

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

6 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our students back to school this September as well as meeting our Year 7 and 12 students who are new to Lawnswood. We have had a brilliant first week back and the students have come back showing commitment and a thirst for learning.

When students returned on Tuesday, I was lucky enough to get to see them all in assembly and I talked to them about how lucky they are to attend this school. I shared the many success stories of A-level and GCSE results from the summer and talked to them about the opportunities they have at Lawnswood. If students attend every day and do what we ask of them, they will be successful.

In the next week or so, we will be sharing this year's Enrichment Activities booklet with students. In the meantime, if you are a new parent to Lawnswood and want to see the type of activities we offer, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

Early school closure Wednesday 18 September

Our annual open evening for the next cohort of Year 7 students will take place from 5pm – 7pm on Wednesday 18 September. To allow us to prepare for this, students will finish school at 1.45pm on this day. Students will have lunch and then leave at the end of lunchtime. Unfortunately, the L57 cannot run at this earlier time. If your child uses this service and is not able to get home please let us know and we can accommodate them in school until 2.50pm.

Free parent / carer SEND workshops

Leeds City Council's SEND Navigation Team are hosting some free workshops for parents / carers of children and young people, aged 4 – 11, with additional support needs. For further information or to book a place, please email families.first@leeds.gov.uk.

FOYF (Careers at Lawnswood)

All students in Years 8 – 11 have logins to Unifrog, our online careers platform. On the platform, students can find job descriptions, with videos, information about qualifications required, skills they would need, potential salaries, and availability in different regions of the world. There is also a large amount of information about Apprenticeships, Universities and Colleges, and students will use Unifrog in Y11 and Y13 to develop their applications. A new year is a good time to log in and get started on the quizzes and courses. Please ask your child to show you what is available, and this will help to start conversations at home about future choices. If your child cannot remember their log in, please do get in touch with your child's tutor.

Leeds College of Building open day

The open events are an ideal way for our year 10 and 11 students to see the college in action, meet the team, tour the workshops, speak to students, learn more about the courses and see the fantastic resources and facilities available.

The first open event of this academic year is being held on Wednesday 16 October, 4pm-7.30pm.

Please click [here](#) to secure your place if you and your child would like to go along.

Lawnfest – an update

Thank you to everyone who attended our wonderful community festival in the Summer. Each year this is planned by our year 8 students as part of their work experience, and we choose a charity to raise funds for. This year we raised £738.35, which will go to support the work of 'Solace', a charity that supports refugees and asylum seekers in our region.

Parking around the school

Please can I ask that you take care when parking around the school at the beginning and end of the day. Above all, we want to make sure that our students can arrive and leave school safely and sometimes this is made more difficult by inconsiderate parking. In addition, the residents find it challenging when parents/carers park across their drives blocking them in. Please don't park up on the pavements as this means our students and other pedestrians cannot walk safely around the school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

I will write again next week, when I hope to be able to share more positive news from Lawnswood.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher