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20 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 – Drop-Down Day (Prison Me No Way)

Year 8 will be part of a drop-down day on Tuesday 24 March. They will be off timetable all day going through a carousel of 5 different workshops. The workshop content will range from exploring the dangers and risks of criminal conviction, choices and consequences, information from Northern Power Grid, First Aid delivered by the Red Cross, Dangers of Knife Crime and Rail Safety.

Further information can be found on the following web page link [PMNW - Children & Young Peoples Charity - Since 1995](#). We look forward to welcoming our visitors and look forward to an exciting day. If you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to e-mail Mrs Britton at liz.britton@elawnswood.co.uk.

Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme

We are delighted to share that we have now been accepted as an RSC Associate School; Ms Duncan and Ms Mitchell have already received some excellent training from the RSC and have started working alongside other schools in the programme and the lead theatre partner, the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford, around a collaborative production of 'Hamlet'. In the coming months a number of Year 9 students will be involved with this, and parents and families will have the opportunity to come and see the special collaborative performance in Bradford in June.

Furthermore, we would like to congratulate Nhan Nguyen, in Year 9, who has been appointed to the highly prestigious Royal Shakespeare Company's Youth Advisory Board. Nhan had to submit an application and after a successful interview will now join this national group of young people, who will have an amazing opportunity to spend time at the RSC, in Stratford, as well as helping to shape its future direction. As part of his new role, Nhan will also work alongside Ms Duncan and Ms Mitchell in promoting Shakespeare in school but also in sharing the training he receives too. Well done Nhan – we look forward to working with you!

Trips Update

The return of better weather has coincided nicely with the start of the geography field trip season. This week and next, Year 10 geographers have been visiting Headingley stadium to investigate the impact Headingley Stadium has on the local area. They will be hoping for more good weather when they visit Hornsea later in the year for their second fieldwork investigation. GCSE design technology pupils recently impressed the judges at the annual Rotary Club Design Competition, where they competed against many other Leeds schools and won praise for the quality of their design and teamwork skills. And finally, pupils from across Years 7-11 had the chance to participate in the annual Leeds Secondary Sing event, where they joined with pupils from other schools to form a large choir led by renowned choral director Craig Lees.

Community Trip - Wednesday 15 July

Mr Rhodes has spoken in assembly this week about our annual Community Day. In a significant change to previous years, pupils are being offered a range of different activities. Next week they will need to inform their teachers of their preferred trip(s), so please encourage your child to think about and discuss with their friends which trip they would like to request a place on. Once your child has expressed their preference and places have been allocated, parents / carers will be contacted again with details of payment, consent and timings.

We need your plastic bottle tops!

We are collecting clean, plastic bottle tops of every size, shape, and colour for a creative project in the summer term. Please task family, friends, and work colleagues to support us by collecting as many as they can. Please send them in with your child; the collection box will be in G41 during break times, at lunch time, and after school. Thank you – we look forward to sharing images of the final artworks with you.

Lawnswood Roundabout Scheme Update from Eric Wright

In area 2 (roundabout centre) we have received some positive feedback around the new lining, and we hope this is working well for everyone using the roundabout. In area 1 (outside Weetwood Hall) the Yorkshire Water diversions are continuing. They will be moving over to start works soon on the corner where the police station is. In area 9 on the southbound leg of the A660 Otley Road we continue to work on the new pedestrian crossing area, temporary pedestrian crossing signals will follow shortly. Temporary Traffic Regulation Order on the A6120 Ring Road the speed limit has been revised to 40mph. We have received several enquiries about this and understand it may not appear logical. The reason for the speed limit is to provide a 'crash cushion' between works at the roundabout and other works in the area. Regulations state that between two work areas there must be sufficient space for drivers to adjust to speed limit changes.

Key dates for next week –

Monday

Year 10 Geography trip (Headingley)

WYP Startline project

Tuesday

Year 8 Drop Down Day - Prison Me No Way

Wednesday

Year 10 Parent / Carer Evening

GCSE Drama Exam

Boys into Healthcare trip, University of Leeds

Year 10 Geography trip (Headingley)

Thursday

GCSE Drama Exam

Year 10 Geography trip (Headingley)

Friday

Year 10 Geography trip (Headingley)

Silver Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher