Friday 1 May 2026 - **Edition Fourteen**

The Pleckgate Weekly

Our Spring Concert highlights amazing talent

Our recent Spring Concert was a fantastic celebration of the talent and creativity across our school.

The evening brought together a wide range of performances, with pupils taking to the stage as singers, pianists, drummers and guitarists.

The audience was treated to an impressive variety of acts, from confident solo performances to group pieces that highlighted both skill and teamwork.

For many pupils, this was their first time performing in front of a live audience, making their confidence and stage presence even more remarkable.

Stars of the Week

We are proud to celebrate the following pupils as our Stars of the Week:

Year 7: Waheed, Zainab, Fatima, Huzaifa
Year 8: Hasnain, Addison, Ahmad
Year 9: Summer, Amanda, Sara
Year 10: Sofiya, Maira, Hanifa
Year 11: Yassin, Millie, Muhammad Rayyan

Staff Spotlight: Year 10 Pastoral Team

Ms Hartley (Head of Year 10) and Mr Hussain (Learning & Pastoral Support) play a vital role in supporting the wellbeing, behaviour and progress of our Year 10 pupils.

Their day-to-day work involves checking in with pupils, addressing pastoral concerns, and supporting positive behaviour and engagement across the school day.

They work closely with staff, tutors and families, while also overseeing the wider year group by monitoring attendance, behaviour and academic progress to ensure every pupil feels safe, supported and ready to succeed.

They enjoy building strong relationships and seeing pupils grow in maturity and independence, describing the current Year 10 cohort as positive, resilient and full of potential.

Their key advice as pupils prepare for GCSEs: stay organised, attend regularly and keep on top of your work. Small, consistent effort makes a big difference.

Their message to Year 10 moving forward is simple but powerful: believe in yourselves, stay focused on your goals, and take things one step at a time.

Our Year 7 pupils brought history to life at Skipton Castle

Pupils recently enjoyed an enriching trip to Skipton Castle, where their classroom learning was brought vividly to life.

Led by an expert guide, pupils explored key areas of the castle including the impressive banquet hall, historic kitchens and even the dungeon, gaining a real insight into life in medieval times.

The visit continued with a trip to the Craven Museum, where pupils completed the Medieval Trail. This interactive activity encouraged them to explore the museum, discovering key artefacts and information as they worked through a trail worksheet.

Waddow Hall visit

Our Year 11 Prefect Team recently visited Waddow Hall for an afternoon of team-building activities, including problem-solving challenges, communication tasks and leadership exercises.

The visit gave pupils the opportunity to strengthen their teamwork skills while stepping outside of their usual school environment.

Staff at the centre were incredibly impressed, commenting that our pupils were an absolute credit to the school.

Support Year 10 mock interviews

We are looking for volunteers from a range of industries to support our Year 10 Mock Interview on **Tuesday 23rd June** from **8.30am - 1.00pm.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to work directly with pupils as they experience a realistic interview setting, helping them build confidence and develop key employability skills.

Whether you work in business, healthcare, engineering, public services or any other sector, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch **careers@pleckgate.com**

Key dates this term

School closure - May Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

GCSE Examination begins
Tuesday 5 May

Year 9 Options deadline
Tuesday 5 May

Year 9 Options follow up meeting
Thursday 14 May

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