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19 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Enrichment and Retrieval Practice Timetables**

I am always impressed by our staff commitment to providing activities and support beyond the teaching curriculum. This year is no exception and our offer of lunch and after school clubs is impressive.

The students will be bringing a booklet home that summarises everything they can choose from next week. Please support your child in signing up for as many activities as possible, engaging in extra-curricular activities has a hugely positive impact on young people; including supporting their mental health and wellbeing, giving them a sense of belonging, and an opportunity to learn a new skill.

The booklet also lists all the opportunities we are offering our older students to attend subject specific sessions. If your child is in Year 11 and finding a subject difficult, please encourage them to attend these sessions.

The full booklet can also be found on our website: [Lawnswood School - Extra-curricular](#)

### **Trips Update**

We've wasted no time in getting started with our packed programme of educational trips. Year 13 Biology students had a fantastic time on their residential at the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire, where they participated in a wide range of hands-on fieldwork and other practical activities. Meanwhile, Elizabeth, Kaleb and Maya in Year 9 visited the factory of local manufacturer ACS Steel. The students were the winner and runners-up of a competition to design 'steel soldiers' that will feature throughout the country in remembrance commemoration events in November, and that are being sold to raise funds for the Army Benevolent Fund. Next week pupils from across different year groups will be visiting local primary schools to begin the process of welcoming September 2026's Year 7s.

### **Year 7 Settling-in Evening – Wednesday 8 October, 4.30pm-7.00pm**

Our youngest students have made a great start to the school year, but I know that the transition can be exhausting, and you may have questions. Working closely with parents is important to us, so I would urge you to save the date above in your diaries. Settling-in evening affords an opportunity for you to spend five minutes with your child's form tutor, in a one-to-one meeting. Ms Nicholson will also be delivering three short talks throughout the evening to explain our approach to Teaching and Learning, and what the CATs scores mean.

Ms Williams and our SENCO, Mrs Pearson will also be available should you wish to speak to them.

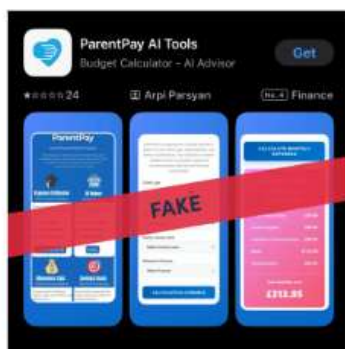
A letter will be sent home next week explaining how you make the appointments to see the form tutor. We use an online booking system, which will open on Friday 26 September at 4pm. The link to the system can be found in the Parents Evening section of our website.

### **ParentPay app**

We have received the following notification from ParentPay – please don't download this bogus app. If you have any questions about ParentPay, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year.



We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay **does not have an app available for download from any app stores**
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,

**ParentPay Group Customer Service Team**

### **Key dates for next week –**

#### **Wednesday**

Year 12 Welcome Evening, 4.30pm-5.30pm

#### **Friday**

'Flu immunisations

Year 7 Settling In Evening booking opens

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher