

Embed confidence; fuel ambition.

30 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Online Safety

Next week I will be delivering an online safety assembly to each year group. As you will no doubt have heard in the news, this is a hot topic of discussion at the moment. My assembly next week is in addition to the curriculum content covered in IT lessons and PSHE. I will be focusing on what the research tells us about the impact of too much time spent online on mental health and wellbeing, brain development and academic achievement.

Sixth Form Interviews

We begin the process of interviewing Year 11 students who have applied for our Sixth Form next week. Students will have a 1:1 interview with a member of the Sixth Form Team or the Senior Leadership Team. These interviews are a good Focus on Your Future opportunity as they give our applicants the experience of a formal interview process.

Reminder - Parent Governor needed!

Lawnswood School has a vacancy for a parent Governor. This is a great opportunity to work with the governing body and the senior leadership team to drive forward our continued school improvement.

We are looking for a parent/carers who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to visit during the school day and attend meetings (approx. 10 per year)
- a child or children currently attending the school

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a governor at Lawnswood School. Everyone has something to offer, and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

If you are interested in becoming a governor please contact our Clerk to the Governing Body, Jennie Hill, on 0113 284 4020 extension 2067 or jennie.hill@lawnswood.co.uk

Lawnswood Roundabout Scheme – Update

In the roundabout centre (area 2) we have continued installing the new kerb lines and laying the tegula paving. This splash strip allows for a mowing margin and avoids the build up of detritus in the area. We are also installing the entries to the rain garden area. In area 1 (outside Weetwood Hall), the drainage

works are continuing. In area 9 on the southbound leg of the A660 Otley Rd, where we have started construction of the new bus stop. This includes widening the area for the new layby.

Completion Date: The current completion date for the works is the first two weeks of September but as you will appreciate this is subject to change as the works progress. We at EWCE are continually reviewing the programme to ensure successful and timely delivery while adjusting for variables. These may include delayed due to inclement weather or unforeseen services, but likewise an earlier complete date could be achieved through efficiencies and long periods of good weather.

Safety: Safe working is a priority for EWCE, for our workforce, the public, and all of the roundabout users. Thank you to everyone for continuing to take care during the works and for the ongoing feedback which allows us to work closely with you during the project. Below is an aerial photograph from the end of November. New photographs will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued patience whilst works progress.

Key dates next week –

Sixth Form interviews commence

Tuesday

Hotel Indigo hospitality workshop trip

Wednesday

Year 13 Law Court visit

Friday

Year 9 Parent / Carer evening booking opens

Challenge a Teacher charity event

Etihad stadium trip, Year 10 Enterprise & Marketing / Business Studies

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell
Headteacher