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20 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Trips update

The last fortnight has seen the geography department's annual week of fieldtrips to the East Yorkshire coast, where Year 10 pupils collected data that they will use in their Paper 3 GCSE exam. The trips also provide a fantastic opportunity for hands-on teaching, allowing pupils to contextualise their classroom-based learning. The PE department has also been busy, with pupils in Years 7-10 competing in not one but four athletics competitions. Mr Singh was particularly impressed by the efforts of the combined Year 8 & Year 10 squad who competed against a large number of other Leeds schools across three rounds of competition. Ms Prosho and our Year 12 law students had a very interesting and productive day at the Leeds Beckett Human Rights Conference, where guest speakers included an internationally renowned barrister. And finally, 60 Year 7 pupils enjoyed a superb meal and got to test out their language skills when they had their lunch at a local Spanish restaurant.

Student access to the school site and building before and after school

In assemblies next week we will be reminding pupils about the times they should and should not be on the school site and/or in the building. To summarise:

- Pupils attending breakfast club may enter the site from 7.40am, and should go straight to breakfast club (entered via the Key Stage 3 diner external doors).
- Staff supervision of all other pupils begins at 8.10am, when the Weetwood Road gate and green gate (near PE) are unlocked. Pupils should make their way to the back of school, where they will be directed to line up in their tutor groups at 8.20am.
- At the end of the school day, pupils are encouraged to make the most of the broad range of opportunities offered to them in the 70+ after school clubs held each week.
- Pupils not attending clubs should exit the building after Period 5 and leave the site via the Spen Lane and Weetwood Road gates. The Otley Road vehicle gate must not be used by pupils on foot.
- If pupils wish to wait for friends or siblings who are attending a club or have a reflection, they should do so at the front of school, close to student reception / the green gate. However, they will not be supervised by school staff.
- From 3pm onwards, only pupils in an after-school club or attending reflection are permitted to be in the building or the quad, and these are the only pupils we are able to take responsibility for.

SEND Next Choices - Getting ready for adult life is returning to Leeds first direct arena on Tuesday 24 June 2025

The event is an opportunity for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents, carers, support workers and teachers to prepare themselves for adult life. You will be able to find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support and benefits available in Leeds. Over 70 organisations will be there on the day with support and information.

There will also be information sessions about supported internships and financial support. You will be able to meet organisations who can support you as you move into adult life. Everyone is welcome and the event is free to attend.

Book your free ticket for one of three time slots: 10am to 12pm, 1pm to 3pm or 4pm to 6pm by visiting [SEND Next Choices 2025 | first direct arena](#).

West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group

The West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group are here to support the ADHD community within West Yorkshire; this includes both adults and children with or suspected of having ADHD, and also their parents/carers and siblings.

Some of the services they offer include:

- Online Support via their Facebook page
- Peer Support Meetings
- Children's weekend and holiday activities
- Assistance getting your child the right support in school
- Help applying for DLA, PIP & Carers allowance

Click here for further information - [West Yorkshire ADHD Support Group | WY ADHD Support Group](#)

Leeds SEND Youth Council

The Leeds SEND Youth Council is a group of fifteen young people aged 11 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who live in Leeds or attend school in Leeds.

What is involved

- A group of young people aged 11 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities in Leeds.
- They meet twice a month online or in person.
- They work on campaigns and projects they are passionate about.
- Different teams and services from across the city visit the group, provide information and seek their views about what is happening in Leeds for young people with SEND.
- There are opportunities to take part in other youth voice opportunities to influence SEND services in Leeds.

What are the benefits?

- Learn about and contribute to improving SEND services for young people in Leeds.
- Learn new skills and build new friendships.
- Share ideas and experiences with decision makers.
- Have your say and make a difference!

The Leeds SEND Youth Council meet twice per month on a Thursday between 5pm and 6.30pm at Leeds Civic Hall, LSI IUR. They also meet online once a month.

Watch this [video](#) for more information.

If any students would like to join the Leeds SEND Youth Council or would like any further information please email the Voice, Influence and Change team at vic@leeds.gov.uk or contact Caroline on [07598 065387](tel:07598065387).

You can find out more by visiting this website - [Leeds SEND Youth Council | Leeds Local Offer](#)

Focus On Your Future Update

We have had a busy few weeks with many opportunities for students to explore choices for their future.

- Y9 students enjoyed a practical workshop delivered by the Leeds Hospitals Clinical Teaching Fellows about careers in medicine. They tried CPR, using stethoscopes, & the Heimlich manoeuvre, amongst other things; they also had lots of opportunities to ask questions.
- Y10 GCSE Drama students have been working on continuity with C4. They have enjoyed a workshop about how to write & present the links, and they will be visiting the recording studios to complete the recordings in the next few weeks.
- Y9 students have also enjoyed working on a photography project with C4. They had permission (with rules!) to use their cameras in school and then enjoyed the first of two workshops with C4 to put together their ideas.
- Y12 A Level Law students enjoyed the Human Rights Conference at Leeds Beckett University.
- Y10 GCSE DT students enjoyed a trip to The Plastic Shed, a social enterprise project in Stockport. They learned about converting waste plastic items into new products and will incorporate this into their thinking for their final projects.
- FOYF Drop Down Day 20/06/25: We have had an exciting day filled with horticulture, charity event planning, mock interviews, apprenticeship information, problem-solving, Lawnfest planning (it's on 10th July 4-6pm), financial planning & payslips, Unifrog, and more. All students were introduced to a range of new careers and encouraged to think about their own future. We were supported by 51 visitors from industry, commerce, the media, public services, and our wider community and they were all very positive about our students.

Refugee Week 2025

Students have been learning about the importance of positively contributing to their community in assemblies with Ms Mason. She reminded them that we have many students arriving from other countries, and it is a 'superpower' to be friendly and welcoming. Many students and staff were confident in sharing their 'superpower' and these included: kindness, enthusiasm, bilingualism, fairness, confidence, humour, determination, creativity, patience, support, friendliness, respect, & so much more.

Key dates for next week –

Year 10 & 12 mock exams

Tuesday

SEND careers fair

MindMate workshop

Year 11 Prom

Thursday

C4 workshop

Karaoke event @ lunchtime

Friday

Year 12 visit to Northumbria / Newcastle Universities

Rehearsal at First Direct Arena

Year 8 steel manufacturing company visit

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher