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11 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Every Grade Counts**

We are working hard with our Year 11 students to ensure that they are given every opportunity to be successful; earlier in the term I shared the enrichment booklet with you which included lots of information about additional lunchtime and after school activities. This week we have gone one step further and posted home a personalised reminder to each child about when every intervention session is running. We have also handed paper copies to the students directly, so hopefully between us we can work together to ensure that the students take advantage of this great offer of additional support.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening – change of date!**

#### **Now Wednesday 13 November, 5pm-7.15pm**

If your child is in Year 11, then please make sure you have kept this important evening free. A letter will be sent home in the next week and students will need to select the four subject talks that they wish to attend during this event.

In addition to subject talks there will also be a presentation in the Main Hall at 5pm, which will be repeated at 6.45pm, plus an opportunity to meet current sixth formers, explore our unique facilities, talk to the pastoral teams and engage with our partner universities.

If you are unable to attend, please support your child in making sure that they come along anyway. Our sixth form offer is exceptional, and we want to ensure that every young person makes the best choice for them.

### **Mental Health Day**

Thursday 10 October was World Mental Health Day. Our wonderful Librarian Mrs South, recently read some research from the National Literacy Trust about the impact of reading on mental health. (You can read this research by clicking [here](#).) As a school we decided to raise awareness of this research and take the opportunity to improve our own wellbeing on World Mental Health Day. All students engaged in 6 minutes of reading each lesson and throughout the day they read 'A Sound of Thunder' by Ray Bradbury. We will come together and read as a school community again for our Community Read in March.

### **Leeds College of Building**

Student applications are now open for September 2025 admission.

All details of courses are available on their website. Please click [here](#) to take you through to their website.

Should this be of interest, please note the following timelines:

- Application deadline (full time and T Level) is 24 January 2025
- Offers will be sent out to students on 10 February 2025
- Applications received after 24 January 2025 will be placed on a waiting list
- Offer holders will be invited to a welcome day at college
- Enrolment takes place 27-29 August 2025

Please note: their first open day of the academic year is taking place on Wednesday 16 October 4pm-7.30pm. South Bank Campus (LS10 1EF) and North Street Campus (LS2 7QT). Booking is required for this event which can be done on their website.

## ***Sports Fixtures Updates***

### ***Boys football***

#### **Year 7**

During the opening game of their league season, the boys played two hard-fought league games where they were unfortunately beaten on both occasions. Our starting 11 was made up of 11 boys from 11 different primary schools, leaving little time to gel before the games. With that in mind, a determined whole team performance saw Mikey Pogson be awarded our 'Player of the match'.

#### **Year 8**

The match versus Roundhay School saw a tight first ten minutes with even possession before a wonder strike from the opposition's striker put us 1-0 down. Roundhay then began to pull away and went on to win the game 5-1. Unfortunately, this means that the Year 8 boys are out of the District Cup. Despite this, Sonny Davies put in a remarkable shift in the middle of the park to be awarded 'Player of the match'.

#### **Year 9**

The Year 9 boys took a trip away to Cardinal Heenan where they dominated for the first half of the match. However, the outcome wasn't in our favour and Cardinal Heenan took the last-minute winner which knocked us out of the District Cup. An outstanding performance from Tyler Walker saw him score two out of our three goals on the day.

#### **Year 10**

Our long overdue meeting with Mount St. Mary's in the cup was played on Tuesday. We started strong with a thumping headed goal from Nosakhare Asemota, before a slick piece of skill from Eliyas Savari, cutting in from the left and slotting the ball into the bottom right corner, put us 2-0 up. The second half saw Xavier Nosegbe score a wonderful goal, only for it to be disallowed before the full-time whistle. The game ended 3-3 at full-time with Mount St. Mary's taking the win 4-3 after extra time.

#### **Year 11**

A cup tie versus Guiseley saw our boys leave with a 4-0 win and advance to the next round of the cup. An astonishing whole team performance meant we dominated the game, with Daniel Viegas Da Cruz, Deney Kendall and a double from Destiny Osas proving the difference between us and Guiseley.

### ***Girls netball***

The KS3 girls' netball team played their first game this season against the strong side of Leeds West Academy. A tense first quarter saw both teams' skill and determination. Although this was the first time our team had played together, their chemistry and communication were exceptional. The result ended with Leeds West taking the win, but our girls' team did us proud, with both teachers from Leeds West Academy praising how skilled our team was, especially considering it was their first ever game as a squad.

## ***Student Wellbeing Survey***

Next week our students will be taking our termly wellbeing survey. This is designed to ensure that we can pick up any concerns around bullying and sexual harassment and allows us to get confidential feedback

and suggestions from our students. If your child has been talking to you about concerns, they have and they haven't told us already, please encourage them to use this survey to let us know.

**Coffee morning – Wednesday 16 October, 10am-12pm**

Attached to this update is a poster containing details of our community drop in coffee morning on 16 October at Lawnswood School. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

**Key information for next week –**

Assemblies this week will be on Growth mindset and are delivered by Mrs Gilbank

**Monday**

Year 10 football vs Benton Park and Ralph Thoresby

**Wednesday**

Community Coffee Morning 10am-12pm

Health and Social Care external speakers in to speak to Year 7

Re-start a Heart Day – Year 10 students

**Friday**

Year 11 Orchestra Trip

Yours faithfully



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