



The Pleckgate Weekly

Year 10 careers interviews inspire future aspirations



Year 10 pupils recently took part in one-to-one careers interviews, exploring their aspirations and planning their next steps with confidence.

Pupils discussed a wide range of future pathways, including sixth form, college, apprenticeships and university, with many showing high ambitions in fields such as medicine, dentistry and creative careers.

These sessions play a key role in helping pupils make informed decisions, leaving them feeling motivated, prepared and excited for the future.

Celebrating our Stars of the Week

We are proud to celebrate the following pupils as our Stars of the Week:

- Year 7:** Malaika, Amaani, Talha
- Year 8:** Khadija, Imran, Hibah
- Year 9:** Hamza, Maryam, Alina
- Year 10:** Areeb, Saad, Maira
- Year 11:** Aysha, Hussain, Yassin



Staff Spotlight: Exams Manager

Ms Taylor, our Exams Manager, plays a crucial role in ensuring every exam runs smoothly, fairly and in line with regulations.

From managing entries and timetables to the secure handling of exam papers and coordinating invigilators, her role sits at the heart of the exam process. In the lead-up to exams, careful planning takes place behind the scenes, including finalising seating plans, checking regulations and ensuring all access arrangements are in place.

During exam season, Ms Taylor's day begins early with the setup of exam rooms, preparing materials and briefing invigilators. Throughout each session, she remains on hand to deal with any issues, before processing attendance, dispatching completed papers and preparing for the next exam.



What makes the role so rewarding for Ms Taylor is knowing that all this work helps create a calm, organised environment where pupils can perform at their very best.

Ms Taylor's advice to pupils is simple but powerful: be prepared, take care of yourself, and stay focused.

Year 10 visit EG on the Move



Year 10 pupils recently visited EG on the Move as part of their workplace experience programme, gaining a valuable insight into the world of business.

During the visit, pupils were given a tour of the office, took part in introductions with staff, and learned more about how the business operates.

A key highlight of the day saw pupils working in groups to develop their own business ideas, focusing on what they would include within a petrol station setting.

Pupils then confidently presented their ideas to a business lead, showcasing creativity, teamwork and communication skills.



Former Pleckgate pupil inspires Year 11

We welcomed back former pupil Mr Banglawala, who delivered an inspiring assembly to Year 11 on effective revision techniques.

After leaving Pleckgate 10 years ago, he went on to study Chemical Engineering at the University of Manchester, graduating with a First-Class degree, and now works as a Nuclear Engineer at AtkinsRéalis. He also supports the school as a Governor.

Mr Banglawala shared key revision tips including planning content, using flashcards, practising past papers, and applying the Pomodoro technique to manage time effectively.



Pupils found the session valuable, with Aamna saying it provided "a lot of useful tips," while Isha added it helped her feel more confident in organising her revision.

Key dates this term

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

School closure – May Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

GCSE Examination begins
Tuesday 5 May

Year 9 Options deadline
Tuesday 5 May

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