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THE SKIPTON ACADEMY

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

.As we reach the end of another incredibly full and successful term at The Skipton Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements, opportunities, and moments of pride we've shared as a school community.

This edition of Inspire is packed with stories that showcase the remarkable talent, determination, and character of our students. From sporting triumphs at the Yorkshire Swimming Championships and national cheer and dance competitions, to outstanding performances in photography, writing, and art, our students continue to push boundaries and strive for excellence across all areas of school life.

I'm particularly proud of the wide range of enriching experiences our students have taken part in this term. Whether it's the thought-provoking Stronger Than Our Struggles Mental Health Drop-Down Day, the engaging RISE careers workshops, or the successful launch of our transition programme for the largest ever incoming cohort - we are providing meaningful and memorable opportunities that support both academic success and personal growth.

Our growing extracurricular offer also deserves celebration. With new clubs such as girls' rugby, running, darts, and gardening, alongside the continued success of our Performing Arts, Duke of Edinburgh, and sports programmes, we are creating inclusive and vibrant spaces where students can thrive, connect, and discover new passions.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our staff, parents, carers, and community partners for your continued support. Events like the upcoming Skipton Colour Run - our first ever! - show how strong our community spirit is, and I look forward to seeing many of you there in July.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

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Students Inspired by Science Live!

In January, 43 enthusiastic Year 10 and 11 students attended GCSE Science Live at St. George's Hall in Bradford. Alongside students from around 20 other schools, they had the unique opportunity to hear from some of the UK's leading scientists as they shared insights into their work, research, and discoveries.

Dr Tim Gabriel, a lecturer in Chemical Science, spoke about his diverse career path and how his work has evolved over time.

Dr Anna Ploszajski, a materials scientist, discussed her research related to swimming the English Channel, using science to explain why chocolate mini rolls were the most effective solid food to eat during the challenge.

Professor Robert Winston, a renowned fertility expert, shared his team's cutting-edge research into reproductive science and the development of specialist instruments to support their work.

Professor Sophie Scott, a cognitive neuroscientist, explored the science of laughter, revealing the surprising reasons behind why and how we laugh.

Students also benefited from a session led by an examiner, who offered valuable tips on revision techniques and exam strategies tailored for success in GCSE science.

The day concluded with a memorable demonstration by Professor Andreas Sella, an inorganic chemist, who presented a striking oscillating reaction — a perfect finale to a day packed with scientific discovery.

The event was a fantastic experience for all involved, providing inspiration, insight, and a deeper appreciation for the real-world applications of science.



GEOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Year 11 Geography students recently took part in an enriching and educational field trip to Malham, a stunning location within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The trip formed a vital part of their GCSE studies, giving students the chance to bring their classroom knowledge to life through hands-on fieldwork in a real-world environment.

Throughout the day, students focused on two key areas of investigation. Firstly, they explored the impact of tourism on the environment. Working in small groups, they conducted surveys with visitors and locals, recorded footpath erosion, and assessed the availability and quality of tourist facilities. Their aim was to understand how increased visitor numbers affect the natural landscape and local community, and to evaluate how well tourism is being managed in this popular destination.

Secondly, the students investigated how a river changes downstream. At several points along the river, they measured characteristics such as width, depth, velocity, and bedload size. This allowed them to test hypotheses linked to river processes and better understand concepts such as erosion, transportation, and deposition.

The field trip was a valuable opportunity for students to develop their geographical skills, including data collection, analysis, and drawing conclusions from real evidence. It also helped to build teamwork, critical thinking, and independent enquiry – all essential skills for success in Geography and beyond.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful PTA, whose generous funding covered the cost of the coach. Their support made this fantastic learning opportunity accessible to all students, and we are very grateful for their continued commitment to enriching our school's educational experiences.



PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE – A SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT TALENT AND OPPORTUNITY

Hamilton Trip – A Show to Remember

On 4th March, 49 students and 4 staff attended a special EDUHAM performance of Hamilton in Bradford – part of the production's first UK and Ireland tour since its opening at London's Victoria Palace Theatre in 2017. Our students were a credit to the school, with impeccable behaviour throughout the day. The atmosphere in the auditorium was electric, and the performance left a lasting impression on everyone. Students were treated to a free programme and an interval ice cream – a memorable addition to an unforgettable theatre experience.



Performing Arts Club – Creativity in Action

Our thriving Performing Arts Club continues to grow, bringing together a talented and enthusiastic group of students. This year, they have taken on the ambitious task of writing and performing their own original play, Harry Potter: The Prophecy. This production will be showcased to the public at the end of the Summer Term.

In addition, 20 students are now rehearsing for the annual RSC Playmaking Festival, where they will present a specially adapted version of King Lear. This collaborative project with the Bradford cluster of RSC Associate Schools will be performed on 24th June 2025 at St George's Hall, Bradford.

Matilda the Musical Jr – Coming This Autumn

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been given the exciting opportunity to stage Matilda the Musical Jr as part of our ongoing work with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and the Bradford cluster of associate schools.

The entire cast will attend the RSC dress rehearsal of Matilda at the Alhambra Theatre in October – a valuable learning opportunity and an inspiring experience for all involved. Auditions revealed a very strong and talented group of young performers. Singing rehearsals are already underway, and choreography rehearsals will begin after Easter.

Students interested in helping behind the scenes – with set design, costumes, lighting, or stage management – are encouraged to speak to Mrs Adams.

RED NOSE DAY – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Red Nose Day non-uniform day on Friday 21 March. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £722.20 for Comic Relief 2025.

Every donation helps to make a difference. Comic Relief supports vital projects in the UK and around the world, tackling issues such as poverty, homelessness, mental health, education access, domestic abuse, and food insecurity. The funds raised go directly towards helping vulnerable people and communities build better futures.

We're proud to be part of this national effort, and even prouder of our school community for coming together to support such an important cause.

Thank you for being amazing!



NEW CLUB RECORD FOR SKIPTON ANGLING ASSOCIATION: NICHOLAS WALKER'S INCREDIBLE CANAL PERCH

A huge congratulations to Nicholas Walker of the Skipton Angling Association, who has landed a new club record perch in a quick, impromptu canal session.

Caught on a 10cm shad lure while pike fishing, the perch weighed in at just 6 grams above the previous club record – a truly remarkable catch, especially as it came during a spontaneous 20-minute trip.

Nicholas commented, "I've caught perch around the 2lb mark while targeting them, but a perch this big is incredible." Coming in just under 3lb, this specimen perch is not only a personal best but now officially holds the club record for the Skipton Angling Association.

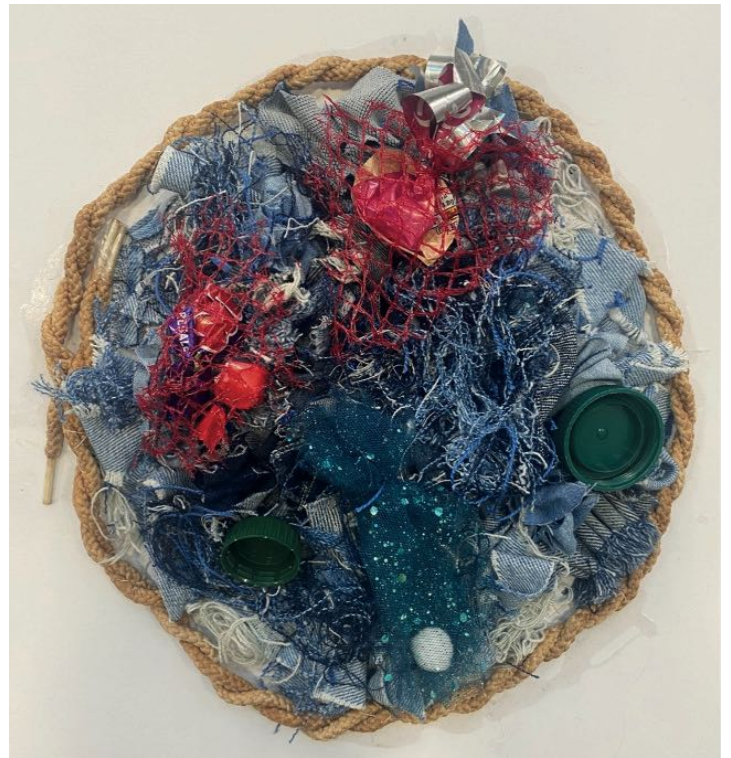
Well done, Nicholas!



CREATIVE TALENT SHINES IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department continues to be a hive of creativity and activity during the second term, just as it was earlier in the academic year. GCSE students have been working diligently on their coursework, while Key Stage 3 pupils regularly take part in a wide range of art competitions, both within school and in the wider community.

One standout success this year has been Amelia Riley, a gifted and imaginative Year 7 student, who entered the Rotary Club's 'Wonderful Water' competition, open to young people aged 11–17. Amelia's mixed-media artwork captured the attention of the judges and was not only selected for the final exhibition but also awarded an impressive second place. This is a fantastic achievement for a young artist in her first year at secondary school, and a clear sign of the talent being nurtured within our Art Department.



Congratulations to Amelia and to all students who continue to bring the department to life with their creativity and hard work.

SUCCESS IN ROTARY YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION



Congratulations to Thomas Ridler, who has achieved an impressive third place in the Intermediate category of the prestigious Rotary Young Photographer Competition.

This competition encourages young people to express their creativity through photography, based around an annual theme. This year's theme challenged students to explore their surroundings and capture powerful visual interpretations through the lens.

Thomas's entry stood out among a strong field of submissions, earning him a well-deserved place in the top three. His work demonstrated both technical skill and a creative eye – a fantastic achievement that reflects his dedication and talent.

Well done, Thomas – we look forward to seeing more of your work in the future!

GARDENING CLUB TAKES ROOT AT THE SKIPTON ACADEMY

We're thrilled to announce that The Skipton Academy's new Gardening Club is officially underway, with the aim of transforming our Walled Garden into a welcoming, vibrant space for both students and wildlife to enjoy.

A huge thank you to Morrisons Skipton for their generous donation of gardening tools and equipment. Their support is helping us make the garden more accessible, attractive, and sustainable. Our next step is a big clean-up of the Walled Garden to begin shaping the area into a usable and inspiring outdoor space for all.

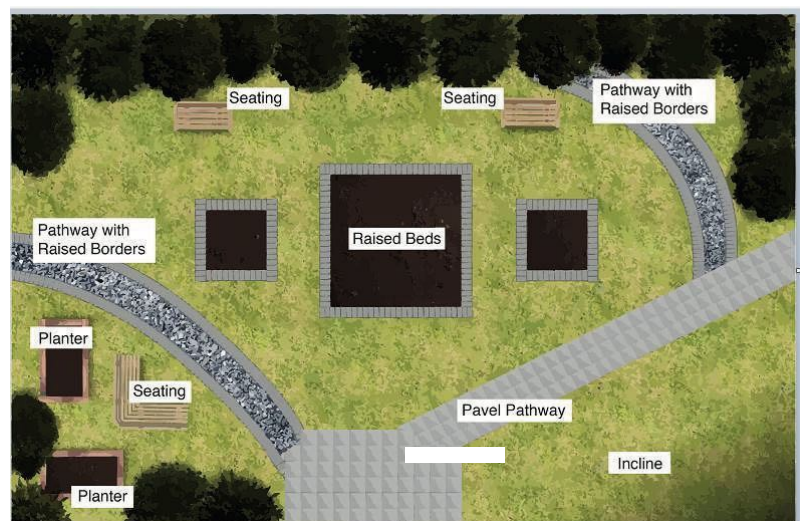
To help us reach our goal, we're asking for donations of any spare but safe gardening equipment or gloves that may be gathering dust at home. Every contribution makes a difference!

This project is more than just gardening—it's about growth in every sense:

- **Teamwork & Leadership:** Students and staff working side by side, developing collaboration and communication skills across year groups.
- **Well-being & Mental Health:** The benefits of spending time outdoors, being physically active, and engaging in something hands-on and rewarding.

We've included a screenshot of our vision for the space, which captures our hopes for what the Walled Garden can become. Though we're in the early stages, the momentum is growing—and if you can support this in any way, we would love to hear from you.

Let's grow something great together!



WORLD CHALLENGE TURKEY 2025: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

We are delighted to announce the launch of The Skipton Academy's World Challenge Expedition to Turkey, an exciting 13-night adventure planned for 2025. This life-changing experience will take students on an unforgettable journey through one of the most culturally rich and geographically diverse countries in the world.

The expedition is designed to develop resilience, teamwork, leadership, and independence, while allowing students to immerse themselves in local culture, history, and conservation work.

The adventure begins in Istanbul, where students will explore the city's iconic landmarks such as the Blue Mosque, Basilica Cistern, and Grand Bazaar, as well as enjoy a street food tour and the vibrant atmosphere of this East-meets-West metropolis. From there, the group travels to the historic battlefields of Gallipoli, walking the same trails as ANZAC and Turkish troops during World War I. The journey continues to Selçuk, home to the ancient ruins of Ephesus, the Temple of Artemis, and the impressive Library of Celsus. Students will then visit the natural wonder of Pamukkale, known for its cascading white travertine terraces and the ancient city of Hierapolis, before heading to Fethiye for a two-day trek along the stunning coastline, passing through remote villages and breathtaking landscapes.

The expedition concludes with a unique and meaningful experience: a turtle conservation project on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Students will work alongside local conservationists to help protect nesting sites, monitor turtle activity, and support the preservation of endangered species in their natural habitat. This opportunity offers much more than travel—it fosters personal growth, global awareness, and a strong sense of environmental and social responsibility.



Interested in Taking Part?

- To sign up, visit: <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/eq5enfz/>
- To learn more, watch the launch presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE6s9Vce0Js>

We encourage all interested students and families to explore this incredible opportunity. Get ready to step outside your comfort zone, connect with new cultures, and make a difference—this is a journey you'll never forget.

CAREERS DAY 2025: INSPIRING FUTURES AT TSA

The Skipton Academy proudly hosted its annual Careers Day 2025, welcoming a wide range of employers, post-16 providers, colleges, sixth forms, universities, and independent training organisations to inspire and inform our students about their future options.

This exciting event offered students across all year groups the opportunity to explore different career paths, build essential life skills, and engage with professionals from a variety of industries and educational backgrounds.

Here's how each year group got involved:

- Year 7: The Legal System and Emergency Services
- Students learned about the roles and responsibilities within the legal system and emergency services, gaining insight into careers that make a real difference in society.
- Year 8: Enterprise Day
- A fun and creative day focused on entrepreneurship. Students worked in teams to design, pitch, and plan their own business ideas, developing teamwork, problem-solving, and presentation skills.
- Year 9: Next Steps – Making Informed Choices
- As they prepare to choose their GCSE options, Year 9 students explored the pathways available to them, receiving advice on how to make confident, informed decisions about their future studies and careers.
- Year 10: Money Management and Life After TSA
- Year 10 took part in workshops on personal finance, budgeting, and understanding the world beyond school. Sessions helped students begin planning for life after The Skipton Academy, including work, further education, and independent living.

Careers Day 2025 was a huge success, giving students the tools and inspiration to take their next steps with confidence. A big thank you to all the organisations and individuals who gave their time to support the event and help shape the futures of our students.



INSPIRING LEADERSHIP: A VISIT FROM MIKE COUPE

We were honoured to welcome Mike Coupe, former CEO of Sainsbury's, for a special talk with students at The Skipton Academy. His visit formed a key part of our ongoing commitment to providing students with meaningful encounters with leaders from a range of industries.

Mike shared his fascinating journey through the retail sector, offering insights into his rise to the top of one of the UK's largest supermarket chains. He spoke candidly about the challenges and obstacles he faced throughout his career, the strategies he used to overcome them, and the key successes that shaped his leadership experience.

In addition to his retail career, Mike also reflected on his important role as part of the UK's Test and Trace programme during the COVID-19 pandemic. He discussed the scale of the operation, the complexity of the logistics, and how his experience in managing large organisations helped him navigate this national challenge. Throughout his talk, Mike offered invaluable advice on leadership, resilience, and the importance of learning from failure. He encouraged students to remain open to opportunities, to work hard, and to pursue careers that align with their values and passions.



The session was engaging, thought-provoking, and left a lasting impression on both students and staff. We would like to thank Mike for his time, openness, and generosity in sharing his journey with our school community.



STUDENTS UNLOCK POTENTIAL IN RISE WORKSHOP

Year 8 and Year 9 students at The Skipton Academy recently took part in the RISE Workshop—an award-winning core skills development programme designed to help young people recognise and build on the skills and attributes they already have.

The workshop focused on empowering students to realise their potential by engaging in curriculum-linked challenges, which encouraged them to practise transferable skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Participants also gained valuable insight into the world of work by meeting current employees from leading RISE partner companies, including KPMG, PwC, Grant Thornton, ICAEW, BDO, and EY. These sessions helped students explore different career paths, understand workplace expectations, and feel inspired about their future opportunities.

The experience was both informative and motivational, giving students a clearer vision of how the skills they develop in school can shape their futures in education and employment.



WONDERFUL WATER WRITING WINNERS

A huge congratulations to Chloe Ellison and Ruby Firth, who achieved 1st and 2nd place respectively in the Young Writers Competition based on the theme 'Wonderful Water'.

This regional competition attracted entries from students across a wide range of schools, making Chloe and Ruby's success even more impressive. Their creative and thoughtful pieces stood out for their originality, powerful imagery, and imaginative interpretation of the theme.

Their achievements are a testament to their talent and hard work, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have represented The Skipton Academy.

Well done, Chloe and Ruby!



SKIPTON ACADEMY LAUNCHES TRANSITION FOR LARGEST EVER COHORT

The Skipton Academy has officially launched its 2025 Transition Programme, welcoming our largest ever cohort of students who will be joining us in September.

The transition process is already underway, marking the start of an exciting journey from primary to secondary school for our newest students. As part of this programme, members of The Skipton Academy team are currently visiting primary schools, meeting students and helping to ease the move by building familiar connections early on.

Later in the term, all incoming students will take part in a two-day transition visit to the academy, where they will explore the school, meet their future teachers and classmates, and take part in a series of engaging lessons and activities designed to give them a real taste of secondary school life. The transition process is a key part of our commitment to ensuring that every student feels confident, supported, and excited about joining our school community.

We're thrilled to be welcoming so many enthusiastic young learners this year, and we look forward to supporting them every step of the way as they prepare to become a part of The Skipton Academy family.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS LAUNCH EVENING A GREAT SUCCESS

The Skipton Academy recently held its Year 9 Options Launch Evening, welcoming students and their families to an informative and engaging event designed to support the important decision-making process ahead of Key Stage 4.

The evening saw a fantastic turnout, with students and parents taking full advantage of the opportunity to speak with subject staff, explore different curriculum pathways, and gain a deeper understanding of the courses available for study in Years 10 and 11.

There was a real buzz throughout the event, with thoughtful and enthusiastic conversations taking place across all subject areas. Staff were on hand to answer questions, explain assessment methods, and share insights into future career and further education opportunities linked to each subject.

This event plays a crucial role in helping students to make informed, confident choices about their next steps, and we were delighted to see so many families actively involved in the process.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our staff for making the evening such a success. We look forward to supporting Year 9 as they take this exciting step in their journey.



D OF E STUDENTS TAKE ON PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Students enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme recently took part in a preliminary skills-building expedition walk, marking the first stage of their exciting D of E journey. This initial walk focused on helping participants develop essential expedition skills, including navigation, map reading, teamwork, and route planning. It was a valuable opportunity for students to apply the knowledge they've been building over the past few months in a practical, outdoor setting. Working in teams, students practised using compasses and OS maps, building confidence in their ability to navigate unfamiliar terrain while learning how to communicate effectively and support one another throughout the challenge. This early experience is a key step in preparing for the official practice and qualifying expeditions later in the year.

YEAR 9 EXPLORE RESILIENCE IN 'STRONGER THAN OUR STRUGGLES' MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Year 9 students at The Skipton Academy recently took part in a powerful and engaging Mental Health Drop-Down Day, built around the inspiring theme 'Stronger Than Our Struggles'.

The day was designed to give students the space, tools, and confidence to explore mental health in a meaningful way. With a focus on building emotional resilience, developing practical coping strategies, and strengthening awareness, the sessions empowered students to take ownership of their wellbeing and support those around them.

Over the course of the day, students participated in a range of interactive workshops:

- A mindfulness scavenger hunt encouraged students to slow down, be present, and tune in to their environment, promoting calm and clarity.
- In the "Stay in the Cool" simulation, students explored how to manage emotional reactions and choose the right coping tools for different real-life situations.
- A session called "Not the Only One" focused on breaking the stigma around talking about mental health. Through roleplay, students practised how to ask for help and support others in a caring, respectful way.
- In the Digital Storytelling workshop, students created mental health awareness campaigns using social media-style formats to explore key messages around resilience, self-care, and mental health myths.
- The final session, "Stronger Than Our Struggles," brought the day together with activities such as designing personal resilience roadmaps and creating resilience jars filled with positive messages and affirmations.

The day closed with reflection, celebration, and certificates to mark students' achievements in completing the programme.

This was more than just a drop-down day - it was an opportunity for students to grow in confidence, empathy, and emotional understanding. A huge well done to our Year 9s for engaging with maturity, enthusiasm, and openness throughout the day.



**Stronger Than Our
Struggles Drop Down**

WORLD BOOK DAY SCAVENGER HUNT A HIT!

To celebrate World Book Day, students at The Skipton Academy took part in an exciting school-wide scavenger hunt—a creative challenge that turned the building into a world of literary discovery. Participants searched for clues hidden across the school, each one linked to popular books ranging from modern favourites to timeless classics. The goal? To piece together a word connected to the magical world of books and reading.

The activity not only encouraged students to think critically and work collaboratively, but also reminded them of the joy that stories bring and the wide variety of books available to explore. A range of prizes were awarded to students who cracked the clues and completed the challenge, with rewards given for both accuracy and enthusiasm. A huge well done to all who took part—and thank you to the staff who made this literary adventure possible. It was a brilliant way to bring reading to life and celebrate World Book Day in true Skipton Academy style!

LANA LEAPS TO VICTORY IN NATIONAL CHEER AND DANCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lana Priestley (Year 11), whose hard work, dedication, and talent in cheer and dance have led to a remarkable achievement this weekend at the ICE Extravaganza in Leeds.

After swapping football for pom-poms a few years ago, Lana joined Unique Cheer and Dance in Keighley and quickly earned her place on the competition team. Now in her third competitive season, she continues to go from strength to strength.

At this weekend's event, Lana competed in both the Junior Jazz and Junior Pom teams—taking 1st place in both categories. On top of that, the team was honoured with a prestigious Judges' Choice Award, recognising their standout performance, energy, and teamwork.

But the biggest highlight of all? Lana and her team were awarded a Bid to compete at the All Star Worlds in Orlando, Florida, taking place next April. This is an exceptional opportunity, putting them on the global stage alongside some of the best cheer and dance teams from around the world.

All of this has been achieved while Lana continues to balance the demands of her GCSE studies, showing incredible time management, resilience, and commitment.



EXPANDING HORIZONS IN PE AND SPORT AT TSA

This term has seen exciting growth in the PE and Sport provision at The Skipton Academy, with new clubs, fresh initiatives, and an even broader range of opportunities for students to get active, build confidence, and try something new. One of the standout additions has been the launch of our Girls' Rugby Club. This new initiative has given students a supportive and empowering space to develop their rugby skills, while building confidence, fitness, and teamwork along the way.

