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The Pleckgate Weekly

New Year 7 parents attend first Transition Event

We recently welcomed new Year 7 parents to the first of our transition events ahead of pupils starting in September.

The evening began with a speech from Headteacher Mrs McGinty, followed by current Year 7 pupils sharing their experiences of starting secondary school at Pleckgate.

Parents then attended workshops led by senior staff covering topics including learning, additional needs support, keeping safe, reading and preparing for secondary school.

The event gave families a valuable insight into life at Pleckgate and the support available for pupils as they begin their journey in September.

Runshaw Philosophy Cup

A special well done to Muhammed, Safiya, Afia, Uzair and Arham who represented Pleckgate High School at the Runshaw Philosophy Cup.

The pupils competed against schools including Penwortham Girls, Birkdale, Greenbank, Lostock Hall and Woden in a series of philosophical discussions and presentations linked to A Level Philosophy and Religious Studies topics.

Staff Spotlight: STEM Lead

Mr Burrows is our STEM Lead at Pleckgate High School, working to create exciting opportunities for pupils across Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

From enrichment activities and competitions to real-world experiences, he works with staff and external partners to inspire pupils to explore STEM subjects and careers.

Inspired by his own teachers and a passion for problem-solving, Mr Burrows is passionate about helping young people discover their potential.

He is particularly excited to expand hands-on STEM activities at Pleckgate and strengthen links with universities and employers to give pupils greater insight into future career pathways.

Mr Burrows believes STEM subjects are vital in helping pupils develop important skills such as critical thinking, resilience and teamwork.

His advice to pupils is simple: stay curious, ask questions and take every opportunity to get involved as STEM can open the door to a wide range of exciting futures.

Preparing for success: GCSE and end-of-year exam preparation

Year 11 pupils are continuing to work hard in preparation for their remaining GCSE examinations following the half-term break.

Pupils are encouraged to revise regularly over the holidays and make full use of the revision sessions available with subject teachers.

Information regarding these sessions has already been shared with parents and carers.

The forthcoming GCSE examinations include:

1 June – Italian Writing Test, PE: Social Control Issues & Sport Psychology, Physics
2 June – Urdu Writing Test, Arabic Writing Test, Portuguese Listening Test, Statistics
3 June – Maths, Geography
4 June – History, French Writing Test

Year 10 pupils are also preparing for their end-of-year examinations and should be using the half-term break to revise and study hard in readiness for their assessments.

We wish all pupils the very best in their preparations and upcoming exams.

Eid Mubarak!

We would like to wish all pupils, parents and staff celebrating Eid, a joyful and peaceful occasion filled with happiness, reflection and time with loved ones.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

A reminder that our Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 2nd June.

This is a very important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with subject teachers to discuss their child's progress, achievements and involvement in wider school life during their first year at Pleckgate.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend and to bring their child with them. Details on how to book appointments will be shared via the Edulink app.

Key dates this term

School reopens
Monday 1 June

Year 7 parents evening
Tuesday 2 June

A Taste of Pleckgate Event
Thursday 11 June

Year 10 trip to Mahlam
Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June

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