

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

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Dear Parent/Carer

What a lot we have squeezed into a week at Lawnswood! Next week sees a bank holiday on Monday and then another strike day on Tuesday. Thank you for your support in helping our young people to navigate the interrupted weeks.

### ***Some very special visitors!***

We were delighted to welcome The Talent People, 4 Schools, the Channel 4 Sport team, the Football Association and Gareth Southgate to our school this week. 30 incredibly lucky students who have previously shown an interest in Sports Journalism spent the day learning about how sport press conferences work. 4 Schools, who organised the event had arranged for them to take part in a mock press conference with The Talent People, the FA, and the Channel 4 Sport team. They were most surprised when the sports personality being interviewed turned out to be the one and only Gareth Southgate! Gareth spoke to the students about his career, the responsibility he has as the England Manager and gave them some tips for their future success too. He was very generous with his time and talked with each student individually whilst signing autographs for them. It was an amazing experience for us all and one that I am sure we will never forget. Our thanks to Gareth and all our visitors for their time and efforts to inspire our students.

### ***Year 8 and 9 Active Citizenship***

Leeds Beckett University were in school this week working with a group of Year 8 and 9 students teaching them about being an active citizen and leadership. The students were a credit to the school, in fact, the colleagues from Leeds Beckett told me that they work with a lot of schools but had not worked with such kind, thoughtful and well-mannered students before. Those involved told me that they had learnt a lot about leadership and were keen to start implementing their newly found skills in school.

### ***Build confidence; be ambitious!***

This week saw the continuation of our lunch time extracurricular offer. It is wonderful to see students engaging in the wide variety of activities on offer. However, our clubs are not full and there is still plenty of opportunities for students to engage with. If you have not already, please do look at our programme on offer and help your young person to choose the clubs they would like to attend. Click [here](#) to see what is on offer.

***Tuesday 2 May – arrangements for the strike***

School will be open to Years 11, 12 and 3 only on Tuesday because of the teacher strike action. The day will be a normal day for those year groups but unfortunately school will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. School will reopen to all students on Wednesday 3 May.

***Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 1 May***

**Monday**

Bank holiday – school closed to all students

**Tuesday**

Strike day – school closed to Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. School open for Years 11, 12 & 13 as usual.

**Wednesday**

Year 7 parents evening

A Level Art exam

Year 11 Portuguese speaking assessment

Sixth Form Head Student recruitment

**Thursday**

A Level Art Exam

Year 13 bake sale

Food Foundation research visit

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher