Friday 27 February 2026 - **Edition Seven**

The Pleckgate Weekly

Year 11 Progress Checks & Final GCSE Preparations

A reminder to all Year 11 pupils and families that progress checks begin today as we move into the final phase of preparation for GCSE examinations, which begin in May.

This is a crucial period for our pupils. We expect all Year 11 pupils to be working hard, revising consistently, and making the most of the support available in school.

Pupils must continue to arrive at school promptly at 8:20am each day and attend in full school uniform. Maintaining high standards of attendance, punctuality and presentation remains essential as we approach this important time.

We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring pupils are fully prepared and ready to succeed.

STEM Club launches this March for Year 7 pupils!

We are excited to launch Extraordinary Experiments, our new STEM Club run by Mr Burrows.

STEM helps pupils develop key skills such as problem-solving, creativity, teamwork and resilience.

When: Starts Wednesday 4th March
Where: G49 - Running until half term

Sign up via Edulink using the STEM Club – Extraordinary Experiments link.

Year 10 Career Interviews

All Year 10 pupils will take part in a one-to-one careers interview with an external provider, New Directions.

During the meeting, pupils will discuss their predicted grades, explore what they would like to do after finishing school, and talk through any careers they are interested in.

They will also receive personalised guidance on the next steps they should take to help them achieve their goals, whether that's sixth form, college, apprenticeships or training pathways.

These interviews are an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on their ambitions and ensure they are making informed decisions about their future.

Staff Spotlight: Administration Manager

This week, we are shining a spotlight on Carrie Smith, our dedicated Admin Manager, who plays a vital role in keeping the school running smoothly each day.

From 8:00am, the admin office becomes a busy hub, managing parent calls, supporting attendance, helping pupils with uniform and equipment queries, and responding to first aid and on-call matters. No two days are ever the same.

Throughout the day, Carrie supports parent communication both by phone and face-to-face, assists teaching staff with correspondence, and responds to on-call and first aid matters. No two days are ever the same.

Carrie enjoys the variety of her role, the positive staff team, and supporting pupils. Many may not realise that all school communication and events are coordinated through the admin team, working closely with SLT and teaching staff.

Young entrepreneurs shine at Trafford Palazzo

Our talented Young Enterprise pupils recently showcased their handmade flower bouquets and wooden coasters at a trade fair at Trafford Palazzo.

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Key dates this term

Year 10 Careers Interviews begin
Thursday 26 February

Year 11 Progress Checks begin
Friday 27 February

Offer day for Secondary school places
Monday 2 March

Staff Inset Day (School closed for pupils)
Friday 20 March

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