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7 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder - Parent governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body of the school. As a parent of a child at the school, you are entitled to stand as a candidate and vote in any election. If you wish to apply, please email jennie.hill@elawnswood.co.uk (Clerk to the Governing Body), to request the information for prospective governors, and return your nomination by Friday 14 February.

Behaviour Curriculum

Our behaviour curriculum focuses every fortnight on a different aspect of student conduct and behaviour that we think is a crucial skill for life. Over the past week students have had assemblies focusing on respect; what it means, how we show respect to each other and how we are respectful to our environment.

We would like you to have a conversation with your child at home about what respect means to you as a family and how you show it. Some questions you might consider are;

- What does the word respect mean to you, and what do you do to show us that at home?
- How do we show respect to each other in our family?
- How can you show respect to yourself?
- What would you want someone to respect or admire about you?

As a school we expect that all staff and students are respectful to each other. Everyone will show consideration for how their actions affect others. It is expected that this mutual respect will lead to better relationships as everyone in school, no matter what their role, will listen, remain calm and be kind to each other. We want all members of our school community to trust each other and support each other when things go wrong. We expect that students will learn to recognise respect and praise each other.

From next week we will be issuing raffle tickets to students who show respect, the tickets go into a prize draw for a £10 Amazon voucher. Students who show respect will receive a commendation, those showing a lack of respect will receive a caution. If your child receives this caution on classcharts please talk to them about it.

Focus On Your Future: National Apprenticeship Week

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and it provides an opportunity to find out more about what apprenticeships involve. You can find lots of information here: [Amazing Apprenticeships | Explore Vocational Education & Apprenticeship Opportunities](#) to discuss with your child.

There is an 'Apprenticeships Explained – Online event for parents & carers' on Monday 10th February at 18:00 and free tickets can be accessed via this link: [Apprenticeships Explained - Online Event \(Parents and Carers\) Tickets, Mon 10 Feb 2025 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#).

A link to live apprenticeship opportunities may be found on our FOYF dashboard: [FOYF Opportunities at Lawnswood School](#) alongside information about apprenticeships at Dunelm, Sky, Accenture, NG Bailey, BAE, BBC, Airbus, NHS, ASDA, Tesco, DHL, Network Rail, and more!

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair with over 100 exhibitors is at the First Direct Arena on 12 February and free tickets for an after-school visit may be booked here: [Sell Tickets, Create Events and Discover Experiences - Universe](#).

Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) up to Masters Level, so please explore the opportunities, discuss them with your child, and encourage them to ask Mrs Gill for more information.

Lawnswood roundabout improvement scheme

We have been notified that enabling works are beginning on Monday 10 February. This may mean some traffic disruption between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm. Please be aware of this when picking up your child from school. I will share any further information with you as and when I receive it.

Key dates for next week

GCSE Spanish and GCSE French speaking mock exams

Wednesday

Year 8 Feeling Good Being Me

Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

Year 13 Psychology talk

Astronomy club, 4pm-5.30pm

Thursday

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Year 8 football vs Benton Park and Horsforth (away)

Friday

BBC Bitesize day

Year 9 parent / carer evening booking opens

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher