



Lawnswood Links



LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Spring 2026



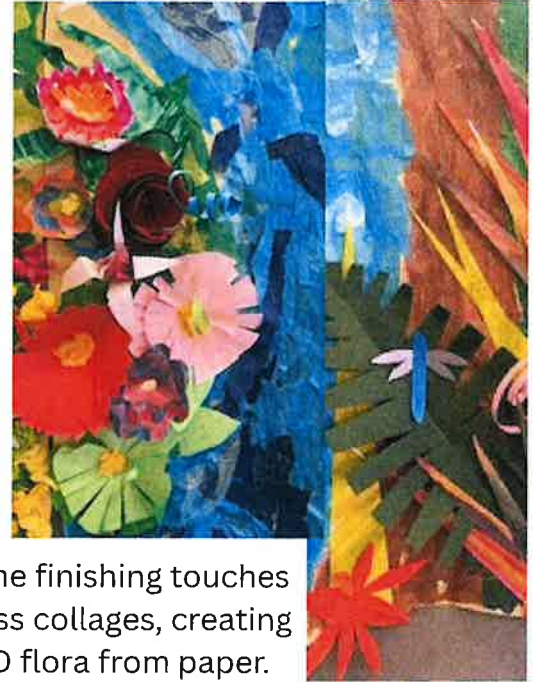
Lawnswood Art Department

GCSE

Students have enjoyed developing their ceramics, painting and printing skills. We are excited to see their work progressing.



Collaboration



Y7 added the finishing touches to their class collages, creating fabulous 3D flora from paper.

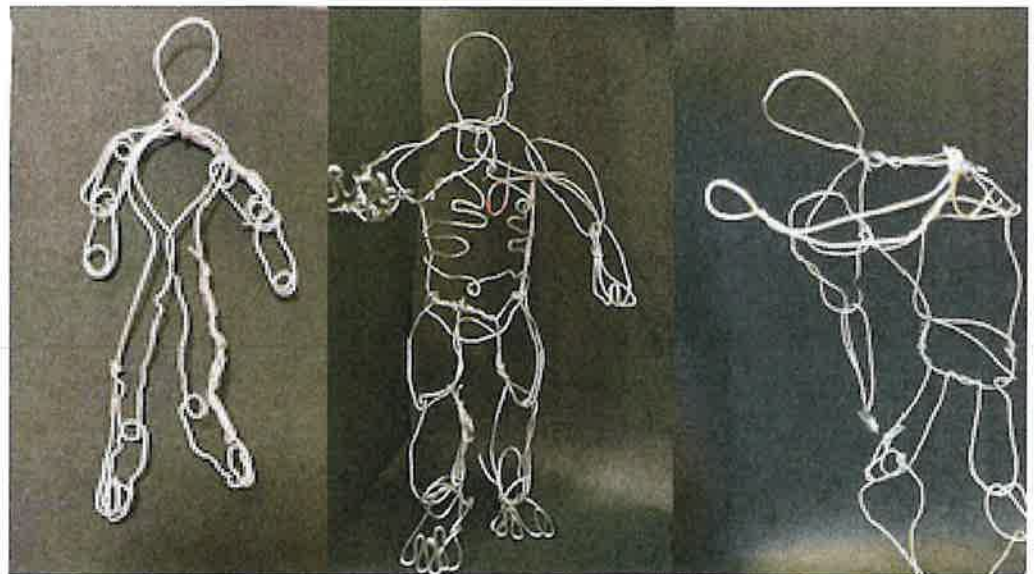
Drawing with Wire

Drawing Skills

Leeds University School of Art and Design has been invited to launch this year's Discover Articulation Challenge to celebrate 100 years of the University.



We had very positive feedback about the quality of our students' ideas and wish our entrants every success in the competition.



Our Y9 students created impressive sculptures of figures, showing their knowledge of proportion and exploring narrative through body language. They manipulated wire and used photography to develop their ideas.



Architecture

Inspired by the textures, shapes and patterns found in buildings, Y8 have been creating responses using recycled materials, clay and collagraph printing.



COMPUTING & BUSINESS



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Computing & Business newsletter. Whilst we continue to carry out a range of exciting activities throughout the academic year, there are always a few that stand out!



BTEC IT, CTEC IT & CTEC BUSINESS RESULTS!



We are thrilled to announce our Key Stage 4 (BTEC IT) and Key Stage 5 students (CTEC Business & CTEC IT) have received some excellent results for assessments taken in the winter period.

Consequently, students are on course to achieve some excellent results pending the outcome of their final assessments in the summer assessment period.



GAMES CLUB

Lunchtime Games Club has proven to be a huge success with standing room only most days of the week!

This has now been introduced to the 6th form wellbeing group every fortnight. We have a huge diverse mix of students attending and enjoying these sessions.

MANCHESTER CITY

During the tour, the pupils got a chance to get under the skin of 4 specific commercial outlets looking at their income and costs and were encouraged to discuss profit and loss and come up with ideas for each unit to be more profitable.

Manchester City are proud to offer Educational Stadium Tour Experiences. Developed with industry experts, aimed at Key Stages 2, 3 and 4, A Level and University students.



Star Of The Term:
Edomias Tesfay!
(Comp Sci)

SAMSUNG

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

K54 & K55

CONTROL SYSTEMS

GAMES

PYTHON

COURSEWORK

FLOWOL

PROGRAMMING

NEXT STEPS

DEADLINES

SCRATCH



Lawnswood Design & Technology

Spring 2026

KS3

Year 7 D&T Students have been developing their workshop skills by making blockheads from softwood. This year students have been using CAD to laser cut elements of their creations!

Year 8 D&T Students have been working with alloy metals to create keyrings using Pewter. They have designed using CAD, melted and formed Pewter using a blow torch and filed and sanded their work to perfection!

Year 9 D&T Students have been learning how to present their designs using orthographic drawing techniques, and then creating their own fully functioning sweet dispenser using plywood and reused jars.



KS4

Our Y10 students have just begun their mock coursework project, redesigning chairs for a client of their choice. Ms Ridley's class have been modelling ideas from their sketches.

A group of our fantastic students represented Lawnswood at the annual **Rotary Club Tournament** in March. Students were tasked with constructing a bridge with a lifting platform, that could support weight.

GCSE D&T students visited **Leeds College of Building** to take part in the '**Constructing Careers: Property Workshop**' where they explored the different avenues of the Construction industry. Students even tried their hand at bricklaying!

CREATIVE CLUB

30th April & 14th May
Automata Toy Workshop

4th & 18th June
Jewellery Making Workshop

The club meets on Thursday,
week 1 after school in G41



EAL UPDATES

NEW ARRIVALS

This term we celebrated....

This term we have had pupils join us from Saudi Arabia, Namibia, Cameroon, Iran, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Nigeria China and Ghana!

LUNA NEW YEAR



NOWRUZ



IFTAR

OVER 180 PUPILS, STAFF AND FAMILIES ATTENDED OUR IFTAR PARTY. WEST PARK LOUNGE AND HFC KINDLY DONATED FOOD FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT. THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF AND PARENTS WHO ALSO COOKED AND CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COMMUNITY EVENT



KEY STAGE 3

YEAR 7

We have looking at Hinduism this term, finding out what happens during worship and festivals and how all the 5 senses are activated in these practices.

YEAR 8

Our year 8s have been considering questions about Global Issues and have been analysing the ethics of plastics in the oceans, the link between bees and the survival of our species and the use of nuclear deterrence in international politics. They have shown curiosity and positive engagement!

YEAR 9

In year 9, we have been looking at various human rights injustices around the world. We have examined the issues of child slavery, asked whether we would bring back the death penalty for certain crimes and used role play to analyse the topic of poverty in less economically developed countries. We are also delighted to announce that we will have 3 big groups doing GCSE with use next year!



YEAR 10

Year 10 have continued their GCSE course with great enthusiasm. They have finished looking at abortion and euthanasia and the afterlife. We are now well underway with our second unit which is looking at religion and family life. We have discovered which laws have brought about more gender equality in the UK and role religion plays in family life. There have been lots of lively debate and discussions!

YEAR 11

Year 11 are working their socks off in finishing off the content for their upcoming GCSEs. We have had another full exam paper and we are delighted to report that all the learning has fallen into place and the road to success with the exams has begun. We wish them all the success in the world with the next few months and hurdles they have to overcome. They will do brilliantly!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

To our community members who do not celebrate Easter, have a lovely and restful break. To our community members who do celebrate it - happy Easter. And for those in our community who have celebrated Eid, we hope you had a wonderful time.

English newsletter



What we've been studying this term:

- Year 7 have been studying Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, focusing on context, language and themes.
- Year 8 have been studying a range of literary extracts from across time, focusing on characterisation.
- Year 9 have been studying Shakespeare's comedies.
- Year 10 have moved onto Language Paper 2, developing skills needed for analysing and writing non-fiction, and working on their Spoken Language presentations.
- Year 11 have been working hard in preparation for their mock exams, revising key texts and refining their exam skills.
- Year 12 English Literature students are taking a historicist approach to the presentation of love in literature.
- A-Level Language students have been working on language and meanings.

Rap workshop

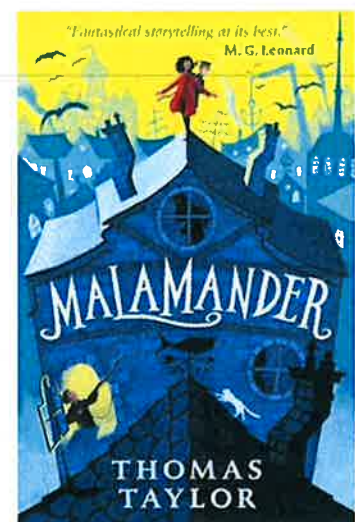
Students from Years 7-10 recently took part in an energetic rap workshop led by Wilko Wilkes. Exploring language, rhythm and rhyme, students experimented with wordplay and performance techniques while creating their own lyrics. The session was a fantastic opportunity to see the connections between music and poetry, and students impressed us with their creativity, confidence and lyrical flair.

Community Read

This term our whole school community took part in a shared reading experience with the novel *Malamander*. Students and staff explored the mysterious seaside setting and its strange legend together. The Community Read sparked conversations about the story across year groups and classrooms, reminding us of the power of reading to bring people together.

GCSE booster sessions

With mock exams approaching, many of our Year 11 students have been attending GCSE booster sessions for English Language and Literature. These focused workshops have helped students revisit key texts, practise exam techniques and build confidence. It has been fantastic to see such commitment and determination as students prepare for this important stage.



World Book Day

World Book Day brought plenty of excitement to school as students and staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters. From classic heroes to modern favourites, there were some truly imaginative costumes on display. It was wonderful to see our school community celebrating books and reading together with such enthusiasm and creativity.

Lawnswood Food & Nutrition

Spring 2026



Year 8 Food & Nutrition Workshop

Year 8 students participated in a workshop run by Chartwells focusing on why our bodies and brains need energy from food to function. During the workshop students were able to get hands on with making their own breakfast pots.

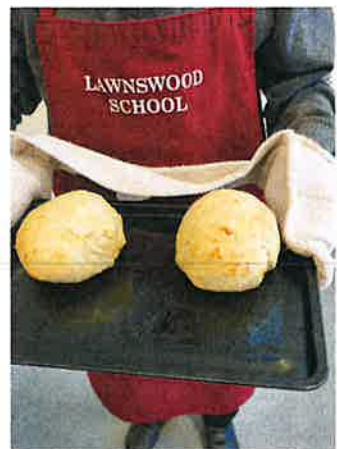


GCSE Food & Nutrition students have been learning how to debone a chicken.

Students then used their chicken to create chicken teriyaki and rice.

Interested in learning how to fillet and cook fish then express your interest with Miss Smith in G26 now.

GCSE Food & Nutrition students were given full creative freedom to work with a partner on a dish of their choice, with a strict focus on presentation. We were all really impressed with the results!



Year 8 D&T

Mrs Warden's Y8 students have been enjoying their time in food by developing their bread making skills and their chopping skills in their bread and pasta salad practical's!

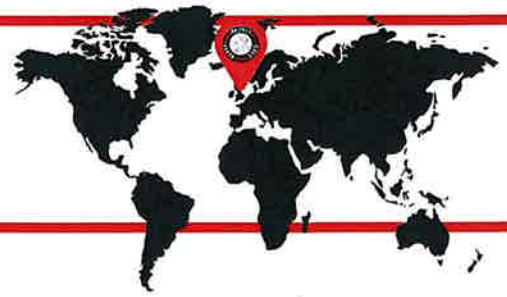
Y9 students have got involved with Leeds City Council's, Connecting schools to hospitality programme. They have been working with Hotel Indigo in their first 2 trips looking more closely at the hospitality sector and the importance of how food is presented. In their next trip they will be attending Leeds City College to gain an insight into the hospitality courses they have on offer.

If you are in **Y9** and interested in taking part in an educational trip to the M & S Archive, taking a closer look at the science of baking and chocolate and wanting to design your own dessert then speak to Miss Smith to express your interest in G26.



GEOGRAPHY

SPRING 2026



WHAT ARE WE UP TO IN GEOGRAPHY?

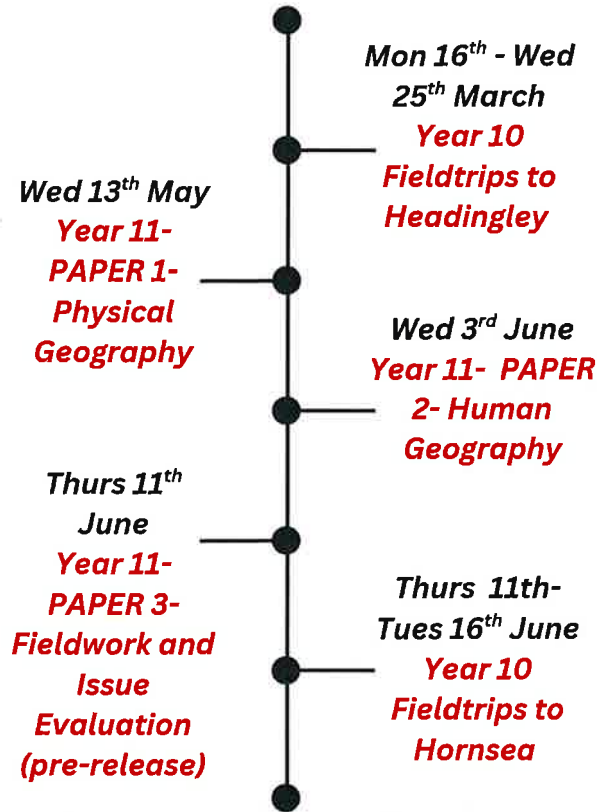
KS3

The Geography department have been blown away by the quality of the projects produced by year 7 to round off their learning on China's One Child Policy.

We are proud of every student who submitted an entry, and are looking forward to the judging process over the next few weeks! A massive well done to everyone who has entered.



GCSE KEY DATES



Year 10 represented the school on their recent GCSE fieldwork enquiries in Headingley. They completed questionnaires with the locals to investigate the opportunities and the challenges created by Headingley Stadium.

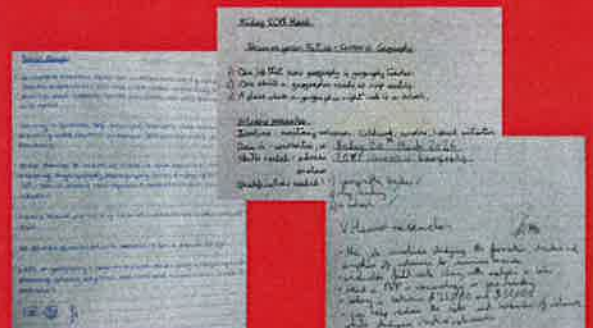
KS4



CAREER SPOTLIGHT



Year 10 spent a lesson researching careers in Geography as part of a Focus on your Future lesson. Careers included a volcanologist, conservation officer and travel blogger!



It was fantastic to see students engage with online resources such as Unifrog to increase awareness of their future opportunities!

HISTORY

SPRING
2026



WHAT ARE WE UP TO IN HISTORY?



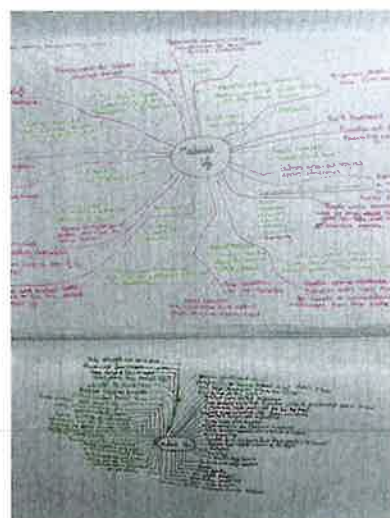
KS3

Hyde Park
Picture House trip

Some Year 9 went to the historic Hyde Park Picture House to watch some shorts film about how migration has shaped modern Britain. They wrote poems and some brave pupils even went on stage to read their poem.

WHOLE SCHOOL

In history we practiced retrieval techniques using a describing map pupils wrote everything from memory in one colour and then switched to a new colour and retrieved knowledge from their book! A great technique for retrieval in any subject.



Confidence Week

NOTICES

Revision sessions for year 11 take place every Tuesday with Miss Brough in F54. Please come along for useful and supported retrieval.

GCSE KEY DATES

Friday 15th May- *Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975 and Germany 1984-1945*



Thursday 4th June- *Britain health and the people and Elizabethan England.*



Hello from the Inclusion team!



Sign language week

This week we focussed on sign language! Y10 and Y11 ASDAN have been learning BSL, including the alphabet, how to sign our names and ages, basic greetings and describing the weather. *Did you spot the signs around school? Were you able to find out what they said?*

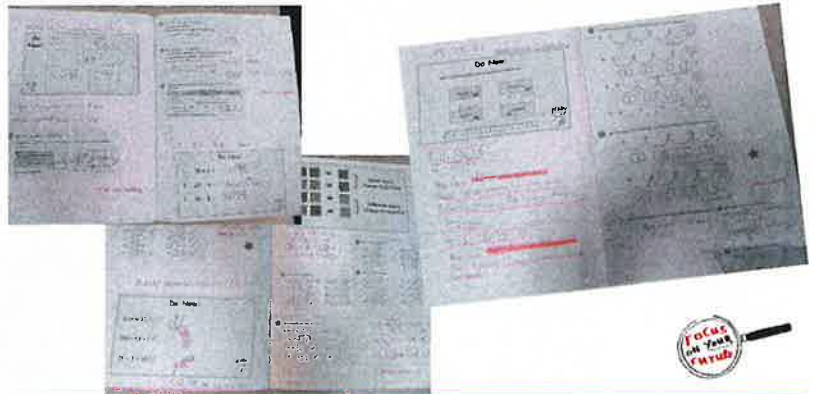


.IFTAR celebration

This term we celebrated our Muslim community by holding an Iftar celebration - it was a great event shared with over 150 of our students, families and staff.



Lawnswood School Spring 2026



Focus on maths

Y7 have been working incredibly hard, completing calculations with negative values.

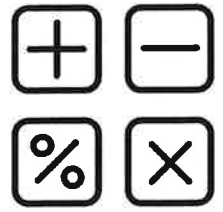
Y8 have been exploring linear and non-linear sequences.

Y9 are currently completing a FOYF unit, exploring money: taxes, payslips and bills!

What are we currently learning?

Y7	Key Skills: Healthy Lifestyles – diet, exercise and sleep
Y8	Key Skills: Travel and Tourism
Y9	Key Skills: Alcoholism (substance abuse)
Y10	ASDAN: Sport and Leisure
Y11	ASDAN: Learning Spanish and Press Freedom

Mathematics



Come and see what we have been up to this term!

Lawnswood take second place in Team Maths Challenge

Back in February, Lawnswood hosted a regional Team Maths Challenge, where 19 schools competed for the accolade of being the top school in Leeds. In a hard fought competition, our team of Year 9 students finished in a very impressive second place and were only narrowly pipped to the top spot by Heckmondwike Grammar. Well done to our team of Theseas Stavropoulos-Arvanitis, Jake Butterfield, Connie Waud and Zara Ghafoor for representing the school so impressively!



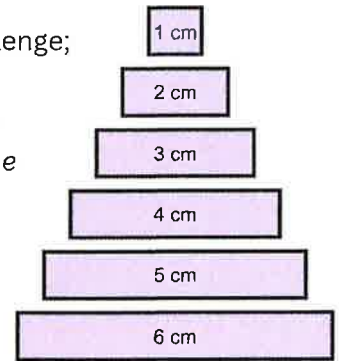
Axiom Update

Our Year 7 group of Axiom participants have successfully completed Block 1 and celebrated with certificates and doughnuts! The program - designed to stretch and challenge mathematical thinking - is halfway through block 2, building on the parity of integers and conditioning to predict and test solutions to problems.

Alongside doughnuts, our students have been rewarded for their commitment with Axiom merchandise (water bottles, pins, stickers) and some students have signed for a summer camps run by the Leeds Mathematics School.

Below is a Axiom tricky challenge; see if you can work it out!

Can you colour every block either **red** or **blue** so that the total length of **red** blocks = the total length of **blue** blocks? You do not need to colour the same number of blocks in **red** as in **blue**.



Sparx Maths

Due every Wednesday!

The best performing classes this term are:

7A3 • 8A3 • 9C1 • 10B1 • 11B1

Our Students have completed 9,417 hours of personalised learning this year!

The Intermediate Maths Challenge took place on Wednesday 28th January, with almost 70 students taking part. Charlie Nicholls progressed to the Maclaren Olympiad and Jake Butterfield the Cayley Olympiad, whilst eight more students sat the Kangaroo; the follow-up rounds for the best performing students in the UK. Well done!

White Rose
MTHS

Next term's upcoming topics

Year 7

- Constructions & geometric notation
- Developing geometric reasoning
- Number sense
- Sets & probability
- Prime numbers & proof

Year 8

- Angles in parallel lines & polygons
- Area of trapezia & circles
- Symmetry & reflection
- The data handling cycle
- Measures of location

Year 9

- Enlargement & similarity
- Solving ratio & proportion problems
- Rates
- Probability
- Algebra

Year 10

- Angles
- graphs and diagrams
- Vectors
- Factors and Powers
- Trigonometry
- Simultaneous Equations

Year 11

Paper 1 14th May

Paper 2 3rd June

Paper 3 10th June

Revision sessions will take place after school every Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri



MFL



Year 7 have written their first pen pal letters to students in France!

