

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

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Dear Parent/Carer

Active Citizenship

Last week a group of six year-9 students have been coached by award winning Greenwing founder and head coach Mark Jamieson alongside equational facilitator Rachel Wood. The focus was to develop leadership skills to lead a team of year-8 peers.

The project was a first of its kind active citizenship programme forming part of the wider Richard Cobden project, led by Simon Morgan (head of history at Leeds Beckett).

Students researched the life and work of Richard Cobden, working with primary source material in order to analyse how Cobden was a model active citizen, peacefully promoting change in his time through democratic means.

The goal was to use this research as a foundation to develop their own projects for active citizenship based on issues, they found important including education, women in the workplace and racism in society today. Culminating in some fantastic presentations led by their year-9 student leaders.

The year-9 student leaders have been invited to Westminster for a tour of the Houses of Parliament and an invitation to the Cobden project launch event in September where they will be able to demonstrate their leadership skills and talk about how their coaching and projects has helped them think about active citizenship in their communities.

Uniform Exchange

Donations of school uniform / PE kit items can be made at any time by dropping them off in the green bin in Main Reception.

There is a sustainable collection and shop held at every parents evening, on a pay-as-you-feel basis.

Focus On Your Future Update

We continue to build on the successes of our FOYF (careers) programme. We have exciting plans for our drop-down day later this year, and have 40 external visitors from many different sectors ready to interview our Y10 students. Our dashboard <https://padlet.com/foyfpadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990> is updated weekly and has opportunities including competitions, open days, webinars, work experience, and much more. We have just added a link to live apprenticeship vacancies at all levels; there are 238 available in Leeds at the moment and there are many more in our

region and nationally. Please encourage your child to look regularly for opportunities to enhance their future applications.

Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 8 May

Monday

Bank holiday – school closed to all students

Tuesday

A Level Textiles exam

Wednesday

Y10 Leeds Beckett FOYF trip, 10.00-12.00am

Thursday

A Level Textiles Exam

Friday

Y10 Trip to see An Inspector Calls - evening, Alhambra

A Level Textiles Exam

D of E practice expedition - Y11

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher