



Friday 13 February 2026 – **Edition Six**

The Pleckgate Weekly

This term has been filled with enriching opportunities for pupils, including reward visits, guest speakers, theatre trips, geography fieldwork and a highly successful careers fair with over 60 representatives from industry and education inspiring Years 9–11.

We have valued strong parental engagement at recent Year 11 and Year 8 parent evenings and our Parents' Forum coffee morning, and we thank families for their continued support.

As Year 11 prepare for their GCSE examinations, progress checks will begin after half term and pupils are encouraged to revise effectively over the break.

Please be aware of updates to our email communication system and ensure you can receive messages from the @pleckgate-ept.com domain.

We return to school on Monday 23rd February. As a reminder all pupils must be in full school uniform and only wear PE kit on the days when they have PE. www.pleckgate.com/uniform

Reminder that Year 11 are preparing for progress checks starting after half term, access all our revision materials [here](#).

Celebrating our 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: Sanaria, Amina, Aaliyah and Thomas

Year 8: Thomas, Muhammad, Ikram and Dawood

Year 9: Saara, Raihan, Lenka and Aminah

Year 10: Hannah, Ishrab and Ali

Year 11: Javeria, Mohammed, Yassine and Armeen

Ramadan – Temporary adjustment to the school day

Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Wednesday 18 February 2026.

To support pupils and staff who are fasting, the school day will be temporarily adjusted from Monday 23 February, with lunch running from 1:10pm – 1:40pm and the school day finishing at 2:40pm.



These arrangements will remain in place until Thursday 19 March 2026. School will be closed to pupils on Friday 20 March for Eid.

Staff Spotlight: Year 7 Pastoral Team

This week, we are shining a spotlight on Mr Clegg, Head of Year 7, and Miss Mohamed, Learning Pastoral Support Officer.



They are incredibly proud of this year's cohort. Year 7 pupils have shown themselves to be polite, enthusiastic and truly deserving of their ethos, "more than a year group."

From sports and clubs to inter-tutor events, including a tug of war charity competition raising an impressive £644.90, pupils have embraced every opportunity.

While transitioning from primary to secondary school can be challenging, Mr Clegg and Miss Mohamed's experience and energy have helped make the move seamless.

Both staff members value the strong support from parents and enjoy watching pupils grow in confidence as they settle into secondary school life.

Online Safety Hub

During our assemblies and pastoral sessions, we have shared information with all pupils regarding available support, advice and guidance that can be accessed from a range of agencies whilst the school is closed.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our pupils safe online, we are pleased to share information about the Online Safety Hub, a new digital resource designed to support schools, staff, and families with online safety and wellbeing. This can be located in our safeguarding section of the school website.

Don't forget that the Online Safety Hub is available to support your family or your own knowledge and understanding of digital safeguarding! You can access it for free using the QR code.



Key dates this term

School reopens

Monday 23rd February (8.20am)

Year 11 Progress Checks begin

Friday 27th February

Offer day for Secondary school places

Monday 2nd March

Staff Inset Day (School closed)

Friday 20th March

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