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The Pleckgate Weekly

Welcome back to the Summer Term

We are delighted to welcome all pupils back for the start of the summer term, a busy and important time in the school calendar.

As Year 11 pupils begin their GCSE examinations, demonstrating the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout their studies.

This term is full of opportunity, focus and achievement across all year groups, and we look forward to seeing our pupils continue to Act, Aspire, Believe and Succeed in everything they do.

NHS Mental Health Newsletter

We encourage families to read the April edition of the NHS Mental Health Support Team newsletter.

It includes information on Mental Health Awareness Week, practical tips to help your child manage exam stress, and guidance on where to go if you or your child need support.

Staff Spotlight: Attendance Team

Our Attendance Team; Ms Rackley, Ms Patel and Mr Sufi play a vital role in ensuring pupils are in school, on time, and ready to learn.

Their day begins early, monitoring registers and following up on absences, before working closely with pupils, staff and families throughout the day to provide support where needed.

The team highlights that good attendance is essential for success, as pupils who are in school regularly are more likely to achieve, build confidence and develop positive routines.

They also emphasise the importance of being in school for social development, attending regularly helps pupils build strong friendships, feel part of the school community and develop important interpersonal skills.

When asked what simple advice they would give to pupils to improve their attendance, the team shared: "Be organised the night before, aim to arrive on time, and remember that every day in school is an opportunity to move closer to your goals."

Year 9 begin their GCSE Options journey

Our year 9 pupils are taking the next important step in their education as they begin focusing on choosing their GCSE options.

This week, pupils had the opportunity to meet with Heads of Department, who provided valuable insight into each subject area.

They outlined course content, expectations and potential pathways, ensuring pupils are well-informed and confident when making their choices.

Teachers and tutors will continue to work closely with pupils over the coming weeks, offering guidance and support to help them make the right decisions for their next steps.

The deadline for submitting options choices is Friday 5 May.

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: Aaminah, Zainab, Shifa
Year 8: Hayat, Abdullah, Ziyafatima
Year 9: Zanya, Yunus, Qasim
Year 10: Zara, Ayisha, Ali
Year 11: Haider-Ali, Mahek, Uzayr

GCSEs begin with speaking exams

This week marked the start of GCSE exams for our Year 11 pupils, beginning with their Speaking exams.

Alongside their core subjects, many pupils are also going the extra mile by sitting additional GCSEs in languages this summer.

These include Arabic, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish, reflecting both the diversity of our school community and pupils' commitment to broadening their skills.

We wish all of our Year 11 pupils the very best!

Key dates this term

Year 9 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 April

Year 7 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 23 April

Spring concert (5pm-6pm)
Monday 27 April

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