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8 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Leeds College of Building Open Event
Saturday 16 November, 10am - 1pm**

South Bank Campus, LS10 1EF

This Open Event is ideal for prospective students of all ages. Whether you're a school leaver, an adult seeking to upskill, interested in apprenticeships, or a parent/carers exploring options for your young person, this event is for you.

Click on [here](#) to secure your spot at the November Open Event and take the first step towards an exciting future in building and construction

Reminder: Year 8 Parents Evening - Wednesday 20 November, 3.30pm-7.00pm

If your child is in Year 8 then it would be wonderful if you could join us in school, to meet their subject teachers. The booking system will open at 4pm on Friday 8 November, and appointments are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please click here to access the system: [SchoolCloud - Lawnswood School](#)

Please be aware that there is always a senior leader available throughout the evening and parents from any year group are welcome to come into school to speak to the leader if you have any concerns or matters you wish to talk through in person. Just call in at the desk in reception and let them know that you wish to speak to Mrs Gilbank.

The uniform sustainability shop will also be open to all parents throughout the evening, so if you need some additional items, please feel free to pop in.

Oral Health Assembly – Year 7

On 4 December, Smmile Dental Practice will be delivering an assembly to support students to actively care for their oral health. At the end of the assembly there is an opportunity for your child to have a free screening of their oral health. If you would like your child to have some photographs taken of their teeth and gums, please click [here](#) to give your consent. Attached to this update is a leaflet with further details.

Engagement with Level 8 research

We have been taking part in a Doctoral Research project with the University of Leeds. Last term, some Year 9 students were interviewed about their food purchasing habits and the foods that appeal to them as young consumers. This week some students in Years 7 – 12 were asked to reflect on suggested promotional materials for school diners. We look forward to seeing the outcome of the research.

Finance week in Maths

This week has been 'National Talk Money Week' and our students have been learning about 'all things finance'.

- HSBC Bank visited some Year 7, 8, and 9 classes to discuss and present sessions on 'developing good money habits and making your money work'
- Everfi visited some Year 7, 8, and 9 classes to present their 'Thrive' sessions on budgeting.
- Bexcard visited some Year 10 and 11 classes to present 'managing your money/budgeting and making your money work for you'

All week teachers have been presenting lessons on finance and Maths in everyday real life. This got the students talking about money in a variety of scenarios. Students enjoyed the lessons and participated in discussions and activities.

Social Impact Award

We are very proud of the social impact work that our students do in campaigning, letter-writing, and fund-raising, amongst other projects. This year we are embarking on a Social Impact Award so that we can celebrate the achievements of our community more widely. Watch this space for further developments!

The First 180 Years

July 14, 2025, will see the 180th Anniversary of the founding of the first incarnation of our wonderful school. We are planning a big celebration of this milestone and would like to expand our Alumni group. If you, or any of your family or friends, came to Lawnswood we would love to hear from you and add you to a mailing list to hear about our celebration events. Please spread this message as far and wide as you can; we know we have alumni all over the world! Please email via our school email address, which may be found on our website, and watch out for further details on our social media.

Key dates for next week –

Monday

Remembrance event

Year 7 football vs Guiseley High and Horsforth (away)

Tuesday

Year 9 football vs Guiseley High and PHGS (away)

Year 10 Geography trip, Tropical World, 12.30pm-4pm

Wednesday

Mindmate stall drop in, in the KS4 area at lunchtime

Sixth Form open evening, 5pm-7.15pm

Thursday

Spanish speaking mocks

Year 10 Geography trip, Tropical World, 12.30pm-4pm

STEM project, Year 10 students, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Friday

Children in Need fundraising – non-uniform / onesies, karaoke

Spanish speaking mocks

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bell', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher