

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

17 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support and patience this week as Wednesday and Thursday saw most of our school community working from home. The school did not have its usual buzz and we were incredibly pleased to see all our staff and students back today. Thankfully, the next two weeks are full weeks as we move towards the Easter holidays.

### **New telephones**

We have moved to an internet-based telephone in preparation for when the Public Switched Telephone Network is turned off in 2025. Now, all incoming and outgoing calls are recorded for training and monitoring purposes. When you call us, there is an automated message to tell you this, but if we call you, the calls are still recorded but there is no message to remind you that the call is being recorded.

### **Parent drop-in session**

There is a parent drop-in session that is open to all parents on Wednesday 22 March between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be available should you have anything you wish to discuss with them. Please do come and give us your feedback.

### **Community Day 19 July 2023**

Thank you to all the families who have consented via Evolve+ for the community day trips to Cottage Road cinema, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, and Alton Towers respectfully. We intend to adopt this model in future years to provide opportunities beyond the classroom and to strengthen our school community. As you can appreciate taking such a large group of students to various sites across the country is a logistical challenge. We currently have 103 students in Year 7 who have not consented, 112 in Year 8 and 253 outstanding consents between years 9,10 and 12. Having confirmation as early as possible about your child's attendance will make a significant difference to our planning timeline. We also appreciate all the families who have made payments for the trips so far. Please can you ensure you make the payment and consent deadline of the 31 of March. If you are finding it difficult to make a payment, please contact your child's year team in the first instance and we will look to implement a payment plan to support you. We do hope to have as many students attending as possible. Further details about the details of the day will be shared later in the year. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Virtual Auschwitz-Birkenau Tour**

This week 40 Year 9 keen historians were privileged to be involved in a world first! The Lord Mayor of Leeds has been working with the Auschwitz foundation to design a virtual tour of the Auschwitz and

Birkenau concentration camps. The students supported The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Pryor, and the High Sheriff of Leeds to feedback about the tour so that it can be refined and then rolled out in Leeds. I was so impressed with the maturity and interest that the students showed as well, of course, as their important and constructive feedback.

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

Next week, during assembly I will be talking to students about some exciting opportunities open to them after the Easter holiday. I will write with more details next week, but do ask your young person how they are going to get involved, learn new things to build their confidence and be ambitious!

***Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 20 March***

**Monday**

Year 12 geography field trip – Changing Places 1

**Tuesday**

Year 12 geography field trip – Changing Places 2

Year 10 & Year 11 drama trip – Lord of the Flies, Leeds Playhouse

**Wednesday**

Year 12 parents evening

Y8 Band C & Y9 Band A Leeds United Positive Choice

**Thursday**

Friends of Lawnswood, 6pm-7pm

Thank you again for your continued support and I really hope we see some more spring weather and have seen the last of the snow!

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher