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March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a busy and very productive term, I would like to share with you some information and news.

Examinations

As we reach the end of the spring term, our Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students are nearing the start of their examination season. Our students have been given the dates of their exams and there are a number of revision sessions taking place during the Easter holidays; individual students have been invited to attend. Please do encourage your child to use his/her time wisely and continue revising during the holidays. Your child will have been issued with a revision booklet and revision timetable template. The booklet includes general guidance as well as a variety of revision strategies. A copy of this is also available on our website. If you need any information about revision topics, techniques or planning revision, please contact your child's Head of Year or individual subject teacher.

Uniform

In September 2017, items of uniform that include a school badge will be updated with our most recent badge, as you will have seen on our letterheads and website. We will expect new Year 7 students to wear items with the new logo but if you have children in other year groups, we do not expect you to replace existing badged items until you choose to do so, such as when the current items become worn or outgrown.

Staffing news

A few new colleagues have joined us in 2017 and, if you haven't already come across them in connection with normal school business, I am pleased to let you know about them now:

Miss Hanna	Teacher of Science
Ms Roper	Behaviour Support Worker
Miss Sturgess	Lead Teaching Assistant
Mrs Martin	EAL Progress Mentor

Next term, we will also welcome Mrs Davies back to the English department from maternity leave.

School improvement

We are pleased to report that our students are making much better academic progress than they have in previous years. In January, the Regional Schools Commissioner advised us that we fit the criteria to become a 'coasting school'. For more information about what this means, please see The DfE's Progress 8 and Attainment 8 guide published in January 2017 ([https:// www.gov.uk/government/ publications/ progress-8-school-performance-measure](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/progress-8-school-performance-measure)). This is based on historic achievement data and we are confident that, given our students' current progress, this will not be the case next year.

We have lots to celebrate at Lawnswood School. In February, we received the International School Award, which was presented by the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Our students continue to represent us well locally and nationally in competitions and challenges.

Our staff continue to work in partnership with the Red Kite Alliance and we remain a hub for their School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT).

These are only a couple of examples of the many positive aspects to life and learning at Lawnswood. Please do take a moment to browse our latest news section as well as following us on Twitter. I feel sure that when you read about the children's successes you will, as I do, feel proud to be part of the Lawnswood School community.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1 May: Bank holiday - school is closed to all students

Tuesday 2 May: Year 7 Parent Consultation evening in the main hall from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Monday 15 May: GCSE and A level exams begin

Monday 22 May: Year 10 exams begin

Wednesday 21 June: Annual Prize Giving Evening

Thursday 29 June: Year 11 Ball

Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. As always, I appreciate your role in moving Lawnswood School from strength to strength. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher