



13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has seen a number of enriching experiences for our pupils including reward visits, guest speakers, assemblies, visits to the theatre, geography field work and an excellent careers fair with over 60 representatives from industry and education sharing their experiences with our pupils in years 9, 10 and 11. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils to ask questions from a range of visitors and allow them to think about their ambitions for the future.

Please see this week's edition of Pleckgate Weekly which is a new feature this half term in response to parent feedback who feel that weekly updates keep them well informed of key events and information in school.

We were delighted to see so many of you at our recent parent evenings for Year 11 and Year 8 and hope that you found meeting subject teachers and members of our senior leadership team a valuable experience as we work together in partnership for your children. We are particularly grateful to those parents who were able to attend our coffee morning as part of our 'Parents Forum'. Your feedback about our school is invaluable and helps us to continually improve our provision for all children.

Our Year 11 pupils are continuing their focused preparation for their upcoming GCSE Examinations. Please note that progress checks will commence after the half term break, providing important feedback on how well prepared your child is for their final examinations. We encourage Year 11 pupils to use the holiday period wisely, balancing rest with well structured revision in order that they are well prepared.

Please note that we are updating the systems we use to communicate with parents via email. In exceptional circumstances this may mean that emails will not be delivered unless you have specifically allowed your email provider to accept communication from the @pleckgate-ept.com domain. This is likely to be most prevalent for legacy email providers such as @hotmail.com or @live.com. Please be sure to amend the settings of your account if you experience any issues receiving communication from us.

As we break for half term, I would like to acknowledge that Ramadan will be observed during this period. We wish all our families who will be fasting and celebrating this holy month a peaceful and blessed Ramadan. May it be a time of reflection and togetherness. We have made a temporary adjustment to the school day with a reduced lunch break of 30 minutes. **The school day will end at 2.40pm rather than 3pm from Monday 23rd February until Monday 23rd March.** School buses will run at the new time of 2.40pm. If parents wish for their children to remain in school until 3pm please contact your child's Head of Year.



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We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 8.20am. **As a reminder** it is essential that your child attends school every day, in full school uniform with black shoes and not trainers. If pupils bring a coat to school it must be black or navy blue and it must not be a hooded sweatshirt or sportswear.

As a reminder pupils are encouraged not to bring their mobile phones to school, they are not allowed to be used on school premises at any time. If your child brings their mobile phone to school it must be in their school bag not on their person or in their blazer, if their phone is seen, it will be confiscated and you will be asked to collect it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this term

Best wishes

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