

### Lawnswood Links



### LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Spring 2024

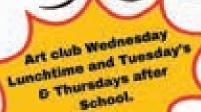




### Art



Year 8 have been learning about lino printing and completing a repeat pattern for their mechanical objects project.





Year 7 have started a Marine project.

Researching marine life, and how plastic's affect our ocean's



Year 9 have been creating their final pieces for their portraiture project. #creativity.

Highlight of the Term -Art Club helping to create the set for the School Show Production



### COMPUTING & BUSINESS

Welcome to the first edition of the Computing & Business newsletter. Whilst we have carried out a range of exciting activities throughout the academic year, there are a few that standout!





### YOUNG ENTERPRISE LEAP



Over the last two academic years, our students have been competing in the Yorkshire Children's Charity Young Entrepreneur competition. All money raised goes towards the Young Children's Charity. Our students across KS4/KS5 honed their business acumen and won the competition at KS4 and KS5. This academic year our students were awarded the runners-up prize. We feel this was more to keep the other schools engaged in future competitions as the secret was out. Lawnswood are habitual winners in the Young Enterprise competition!

### LAUNCH OF GAMES

It's not all work and no play! We are excited and proud to announce our latest enrichment club. The launch of our new Games club comprises of state of the art equipment and games room. Our students get to display their skills in competitive environments across the Playstation and Xbox platforms! We are in the process of launching our very own E-Sports gaming team. Watch this space!



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LEARNING

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RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Rishi Chohan!

(Business)

### Lawnswood Design & Technology



Year 8 D&T students have been learning about different types of metals this term. They have had the opportunity to design and cast their own keyring from Pewter using our Flamefast machine. Students had a great time filing and sanding their work to perfection.



P&T and Art, Craft & Design
Year 10 students visited Leeds
College of Building to take
part in the 'Constructing
Careers: Property Workshop'
where they explored the
different avenues of the
Construction industry.



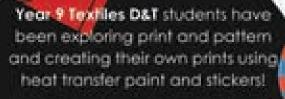








They attended workshops in Architecture, Plumbing, Town Planning & Constructing Projects. The students got stuck into a range of challenges and even got some networking in with industry professionals.



Their designs were then sublimation printed to manufacture satin cushions.







Year 10 D&T students have been developing their practical ability in the workshop and learning vital skills for their upcoming NEA projects. Here are some of student's outcomes of the Sweet Dispenser Project.

### **EAL DEPARTMENT**

### **NEWSLETTER**

It has been another busy term in the EAL Department. We have had new starter pupils from Nigeria, China, Sweden and Slovakia.

In January our EAL Coordinator delivered EAL training to over 70 Red Kite Initial teacher trainees. A number of pupils took part in one of the sessions to help the trainees understand what it it like to be an EAL pupil in secondary school. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence and speaking skills.



February saw the launch of The Bell Foundation guidance EAL and SEND: A Framework for Integrated Provision in Schools. This was co written by our EAL Coordinator who took part in the Webinar launch,. As a school we are excited to be using the resources from this guidance to help with the early identification of SEND in learners using English as an additional language.

We have had a visit from Harrogate Grammar to see our EAL best practice and staff have attended a training course with Solace to help understand and support the trauma needs of Refugee and Asylum Seeker pupils.

#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Pupils and staff gathered to share food and traditions to celebrate Chinese New Year. A big thank you to all parents who cooked so many delicious dishes. Pupils received red envelopes with chocolate coins and enjoyed some Karaoke. It was great to welcome one of our new students Jiaru and her mum from China and include Mr Wong and Emma one of the trainee teachers who speaks Mandarin in our celebrations.







EAL Lunch Club
Monday - Thursday
Lunchtimes in \$05
Continues to be popular
with all students

HOME LANUGAGE GCSEs
Our KS4 pupils are busy
practising for their GCSE
speaking tests after the
Easter break. This year we
have pupils taking exams in
Farsi, Arabic, Chinese,
Russian, Panjabi and
Spanish









A number of our Iranian pupils joined together with staff to celebrate Nowruz, the Iranian new year. We created a Haft-Sin table which displays 7 items starting with the Persian letter Sin that represent the 7 creations. Pupils also jumped over a 'fire' to say good bye to the old year and prepare for a new one. Thank you to parents who prepared delicious Iranian food.

### ENGLISH

WHAT IS A HAIKU?

