Lawnswood School – Sixth Form Bulletin

w.b. Monday 9 November (Week 2)

Assembly

- Year 12 - 11.11.26 – Work Experience and Unifrog Launch – Mr Curtis and Miss Shaw

Wednesday, Period 3

Tutorial Lesson- 18.11.26 (Period 3, 11:10-12:10pm)
- **Year 12** – Getting Post 18 Ready – UCAS Hub and Unifrog - Ms Ullah and Form Tutors
- **Year 13 –** UCAS and Apprenticeship Application – Tutor / Computer Rooms

Attendance is compulsory

Study Programme Update

- **Progression Module** – Tuesday, P1 in F03
- **Y12 EPQ** – Tuesday P1 in F57
- **Brilliant Club –** This will take place in the Spring Term
- **Reach for Excellence, Pathway to Law/Medicine, Leeds Futures** – please make sure you have registered your interest via the links and put your **form tutor** as a referee.

Health and Wellbeing – Wednesday 11 November

Health and Wellbeing sessions will run every Wednesday, week 2 during. You must meet promptly at 1:50pm.
- Physical – Badminton – Tuesday after school and Basketball – Friday afterschool
- S23 (Gaming) - Mr Ditta
- G25 (Wellbeing activities) - Miss Iqbal and Miss Mather
- Please ensure you are dressed appropriately for your activity.

Year 13 you are very welcome to participate but speak to the activity leader to ensure they are aware you are joining.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our open evening is on Thursday 12 November. We need you on the night to be amazing ambassadors helping during subject talks, working on the front desk, welcoming parents, tour guides. If you would like to volunteer, please collect a letter from the Sixth Form office. Thank you to all the volunteers who have returned their permission slips.

Children in Need – Friday 13 November



Come dressed in something yellow or spotty. £1 donation to Children in Needs

Study Sessions

All study / free sessions must be spent in the Sixth Form area unless you have agreed a time and space in classrooms with your subject teachers. There are plenty of rooms for quiet study – T06, T07, T08 and the Sixth Form Library. You can also use the space / desks in the Common Room. **Supervised study sessions have now been added/ will be added to your timetables alongside the study programme lessons.**

UCAS Update

Deadline to have completed your personal statement and 'pay and submit' is **Friday 30 November 2026**. We will guarantee submission of your application by **Friday 20 December 2026.**
Ensure entry requirements for your course choices match your grade predictions.
Please alert your tutor that you are ready to pay and submit to ensure your reference is ready.

Access to Leeds –Year 13

Students meeting certain eligibility criteria who are applying for University of Leeds are encouraged to make an Access to Leeds application at the time UCAS applications are sent off. This will mean you may receive a lower grade offer. E.g. courses requiring AAB may accept BBC predictions if your access to Leeds application is successful. The application can be printed off the UoL website - http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130588/access_to_leeds
21 September 2026: Access to Leeds applications open.
21 October 2026 (by 12:00 PM): Access to Leeds deadline for Medicine and Dentistry.
21 January 2027: Access to Leeds deadline for all other undergraduate courses.

UCAS Support Sessions

All early applicants are expected to attend an extra lesson with me on Tuesday period 2 in T08 if you do not have a timetabled lesson. Non-early applicants / nearly ready to apply are very welcome. Any problems, please let me know. Ms Ullah

November GCSE Maths and English Language re-sit – T06/Sixth Form Library

Final Exam!! You must ensure you are in school at 8:30am for a morning exam. Register in the common room and hand your phone, watches, airpods….. in. Ensure you are on time!!
Monday 9 November AM (9am-10:30am) - Maths Paper 2 (calculator exam) (1hour 30 minutes)

Good luck to all students sitting the final exam today!!

January external Exams

The statement of entries for the January 27 external exams have now been finalised and you should have received a timetable this week. Students have been entered for exams in:

- CTEC Sport
- CTEC IT
- CTEC Business
- CTEC Health and Social Care
- Digital Media
- AAQ Data Analytics

Check the entry is correct with your subject teacher and also check your name on the exam entry sheet to ensure it is your **legal name** as this is what will appear on your certificate. Any issues, discuss with your subject teacher immediately. Note the date and time of exam- timetables showing the room and seat details will be given out in December.

Year 13 Mock Exams

Year 13 Exams at **LWD** will take place w/c **30 November.** This will be a 'Reading Week', therefore there **are no timetabled A Level lessons** for students who study A Level subjects and have a mock exam scheduled below. **All lessons in vocational subjects and all lessons at Ralph Thoresby will run as normal**. Some mock exams maybe scheduled w/c 7 Dec during timetabled lessons. All lessons as normal this week. Please ensure you have collected your individual timetable from your form tutor and add any additional mock exams during w/c 7 Dec to your timetable which will be in classrooms. The timetable will be shared next week.

Ralph Thoresby:

Year 13 mock exams at RTS will take place during **4-8 January 2027**. More details to follow soon.

Opportunities

Virtual Work Experience Opportunity | February 2027 Half Term

Axis CLC provides tailored property solutions across a range of industries, from small-scale maintenance to major refurbishment contracts, with a commitment to exceeding client expectations. We help clients transform and maintain their buildings, homes or infrastructure. Join Axis CLC for an exciting week of virtual work experience and discover the wide range of career opportunities available within the property maintenance industry.
During the programme, students will work together on a week-long project. This hands-on challenge will provide an insight into how projects are planned, managed, and delivered from start to finish.

Throughout the week, students will meet professionals and explore careers beyond traditional trades, including:
Social Value Manager, Contracts Manager, Quantity Surveyor, Project Manager, Commercial and Operational roles.

- Students will also take part in a series of employability workshops designed to help them prepare for the world of work, covering:
- CV Writing – including how to make a strong first impression in those crucial first few seconds
- Interview Skills – building confidence and preparing for different interview formats
- Professional Presentation Skills – how to present yourself positively in the workplace
- The STAR Interview Technique – learning how to structure effective answers to competency-based questions

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills, gain industry insight, and explore future career pathways within property maintenance.
Find out more and register here: https://finder.futuresforall.org/opportunity-detail/3AC32C46-DEDA-40E1-DEE2-08DF132C68EF

Insight to Farrer & Co Law Virtual Event

Event: Insight to Farrer & Co
Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Time: 5pm - 6:30pm
Location: Virtual (link provided upon registration)

Why Attend?
Farrer & Co is renowned for its work with high-net-worth individuals, charities, institutions, and businesses across the UK and beyond; they also represent the Royal Family. This event is your chance to learn directly from professionals at the firm and gain a deeper understanding of what it's like to work at the forefront of the legal world.

Here's what you'll experience during the event:

- Exclusive Insights from Legal Experts: Hear from Farrer & Co lawyers and trainees as they share their career journeys, daily experiences, and advice for aspiring legal professionals.
- Understanding Farrer & Co: Learn about the firm's practice areas, including private client work, intellectual property, commercial law, and more.
- Career Pathways: Explore the opportunities available for students, including solicitor apprenticeships, internships, training contracts, and work experience programmes.
- Application Advice: Receive practical tips on how to stand out in your applications and interviews to secure a future in law.
- Interactive Q&A Session: Ask your questions directly to the Farrer & Co team and get tailored advice for your career aspirations.

Why This Event is Perfect for You
Whether you're considering a legal career or want to explore opportunities with a leading firm, this event provides unparalleled insights to help you make informed decisions about your future. Don't Miss Out – Secure Your Place Today! This virtual event is open to all students interested in law, but spaces are limited —register now to secure your spot and take the first step toward a successful legal career.
Register Here: **https://www.research.net/r/farrer-co-law-event**

Free Apprenticeship Webinars for Students, Parents & Carers

NavigATE: What to expect from the apprenticeship recruitment process
Securing an apprenticeship starts with understanding the recruitment process. Ideal for prospective apprentices and those supporting them, this webinar provides a step-by-step look at what happens from application to appointment, along with practical tips on how to prepare. Attendees will also hear from the Emerging Talent Lead at the ***Met Office****.*
Thursday 12 November 2026, 15:30 – 16:15 Register here
We encourage students, parents and carers to register even if they are unable to attend live, as all registrants will receive access to the webinar recording and presentation slides afterwards.

Learn more about KPMG through our Career Essentials Series!

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming **Career Essentials** virtual events, hosted by our Student Recruitment team. We are offering multiple sessions over the coming months for anyone interested in learning more about Professional Services, **Audit, Tax** and how to apply to KPMG.
All current sessions are advertised on our Student Events page, with more coming soon!
This month we're shining a spotlight on two of our business areas through the following sessions:

- **Dive into the World of Audit with KPMG – 18 November 2026, 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Learn about the role Audit plays in the business world, hear from our Audit team about their career journeys, and explore our Graduate and Apprentice programmes.

- **Beyond the Balance Sheet: Why Tax is the Perfect Launchpad for Your Career - 26th November 2026, 4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Get an inside look at the world of Tax, hear first-hand from the people who work in it, and learn how our Graduate and Apprentice programmes could help you start your career.
Both sessions provide a chance for you to get your questions answered by members of the Student Recruitment team and KPMG professionals.

Please visit our Student Events page for further details of all our Career Essentials events and to register your interest in attending.
Ready to apply?
Our 2027 Apprenticeship and Graduate programmes are officially open! Search and apply now

University of Bradford Undergraduate Open Day – Saturday 14 November - 09:00 – 15:00

Our Open Days are suitable for anyone thinking of starting university in September 2027. There are talks and tours for all subject areas plus campus and accommodation tours throughout the day.
Our support services will be on hand to answer questions and our Outreach and Recruitment Team will be delivering sessions on UCAS Personal Statements (2027 entry). We'll also be able to give information on our widening participation Progression Scheme including how 2027 entry students could potentially earn a 16point reduction on their UCAS tariff. **You can book your place at the Undergraduate Open Day HERE.**

Uni of Leeds Reach for Excellence applications open for 20th year

Recruitment for our flagship widening participation scheme, Reach for Excellence (RfE), has now opened for the 2026/27 academic year. We have a successful track record in supporting and stretching students who demonstrate the potential to access a top university but who may not have considered entry to research intensive Higher Education. Students on the programme receive a wide range of support throughout the completion of their Year 12 & 13 studies. Entry to Reach for Excellence is competitive. We strongly encourage all applicants to read the guidance notes thoroughly and to pay particular attention to the Supporting Statements portion of the application form. Places will be allocated to students based on information provided in their application. The Reach for Excellence programme supports young people who demonstrate the potential to study at a top University. Applications open on **Thursday 10 September 2026 and close at 23:59, Thursday 12 November 2026**.
See https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe/
Reach for Excellence | Access and Outreach at Leeds

Work Experience Opportunity – Labcorp

I am delighted to share with you details of the Labcorp virtual work experience programme which will be running in November. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about what is involved in the drug development process and the interesting and varied careers available in this field. Students of any age are welcome to join but the program may be particularly pertinent to:

- Students in years 12/13 who are considering future options (University / Apprenticeships / Employment).

Interested parties will need to register interest via the following link (also available on the flyer):



Applications for Pathways to Law are now open!

A bit about the programme:
Pathways to Law is a free, two-year scheme that runs in years 12 and 13. It is a social mobility programme designed to give students from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in Law the **skills, experiences, and knowledge** they need to get a **head start in the competitive legal field.** Participants can also potentially benefit from a **two-grade reduction in their entry requirements** from participating universities.
How to apply:
Applications are open now until 2nd November; students can find all the info they need, find their nearest programme, and apply online on the Sutton Trust website - Pathways to Law - Sutton Trust Pathways
Students must live within 1.5hr commuting distance by public transport to their chosen university.
There is also an online version that students can apply for if they think that would suit them better – the application pages for the online stream are at the link above.

Insight2Uni Black heritage mentoring for Year 12 students

The mentoring programme runs from March to November and connects Black heritage students with current university mentors. Insight2Uni is delivered by With Insight Education, in collaboration with University of Leeds, and the programme offers:

- Personalised support from a trained student mentor, helping to build confidence and knowledge to successfully apply to aspirational universities.
- Expert guidance on UCAS, personal statements and university choices.
- Real insight into student life at leading UK universities, including campus visits.

For more information about Insight2Uni mentoring programme please see their website.
The closing date for applications is 31st December 2026

Applications are welcome from A Level and BTEC students of African, Caribbean, and mixed-Black heritage on track to achieve ABB or the equivalent. Students studying STEM & Business-related subjects will be prioritised
With Insight is especially keen to hear from students who receive free school meals (FSM), are the first in their family to attend university, or have care experience. Year 12 students should apply as individuals using this application form.

Applicants are also invited to attend an information session to learn more about the programme. Sign up here!
Date: Thursday 6th November 2026, Time: 16:30-17:30
Join the information session to:

- Hear from mentors and mentees who have taken part in the programme
- Learn how the programme works and how to apply
- Ask questions and find out how Insight2Uni can support your goals

Students can access a FREE law, engineering, medicine, vet-med or finance course with the Sutton Trust

We are currently recruiting for Pathways to the Professions and Access Apprenticeships. Subjects on offer vary by region and programme but can include Law, Medicine, Vet-Med, Engineering or Banking and Finance.
To apply, students need to register and then they will be sent a link to an application form.
Register to apply to Pathways
Register to apply to Access Apprenticeships

Application closing dates for courses do vary, but all courses close for applications between mid-October and early-November.

About the programmes:
Pathways to the Professions – free courses in Engineering, Banking and Finance, Law, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine, featuring work experience, the opportunity to be considered for reduced UCAS offers from partner universities* and a free university residential*. Pathways programmes are available online or in person at a range of locations, including Cardiff, Exeter, Leicester and many more.

Access Apprenticeships – free courses in Law, Engineering or Banking and Finance specifically designed for those interested in degree apprenticeships, and featuring visits to apprenticeship providers, tailored application support, industry insight days and more. Programmes are currently available in London and Manchester.

Eligible applicants to Pathways to the Professions and Access Apprenticeships will also get access to Sutton Trust Online, our award-winning digital platform featuring a programme of expert-led webinars, resources and more.
Course deadlines do vary, but all courses close for applications between mid - October and 2 November.

mA*ths Online Programme - University of Leeds

Are you an A level Mathematics student considering studying a maths-related degree at university? **For Year 12 A level Maths Students in the 26/27 academic year, our applications are now open.**
Through this programme, you could:

- develop the skills you need to achieve an A* in A level Mathematics
- build your confidence to apply to universities that require an A* in Mathematics

This initiative runs in collaboration with Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) and university partners (Imperial College, London and the Universities of Bath, Manchester, Nottingham and Warwick) and is intended to support students with the academic ability to achieve A/A* at A level to reach their full academic potential in their Maths studies.
The programme is targeted at pupils from communities underrepresented in Higher Education. During the programme, successful applicants receive tailored support, including online mentoring with University of Leeds students and two face-to-face masterclass days at the University of Leeds, as well as completing online modules to complement their A level learning. The programme will run from January 2027 till May 2027.
Please visit *our webpage* to find out more and apply, or email us at *mathsonline@leeds.ac.uk* if you have any questions.

Please refer to the FOYF dashboard for even more opportunities

https://padlet.com/foyfpadlet/foyf-opportunities-at-lawnswood-school-dr94oh5egayxw990

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 11 November – RTS Year 12 KPMG Trip (Economics)
- Thursday 12 November– Sixth Form Open Evening, 5-7:30pmThursday 12 November– Sixth Form Open Evening, 5-7:30pm
- Friday 13 November Children in Need – Wear something spotty / yellow - £1 donation
- Wednesday 25 November – MMR Conference for Y13 students applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Degrees - HGS
- Friday 27 November – Training Day
- w/b 30 November – Year 13 Winter Mock Exams
- Wednesday 2 December – Year 13 Progression Module Graduation
- Wednesday 16 December – Y11 Sixth Form Taster Day
- Friday 18 December – Break up for Xmas – Return on Monday 4 Jan (week 2)
- January External exams begin
- Wednesday 27 January – Year 13 Parents Evening

REMINDERS

- Hot drinks are not permitted beyond the third floor.
- There should be no eating and drinking on the corridors.
- Bins are provided for your rubbish in the Common Room – USE THEM
- Mobile Phones, airpods and headphones should only be used on the third floor.
- Lanyards must be worn at all times by all students. If you have been using a temporary lanyard this must be returned at the end of the day to student reception. If you have lost your original lanyard please bring £2 to the sixth form office to order a replacement.
- Punctual attendance to ALL lessons is essential.
- Appropriate dress is expected from sixth formers at all times i.e. no shorts, hats (in lessons), onesies, revealing clothing. Please remember you are setting an example to our younger students.