

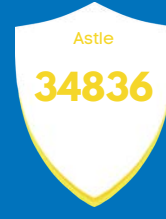
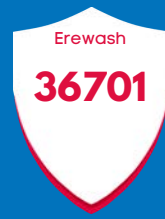


Hall Park Academy

NEWSLETTER

EASTER EDITION - 2025

Read our Easter 2025 newsletter which includes all the amazing things our students have been doing this term.





A MESSAGE FROM
Mr Crossley

"There has been much to celebrate in the last term at Hall Park. The term began with an Excellence Evening celebrating the academic success of students from the summer exams. Students visited Goodison Park to watch an FA Cup match and participated in a metacognitive skills workshop at the University of Derby.

Anti-bullying initiatives included a live broadcast on Radio Nottingham and the training of new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Gold Duke of Edinburgh students learned night navigation in the Peak District, and Year 11 students attended the Poetry Live! conference, learning valuable skills to support them in their upcoming GCSEs.

Year 10 students gained work experience in various placements, while Ryan completed a fundraising walk in London. Students competed in the Nottinghamshire Cross Country Championship where Year 7 student Denny excelled, and Year 7 students visited Southwell Minster.

Year 8 and Year 9 netball teams have been in action, and Year 9 students visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Year 11 GCSE PE students attended a PGL revision weekend completing outward bound activities alongside revision, and the politics class attended the Polecon conference in London to complement their A Level studies.

Students achieved personal bests at the Redhill Trust Indoor Rowing Championships and excelled in the Team Maths Challenge. Year 10 students worked on a street art project in Eastwood, which has garnered much praise from the local community and students visited Wembley Stadium for a World Cup Qualifier.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a happy and relaxing Easter break.

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EXCELLENCE EVENING

On January 7th, Hall Park Academy hosted a memorable Excellence Evening, bringing together students, parents, and staff to celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of the previous year. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that had led to the students' success. It also allowed staff to share their pride and admiration for their students' academic excellence, acknowledging the effort and determination each student had put into their studies.

As part of the ceremony, students were individually presented with certificates, recognising their academic achievements. The highest achievers were honoured with a special award presented by the Chair of Governors, Mr Hopkins, a moment that highlighted the extraordinary commitment these students had shown throughout the year.

From all of us at Hall Park Academy, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours and hope you continue to shine in everything you do.



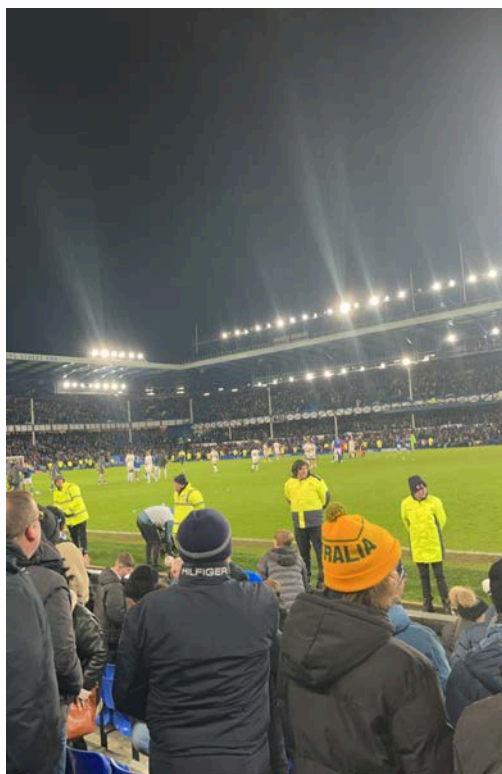


GOODISON PARK TRIP

On January 9th, as part of our ongoing commitment to providing students with unique and exciting opportunities, a special trip was organised to watch Everton take on their opponents in this year's FA Cup third round. This match was particularly special, as it gave students the chance to visit Goodison Park. The iconic stadium will be demolished at the end of the season to make way for Everton's new home.

Despite the freezing temperatures dropping to -6°C in the stands, the students braved the cold and were treated to a thrilling 2-0 victory for the Blues. The atmosphere in the stadium was electric, and the students had the chance to witness the passion and excitement of live football in such a historic venue.

Throughout the day, the students demonstrated excellent behaviour and enthusiasm, and they were a true credit to the school. Their energy and positive attitude were noted by both staff and fellow fans alike. We hope this memorable experience has sparked a lifelong connection to the sport and possibly even inspired some new Everton supporters.