Poem of three lines And seventeen syllables Five, seven, and five



# Star of the Term Basma Alguburi Consistently diligent and well-informed opinions

### POETRY

As part of book week Andy the poet visited the school to facilitate a workshop with some of our students

### WORKSHOP

Our favourite
poem was on the
topic of
Reflections
by
Better Forster

### **National Book Week**

National book week was our busiest ever. We hosted a poetry workshop, had the interform bookworm competition, and some Oscar worthy costuming from staff and students alike.

Escaping Your reflection isn't easy
But here's a few ideas that might work
Make a crack in the clearest window you can see
as you're walking in.
So later you can fly through
Or you can plummet straight through
And pray for the best
Find a dent in the roof and levitate with full force
Straight through it
Simply tell them you don't consent

Give them a sob story Cry them a river of lies

Whilst you're at it, make up an excuse

Make buzzing sounds like someone's ringing you

Say it's your little brother telling you

To pick him up from primary

Then you realise none of this is happening

You're only on a verbal warning

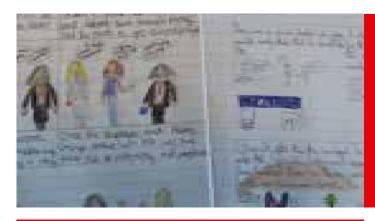
You're just overthinking



### **EPR NEWSLETTER**



### Ethics, Philosophy and Religion

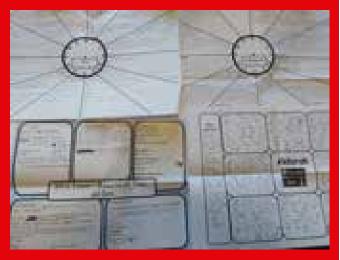


#### Year 7

This term in in year 7 we have been looking at Inspirational Leaders. We have looked at historical figures such as Moses and Guru Nanak as well as modern day role models such as Malala and Mohammed Ali. We have been analysing what makes a good leader and how they can encourage us all to change and improve in some way.

#### Year 8

In year 8, we have been covering a topic called Global Issues. Pupils have been examining some real work problems, such a climate change, plastics in the ocean and the use of nuclear weapons in today's world. Not only have we been looking at the problems posed by these issues but also at some of the ways we, as a society, can work to solve them



#### Year 9

In year 9, we have been studying the concept of life after death. We have looked at both religious and non-religious evidence to suggest an afterlife exists, as well as the idea that perhaps there is no such thing as life after death as Humanists believe. This has been a topic which has been full of debate and discussion







#### Year 10

In year 10, we have been looking at Relationships and Families as part of paper 2 of the GCSE course. Pupils have been asked about the nature of marriage and whether it makes a difference to a relationship. We have been looking at the legality of marriage contracts and divorce as well as the role we all play within families, as parents, children and extended family members.

#### Year 11

In year 11, we have completed the GCSE course and are now getting ready to revise and prepare for our exams which take place on the morning of Thursday 9th May and the afternoon of Thursday 16th May.

There will be lots of exam practice and peer assessing between now and then!

### Every Grade Counts



EHPLOYERS LOOK AT GRADES!



VARIETY OF POST-18 6 POST-18
OPTIONS INCREASES





ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY SIXTH FORM DEPENDS ON GRADES!



GRADE REQUEREMENTS EXZET FOR COLLEGE, SIXTH FORM. UNIVERSITY & JOSSI



REALITY IS THAT THE WORLD
ABOUND VALUES GRADES!



RESULTS CERTIFICATES GO WITH YOU TO EVERY JOB ENTERVIEW, FOREVER!



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A CADEMIC GRADES SHOW OFF YOUR KNOWLEDGE ACROSS SUBJECTS!



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PERSONALITY TRAITS, LIKE SELFDISCIPLINES



CAREER PROSPECTS ARE



OPTIONS AVAILABLE ARE MUCH



ARKINGS OVER YOUR LIFETIME INCREASE!



THEIR ONLY INDICATOR OF HOW YOU'LL DO AT A LEVEL!





No one ever says "I wish I'd done worse"!



HEY'RE YOUR ONLY EVIDENCE TO SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED!





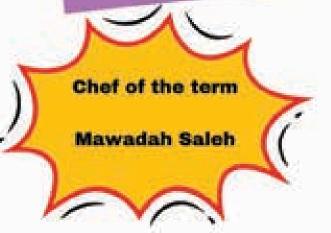
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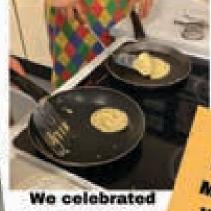
### Food & Nutrition





Year 8 have been learning how to make Italian Focaccia bread.





pancake day!

Don't forget Munch club . Wednesday Lunchtimes!!





### Focus On Your Future

Careers at Lawnswood School
Spring Term 2024



#### **Guess My Job**

In March we welcomed visitors from industry, commerce, university, and the public services to Y8 English lessons. Students had the opportunity to quiz visitors about their jobs, trying to guess each person's job.





University Research Talk
KS5 Scientists had the opportunity
to hear about Alzheimer's from a
student studying Neuroscience at
the University of Leeds.

WY Police visited Y7-10 this term to talk about roles within the police force & the realities of modern policing.





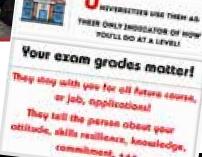
Our amazing school show allowed students to develop as actors, dancers, musicians, stage hands, costume designers, set designers, and lighting technicians.



45 students in Y10 have embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Award projects - what a great way to develop new skills!



Y10 students visited Leeds
College of Building for a
'Constructing Careers:
Property Workshop'. They
really enjoyed the workshops
& a networking session with
industry professionals.





We're so proud of Chemistry teacher, Mr Dunn, who is the face of the new, national campaign: 'Get Into Teaching'!



We have bought this for all students. Your child has all their courses allocated on Seneca and they will be set Home Learning assignments to work through topics. Students can also target independent learning on Seneca.

Research shows that Seneca will improve the rate at which your child learns - this will make a huge difference during exam season!



### GEOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER



### KS3

ION-TO GUIDE PLASTIC

Year 7 students have been studying "The Anthropocene" unit this half term in Geography. The unit explores how human beings are having an impact on our ever changing world.

In year 8, students are currently studying the "Tourism" unit. In Ms Higham's class, students were asked to complete a fact file for a country they would like to visit, including: attractions they can visit, jobs the tourism industry brings and the type of tourism. The example work is from Evie Ambridge who chose Peru. Well done to Evie, for such a detailed piece of work.

Year 9 are studying a unit of Russia. They have just completed a lesson on the Chernobyl disaster and the impacts it had on the people of Pripyat. Students were asked to create a diary entry, sequencing map or report on the disaster. The work shown to the right is credited to Shaian Khaled who produced a wonderful sequencing map

of events.





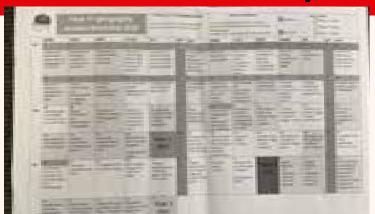
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Students at GCSE and A-Level are gearing up for their upcoming exams. GCSE students are currently studying The Challenge of Natural Hazards and looking at the evidence, causes and impacts of climate change. All GCSE students have been given a daily calendar to help with retrieval practise. They have also been busy creating lots of retrieval resources to support them. Year 10 are focusing on Urban Issues and Challenges. Good luck to all our Year 11's and 13's in their upcoming exams.

KS4/5

### **Geography Club**

Geography club meet every Wednesday lunchtime to discuss all things Geography. This week, they have taken part in The Big Plastic Count, where they have tallied their plastic usage over the week. In doing so, they are hoping to hold government, brands and supermarkets to account and to push for alternatives for plastic.





### NEWSLETTER



### Staff profile



Mr Baker joined Lawnswood as History Subject Leader in 1997. Lawnswood is the fifth school he has taught in, including three years at a government High School in Kenya. The period of history that most interests him is the 19th century, a time of great change that underpins so much of society today. Mr Baker also teaches Geography, and sometimes EPR. Outside of school he enjoys nature, running and photography.

### KS4 History

In preparation for their GCSE exams, Y11 students have recently focused on understanding 'The Americas and Drake's circumnavigation, 1577—1580'. In particular the motives for and impacts of the voyage have revealed complex ideas on Elizabethan times and challenged the GCSE students to question the role of an English 'hero' in history.

### History Book Of The KS5 History

### Term



By viewing the horrors of Nazism through the prism of one remote German village, this book studies Hitler's regime to a local level. This makes A Village in the Third Reich a compelling read which challenges even those who think they know the subject. A brilliant book to support GCSE study as well as a general read. Highly recommended by the History Department.

Y13 A level historians have been putting the finishing touches to their NEA studies. At Lawnswood, students choose their own topics to study and develop a mini dissertation on. Some topics entered this year are:

- US Civil Rights
- Women's Rights
- The Troubles (Na Triobloidi)
  - Witchcraft
  - The First World War
- The Fall of the Roman Empire
  - The French Revolution

It has been great to see students develop their research and writing skills looking at a controversial historical question.





### INCLUSION

#### Hello from the Inclusion team!

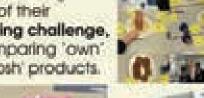
HELLO

If you want to know more about who we are and how we can help support your child's education, then follow the link below:

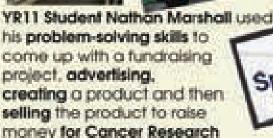
https://www.lawnswoodschool.co.uk/ke y-information/send/

What's happening in ASDAN?

Y10 working on a tasting activity as part of their independent living challenge, fasting and comparing 'own' brand versus 'posh' products.







### Lawnswood School March 2024

YR8 have looked at the roles of crime scene investigators as part of their Key Skills unit on law. After researching the role, Students examined a crime scene, following evidence trails to find who had in fact murdered Mr Franchi. After gathering of evidence from the crime scene, results surprisingly led to the culprit – his best friend!





Don't forget that Sparx
Maths Homework is due
every Wednesday at 3pm.



There are also lots of great independent learning activities and XP Boost activities available on Sparx for those who complete their homework early: Sparx Maths



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Free and interactive Maths games are also available at www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games

### **Lawnswood Loves**



### Reading

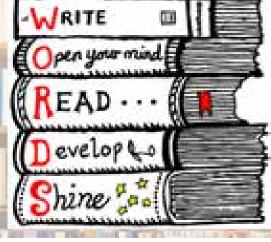


### Top 3 library borrowers this year to date



Akbar Ahmed 7SSU 39 books Ala Czarkowska 10SWH 26 books Sulaiman Hota 7MSM

25 books



Mrs South came in to find a special surprise on World Book Day an Insta-worthy butterfly! #ReadingGivesYouWings





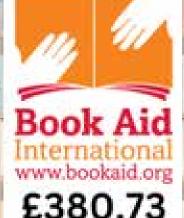


Sophie

1 book & 1 community Every year we choose a book to read together in lessons with Y7 -10. This year we enjoyed a tale of environmental protest by Sophie McKenzie.

#CommunityRead

Our World Book Day fundraising raised £380.73 to support Book Aid International: a charity that aims to provide access to books for everyone worldwide



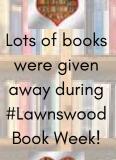
Check out X elawnswoodschool every Saturday for

Mrs South's Saturday Book Club!

Lots of recommendations across many genres.









### Mathematics

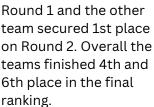






### A Feast of Fun!

On 11th March, Mrs Boynova and Ms Fryday took two Year 10 teams to the 'Maths Feast' event, which tests problemsolving and teamwork skills. Archie Crome, Hunter Hughes, Benji Nicely, Julia Parker, Chrissy Chan, Logan Goundry, Oliver Hayter and Aadam Hussain took part as two teams of four and competed against a number of local schools across four rounds. One team secured 1st place in



This is an outstanding performance and it was an excellent experience for them.





#### **KS2 MATHS ROADSHOW**

This term we visited Kirkstall St Stephens, Weetwood and Burley St Matthias primary schools, where students took part in a puzzling fun session with Mr Smith!

### Pi Day **Celebrated**

Thursday 14th March was Pi Day (3.14) and students were treated to a variety of different activities related to everyone's favourite irrational number, which included the story of Sir Cumference!

How many digits of pi can you recall? The world record is 70,000!



The best performing classes this term are:

7C1 • 8A2 • 9C2 • 10A1 Our Students have completed 13,543 hours of personalised learning this year!

The Intermediate Maths Challenge took place on 31st January. 72 students took part from years 9, 10 and 11, with 20 achieving bronze, 10 silver and 7 gold certificates! Oliver Hayter (best in school) Freddie Lovett and Finn Macgregor Taylor have all progressed to the Kangaroo which took place at the end of March.

### THE Next term's upcoming topics

### Year 7

- Constructions & geometric notation
- Developing geometric reasoning
- Number sense
- Sets & probability
- Prime numbers & proof

- Angles in parallel lines & polygons
- Area of trapezia & circles
- Symmetry & reflection
- The data handling cycle
- · Measures of location

- Enlargement & similarity
- Solving ratio & proportion problems
- Rates
- Probability
- Algebra

### Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10

- Collect, represent & interpret data
- Non-calculator methods
- Types of number
- Indices & roots
- Manipulate expressions

**Year 11** 

Paper 1 16th May

Paper 2 3rd June

Paper 3 10th June

Revision sessions will take place after school every Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri



### MFL

**Modern Foreign Languages** 



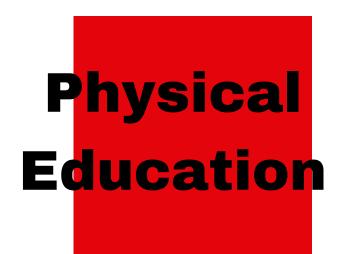
We have been learning	
<b>Y7</b>	Learnt the pattern for conjugating regular -er verbs and learnt/practised common irregular verbs (to have, to be, to do/make, to go), so that they can describe people, what they do and where they go. Learnt about and discussed the poem Familiale by famous French poet Jacques Prévert.
<b>Y</b> 8	Learnt and practised conjugating a range of verbs and how to use adverbs in French,so that they can describe what, when and how they do things. Explored what it means to be a global citizen in a Focus On Your Future home learning.
<b>Y9</b>	Spanish: Learnt vocabulary for talking about climate change and the environment in Spanish and used it with different grammatical structures.  French: Learnt and practised conjugating a range of verbs and how to use adverbs in French,so that they can describe what, when and how they do things. Explored what it means to be a global citizen in a Focus On Your Future home learning.
Y10	Have been working hard on phonics, vocabulary and grammar learning and getting excited about planned trips to Cadiz in Spain and Paris in France.
Y11	Have been busy doing mock speaking exams and working on improving their language skills with our foreign language assistants Léa and Andrea.



Planning is underway for immersive trips to Cadiz, Spain and Paris, France!



# Extra curricular



Basketball and football fixtures have dominated the sporting calendar this term. Highlights include winning performances from the KS3 basketball team against Priesthorpe and Ralph Thoresby. The Year 8 football team produced a strong performance to edge past Prince Henry's. As did our year 10 team with a 2-0 win, including a Penalty save from Xavi Garman.

Girls football are due to play a cup fixture against Cardinal Heenan this week. If students wish to join any of our girls teams, training is on a Thursday with Miss Tasker.

Rugby league club will start on a Monday with Mr Wilton. Our experienced trainee teacher is looking to share his expertise in the area having played semi professionally himself.

Badminton fixtures against Pudsey Grammar and Cardinal Heenan this half term have been very popular with students ranging from year 8 to sixth form representing the school. Training is weekly with Miss Dean and Miss Britton on a Tuesday in the sports hall.

# PERFORMING ARTS SPRING 2024

This term, we have driven forward our faculty vision for the 'student experience': Engaging opportunities beyond the classroom.

Creativity and performance.

Physical and emotional health and well-being.



### THE HEADLINES







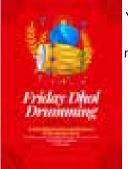
KS3 rehearsals are well underway for Macbeth. Look out for promotion with show dates!



Bandlab for
Education is a great
cloud based Music
software which is
enabling KS3 to
devS3 to develop
their songwriting in
and out of the
building.







Year 9 Boys are exploring new rhythms in Dhol Drumming.





Year 11
GCSE
Drama
students
have gone
the extra
mile to
prepare
NEA.

Lawnswood perform at Red Kite BOTB 2024







### PSHE







### Year 7

This half term we have been focusing on how to keep yourself safe. We have looked at how to do this in school and also online. For further information and support please see the following web page.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/

### Year 8

We have been looking at lots of different ways to develop resilience and when we might need this skills. Please check out the Mind mate web page with your child to look at further ideas and resources. We have also been lucky enough to invite company called "prison me no way" into school where students have been able to see the consequences of crime as well as exploring scenarios where they would need to show resilience.

https://mindmate.org.uk/

### Year 9

We have looked at a variety of topics this half term such as understanding your rights, alcohol awareness and conflict resolution. Please take time to chat with your children so explore what they have learnt within their PSHE lessons.

