

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

30 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope our families celebrating Eid this week enjoyed their celebrations with family and friends. Next week is another interrupted week because of the two strike days. As I explained last week, school will be closed to all students, but the Year 10 Geography Field Trip will be going ahead on Thursday. If your young person has attended our priority provision on past strike days and you wish them to do so on this one, please contact their Head of Year to let them know.

Launch Your Career

As part of our successful drop-down 'Focus On Your Future' morning last week, students in years 7-10 were introduced to a new careers' platform, called Launch Your Career. Students can log in to explore top employers, like Tesco and NatWest; search careers, colleges, and employers in Virtual Reality; explore careers that match their personality; enter competitions; and much more. Please talk to your child about this platform and encourage them to log in regularly – maybe get them to show you which animal best represents their personality!

'Learning at Lawnswood' celebration event 6 July 2.45pm - 5.45pm

This is an opportunity to celebrate the learning of our wonderful students. We aim to include as many students as possible in our celebration, so please do come along and see what we have been up to! You can drop in any time between 14:45 and 17:45 to see displays from across the curriculum, our new art gallery, our Alumni wall, and much more. Friends of Lawnswood will be hosting a café, so you can join us for a cuppa in the sunshine, fingers crossed!



Punctuality

We are having a real focus over the next two weeks, on ensuring that students understand the importance of moving quickly and safely to their lessons. Most students are always on time and take the

quickest route to class, however there is a small number of students who struggle to manage their time effectively and sometimes arrive after the lesson has started. Assemblies this week will make it clear to students the importance of punctuality in the workplace and the impact that being late has on their learning; if a student arrives just 5 minutes late to every lesson this would be the equivalent of 16 days of missed learning by the end of the year!

I am asking staff to issue a caution every time a student is late to lesson, and I will write to you in a couple of weeks, if your child has struggled to arrive on time over the upcoming fortnight. In September, any student who arrives late to their lesson, without a valid reason, will need to stay back after school for a 15-minute reflection to catch up with missed work.

If your child struggles to manage their time, please support us in this drive to improve punctuality by talking to them about the possible negative impact of being late.

Uniform

We continue to monitor uniform to ensure our students wear the correct uniform and wear it with pride. This week Heads of Year have been talking to our female students who are wearing skirts about the length of their skirt. Please can you support by ensuring your daughter is wearing a skirt which is of a formal length. Students also need to bring and wear their blazers and ties. Your support in maintaining our high standards of uniform is appreciated.

Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 3 July

Year 9 reading tests

Year 12 Focus On Your Future week

Monday

Year 10 Geography field trip – Hornsea

Post-18 conference, Leeds Beckett University

Tuesday

Year 12 apprenticeship day, followed by picnic

Primary dodgeball final, 3.00pm

Wednesday

Strike day – school closed to all students except those who access our priority provision

Thursday

Year 10 Geography field trip – Hornsea

Year 12 University of Huddersfield trip

UCAS webinar, 5.30pm-6.00pm

Teaching & Learning event, main hall, 2.45pm-5.45pm

Friday

Strike day - school closed to all students except those who access our priority provision

Year 10 Geography field trip – Hornsea (this will still go ahead)

Thank you again for your ongoing support, it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher