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Dear Parent/Carer

School trips update

We are delighted to report that the France trip was a huge success. Highlights included a visit to our partner school, where pupils met their pen pals with whom they have been communicating by letter. Planning is already underway for next year's trip, which will be open to pupils currently in Years 7 and 8. This week a group of pupils in Years 9 & 10 have had a wonderful opportunity to continue their work on a mentoring project involving Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes. The next few trips have links to the environment and sustainability. Pupils in Year 8 will be visiting Leeds Beckett University to find out about urban tree planting, whilst three groups of Year 10 geographers will be visiting either the Climate Innovation District or the Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility.

School Show – All Shook Up

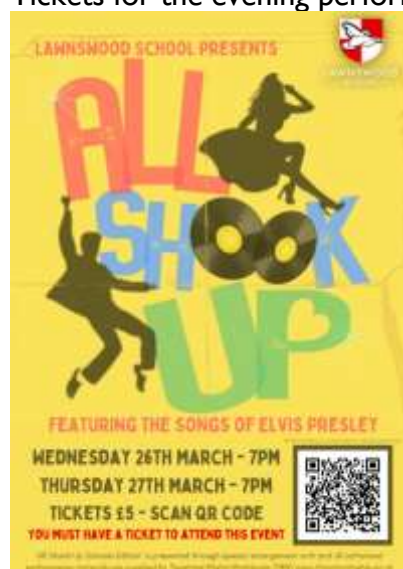
The Performing Arts team is buzzing with excitement as we bring All Shook Up to the stage! This electrifying American jukebox musical, packed with legendary hits from Elvis Presley, is set to dazzle audiences next week.

We've got an incredible four-show line-up, including:

- 🎵 A special matinee performance for our local feeder primary schools
- 🎵 A free afternoon show exclusively for Lawnswood students
- 🎵 Two spectacular evening performances on March 26th & 27th in the Main School Hall

Get ready for an unforgettable show filled with music, energy, and rock 'n' roll magic!

Tickets for the evening performances can be bought via this link: [Lawnswood School Shop](#)



Prison Me No Way

Year 8 students will have the opportunity to take part in randomized workshops on Tuesday. These workshops will include visiting a simulation of a real-life prison cell, listening to ex-prisoners to understand life choices and consequences, information about the risks of knife crime, information about county lines and managing risk, information from Northern Rail and the National Power Grid and many more. This day should be an exciting day for our students and should leave them coming away with lots to think and talk about. Feedback from previous years include, "the day was so much fun", "I really like the visit to the prison cell van" and "the day was very valuable and informative".

We target Year 8 students for this day as we want our curriculum to be proactive and share information with our students with a heavy emphasis on the law, so they are then equipped to make informed decisions in future life.

Eid Celebrations

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Eid later this month, if you are planning for your child to be absent from school, please [click here](#) to apply for exceptional leave of absence. The DfE guidance allows 2 days a year for religious observance, any additional time will be unauthorised please keep this in mind if you are also planning to take a day later in the year.

Key dates for next week

Monday

Year 8 Leeds Beckett tree planting

School show performance for Lawnswood students, 3.15pm-5.45pm

Tuesday

Year 8 Prison Me No Way drop down day

Wednesday

Year 10 Geography recycling trip

School show, 7pm-9.30pm

Thursday

Magic Breakfast aspiration day

School show, 7pm-9.30pm

Yours faithfully



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