Year 8 have received letters from their pen pals in Spain, and are writing back about people they admire.



Year 9 have begun bridging the gap between our KS3 and our GCSE curriculum. They have written two essays in French this term and we are really proud of them!

IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS WITH



LANGUAGES OPEN DOORS



Global careers

Learning languages can lead to careers in international sales, marketing, and business around the world.



Creative opportunities

Languages are used in media, content creation, social media, and entertainment across different cultures.



Travel and tourism

Languages help you work with people from all over the world in travel, hospitality, and tourism.



Security and global organisations

Governments and international organisations need language skills for diplomacy, intelligence, and global cooperation.



Skills for life

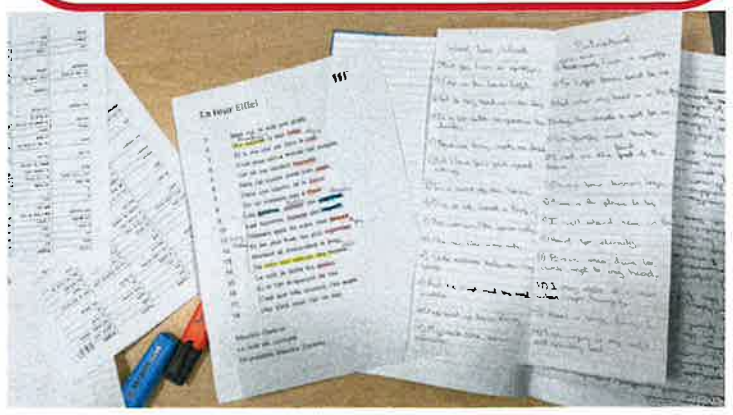
Learning a language builds confidence, problem-solving skills, and cultural understanding, skills valued in every career.

READY Key dates for Year 11

- 14th April (AM or PM) Easter revision session for Spanish
- 20th - 24th April GCSE speaking exams.
- 20th May GCSE French Listening & Reading
- 4th June GCSE French Writing
- 9th June GCSE Spanish Listening & Reading
- 16th June GCSE Spanish



Year 10 took part in creative translation workshops which gave them an insight into the career of a translator.



LAWNSWOOD PE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

BOYS FOOTBALL

THE KS3 AND KS4 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE PLAYED THEIR FINAL GAMES FOR THE SEASON. THE MOST NOTABLE WINS COMING FROM THE Y10 TEAM WHO BEAT SECOND IN THE LEAGUE HORSFORTH, BOTH IN THE CUP AND THE LEAGUE. OUR Y10 BOYS TEAM HAVE SEEN THE MOST SUCCESS THIS YEAR, COMING CLOSE TO A SEMI-FINAL QUALIFICATION IN THE CUP AND HAVING THE BEST LEAGUE RECORD THIS SEASON OUT OF ALL OTHER LAWNSWOOD BOYS TEAMS.

RUGBY

The boy's ks3 Rugby League team had a successful run out against Temple Learning academy before their run of tournament-based fixtures begin. Their first tournament, a home fixture against five other local schools, was a success, with the highlight being a 5-2 win over Allerton High, who beat us in our last tournament. This has put the boys third in the league table so far this year!

THE Y8 GIRL'S RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM HAD AN EVENFUL INDOOR TOUCH TOURNAMENT, HELD DOWN AT CARR MANOR. WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL WIN OVER ABBEY GRANGE, WITH A DRAW COMING AGAINST CARR MANOR AND A TIGHT LOSS AGAINST GUISELEY. OUR Y8 GIRLS WERE COMMENDED BY THE OTHER TEAMS AND THE LEEDS RHINOS ORGANISERS FOR THEIR TEAMWORK, POSITIVE COMMUNICATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP, AS WELL AS THEIR RUGBY-ABILITY.

BASKETBALL

Our y8/9 Basketball team were successful in beating Horsforth in a game that ended 26-10 for Lawnswood. The boys outplayed Horsforth from the start, taking an early lead in the first quarter and adding to it in the second and third. The boys then held off a comeback attempt from Horsforth in the final quarter of the game to see out a comfortable win. Our y7 boys team were unlucky to have the same result against Horsforth's 7's, however, with that being our 7's first game of the season, they showed excellent gelling and chemistry that promises to contribute and transpire into wins for the rest of the season.

WHAT'S TO COME?

With spring and summer around the corner, we will now begin to shift our focus to summer-based sports. Rounders and Softball leagues will be rife throughout the summer. In addition, we have entered into the Leeds schools athletics league for years 7-10, we are expecting a large amount of competitions to begin after HT. Expect PB's, gold medals and school records to be broken!

CLUB UPTAKE

Lawnswood's PE extra-curricular clubs have seen a consistent uptake throughout this year. Our biggest offerings of Basketball, Badminton and Football have stayed consistently high year round, with regular and new attendees coming on a weekly basis. Our Volleyball and Netball clubs have also seen a group of consistent members turn up weekly for training. In addition to this, we are excited to announce the opening of our Table Tennis club, running every Thursday from 3-4pm where we have forecast a large turnout of pupils to attend. All ages and abilities are very welcome. The first week was a success, seeing almost 20 attendees!



Performing Arts Newsletter

Öops Perform at Red Kite BOTB 2026

Year 8 students Alek, Oddy, Llewie, Fred, and Benji ignited a mosh pit at The Wardrobe by showcasing their original song during the Battle of the Bands.



Music Champion School

Year 11 student James and Year 9 student Tam join music staff to perform and receive our Music Champion School award in January 2026. Pictured are Mr Heaton and Mrs Rushton.

Artforms Secondary Singing Day

KS3 and KS4 students proudly represented Lawnswood as part of a 450-student choir composed of participants from across the city. Under the direction of Craig Lees, we performed two of his arrangements during the event!





The Wiz

March 2026

In March, we had the pleasure of welcoming audiences from feeder primary schools, Lawnswood students, friends, family, and our local community to enjoy our performance of *The Wiz*. We take immense pride in our cast, crew, pit band, and technicians who collaborated to create this remarkable show! The staff team is already hard at work planning our next production!



DIRECTED BY MISS C BROOKS AND MS K MITCHELL



PSHE

For students:	For parents:
463015	288433



This Half Term

We are still encouraging as many students and parents in all year groups to log onto Peer Scroller. This is a useful ap. that supports learning in PSHE. Have a look at it within the Ap store. To log in you will need the code above.



Year 7



We have continued to explore the concept of body changes and puberty. We have also started to discuss the term consent, what it is and how when it would need to be given. We have explored British values and the laws around "Hate Crime". All these lessons have been valuable in developing our cohorts knowledge and giving them a safe space for discussion.

Year 8



We have looked at the Equality Act, protected characteristics, definitions of sexism and misogyny. We have learn how we can use this information to improve our school community. Another powerful topic has been the idea of "bullying vs. banter and how unintentional harm can be caused. We have explored conflict resolution. We have concluded this half term with developing skills in fact finding and understanding risk.

Year 9



we have continued our focus on a relationships and developed skills in self-worth and understanding risk. Content we have covered is the risks of ~~online activity~~ and resisting peer pressure. We have also looked at further developing our skills or self-worth and empathy by looking at the laws and risks relating to sexual exploitation.

Year 10

We have developed skills in respect and explored the term "Incel Culture". We have revisited the term misogyny and progressed by learning about rebellion and extremism. This has allowed our students time to discuss British law to make them well informed citizens and in later life the information to make informed decisions and support others.

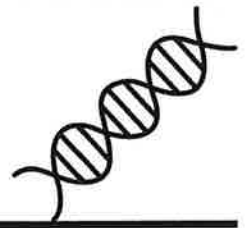
Year 11



Year 11 have learnt about risks within a relationship. We have learnt about STI's, challenges around the concept of parenthood and fertility and we finished by looking at the laws around marriages and different types of relationships and marriages.



SCIENCE

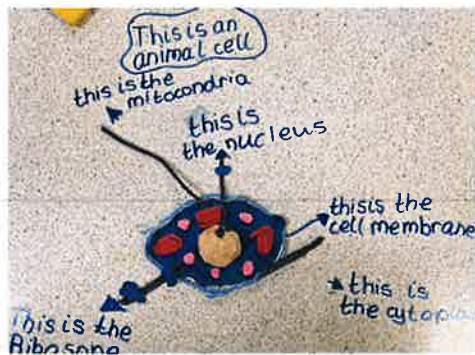
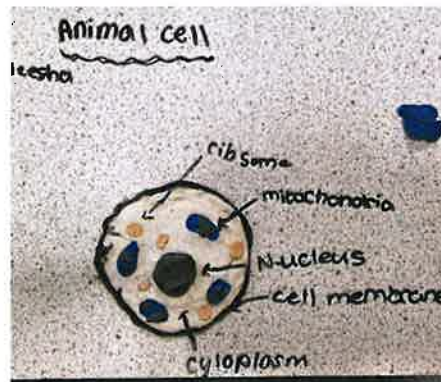
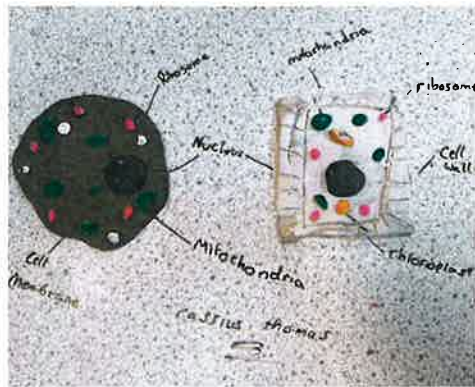


BOYS Y10 TRIP

Year 10 boys visited the University of Leeds to learn about careers in medicine and healthcare. They took part in workshops and practical sessions relating to radiography, social work, medicine and sonography.

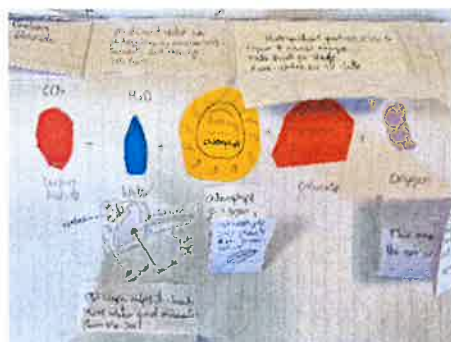
YEAR 7 CELLS

Year 7 have been working hard learning all about cells. Ms Lali's group made some fantastic models of cells as shown below. Well done Year 7!



YEAR 8 PHOTOSYNTHESIS

building upon their learning from Year 7 Biology, Year 8 have been learning about the reaction photosynthesis and why it is so important for plants!



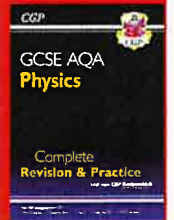
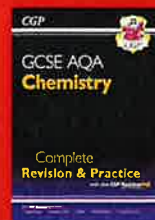
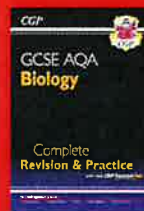
UPDATES

KS3

The Year 9 End of KS3 assessment will be taking place week commencing 20th April. Students should all have a topic list to help them prepare for this. This will help us to decide the best GCSE pathway for the students (foundation or higher tier).

KS4

Remember, if you have not yet purchased your revision guides please do so on ParentPay.



WALL ART

The fantastic wall displays are now up in Science, helping the students with some key Scientific concepts.



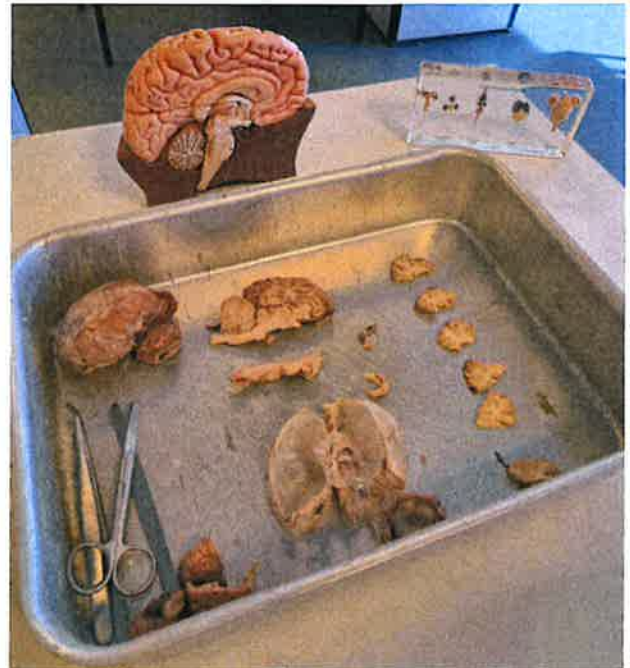


SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology, Law, Sociology and Health and Social Care

What have we been up to this term?

This term our department had a visit from Dr Guy Sutton for a 'Brain day'. This included sessions on the mind, brain and crime, neurons and the structure of the brain. Students got to explore legal cases from a neuroscience perspective and see how our biology and environment are interlinked with illustrative examples. Students also took part in a sheep brain dissection to explore the areas of the brain and their functions.



Can you identify what these sections of the brain are?




250,000 Students Learning 2x Faster

Focus on your future: Career in the spotlight

Government Social Researcher

This role would involve conducting research and analysing research data that would be used to inform UK Government policy.

Find out more here:

<https://acss.org.uk/what-is-social-science/careers-in-social-science/>

ARE YOU USING SENECA FOR PSYCHOLOGY + SOCIOLOGY?



Embed confidence; fuel ambition.



Embed confidence; fuel ambition.



Follow us @lawnswoodschool for lots more celebration and information

