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11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been another excellent week in school. Year 7 are really settling in well and they enjoyed their session with trainee teachers from Leeds Beckett University.

Early close at 1.45pm – Wednesday 16 September

We are looking forward to welcoming potential new Lawnswood students to our Open Evening on Wednesday 17 September. To allow us to prepare for this, students will leave at 1.45pm that day. The L57 will leave at 1.55pm. Students will have lessons periods 1-4, break and lunch as usual but will leave at 1.45pm straight after lunch. Thank you for your support.

Key dates 2026-2027

Attached to this week's Headteacher's Update is a document detailing the key dates for this academic year. This includes important information about parent / carer evenings, exams, school events and more. It can also be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

Free school meal eligibility

The eligibility criteria for free school meals has recently changed. Children may be eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit;
- income related Employment Support Allowance;
- Guaranteed Pension Credit; and
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, your child will qualify for free school meals if you get Universal Credit, regardless of any additional household income.

Once a child is awarded free school meals, they will continue to get them for the duration of the school year. Before the start of each school year, each child will have their free school meal entitlement reviewed to check whether they continue to be entitled in the next school year.

If you believe your child may be entitled to free school meals, you can check [here](#). You will then need to apply for free school meals through Leeds City Council, which you can do [here](#). If you need any help with this, please contact your child's year team who will do what they can to support you.

Policy updates

Our key policies have been updated and ratified by Governors, and we would welcome your comments and feedback. They are available to download from the website by clicking [here](#).

Lawnswood Roundabout update

We have not received any further updates from Eric Wright, but those of you who had driven to or past the school will have noticed that it is still very busy. The bus stop has been moved further down the Otley Road and we have reminded students that they still need to cross at the pelican crossing, rather

than running across the Ring Road. Eventually, there will be a crossing closer to the bus stop, but these are unlikely to be in place until October.

Dropping off and picking up your child

Please do not drive onto site to drop off or pick up your child, unless this has been previously agreed with the school. Students are moving around the site at these times and therefore it is not safe to have cars moving on site at the same time.

Key dates for next week –

Wednesday

Early close for students 1.45pm

Open evening, 5pm-7pm

Friday

Booking for Year 7 settling in evening opens

Yours faithfully

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

Mrs J Bell
Headteacher