Alongside this, a Running Club has taken off with fantastic enthusiasm. Focused on encouraging fitness, mental wellbeing, and goal-setting, the club has already attracted a strong and committed group of students.

Our alternative sports offering is also continuing to grow. Darts has emerged as a surprise hit, with a steady stream of students practising their aim, patience, and precision. Meanwhile, Badminton Club has gone from strength to strength, with students from all year groups enjoying friendly competition and improving their technical skills in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

PE is also innovating within the curriculum. From next term, students will have the opportunity to experience Orienteering, with a brand new course designed to make the most of the stunning natural environment surrounding the school. In addition, field events will be introduced into our athletics scheme of work, offering students the chance to thrive in an even wider range of sporting disciplines. It's been a fantastic term for sport at TSA - and with so much more to come, the future is looking active, inclusive, and inspiring!



STUDENTS INSPIRED AT WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS RUGBY

A group of students from The Skipton Academy recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend the England vs Italy Women's Six Nations Rugby match at the LNER Stadium in York.

The atmosphere was electric as students watched England's Red Roses in action, showcasing their strength, skill, and teamwork on the international stage. For many, it was their first time attending a live rugby match, and it was an unforgettable experience.

The visit was not only a chance to enjoy top-level sport, but also an opportunity to celebrate the growth of women's rugby and be inspired by the dedication and talent on display.

A huge thank you to all staff involved in organising the trip - it was a brilliant day that left students feeling motivated, energised, and proud to support women in sport.



TSA SHINES AT PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Students from The Skipton Academy recently took part in the Panathlon Challenge, a fantastic multi-sport event designed to promote inclusion, teamwork, and fun through physical activity.

The competition featured a wide range of challenges including bowling, speed jump, long jump, target throwing, and other skill-based events. It was a brilliant opportunity for students to get active, support one another, and engage in some healthy competition.

With 10 teams taking part overall, TSA students showed outstanding effort and enthusiasm—ultimately bringing home both Gold and Silver medals. This incredible achievement reflects their determination, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the day. A huge well done to all who represented The Skipton Academy—you did us proud!



KARATE CHAMPS KICK IT UP!

We're incredibly proud to shine the spotlight on three outstanding students from the Elite Karate Centre who have each achieved significant milestones on their martial arts journey.

Haris has successfully passed to Brown Belt 1st Kyu, marking an important step toward the prestigious black belt. With continued commitment and discipline, he is on track to earn his black belt within the next year.

Elliot has also achieved his Brown Belt 1st Kyu and has been awarded the title of Junior Instructor. His next goal is to become a Senior Instructor, where he will further develop his leadership skills and contribute to training the next generation of martial artists.

Jak joins Elliot in earning his Brown Belt 1st Kyu and the Junior Instructor title. With his focus and determination, Jak is also progressing toward the role of Senior Instructor.

Congratulations to Haris, Elliot, and Jak on their achievements. Your hard work, discipline, and leadership are a credit to the school. Keep up the excellent work.



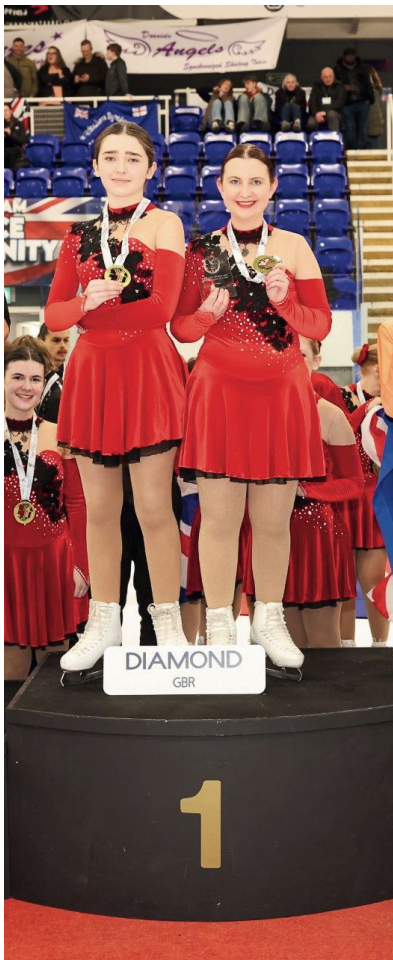
Gold Success for Lucy on Ice

Congratulations to Lucy, who has achieved remarkable success this year as part of Team Diamond from the Bradford Synchronised Skating Academy.

Lucy was among the Great British gold medallists in the inclusive division at the prestigious Britannia Cup 2025, held at the National Ice Centre in Nottingham. Representing Team Diamond, she performed with skill and precision, contributing to the team's top placement in a highly competitive field.

The Britannia Cup is a significant event in the synchronised skating calendar, attracting teams from across the country to compete at the highest level. Team Diamond's victory in the inclusive division highlights their dedication and excellence in the sport.

Since that remarkable victory, Lucy has added another gold medal to her growing collection, further demonstrating her commitment and talent in synchronised skating.



WILL MAKES A SPLASH AT YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Will, who has achieved outstanding success representing Skipton Swim Club at the Yorkshire Championships 2025.

Having been part of the club since the age of 9, Will recently competed over three weekends at two of the region's top venues – the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds and Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

Competing in his age group, Will qualified for nine events in total and reached the finals in three:

- 200m Breaststroke – 5th place
- 100m Breaststroke – Bronze medal (3rd place)
- 50m Breaststroke – Gold medal, with an impressive time of 39.07 seconds

This outstanding time currently places Will as the fastest 12-year-old in Yorkshire for the 50m Breaststroke, and he is ranked 14th nationally in Great Britain. Will's next challenge will be the North East Regional Championships at the end of April, where we'll be cheering him on as he continues to build on this success.

Well done, Will – your dedication, talent, and determination are something to be proud of!



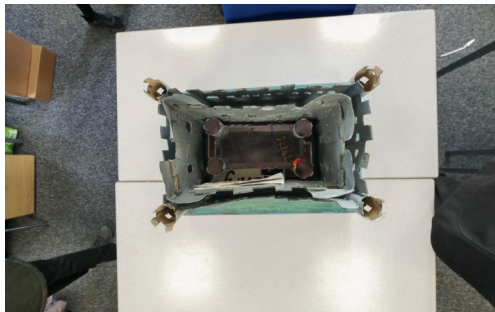
YEAR 7 GET CREATIVE WITH MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLES

Our brilliant Year 7 cohort have impressed staff across the school with their fantastic Motte and Bailey castle projects, created as part of their History homework.

Students were challenged to demonstrate their understanding of these early medieval fortifications by producing detailed models, drawings, and information sheets—and they certainly rose to the occasion. From cardboard constructions to labelled diagrams and creative written explanations, the work submitted showed imagination, historical understanding, and real dedication.

There was a tremendous effort from the whole year group, and it's been fantastic to see how much pride students took in their work.

Congratulations to everyone who submitted their projects—you've done an outstanding job bringing history to life!



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SKIPTON COLOUR RUN

SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

A FUN FAMILY 5K RUN WITH OBSTACLES!

11AM - 4PM

AT THE SKIPTON ACADEMY PLAYING FIELD

FOOD STALLS | BAR | YOUR RADIO | ICE CREAM



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SCAN & SIGN-UP

SKIPTON COLOUR RUN 2025 – A SPLASH OF FUN FOR ALL!

Get ready, Skipton! The Skipton Academy PTA and Friends are proud to present the Skipton's first-ever Skipton Colour Run, taking place on Sunday 6th July 2025, from 11am to 4pm on The Skipton Academy Playing Field. This fun-filled, family-friendly event will bring the community together for a day packed with colour, energy, and entertainment. The centrepiece of the day is a 5K colour run with obstacles, open to all ages and fitness levels. Whether you're running, walking, or dancing your way through the course, expect to be doused in colour at every turn!

All participants will receive a FREE t-shirt and sunglasses, so you can truly embrace the colour run experience in style.

What to Expect on the Day:

- A lively 5K Colour Run with Obstacles
- Food stalls with something for everyone
- A refreshing bar
- Delicious ice cream
- Live entertainment from Your Skipton Radio
- A vibrant, welcoming atmosphere for the whole family
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Book Your Tickets Now

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We're currently looking for business sponsors to help make the day even more spectacular. If you'd like to support the event, please contact:

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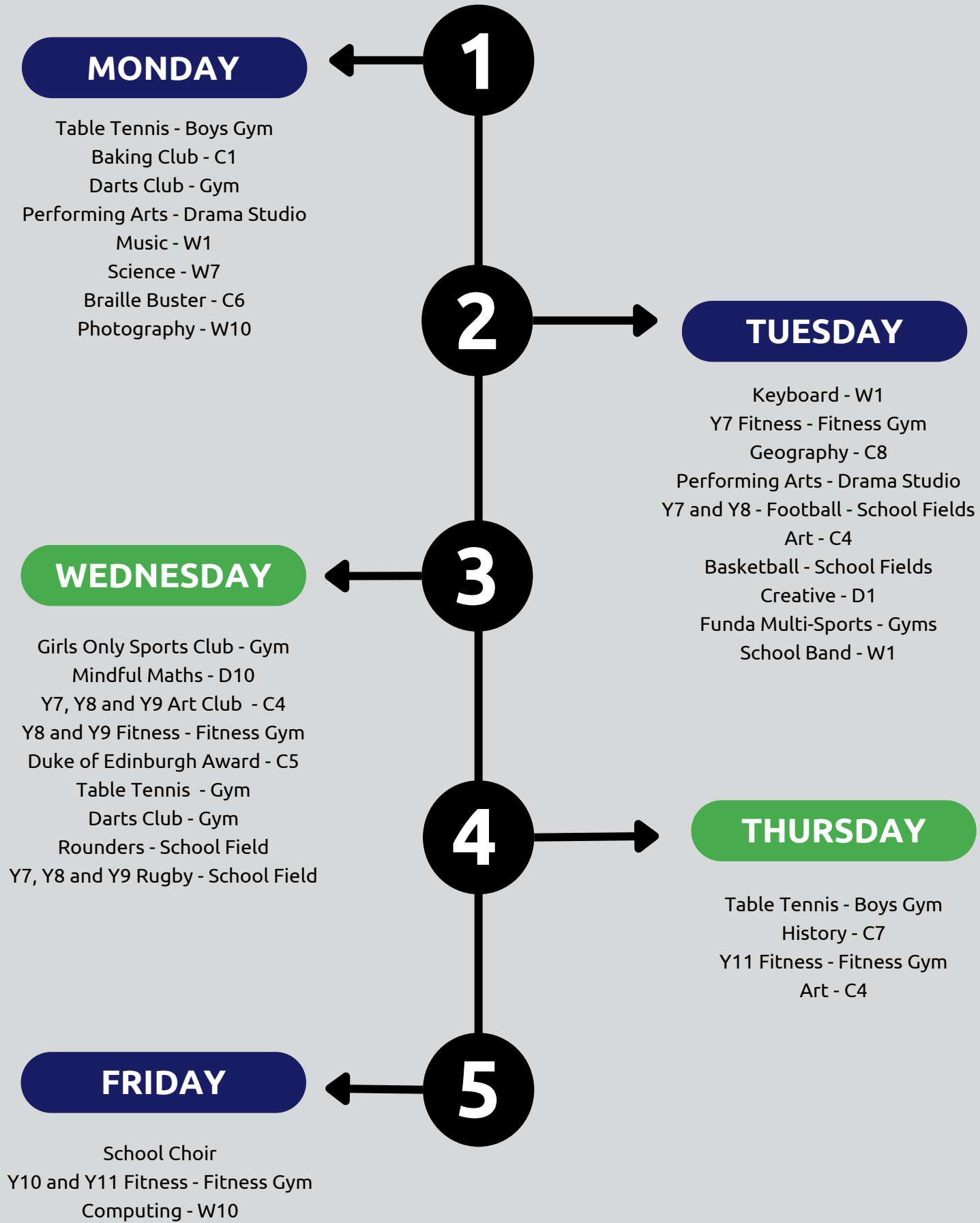
We're also welcoming stallholders who'd like to be part of the day—whether you sell crafts, food, or games, we'd love to hear from you.

