

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Every Grade Counts**

New research from the University of Leeds and York University has confirmed that GCSE grades are a powerful predictor of future life outcomes, and that they are of particular importance to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. We have been running an 'Every Grade Counts' campaign in school to inform students of the importance of their grades and have linked this to better prospects, more choice, and more life satisfaction – all of which have been confirmed in this research. If you would like to read about this research, please follow this link: [Research reveals GCSE results may have far-reaching impact on adult life - News and events, University of York](#). If you would like to see more details of our campaign, please visit our X feed @lawnswoodschool.

### **Seneca Learning**

Students are being set assignments on Seneca Learning and it is helping to embed content covered in lessons. We are celebrating student engagement with Seneca during tutor time every Monday morning, by sharing the Top 10 students in each year group and awarding commendations for their effort. Please continue to encourage your child to visit Seneca on a 'little and often' basis to ensure that all assignments are completed and that good habits form. If you would like a parent login to see how your child is learning, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

### **Commendations News**

We have updated our commendations to focus on the behaviours that we are developing through our behaviour curriculum, e.g. Asking Great Focus on Your Future (FOYF) Questions, Readily Helping Others, and Responsible Use of Technology. We hope this will allow you to celebrate much more specific behaviours with your child. Over the last week, staff have awarded 1178 'Great Independent Learning' commendations, and 481 'Contributing Positive Ideas' commendations, amongst many others, so please do take time to visit your Parent ClassCharts app and talk to your child about commendations that they have received.

### **Planning for our FOYF Drop Down Day**

We are working hard to put together a great selection of activities for students. This year we have a focus on financial education, with input from Bexcard and HSBC. We also have talks from a local university and from Leeds' Apprenticeship team; mock interviews for all Year 10 students; an enterprise activity; planning for Lawnfest; and an introduction to our new careers' platform. If you would like to contribute to our FOYF programme, please get in touch with Sam Gill [samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk](mailto:samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk) and she will be able to discuss how we can work together.

***Key dates for your diary – week beginning 29 April***

**Monday**

EverFi urban planning workshop

**Wednesday**

Year 7 parents evening

**Thursday**

GCSE PE moderation

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher