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21 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Lawnswood Roundabout Scheme - Update

Last week we continued work on the manhole installations in the roundabout centre. Despite finding further uncharted utilities to work around we are pleased to report this is not affecting programmed. Manhole 8 installation is going well and progress in this part of the works remains good, Ducting excavations have been completed outside Weetwood Hall and backfilling to finish this part of works is underway. On the Northern arm, Yorkshire Water have commenced works and this is estimated to take 2-3 weeks. We understand traffic flows have been relatively unaffected by these works to date. Below are further aerial pictures of the works from mid-October; when we have updated aerial photographs we will share in these updates and on our PLO boards on Weetwood Hall boundary.



Thank you for your continued patience during the works.

The Leading Parent Partnership Award

Lawnswood has successfully completed its interim assessment towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Strengthening our partnerships with parents and carers is a central element of our school's vision. Community engagement has long been, and continues to be, a core strategic priority for us. We have received valuable feedback: celebrating what we do well and providing opportunity to improve our current practice, develop meaningful approaches to working with families, and ensure that our communication systems remain accessible, inclusive, and supportive. Thank you to those that have contributed their voice and feedback already. If you have an interest in contributing your ideas, please contact Mr J Donnelly (Assistant Head) at john.donnelly@elawnswood.co.uk.

Trips Update

Year 10 pupils enrolled on the LEAP Enterprise Award, which recognises entrepreneurship and business skills in young people, had a fantastic day last week presenting their idea for a new business to industry experts and pupils from many other schools throughout the Yorkshire region. This week another group of Year 10 pupils spent the day at Boutique, a marketing agency in the city centre, where they learnt about a range of careers in marketing, advertising and related industries. Finally, well done to Angel (Year

10) and Sophie (Year 9); after impressing the judges at the in-school heats, yesterday evening they represented Lawnswood at the regional final of the FutureChef competition.

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.

If you haven't completed this yet, please could you spare 10 minutes to complete the survey over the next week, just click [here](#).

Focus On Your Future (FOYF) – our careers programme at Lawnswood

A strong aspect of our programme is that every adult in school is a teacher of careers, ensuring that students have regular conversations about their future choices. Every scheme of learning has an element of FOYF within it and staff across the curriculum receive regular training to ensure that their advice and delivery is accurate and is based on current labour market information. Some recent examples of FOYF interactions are: a visit from a practising barrister to A Level Law; biologists in Year 10 researching about scientists involved in green careers; Year 10 students engaging with visiting experts from the National Gallery in art; Year 12 students being trained in peer-reading to support younger students; Year 10 students visiting an advertising agency in Leeds to explore marketing as a career; and, as seen above, the FutureChef and LEAP competitions. If you, or your company, feel that you could help to expand the range of experiences on offer to our students, please do get in touch.

Please support your child by discussing what they have been learning and by logging into Unifrog together to explore their interests.

Key dates for next week –

Non-fiction November

GCSE MFL speaking mocks

Wednesday

BFI / National Lottery film festival

A Christmas Carol, Leeds Grand (English dept)

Thursday

Maths Community Session - 3.15- 4.00 & 4.00-4.45pm

Friday

Training day – school closed to all students

Saturday

Mock trial, magistrates court

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher