



Friday 6th March 2026

Preparing for the Future – National Careers Week

This week we have been celebrating National Careers Week through our Ambitions Pathways Programme, giving students the opportunity to develop and showcase their employability skills.

Earlier in the week, Dell hosted an inspiring careers event where students worked together in teams to create an innovative product. The results were fantastic! Students demonstrated excellent teamwork by listening to each other, presenting their ideas confidently, challenging each other's thinking, and delivering their pitches to an audience of 80 students. Their confidence and collaboration showed just how valuable they will be to future employers.

We were also fortunate to host another national event delivered by Proactive – Employability and Training Programme, after successfully winning two bids as part of Careers Week.

On Friday, students took part in another exciting enterprise challenge where they worked together to turn around the fortunes of a struggling coffee shop. They applied key enterprise skills including:

- Communication
- Application of Number
- Information and Communication Technology
- Working with Others
- Improving Own Learning and Performance
- Problem Solving

Using these skills, students designed new marketing strategies, created menus, planned interior designs, organised events, and developed financial plans for the business.

The day concluded with fantastic presentations from the winning teams in each House.

Find out on Monday who the overall winners are!



Autism with Anxiety staff training

As part of our weekly CPD for staff, this week we all attended online professional development led by an external consultant on autism and anxiety in young people. This highly informative session enabled everyone to have a deeper understanding and empathy of how a young person is feeling and acting because of their anxiety and/or autism. Strategies were also shared for how staff can help a young person to manage this condition and enable them to be successful.

World Book Day

We celebrated the value of reading and books as part of World Book Day and 2026: The Year of Reading.

Ms Riley delivered an inspiring assembly to North Stars, where students explored the many benefits of reading and learnt strategies to help them read more. Whatever their starting point, reading takes practice—and every page counts.

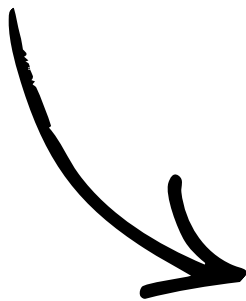
We also linked World Book Day with National Careers Week, hearing from our school community: a pilot, a matron, a police sergeant and an author! It was fascinating to learn how important reading has been in each of their careers, despite the very different paths they have taken.

Reading is the foundation of our curriculum, and we continue to make it central to every lesson. To finish the day, Year 7 celebrated with a World Book Day event where North Stars worked in teams to complete a range of reading activities, competing in their Houses.

We would also like to congratulate the worthy winners of our story writing competition in English - well done to everyone who entered!



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Indoor and outdoor games and activities

This week students have enjoyed playing games that we have purchased using monies from the Christmas Fayre that you all so kindly supported and by contributing to the School Fund via Parent Pay. It was heartwarming to see students laughing with each other and enjoying the different games and activities. We are planning to add further activities for students to use during social times. If you have any board games/indoor or outdoor sports games or activities that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful to ensure that our students continue to thrive and build their communication skills with each other during social times.

Coming up!

Welcome to our new Year 7 North Stars!

On Tuesday we will be welcoming our second cohort of North Stars at our Welcome event. I can hardly believe that it has been a year since your children, our founding cohort, received their secondary school offer! We are very much looking forward to meeting our new families and growing our school community. Many of our students will also be on hand to welcome our new students.

Student Progress Evenings

As previously communicated, these will be taking place on Thursday 19th March, Thursday 26th March and Wednesday 15th April to ensure that there are enough appointments for all. Please see separate details about the procedures for these evenings so that we can ensure that these evenings are as successful as possible for everyone.

Year 7 Curriculum trip – Wednesday 25th March

We are all excited to be visiting London Museum and Art Gallery and the Sea Life Centre as part of enriching our knowledge of the Year 7 curriculum. Students need to arrive at school at the usual time with a packed lunch and bottle of water. Students will be wearing school uniform and will arrive back at school for 3.15pm. There will be limited opportunity to purchase anything and we do not recommend that students bring any further monies with them.

DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

19th March – Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
23rd March–27th March – Shakespeare Week
25th March – Inspiration Day–Year 7 trip
26th March – Easter Rewards Celebration
26th March – Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
15th April–Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
30th March–10th April – Easter Holiday