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2 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Parents Evening, Wednesday 21 May – 3.30-7.00pm

I am really looking forward to welcoming our youngest students and their parents/carers back into school towards the end of the half term for the final parents evening of the year.

The appointment booking system will open at 4pm on Friday 9 May and can be found [here](#).

As usual the school uniform sustainability shop will be open, and the Year 7 pastoral team will be available throughout the evening.

A member of the senior leadership team will be available to meet with you during the Year 7 parents evening if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss. Your child does not have to be in Year 7 to take advantage of this opportunity. Please just ask at the front desk when you arrive and the student leaders will direct you to the senior leader.

L57 Service

A purple L57 bus pass is required for travel on this service; students are not able to arrive and pay to travel. We have just been informed that applications for travel from September 2025 have just opened, details can be [found here](#). Students must have a purple pass to travel on this service.

Teacher Training

Lawnswood School is a key part of an Ofsted-rated Outstanding Teacher training provider. We are a training base welcoming 25-30 trainees each year for training on pedagogy, behaviour, and more. Ms Westerman delivers training on quality science education; Ms Mason delivers training on quality EAL provision; many other staff provide sessions on behaviour management, relationship building, equality and diversity, the role of the form tutor, and SEND provision. In addition to 9 trainees who are currently on placement with us, this week we have welcomed 5 additional trainees to find out about our learning community. We have also been interviewing for the next cohort of 2025 – 2026 trainees! We regularly welcome individuals who are exploring the idea of teaching, so please do get in touch if you are interested.

180 Years of Lawnswood School

We are pleased to be celebrating 180 years of Lawnswood School this year. I'd like to share details of some of the events we have planned and are planning to celebrate with our school community. We would like to get the story of our wonderful learning community at Lawnswood School shared as widely as possible. If you know of someone who attended the school, please can we ask that you share the information about our events with them, and as widely as you can. Staff and students are looking forward to welcoming our visitors and it would be great if we could have a full house for each event.

Photo event

As you may have heard from your child, every member of our community who was in school on Wednesday took part in an historic event. We gathered on the school field in a 180 shape for a drone photo to celebrate our school's anniversary. It was a joyous time to get the whole community together in this way and we look forward to receiving the video of the event that we have commissioned. Here is a 'teaser photo' for your enjoyment:



Archive event 3 July 2025

We have enjoyed sorting our archive this year and are looking forward to sharing it with alumni of Leeds Modern School, Lawnswood High School, and Lawnswood School. There are many photographs, including whole school panoramas, where you may recognise yourself, or others. We also have a full set of school magazines, going right back to the foundation of the school in 1845 – with so many interesting stories of activities that have taken place – and there are many other artefacts to see. We'd love you to join us to explore the archive, to enjoy a cup of tea with us, and we'd love to hear your stories of your time at Lawnswood School.

Tickets are free and are bookable by clicking [here](#).

Alumni concert 14 July 2025

The actual date of the founding of our school is 14 July 1845, so we would like to invite alumni to join us for a concert presented and performed by current students to celebrate our anniversary. There will be time to catch up with fellow alumni and enjoy reminiscing.

Tickets are free and are bookable by clicking [here](#).

We need your help!**Key dates for next week -****Monday**

Bank holiday – school is closed

Wednesday

Year 10 Geography trip to Headingley

Year 12 Health & Wellbeing trip to Laser Zone

Thursday

Year 10 Geography trip to Headingley

Bikeability event

Friday

Year 10 Geography trip to Headingley

Bikeability event

Year 12 trip to the University of Manchester

Year 7 parent / carer evening booking opens

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher