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Dear Parent/Carer

Eid Celebrations

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Eid later this month, if you are planning for your child to be absent from school, please [click here](#) to apply for exceptional leave of absence. The DfE guidance allows 2 days a year for religious observance, any additional time will be unauthorised please keep this in mind if you are also planning to take a day later in the year.

Sixth Form News

We now have a world champion in our midst!

One of our wonderful Year 13 students recently took a trip to Thailand to compete in the WMF World Championships, and he is now not only European but also World Champion of the U68kg weight group having won every fight. He is now focusing on A level Economics, Maths and CTEC Sport Studies and has applied for a Sports related undergraduate degree. He is currently in the advantageous position of having received 5 offers including both University of Leeds and Leeds Beckett University, so now the universities are fighting over him!

Focus On Your Future

Year 12 and Year 13 students have focused on the importance of attendance during their assembly this week, including hearing that severely poor attendance can impact earnings by up to £10000 annually.

Year 7, 8, and 9 students enjoyed an Aspiration session with Magic Breakfast and Arla Foods. They heard about careers in food production and supply chains, and explored the importance of sustainability in food packaging.

Year 10 geographers visited the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility to learn about the challenges presented by waste production in an urban area and how changes are being implemented to ensure sustainability.

Year 8 students enjoyed a day with 'Prison Me No Way' learning firsthand the implications of poor choices in life. They heard about prison life, knife crime, railway safety, and more. They heard from prison workers and Network Rail.

Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to Leeds Beckett University Headingley campus to plan for a tree-planting event that will happen after the Easter holidays. They enjoyed a tour of the University while they were there.

SEND Next Choices

Leeds City Council are hosting an event to explore options for those with SEND, on Tuesday 24 June at the First Direct Arena. Please use the QR code on the image below to book your ticket, if you would like to attend.

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS

SEND Next Choices

Getting ready for adult life



Tuesday 24 June 2025

Leeds first direct arena

Scan the QR code to book your
free ticket or visit bit.ly/send25



This event will bring together a wide range of organisations who can answer your queries about what to do next if you have a special educational need and/or a disability. Find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, supported internships, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, benefits and organisations who can help you.

Young people, parents, carers, teachers and support workers are all welcome!



Exam season is coming!

Year 7 and 8 end of year exams start the week beginning 2 June and these will take place in their classrooms. Year 9 end of year exams start the week beginning the 9 June, these will also take place in their classroom. Year 10 mock GCSE exams begin the week beginning 23 June and these take place in the exam hall. This is to train them ready for the real exams they will sit the following year.

Year 11 GCSE exams start Thursday 8 May – that's only 3 weeks after the Easter Holiday!

Please take some time to help your child set up their study space. It should be uncluttered and free from distractions. When they sit down to study, encourage them to get everything they need ready beforehand, to avoid the excuse of getting up for e.g. some water. It is also helpful in several ways to ensure that they sit up at a table. This encourages them into the correct mindset for studying when they are away from a place where they would normally relax, it is better for them physically, and it removes them from distractions in places like their bedroom. If you can support them by looking after their phone and maintaining silence during study periods, this would be really supportive, as research shows a 20% reduction in attention, concentration and performance in demanding tasks like retrieval practice. Organising treats like a walk in the park, a drink together, or some chocolate(!) will help to keep them on track.

Over the next 3 weeks there will be a sequence of videos shared via our social media to support you in supporting your child during the exam period and beyond. The videos will cover everything from mobile phone use to the importance of sleep.

Scholastic Book Fair

Students will be able to browse the bookshelves of the fair in the library on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. They can purchase books, stationery, and posters and must pay at the time they choose the item.

Key dates for next week

Wednesday

GCSE Art, Craft & Design exam

Year 10 Geography trip

Thursday

GCSE Art exam

Year 10 Geography trip

Karaoke event at lunchtime

Year 7 Easter disco, 5pm-7pm

Friday

GCSE Art, Craft & Design exam

Year 12 parent / carer evening booking opens

Yours faithfully



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