### Year 10



This half term we looked at gang violence and managing risk. We are very passionate to make sure that the students gain as much knowledge and understanding as possible so that they can make the best informed decisions within life. We are currently using resources created by West Yorkshire Police.

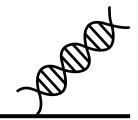
### Year 11



This half term is busy in the run up to the exam season but we are still looking to make sure our students are gaining life skills for the future to keep them safe. We have looked at the risks of vaping and also issues relating to Mental Health.



### SCIENCE



### TERM 2

### RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Kay Science leader board:

- 1. Alina Tahir
- 2. Alice Underwood
- 3. Aysha Al-Ani

Seneca leader board:

- 1. Rosie Hallam
- 2. Bernice Ko
- 3. Georgia Sproule

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Miss Westerman and Mr Russell took a group of Y7 students to a Medical/Dentistry day at the University of Leeds - all the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and made us proud!

A visitor from the University of Leeds has come to educate the students on Alzheimer's disease. This gave the students a fantastic opportunity to apply their knowledge of the brain and neurones beyond the specification.

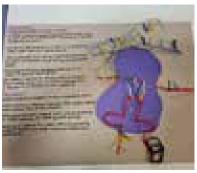




Mr. Russell took Year 12 Chemistry students to the University of Leeds to experience practical taster sessions in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, as well as touring the university hearing about university life from student ambassadors.

### **CLASSWORK SHOWCASE**







### **UPDATES**

### **CONFIDENCE WEEK**

During confidence week we utilised Seneca Premium and Kay Science to revisit earlier topics from the year to improve students retrieval practice.

### KS3

Every Tuesday in F21, Mr Russell and Ms Siddons run Science Club for KS3. This half therm they have looked at the 'dunk-ability' of biscuits, chromatography and investigated the movement of maggots in a maze.

### KS4

A huge well done to all the Y11 students in their most recent mock examinations! Seneca log in: lawnswood email and password

Kay Science log in:

firstnamelastname475

Please check the Y11 board for after school sessions!

### KS5

Across the sixth form the stundets are working hard completing their coursework and controlled assessments.

Monday night is sixth form study night in F24.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES NEWSLETTE



### What have we been up to this term?

This term has been another busy one! Year 12 students completed their winter mock exams, Year 12 Psychology have been learning about attachment and even had their own egg babies to take care of (see right for a picture of Christina Egguleira, Yolkie, Cinderegga and Rose!)

Year 13 Sociology have been learning about crime and deviance, and got to find out all about the history of punishment during a visit to Shrewsbury Prison.

Our Law students have been working on Tort and Human Rights, and are visiting the courts this month to delve into the way the criminal justice system works and see everything they have been learning about, in action!



#### **Our trip to Shrewsbury Prison**

Some of our social science students attended a fascinating trip to visit Shrewsbury Prison down in Shropshire, a place which was decommissioned in 2013.

They received a guided tour from a retired prison officer, learned about the history of the prison and contributed to a debate about the actions of the suffragettes and the risks they took to bring about social change.

Students also had to make their escape from an escape room, either from a cell or from 'the hole'. Luckily all our students did make their escape and are back with us at Lawnswood!!



### A-Level Y13 Summer exam dates

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20 May - A-level Sociology Paper 1 4 June - A-level Sociology Paper 2 11 June - A-level Sociology Paper 3

17 May - A-level Psychology Paper 1 22 May - A-level Psychology Paper 2 3 June - A-level Psychology Paper 3

23 May - A-level Law Paper 1 4 June - A-level Law Paper 2 10 June - A-level Law Paper 3

#### We recommend...

**Book:** The Skeleton Cupboard by Tanya Byron. Want to be a clinical psychologist? In this book, Tanya gives an account of years spent training for this role!

**TV Show:** The Jury: Murder Trial on Channel 4. This shows a reenactment of a real life case, will two juries agree on a verdict? **Podcast:** A bit of a stretch by Chris Atkins. Chris spent time in prison himself and has interviewed other prisoners. Listen to their stories and examine whether or not the prison system works to rehabilitate and prevent further offending.

#### Focus on your future: Policing

Working as a police offer would involve you helping to maintain law and order, and working to reduce crime levels in the community!

Routes to get into this career. University, college courses, apprenticeships or applying directly to a role within the force. You will usually need 2-3 A-Levels to guide you towards this career - Perhaps taking a Social Science subject like Law, Sociology or Psychology?

Find out more here: https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/jobprofiles/police-officer

