Friday 15 May 2026 - **Edition Sixteen**

The Pleckgate Weekly

Pleckgate's biggest Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group

This year, 40 pupils are taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, the largest group ever from one year group.

Led by Mr Livesey, pupils have taken part in workshops covering outdoor safety, navigation, camp craft and cooking ahead of their practice expedition on 21st May.

Pupils have also completed over 100 hours of volunteering, developed new skills and shown great commitment to improving their physical health through sport and exercise.

The award is helping pupils build confidence, independence and valuable life skills for the future.

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: Haider, Ridwan, Ibraheem, Zara
Year 8: Hadiya, Muhammad Umar, Arham, Mihai
Year 9: Mehreen, Alisha, Maryam, Usman
Year 10: Asiya, Muhammed, Kamran, Umar
Year 11: Salima, Kashif, Suhail

Staff Spotlight: Data Manager

This week, we are shining the spotlight on Mr Parkar, our Data Manager at Pleckgate High School.

As Data Manager, Mr Parkar is involved in managing and maintaining school data, analysing assessment information, producing reports and supporting staff with systems to help keep the school running effectively behind the scenes.

Mr Parkar says the best part of working at Pleckgate is being part of a supportive team and knowing that his work helps both staff and pupils succeed.

He enjoys contributing to the smooth running of the school and helping improve outcomes for pupils.

His work supports pupils, staff and parents by providing reliable information that helps with communication, progress tracking and decision-making, including academic reports for families.

Mr Parkar's advice to pupils interested in careers involving data, IT or organisation is to develop strong problem-solving skills and confidence with technology, as these industries continue to grow and offer rewarding career opportunities.

GCSE exams taking place next week

Our Year 11 pupils will continue their GCSE examinations next week, with a busy schedule across a range of subjects.

Exams taking place next week include:

- **Monday 18th May** – Chemistry Paper 1 (Single Science Foundation & Higher), Urdu Listening and Speaking
- **Tuesday 19th May** – English Literature Paper 2 and Application of Computational Thinking
- **Wednesday 20th May** – French Listening and Reading, Religious Studies (Islam)
- **Thursday 21st May** – English Language Component 1 and Business
- **Friday 22nd May** – Italian Listening and Reading, Arabic Listening and Reading, Turkish Writing and PE

We encourage all pupils to continue revising, arrive fully prepared and give their very best effort in every exam.

Former Pleckgate pupil returns to share university journey

We were delighted to welcome former Pleckgate High School pupil Zainab back into school on behalf of The University of Manchester to speak with our Year 10 Sociology pupils.

As a Sociology and Politics student herself, Zainab shared her own journey from Pleckgate to university, giving pupils a valuable insight into higher education and the opportunities available to them after school.

Her session linked closely to the pupils' studies, helping them understand how Sociology can be explored further at university level and beyond.

During the talk, Zainab discussed the many benefits of attending university, including developing independence, meeting new people and opening up future career opportunities.

A huge thank you to Zainab for returning to support and inspire the next generation of Pleckgate pupils.

Key dates this term

Year 10 Assessments continues
Monday 18 May

Year 6 New Pleckgate Parent event
Thursday 21 May

School closes to pupils (3pm)
Friday 22 May