Principal's Blog

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## SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET

Leeds University was the site of the Solutions for the Planet regional final that six of our students within two teams competed in. Throughout the day they were able to watch, judge and interact with the projects from other schools. Students also enjoyed a tour of the campus so they could see what was being offered not too far away from their home.

But the most important bit of the trip was that these students overcame any fears they had and presented their Big Idea in front of three other schools, university student ambassadors and most importantly the judges. They all did super well working as a team and presenting with such confidence to convince the judges they had the best idea.

Success was in the air as one of our teams was awarded the runner up of the regional final against ten other teams! On the 20th of this month we may still be celebrating as we are still in with a chance to join the national final through a judge's wildcard submission. So keep those fingers crossed!



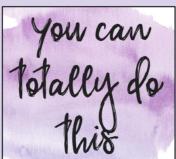
## YEAR II KEY DATES UPDATE

An important letter has been released this week - a link has been sent to Y11 parents. <u>Read it here.</u> Y11 tutors have gone through this with students on Tuesday morning. Key dates for leaving, contingency days, expectations and the leaving event are all included. Please read this carefully if you have a child in Y11.

Y11 students also had an assembly on Wednesday going through how the exam masterclass timetable will take place over the exam period - starting on Monday. It is essential that students check this every day to ensure they are at the right place at the right time. A large scale copy of this will always be viewable in the quad.

It is vital that students are in the academy - every day, on time and being the very best they can be.

If there are any issues, please contact us asap!



## **MENTAL WELLBEING WEEK**

Throughout this week, students are learning about the skills to tackle loneliness and how to connect with other people within their tutor time. In their science lessons year 9 are looking at what mental health is and what can affect someone's mental health. In Life year 8 are looking at the emotional strain of mental health and different coping strategies.

We also have Thomas Minns and Jai Whitebread coming in to work with year 9 and year 10s boys on their resilience and the benefit of exercise on their mental health.

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