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14 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Policy updates

The Governing Board met in October to ratify all statutory policies. These have been uploaded to the [school website](#) for your reference.

Focus On Your Future Fair

Huge thanks to @UniBradOutreach @UniversityofLaw @LeedsArtsUni @HarrogateColl @leedscitycoll @LeedsHospitals @HQNorth_ @WestYorksPolice @The_RHS Mott MacDonald, the RAF, Cliffe House Nursery, the Trans-Pennine Upgrade team, & First Actuarial for supporting our students at our #FocusOnYourFuture fair today – students were able to ask lots of questions and received so much information. If you, or your company could support our careers programme, please do get in touch with Sam Gill, our Career Development Coordinator.

My Health, My School

We are writing to inform you about an opportunity for your child to take part in the My Health, My School survey, an annual survey commissioned by Leeds City Council and partners to gather valuable insights into the health and wellbeing of children and young people across Leeds in Years 7 - 10. The survey covers topics including physical activity, emotional wellbeing, diet, and healthy lifestyles. The information collected helps schools, local authorities, and health services to plan and improve services for young people. Attached to this week's Headteacher's Update is a letter containing more information, and a link to give your consent for your child to take part.

Green Careers Week

Students have been exploring Green Careers across the curriculum as part of Green Careers Week. Students have looked at life cycles of plastic bottles, have investigated how design can affect the environment, and have researched scientists currently working on green issues. Staff have shared sustainability tips via door plaques.

Children in Need

Students baked buns to sell for Children in Need this week, working on a production line. Well done to all the students who baked and helped to sell the buns; we raised £44.95.

Remembrance Day

We held our annual Remembrance event on 11 November. This year we focused on how we remember people who have served and died in conflicts around the world. Students learned about the Cenotaph, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Leeds War Memorial, the Bomber Command Memorial, and poppies

that remind us of the first signs of regeneration in the battlefields. We also learned about our new steel soldier sculpture, designed by Elizabeth Harrison in Year 9. The sculpture represents our late queen, Queen Elizabeth II who served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the army, during the Second World War.



Seneca Learning

This is our online learning resource for students. It is research-based and has been proven to make a real difference to grades. Students are regularly set assignments on Seneca, as part of their home learning, so it is important that all students can access Seneca. We have a club in school that students can go to and students should also be able to access it at home; if your child is having difficulties, please ask them to speak with a teacher and we will be able to help. Students can use Seneca as an independent resource; they can identify their own areas of weakness and can try units of work to improve their understanding. Please talk to your child about Seneca and we can keep Lawnswood School at the top of the regional league!

Seneca School League 🏆

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[Sync your school](#)

School name				XP ⓘ
1		Lawnswood School Leeds, Leeds	School synced	825,234
2		Oulton Academy Leeds, Leeds	School synced	577,053
3		Ralph Thoresby School Leeds, Leeds	School synced	534,696

Annual Parent Voice Survey – deadline Monday 24 November

Every year we ask you to complete a national survey, the results of which are essential for helping us to evaluate and improve our school.

Please could you spare 10 minutes to complete the survey over the next week, just click on the link below:

<https://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/MPKRUL/>

Year 8 Parents Evening & SLT Drop-in

Wednesday 19 November. 4.00-7.00pm

If you are a parent of a child in Year 8 please make your appointments as soon as possible.

We always open the sustainability uniform shop, and we ensure there is a member of the senior leadership team available should you wish to speak to them. These two opportunities are open to everyone regardless of which year group your child is in.

Lawnswood Roundabout Scheme – Update from Eric Wright Civil Engineering

Last week we continued work on the manhole installations in the roundabout centre. Manhole 6 is installed up to the concrete lid, with brickwork to be installed. Further oversized pipework excavations are taking place, along with installation of foundations. Ducting excavations are taking place outside Weetwood Hall.

At points during excavations we have met bedrock which contains water pipework. Works must be carried out carefully to ensure existing services are understood and risks managed. We often use vacuum excavation which is a safer, more environmentally friendly, and often faster method of excavation that uses powerful suction to remove soil and debris. Instead of traditional digging, it uses high-pressure air or water to loosen the soil, which is then sucked through a hose into a debris tank on the truck. This protects both our workforce and the minimises the risk of damaging underground utilities.

Below are some pictures of the vac-ex in operation.



New resources and support for PSHE for parent and child (Peerscroller)

Smartphones and socials put a whole universe of information at your fingertips. But it is difficult to know what to trust. Students at Lawnswood School are among the first in the country to get access to Peerscroller, a brand new PSHE and wellbeing resource.

Peerscroller puts essential life skills into bitesized TikTok-style videos - all delivered by relatable role models. Peerscroller's bank of videos provide trustworthy and relatable information on the topics every young person needs to know about; whether that's PSHE curriculum content or a trustworthy source of advice on up-to-the-minute topics like vaping, digital wellbeing, and more.

How can you get involved?

You can download the app now and start browsing content, via the App Store on iOS or the Play Store on Android.



To create your account, simply enter Lawnswood School's unique code in-app:

For students:	For parents:
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Key dates for next week –

Non-fiction November

PASS survey, Years 7-10

Parent voice survey

Wednesday

Boutique Marketing Agency trip

Oracy workshop, Year 10 Art groups

Thursday

Future Chef

Indoor athletics event, 3.30pm-5.45pm

Maths community sessions, 3.15pm-4pm and 4pm-4.45pm

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher