

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

September 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to welcome back all our students and offer a warm welcome to those who are new to the school. After a settled start to the new academic year, we are looking forward to getting to know the new students and their families.

### Communication

With a view to improving our communication with parents and carers, I intend to send an email to you every two weeks, instead of a general update letter every half term. These fortnightly emails will include information about activities and learning that has taken place and reminders and information about future events.

We aim to send all general letters by email, with copies on our website. In order to ensure you receive the information you will need as a parent or carer, please keep us up to date with changes to your contact details, including email.

Please do also refer to your child's planner: we have updated it this year and it includes lots of information about our approach to teaching and learning as well as information about school routines and times.

If your child has just joined us in the Sixth Form, you will be able to keep up to date via our weekly Sixth Form Bulletin, which is available in the Sixth Form section of our website every Monday.

### Celebration

We had a great deal to celebrate during the summer and were particularly pleased for our Year 13 and Year 11 students who received excellent exam results. For further details about their success and destinations, please visit our website, [www.lawnswoodschool.co.uk](http://www.lawnswoodschool.co.uk), and particularly the 'Latest' section.

If you don't already, I strongly recommend that you follow us on Twitter and share our stories with others so that we can further build on the success of Lawnswood School, [@lawnswoodschool](https://twitter.com/lawnswoodschool).

Over the course of the year, we celebrate our students' efforts and achievements in their learning on our website and Twitter so please keep visiting!

### Reminders

*Photographs* - On Friday 15 September, Years 7, 9 and 11 will be having their individual photograph taken by a professional photographer. Students may wish to look extra smart on this day!

The photographs will be available to buy. Within a few days of the photos being taken, your child will bring home studio proofs and an order form on which you can make your choice and then return to school by early October.

Year 7 CATs - From Monday 11 until Wednesday 13 September, our Year 7 students will be taking the Cognitive Ability Tests. The CATs comprise a series of assessments (completed online) that help us gather information about your child's ability and learning style. This information enables us to ensure we meet students' individual needs effectively. There is nothing to worry about and no preparation is necessary. Students will just need to make sure they bring a reading book with them because, if they finish a test early, they will be asked to read silently.

I hope your child has come home with positive reports of their first week of school this year. We have certainly enjoyed seeing them again and meeting all our new students.

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher

# Lawnswood School Academic Year 2017-2018

## key

school day
  holiday/weekend
  training day

### September 2017

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### April 2018

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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