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This is more than just a fun run - it's a community celebration, brought to life by the Skipton Academy PTA and Friends and The Skipton Academy.

Join us for a day to remember, and let's make our first Colour Run a spectacular success! 

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB



Y11 EASTER INTERVENTION SESSIONS

EASTER INTERVENTION - WEEK COMMENCING 7TH APRIL 2025

MON 7

BIOLOGY FOUNDATION - W8
CHEMISTRY HIGHER - W3
MUSIC - W1
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

MON 7

BIOLOGY HIGHER - W8
CHEMISTRY FOUNDATION - W3
MUSIC - W1
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

TUE 8

PHYSICS HIGHER - W7
TEXTILES - C2
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

TUE 8

PHYSICS FOUNDATION - W7
TEXTILE - C2
FRENCH - D4
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

WED 9

HISTORY - C7
PRODUCT DESIGN - R1
BTEC PERFORMANCE -
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

WED 9

COMPUTER SCIENCE - W10
PRODUCT DESIGN - R1
BTEC PERFORMANCE -
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

THU 10

ART - C4
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

THU 10

BUSINESS STUDIES - D6
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

FRI 11

ART - C4
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

FRI 11

BUSINESS STUDIES - D6
GEOGRAPHY - C8
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

NOTES

Science: Get hands-on with required practicals to master key skills for your exams!

Textiles: Improve your designs and make final touches to your project.

History: Dive into key topics and sharpen your exam skills with focused revision.

Product Design: Fine-tune your projects and perfect your practical work before submission.

Computer Science: Sharpen your coding, problem-solving, and theory knowledge to ace your exams.

BTEC Performance: Perfect your practical and written elements with guidance and feedback.

Art: Use this session to refine your artwork and ensure your portfolio stands out.

Geography: Boost your knowledge with targeted revision to enhance your understanding of Theme 1.

Business Studies: Ace your exams with focused sessions on Theme 1 (Thursday) and Theme 2 (Friday).

EASTER INTERVENTION - WEEK COMMENCING 14TH APRIL 2025

MON 14

MATHS HIGHER - HALL
MATHS FOUNDATION - D10
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

MON 14

MATHS HIGHER - HALL
MATHS FOUNDATION - D10
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

TUE 15

HISTORY - C7
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

TUE 15

GEOGRAPHY - C10
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

WED 16

ENGLISH PAPER 1 - HALL
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

WED 16

ENGLISH POWER AND CONFLICT- D8
ENGLISH PAPER 2- HALL
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

THU 17

MATHS FOUNDATION - D13
MATHS HIGHER - HALL
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

THU 17

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - D11
INDEPENDENT REVISION - LIBRARY

NOTES

Maths: Tackle Paper 1 on Monday morning, Paper 2 on Monday afternoon, and Paper 3 on Thursday morning - boost your confidence with focused practice!

Geography: Boost your knowledge with targeted revision to enhance your understanding.

History: Dive into key topics and sharpen your exam skills with focused revision.

English: Paper 1 Language in D7, a Paper 2 walk-through in D6, and Power & Conflict Poetry in D8. Don't miss these key opportunities to sharpen your skills!

Health & Social Care:
Strengthen your understanding of core concepts to excel in your assessments.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

As the term ended, TSA celebrated students' achievements in End-of-Term Celebration Assemblies, recognising their hard work, resilience, and growth across all year groups.

Subject Awards

Students were honoured in each subject for:

- Achievement – Outstanding performance and results.
- Progress – Significant improvement and growth.
- Resilience – Perseverance in overcoming challenges.
- Additionally, a Most Improved award highlighted remarkable progress in attitude, effort, and determination.

Tutor Awards

Tutor groups celebrated students for:

- Demonstrating School Values – Embodying TSA's ethos of respect, responsibility, and community.
- Tutor Most Improved – Exceptional growth in attitude, effort, and personal development.

Head of Year Awards

The assemblies concluded with Head of Year Awards for:

- **Demonstrating School Values** – Upholding TSA's positive principles.
- **Head of Year Award** – Outstanding contributions and a positive attitude.
- **Most Improved** – Exceptional progress and determination during the term.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS - SUBJECT AWARDS

Subjects	Year 7 Achievement, Progress & Resilience	Year 7 Most improved
English	Greta Harvey	Thomas Walker
Maths	Emily Pitts	Stanley Wright
Science	Jacob Osguthorpe	Emilia Hampson
History	Luke Steadman	Alice Cryer
Geography	Alister Plummer	Grace Flatley
PE	Jacob Osguthorpe	Sienna Webb
Music	Autumn Haworth	Alice Cryer
Performance	Jack Campbell	Isaac Bardgett
Food and Nutrition	Sophie Hobman	Sam Docherty
Textiles	William Barnes	Quinn Crossman Smith
Art	Asha Bottomley	Milo Whaites
Computing	Lana Belcher	Ashton Carpenter
Spanish	Felix Hearn	Abdur-Rahmaan Naik Alam
French	Ruby Firth	Greta Harvey

Subjects	Year 8 Achievement, Progress & Resilience	Year 8 Most improved
English	Leo Winspear	Arran Hair
Maths	Ned Hearn	Molly Alderson
Science	Arlo Simpson	Isabelle Brennand
History	Matvii	Toby Beard
Geography	Seth Cardus	Rosie Rawson
PE	Oliver Wright	Daisy Mullaney-Malcolm
Music	Arlo Simpson	Paddy Laycock
Performance	Edwin Knapp	Heidi Rees
Food and Nutrition	William Scotland	Lily-Mae Smith
Textiles		Harriet Jeff
Art	Zara Dyson	Lexie Gregory
Computing	Paddy Laycock	Olivia Norcross
Spanish	Layla Plummer	Deen Iqbal
French	Pippa Claxton	Eleanor Pearce

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - SUBJECT AWARDS

Subjects	Year 9 Achievement, Progress & Resilience	Year 9 Most improved
English	Isla Gay	Lilly McKimm
Maths	Teagan Reedy	Bede Whitlock
Biology	Jake Gower	Chayce Telford
Chemistry	Jack Sedgwick	
Physics	Thomas Riddler	logan wilson
History	Paige Allport	Sophia Percival
Geography	Grace Metcalfe	Thomas Fletcher
PE	Lola Elliott	Ruby Perry
Music	Riley Miller	Jacob Crofts
Performance	Sam Till	Charlotte Patrick
Food and Nutrition		Lily Holtom
Textiles	Annabel Farrar	Poppy Finch Gill
Art	Eva Cross	Leo Chapman
Computing	Bernard Lapusz	Harry Allport
French	Alfie Brayshay	Caleb Osguthorpe

Subjects	Year 10 Achievement, Progress & Resilience	Year 10 Most improved
English	Hayden Hunn	Oliver Cooper
Maths		Liv Henstock
Biology	Louie Day	Anika Shiaz
Chemistry	Gil Townsley	Layla-Rose Jones
Physics	Chae Tyrer	Isabelle Ettenfield
History	Lily Cordice	Hasan Mahmood
Geography	Louie Day	Jack Tate
Business	Lexie Greensmith	Megan Probeta
Performance	Will Lawrence	Eleanor Crowther
Art	Izzy Ettenfield	Liv Henstock
Textiles	Taylor	Sylina
ICT	Arthur Dalby	Maddison-Leigh Jeffery
Computer Science	Milo Hearn	Autumn Rose-Whitehead
Music	Sheldon Walls	Olive Shakespeare
Sport BTEC	Poppy Earnshaw-Wright	Layla-Rose Jones
Health and Social Care	Harvey Hall	Phoebe Noon
French	Gil Townsley	Milly Charlton
Food and Nutrition	Mia Taylor	Ameena Zaid

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - SUBJECT AWARDS

Subjects	Year 11 Achievement, Progress & Resilience	Year 11 Most improved
English	Chelsea Tiffany	Melissa Lynch
Maths	Waleed Hussain	Laiba Faisal
Biology	Libby Cameron	John Diaz
Chemistry	Lily Oxley Midgley	
Physics	Finley Brennan	Maddix Lowe
History	Mia Allport	Lucy D
Geography	Charlie Price	Libby Cameron
Business	Geraldine Silunyange	Hamnah Khalil
Performance	Lydia Curtis	Sabeen Nazir
Art	Poppy Leadbeater	Olivia Ostrowska
ICT	Keira Brewin	Riley Turner-Woodward
Computer Science	Elise Lynan	Josh Shearer
Music	Kash Karim	Edward Oliver
Sport BTEC	Jenny Dobson	Eleanor Newbould
Health and Social Care	Lillie Oxley-Midgley	Rosie Fawcett
French	Mia Allport	Humayl Shahzad
Food and Nutrition	Poppy Leadbeater	Courtney Turner

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

These students have demonstrated outstanding commitment by participating in the highest number of clubs, showcasing their eagerness to explore a wide range of interests and develop new skills. Beyond their involvement, they have achieved exemplary attendance records, reflecting their passion, discipline, and determination to make the most of these opportunities. Their contributions not only enhance their personal growth but also help create a vibrant and dynamic school community. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and commend their well-deserved success!

Year 7	Ihsan Mumtaz	Alfie Wildman
Year 8	Isabelle Parry	Harvey Dodd
Year 9	Ryoki Uchimura	Lily Holtom
Year 10	Caleb McCutcheon	Amelia Szcutnik
Year 11	Rufus Calvey-Sutcliffe	Geraldine Silunyange

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - TUTOR AWARDS

7VA	Stanley Wright	Kim Njerere
7BYC	Issac Haworth	Layla Roberts
7SFF	Sienna Webb	Anjela Ajish
7VJH	Jacob Osguthorpe	Marni Ormerod
7EEM	Mueez Rehman	Chloe Ellison
7JAM	William Barnes	Archie Gedling
8CC	Charlie Hall	Ethan Hunter
8ORC	Archie Ogden	Lily-Mae Smith
8DH	Isabelle Newbold	Mason Ross-Bryar
8JJ	Elliot Thornton	Pippa Claxton
8AYL	Harvey Dodd	Monika Ravska
8BL		John Djavanroodi
9SJB	Anna Kashchuk	Harry Driver
9JC	Harry Wood	Grace Cahill
9RE	Afsaan Akhtar	Jake Gower
9WO	Grace Metcalfe	Ryoki Uchimura
9AW	Isla Gay	Magnus Wills
10GB	Arthur Dalby	Anika Shiaz
10GS	Ameena Zaid	Olive Shakespeare
10JV	Courtney Adey	Leyla Kitson
10PW	Amy Butterfield	Jaydon Bennett
10DW	Milly Charlton	Caleb McCutcheon
11BA	Kashost	Meredith Aspinall
11JT	Jack Entwistle	
11RK	Lillie Oxley-Midgely	Keira Brewin
11NM	Libby Cameron	Rufus Calvey-Sutcliffe

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS

Year Group	School Values	Outstanding Contribution	Most Improved
Year 7	Stanley Wright	Marni Ormerod	Milo Whaites
Year 8	Lillie Mae-Smith	Charlie Hall	Cameron Moorby
Year 9	Lola Elliot	Thomas Spurgeon	Lucy Blythe
Year 10	Arabella Nesbitt-Hancock	Lexi Greensmith	Bradley Hainsworth
Year 11	Freddie Boatwright	Jessica Mae-Hainsworth	Lillie Oxley-Midgley



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