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5 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### ***Trips Update***

Such was the demand for tickets that we have run not one but two trips in the last fortnight to see an amazing production of A Christmas Carol at the Leeds Playhouse. Year 10 and Year 11 pupils, who have studied Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol as part of their GCSE English literature course, had a great time - some of them even went twice! Science has also featured prominently in our trips calendar recently: pupils from a range of year groups saw a screening of a special edition David Attenborough documentary at the Everyman Cinema, whilst GCSE and A Level Physics pupils attended the annual Bolton Lecture at the University of Leeds. Budding lawyers of the future had a wonderful opportunity last weekend when they represented the school at the Yorkshire round of a national mock trial competition at Leeds Crown Court. And finally, our Year 12 Progression Module students had their achievements recognised at a graduation ceremony at Leeds Beckett University.

### ***Year 11 and 13 mocks***

Our Year 11 and 13 students have coped incredibly well this week with their mock exams. Students have been engaging in retrieval practice activities to prepare themselves for the exams both in lessons and at home. Students will be receiving their results as their teachers mark them over the next couple of weeks and I am confident that their hard work will have paid off. If you have any concerns about your child during these mocks, please contact Miss Beaumont for Year 11 or Ms Ullah for Year 13.

### ***Christmas Concert – Thursday 11 December***

Staff and students have been busy preparing for our Christmas concert next week. We have so many talented students and this gives them the opportunity to showcase their talents. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you can do so by scanning the QR code below. The concert is in our Main School Hall and starts at 7pm – it would be lovely to see you there.



### ***Lawnswood Roundabout Scheme – Update***

Last week we carried out the concrete pour on manhole 2, which is where the oversized drainage starts. New gulleys are connected into manhole 8, and we are continuing to remove spoil from the roundabout centre.

In area 1, outside Weetwood Hall, the footpath has now been tarmacked up to the binder course, with the finishing surface to go on at the very end of the scheme. Whilst in this area we have graded back the grass verge, as 20 years of grass cuttings had left the area high and uneven. We hope this is a noticeable improvement.

We are also back in phase 8 (central reservation of the eastern arm), digging this area out ready for the California Bearing Ratio (CBR) values to be done this week. The CBR is taken to assess the ground stability and bearing capacity and allows engineering confidence that the design is appropriate for the ground conditions. In phase 1 the two disused gas pipes have been drilled by Northern Gas to confirm they are dead and will be removed shortly once we move into this area to start installing the drainage. Below are recent aerial photographs, showing the roundabout centre and the pathway mentioned above.



### ***Key dates for next week –***

#### **Monday**

Year 11 mocks continue

8JBA interform rewards trip

#### **Tuesday**

Year 11 mocks continue

#### **Wednesday**

Year 13 rewards trip

GCHQ Christmas quiz in Maths lessons

In Pursuit of Leeds, Years 9 & 10

#### **Thursday**

Indoor athletics event, 3.30pm-5.45pm

Christmas Concert, 7pm

#### **Friday**

Year 11 GCSE Art mock practical

Gaming development trip, Leeds Beckett

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher