

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

3 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day as a school community and once again many of our staff dressed up as characters from books. We had characters from 'The Chronicles of Narnia', a corridor full of Crayons as well as The Ghost of Christmas Past, Sherlock Holmes, and several characters from 'Alice in Wonderland'.

It was wonderful to hear students talking about reading and there was a real buzz around school. Our Community Read 'Strike' by Ian Wright and Musa Okwonga is being well received by our students too and is allowing us to explore sensitive but critical issues as a school community. We were also lucky enough to have a personalised message from Musa Okwonga who was delighted that we are reading their book.

Year 11 Exams

We have been proud of our Year 11 students this week as they navigated their way through another round of mock exams. Their teachers will now be busy marking these exams and they will share the results with students as soon as they can. A mock exam is a good opportunity to take stock and work out what you do know/can do now and what you do not know/cannot do yet. We spoke to Year 11s in assembly this week about the importance of retrieval practice and having a growth mindset – I am not there yet! If your young person is disappointed with their mock results, encourage them to speak to their subject teacher who will be happy to help.

Sixth Form Interviews

We have also been busy interviewing students in Year 11 at Lawnswood, as well as external candidates, for a place in our wonderful Sixth Form. We always enjoy these interviews and have been extremely impressed by our students' ambition and commitment to their education.

National Careers Week

Next week is National Careers Week and we will be highlighting the opportunities with students during assembly and in lessons and there will be several Focus on Your Future events during the week.

Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 6 March

National Careers Week

Year 10 commitment fortnight

Confidence week

Monday

Outdoor education – Year 10 CNAT sports trip

Tuesday

Year 8 – Leeds United Positive Choices (Bands A&B)

Thursday

LED Talk: Alex Sobel, M.P., 3pm

Friday

English – What's My Job? Year 8, P1 & P2

Thank you for taking the time to read this update.

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher