have already used at school and we will ensure they have login details before the challenges begin on 21 July.

All the activities are tailored to support the students in the best way possible. We have tried to make this light-hearted and perhaps even enjoyable but please don't underestimate the impact this kind of practice can have.

There are two sets of challenges: one for students *currently* in Years 7 and 8 (who should participate in the Key Stage 3 challenges); the other for students *currently* in Years 9, 10 or 11 (who should participate in the Key Stage 4 challenges).

For more detail about the challenges, please visit our website's 'Latest' news section. The websites the students will be using are <https://www.mymaths.co.uk> and <https://trockstars.com>. If you have any questions about or difficulties with the challenges, please feel free to contact our Head of Faculty, Mr Lyons by email on lyons.dar@elawnswood.co.uk.

English summer reading challenge

The English department would also like to thank you for your support so far this academic year and ask you to encourage your child to take part in the summer reading challenge. Your child's English teacher will issue a challenge during their English lessons over the next week or so. To see the invitation letter we have given to our students, please see our website's 'Latest' news section.

We look forward to sharing the results of the challenge with you in September.

End of term arrangements

The school will close at **12.05pm on Friday 21 July 2017**. If your child needs a lunch, please inform their form tutor.

2017-2018 academic term dates

The autumn term will begin on **Tuesday 5 September 2017**.

- Year 7 students are to arrive for 9.00am and go straight to the main hall.
- Year 12 students should arrive for 10.00am and go to the Sixth Form area.
- Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are to arrive in time to report to their form room to register at 11.05am.
- Year 13 students will be expected to return to lessons on Wednesday 6 September.

Please find enclosed the term dates for the 2017 - 2018 academic year. May I remind you that holidays are not to be taken during term time and will not be authorised. By law, you must ask permission for your child to miss school: you can ask for an application form at Student Reception. If you fail to gain the school's permission you risk receiving a fixed penalty fine from Leeds City Council.

School uniform

When we return in September, Year 7s will be wearing uniform items including a redesigned school badge. When you are replacing a blazer, sweater or branded PE wear for your child in Years 8 to 11, you will see the new designs available to buy. However, it is not mandatory for students returning in Year 8 to 11 to wear items with the new design badge; they are welcome to wear whichever design is available to you to provide.

We ask for your continued support with maintain high standards of school uniform. We intend to continue to reinforce the standard required and to issue students who do not meet requirements with a same day, one hour detention after school.

Key uniform requirements comprise:

- skirts that are appropriately formal and no shorter than just above the knee;
- school shoes that are formal and a sensible style. They must be leather and entirely black in colour. Trainers or pumps are not allowed

- jumpers that have an embroidered school badge; and
- ties of the full standard length.

All uniform purchases can be made through our uniform suppliers:

- Uniformity Schoolwear at 3/5 Town Street, Farsley, Leeds LS28 5EN
Tel: 0113 256 6020
Email: sales@uniformityschoolwear.com or buy online at www.uniformityschoolwear.com
- Rawcliffes Schoolwear at 617 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 4AR
Tel: 0113 249 4025
Email: leedsrawcliffes@gmail.com or buy online at www.schoolwearsolutions.com

In order that students are fully prepared for their studies, we expect students to use a school bag which is large enough to carry several A4 size books.

Key dates for your diary in autumn term

School open evening: Tuesday 19 September
Year 7 form tutor evening: Thursday 12 October
Year 8 information evening: Thursday 30 November
Year 11 information evening: Thursday 28 September (in the main hall)
Year 11 consultation evening: Tuesday 7 November
Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 1 November (for students in Year 11 or below)
Year 12 information evening: Thursday 28 September (in the Sixth Form area)
Year 13 information evening: Thursday 28 September (in the Sixth Form area)
Year 13 consultation evening: Wednesday 15 November

I would like to thank you for your support this academic year. I am a strong advocate of working in partnership and look forward to strengthening our working partnership in future years.

Finally, I wish all students, parents, carers and families a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing all our students back safely in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher

Lawnswood School Academic Year 2017-2018

key

school day
 holiday/weekend
 training day

September 2017

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Autumn term Mon 4 September to Fri 20 October and Mon 30 October to Fri 15 December
Spring term Tues 2 January to Fri 9 February and Mon 19 February to Thurs 29 March
Summer term Mon 16 April to Fri 25 May and Mon 4 June to Weds 25 July