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21 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Home Visits

As part of our safeguarding and attendance policy we undertake home visits to support students when they are not in school. For example, we carry out visits when we have not heard from a student for 3 days. From next week we are working with BCL Attendance who will also carry out home visits on our behalf. As part of this we will be sharing data regarding the families we visit with them. BCL may visit during the week or on a Saturday morning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Truscott.

Year 11 and Year 13 Exams

It is wonderful to finally be at the end of the official exam season. As expected, our students have really done us proud. Their preparation, resilience, positivity and tremendous work ethic has been humbling to observe. I would like to thank the students, you (their parents/carers) and our brilliant exam team for their hard work during this challenging period of time. It is a team effort, and I am optimistic that the students will be rewarded with excellent grades on results day.

If your child is in Year 11 then please remind them about the sixth form induction day on Wednesday 10 July, as it will be great to see them again and help them prepare for the next stage of their education.

Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Exams

Next week, we turn our focus to the job of preparing Year 10 and Year 12 for their final exams. For Year 10 this is the first time they have experienced the formal expectations of exams sat in the Sports Hall under exam conditions. Experience shows us that by practicing this several times across the next year, students feel very confident and prepared by the time they get to the final exams.

Ms Nicholson spoke to Year 10 students in assembly this week to explain the rules around this exam period. The Exam Information section of our school website would be a useful page to visit, and there is a detailed [student handbook](#) on there, if your child does have any questions about how things work in the exam hall. This video by the JCQ is also excellent in setting out what is expected of them: [Instructions for candidates 2021/2022 \(youtube.com\)](#)

The best approach students can take over the week is to ensure that they eat well and get plenty of sleep. Teachers will be marking the papers over the final weeks of this half term, and this means that students will be able to start Year 11 knowing what has worked well for them and what they need to focus on.

Sustainable Shop – parents of Y11 students

As your child moves on from Y11 they will no longer need their school uniform, and some will not require their calculators for future study. If you are not passing uniform on to younger siblings, please drop off any good quality items, including PE kit, in our sustainable uniform bin or drop them off at reception. Students who bring a calculator along to hand in on results day will receive a bar of chocolate in return.

Leeds SEND event 2024



LEEDS SEND EVENT 2024
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS
TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024
10AM -1PM
HEADINGLEY STADIUM, ST MICHAEL'S LANE,
LEEDS, LS6 3BR

An event for parents and carers of children with special education needs and / or disabilities (SEND) to hear from senior leaders in Education, Health and Social Care about what we have learnt from family feedback and our plans for improving SEND services in Leeds.

Welcome from Dan Barton, Deputy Director Learning
what families have told us / what we know
Leeds Parent Carer Forum
table top discussions
break
feedback and next steps
streaming events

Book your place at
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/ParentCarerEvent/>



Lawnfest

Year 8 students have continued their work experience this week by developing resources for Lawnfest, which is on 11 July. They will be running a raffle and a tombola and would appreciate donations of gifts as prizes for these two stalls. If you can donate anything, then items can be handed to form tutors during registration or dropped off at either Student or Main Reception.

Focus On Your Future

All students in Year 7 to 10 took part in a Drop-Down morning today. Every year group had an age-specific programme of events, which included introductions to Financial Planning, Digital Marketing,

Careers in Education, Lawnswood Sixth Form, Apprenticeships at all levels, University Life, & T Levels. All students in Year 10 had a mock interview by volunteers in industry and we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in supporting our students. If you would like to get involved in our Focus On Your Future (careers) programme, please get in touch with Sam Gill samantha.gill@elawnswood.co.uk

Key dates for your diary – week beginning 24 June

Years 7, 8 & 9 reading tests

Years 10 & 12 mock exams

Monday

Year 13 celebration meal

Wednesday

Celebration afternoon tea

Thursday

KS4 Drama showcase, 4.30pm-6.30pm

Friday

Year 11 Prom

Year 12 Northumbria and Newcastle Universities trip

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher