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The Pleckgate Weekly

The Boccia team achieves fantastic second place

Our Boccia team delivered an outstanding performance at a recent competition, finishing an impressive second place out of nine schools.

From the very start, the team showed excellent focus, precision and tactical awareness, competing with confidence and determination in every match.

Their teamwork was a real highlight, with Murtaza, Mussa, Faez, Ahmed and Mustafa supporting one another and maintaining a positive attitude throughout.

Finishing second overall is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of their hard work and commitment.

Stars of the Week

Each week, we select exceptional pupils from every year group to be our Stars of the Week. We are proud to celebrate the following pupils as our Stars of the Week:

Year 7: Huzaifa, Zainulabideen
Year 8: Innaya, Haider
Year 9: Muhammad Yusuf, Saara
Year 10: Muhammad, Diana
Year 11: Muhammad Rayyan

Staff Spotlight: Year 9 Pastoral Team

Year 9 pupils are supported each day by Mr Bajkowski, Head of Year 9, and Miss Patel, Learning & Pastoral Support, who work closely together to help pupils thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Miss Patel helps pupils navigate friendships, relationships and any personal challenges they may face, while Mr Bajkowski focuses on academic progress and supporting pupils to achieve their full potential across all subjects.

They described the Year 9 cohort as ambitious, energetic and full of personality, highlighting how rewarding it is to watch pupils grow in confidence and maturity throughout the year.

Both explained that Year 9 can be a challenging stage as pupils begin preparing for their future pathways and GCSE journey.

Their advice to pupils is to stay focused, work hard and believe in themselves. Their key message: "Hard work beats talent every time... unless the talent works hard."

National competition success for Dima

Congratulations to Dima, who won first prize in the Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) national school competition and was invited to attend the awards ceremony at Old Trafford.

With over 20,000 entries submitted nationwide, Dima's creative artwork stood out to judges and earned national recognition. She was presented with a goody bag by football legends John Barnes and Viv Anderson.

Mr Papa, who organised the competition in school, said: "I am incredibly proud of Dima and this fantastic achievement. She has been a real credit to the school."

Year 7 raise over £300 for water pumps in Pakistan

Our Year 7 pupils have shown incredible kindness and generosity by raising over £300 to support families in Sindh, Pakistan, helping to provide access to clean water for communities living in poverty.

In many remote areas of Sindh, families face daily hardship due to limited infrastructure, unemployment and a lack of safe drinking water. Some families previously had to walk up to an hour just to collect a single bucket of water, making everyday life extremely challenging, particularly for women and children.

Thanks to the generosity and support of our pupils, two water pumps have now been built, making a huge difference to daily life for local families.

We are incredibly proud of Year 7 for supporting such an important cause and helping to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Key dates this term

Year 10 Assessments
Week commencing Monday 11 May

Year 9 Options follow up meeting
Thursday 14 May

Year 6 New Pleckgate Parent event
Thursday 21 May

School closes to pupils (3pm)
Friday 22 May

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