



Friday 6th February 2026 – Edition Five

# The Pleckgate Weekly

**Reminder:** Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10 February

## 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.

## 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:** Safaa, Mariam, Mohammed, Mustafa

**Year 8:** Zoya, Taha, Essa, Salma

**Year 9:** Layla, Shaima, Anayah, Muhammed Amin

**Year 10:** Saleem, Mohammad, Miyaz, Mohammed

**Year 11:** Uzayr, Muhammed, Kashif, Nusaybah

## Staff Spotlight: Mr Livesey (Duke of Edinburgh Lead)

This week, we are shining a spotlight on Mr Livesey, our PE teacher and new Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) Lead.

In his role as a PE teacher, Mr Livesey is passionate about encouraging pupils to enjoy being active, build confidence and develop lifelong healthy habits.

As DofE Lead, Mr Livesey is excited to support pupils throughout their journey, helping them step outside their comfort zones and develop important life skills such as resilience, teamwork and communication.

Mr Livesey encourages pupils who are thinking about taking part in DofE to give it a go, highlighting the valuable experiences, confidence and sense of achievement the award can bring, as well as how it supports future pathways.



## Creative Connections: St Gabriel's pupils dive into Art at Pleckgate



Our Art Department recently welcomed Year 2 pupils from St Gabriel's Primary School for a creative art session linked to their seaside topic.

Led by Mrs Wilson, pupils used a range of techniques including cutting, marbling and swirling paints to create their own sealife collages.

The session was supported by Year 9 pupils, helping the lesson run smoothly and providing a great example of pupil leadership.

St Gabriel's staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit, which helped strengthen links between our schools and gave pupils an exciting insight into life at a secondary school.

## Careers Fair a huge success!

Our recent Careers Fair was a fantastic success, with over 55 businesses, organisations and education providers attending to support and inspire our pupils.

Employers in attendance included leading organisations such as KPMG, Hays Recruitment, Pharmaron, Balfour Beatty, EG On The Move, FACE, STACI, the NHS, along with our local colleges.



We would like to thank all the organisations who gave their time to support our pupils. Their involvement made the day both inspiring and impactful, reinforcing the strong links between education and the world of work.

## Safer Internet Day 2026

We will mark Safer Internet Day 2026 on Tuesday 10 February, with learning linked to the theme "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."



Further information can be found at [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

## Key dates this term

**Year 8 Parents Evening** – Tuesday 10th Feb (3.30pm – 6.30pm)

**Coffee Morning** – Wednesday 11th Feb (10am)

**Year 10 Step up Event (Parents & pupils)**  
Wednesday 11th Feb (4.30pm – 5.15pm)

**Year 11 Maths Information Briefing (Parents and pupils)**  
Thursday 12th February

**Half term holidays**  
Friday 13th February (3pm)

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