UNIVERSITY OF DERBY



On January 23rd, Year 10 students recently participated in the "Think, Reflect, and Succeed" experience hosted by the University of Derby, offering a unique opportunity to develop vital academic skills. During the event, students focused on enhancing their metacognitive abilities - learning to reflect on and regulate their thinking processes - while also gaining valuable strategies for tackling longer answer questions in exams.

The day also included an insightful campus tour, providing students with a glimpse into university life and what it means to be a university student. The tour allowed them to explore various facilities and get a sense of the opportunities available to them in higher education.

Our students proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the event. They demonstrated exceptional conduct, professionalism, and dedication, completing all tasks with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic. Their engagement and positive attitude were commendable, reflecting the values of our school in a professional setting.



ANTI-BULLYING BROADCAST



For the first part of our anti-bullying news, on January 21st, four of our exceptional students had the exciting opportunity to appear live on Radio Nottingham, where they discussed the vibrant Eastwood community and shared some of the fantastic initiatives happening here at Hall Park Academy.

During the broadcast, the students spoke passionately about key projects currently taking place within our school and local area. They highlighted our commitment to tackling bullying through a proactive and supportive approach and shared how our anti-bullying strategies create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone, ensuring that every voice is heard and respected.

The students spoke with great confidence and enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented Hall Park Academy. Their insights into these important initiatives were not only impressive but also filled with genuine pride in the work they are doing.

A huge well done to the girls for their fantastic contribution to the broadcast.



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS



Following on with our ongoing commitment to anti-bullying, Hall Park Academy recently welcomed a new group of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, who have completed their training with the support of the Diana Award.

These dedicated volunteers will join our existing team of ambassadors, working together to enhance our current anti-bullying initiatives and create new ways to raise awareness and promote positive change within our school community.

During their training, they learned that bullying is defined as behaviour that is "repeated, negative, and intentional." If you ever feel you are a target of bullying, these ambassadors, easily identifiable by their new anti-bullying badges, are here to support you and guide you through the next steps.

We are incredibly proud of this group and are excited to see the creative ideas they will bring to life in the coming months. For more information on how report bullying at Hall Park Academy please see the next page.



**HALL PARK ACADEMY
HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ALL TYPES
OF BULLYING.**



Bullying is behaviour which is meant to hurt, frighten or upset another person several times on purpose.

How to report bullying in school and online:

Each company has their own blocking and reporting systems to combat bullying.

Tell a member of staff

Email: anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk

Use the anti-bullying box in House Support

NIGHT NAVIGATION

On January 15th, Mrs Kelly and Mr Grainger took the Gold Duke of Edinburgh students out to Curbar in the Peak District after school and provided a session on how to successfully navigate in challenging weather conditions and in the dark. Almost on cue, the fog set in over the moors on Thursday night and students understood why learning how to navigate in challenging conditions was important.

Students used their maps and compasses to walk on a bearing as well as learning how many paces they take within a 100m distance and the length of time they expect to be walking for to cover a 100m distance.

All students across the two nights were fabulous, with most students having completed one previous level of the DofE Award. However, this was not the case for all, and our direct-entrant students really impressed us with their new knowledge.

The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive and they were thankful to have had the opportunity to learn a new skill. Watch this space - more night navigation sessions might be happening in the future.



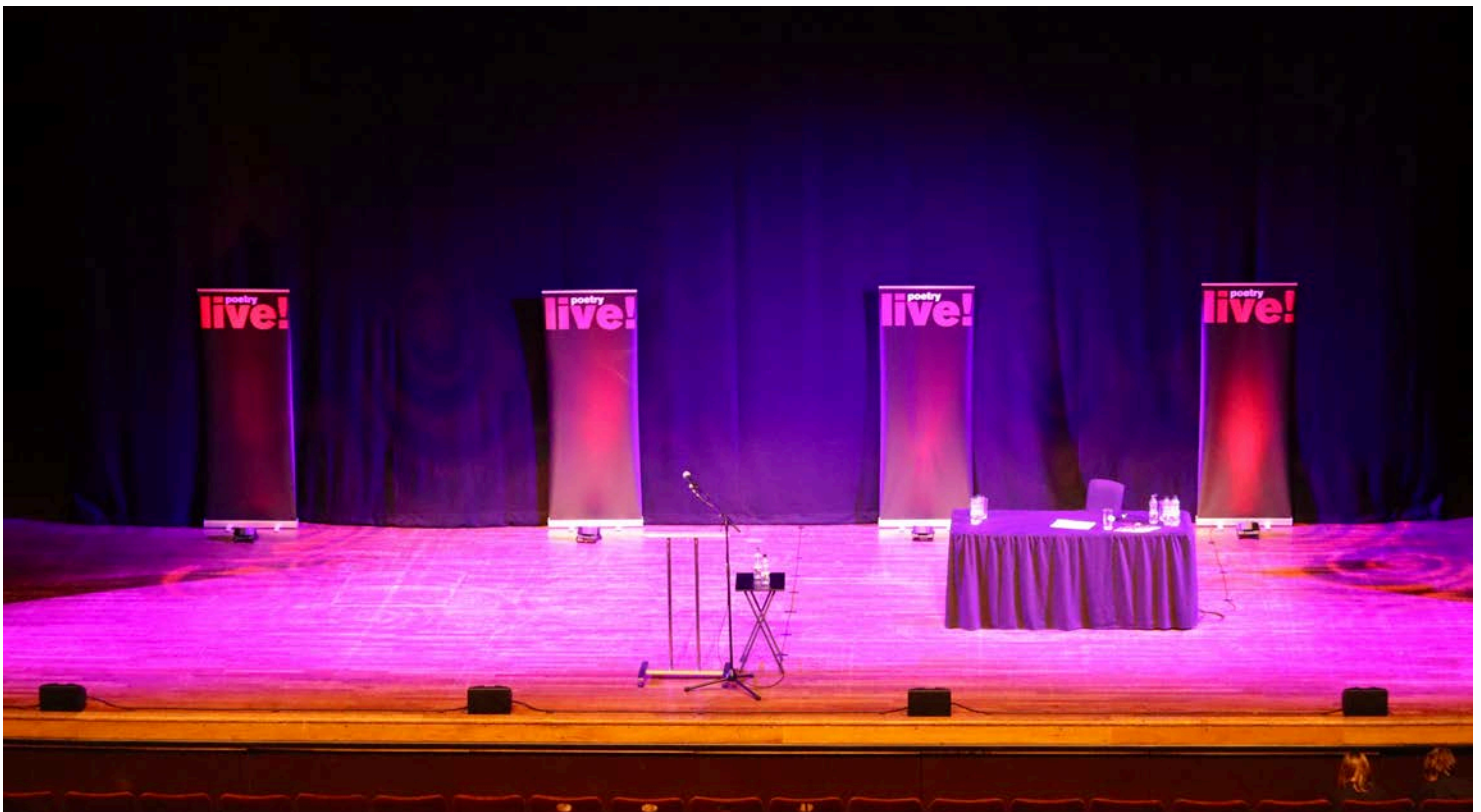
ROYAL CONCERT HALL - POETRY LIVE



In late January, a group of Year 11 students attended the 'Poetry Live!' conference at The Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. Several of the poets that students study as part of their GCSE English Literature course were present on the day such as Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard and Simon Armitage (the current Poet Laureate).

Each poet performed readings of some of their poetry and talked in depth about how and why they wrote their poems. The day ended with a particularly memorable reading of 'Checking Out Me History' by John Agard where he invited the audience to join in with him as he performed the poem.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and left feeling inspired by what they had learnt.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

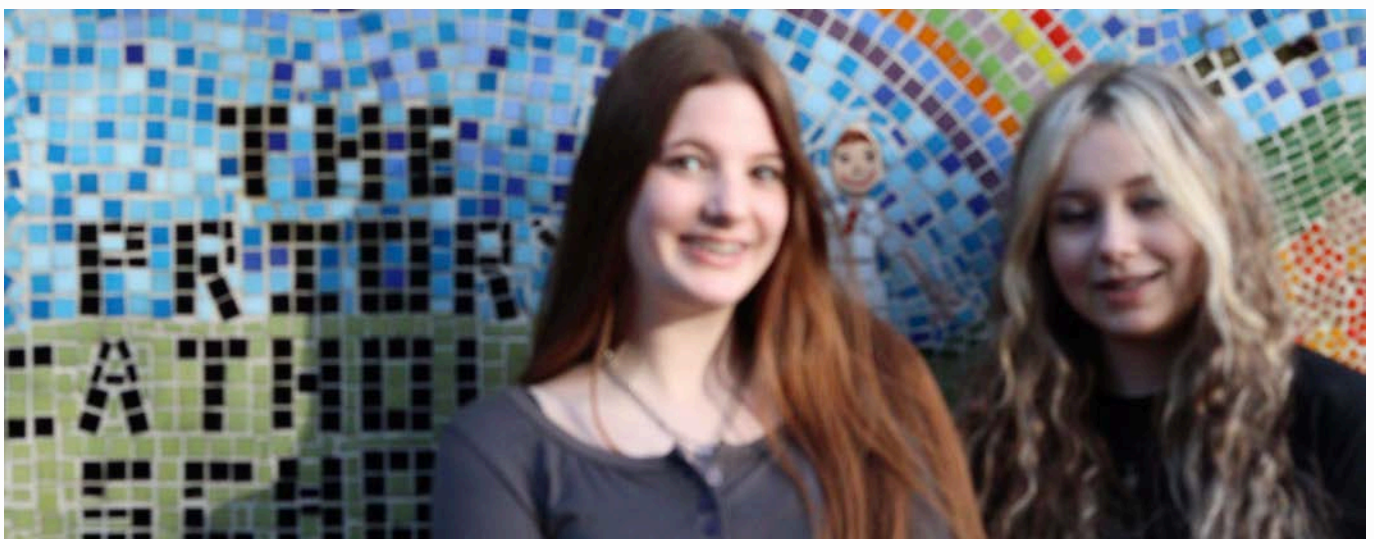


Our Year 10 students participated in Work Experience Week, in January, gaining valuable exposure to the workplace and bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application.

Placements ranged from flying schools to leisure centres, and dog grooming to engineering. It was a pleasure visiting students at their placements and seeing their dedication.

Local employers praised our students for their professionalism and work ethic. The manager of a local nursery highlighted our students' reliability, while the Headteacher of a primary school expressed gratitude for their positive influence. The manager of Eastwood's largest engineering company also commended our students.

Throughout the week, students developed essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, while making valuable industry connections.



FUNDRAISING HERO



In February, Hall Park Academy's very own hero, Ryan Bennett, embarked on an incredible 26.2-mile winter walk through the heart of London, braving the cold to support a cause close to his heart. With unwavering determination and an inspiring sense of purpose, Ryan set out to raise funds for veterans partnered with service dogs, aiming to make a real difference in the lives of those who have served our country. Not only did Ryan complete this monumental challenge, but he exceeded his fundraising goal, raising an impressive £387.50.

Ryan's commitment to the cause goes beyond his physical endurance. His efforts have helped shine a spotlight on the vital work done by the Veterans with Dogs team, who provide specially trained dogs to veterans suffering from mental health issues, giving them companionship and support.

Ryan's Herculean efforts are not only deeply appreciated by the Veterans with Dogs team but have also filled us all at Hall Park Academy with immense pride. His actions remind us of the power of community spirit and the profound difference one individual can make. Thank you, Ryan, you truly are "pawsome".



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION



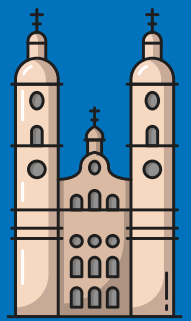
On February 1st, Year 7 student Denny showcased his incredible talent at the Nottinghamshire Cross Country Championship. Having triumphed in the Year 7 boys' race at the Broxtowe district round in October, Denny earned the opportunity to represent both his school and district at this prestigious event.

Denny tackled the challenging 3.5km course with remarkable speed, staying near the front of the pack throughout the race. As he approached the final stretch, just 200 metres from the finish, he was trailing the leader by 15 metres. In a thrilling display of stamina and determination, Denny surged ahead in the final moments as his opponent began to tire, ultimately finishing less than a metre behind in an impressive 2nd place.

This outstanding achievement highlights Denny's dedication, hard work, and natural talent, and we are incredibly proud of his performance. His success is a true reflection of the spirit of excellence at Hall Park Academy.



SOUTHWELL MINSTER



On February 5th, our Year 7 students had an incredible experience visiting Southwell Minster on Wednesday to support the work they have been completing in religious studies.

We were warmly welcomed by the staff and given an insightful tour of the stunning building, where we learned about its fascinating history and important role in the community. Students took part in interactive workshops exploring how the Minster is used today, from regular services to special ceremonies, and got hands-on with activities showcasing the Minster's influence in music, prayer, and education.

The Minster provided a beautiful setting for our Year 7 students to enjoy an enriching experience that brought history to life, and it was inspiring to see how such a historic place continues to thrive in modern life.



NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Back in the middle of February, the Year 8 and Year 9 netball teams travelled to Oakwood Academy to participate in a highly anticipated netball tournament. The teams were excited to showcase their skills and compete in a friendly yet competitive environment.

Despite the exceptionally cold weather conditions, each player demonstrated outstanding dedication, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Their commitment to the game was evident in their unwavering effort and determination, regardless of the challenging environment.

The event was filled with a vibrant and energetic atmosphere, with supporters and teammates alike cheering on the players, creating an encouraging and united spirit throughout the tournament. The day was a testament to both teams' hard work and teamwork, and it was an enjoyable experience for all involved.



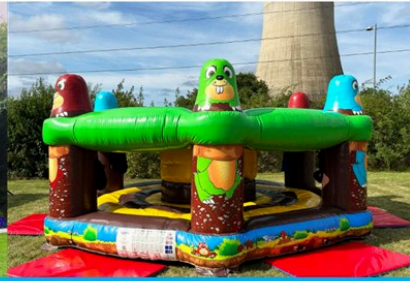
Spring Term

Attendance Reward

Achieve 97% or above between September and Easter to be rewarded with a film and treats on Thursday 3rd April

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will be this term's film



Attendance Reward Afternoon

Years 7-10

Wednesday 23rd July

97% or above

between 13th January and 17th July



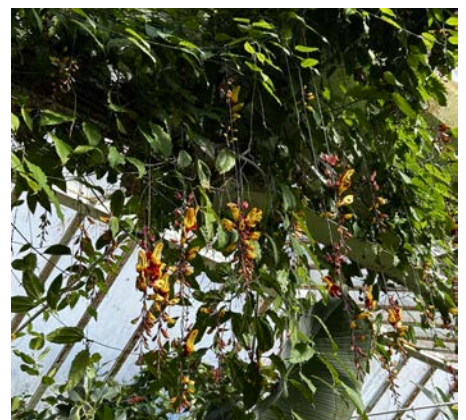
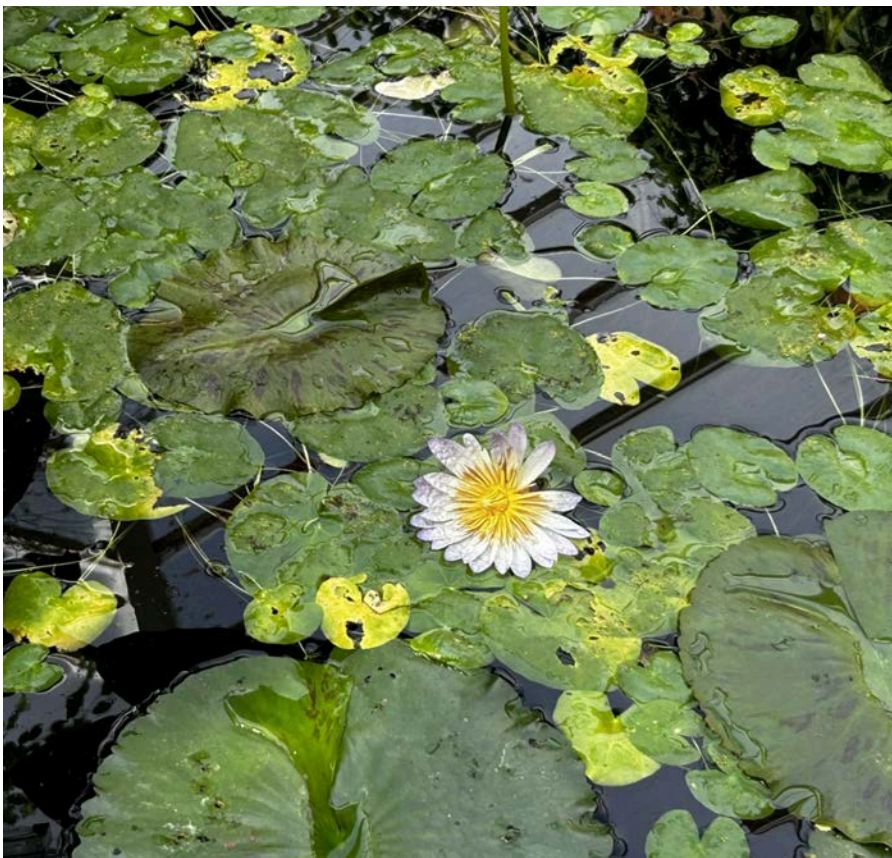
BOTANICAL GARDENS



At the end of February, a group of Year 9 students embarked on an exciting educational trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity to build on their studies of tropical rainforests, particularly focusing on plant adaptations. During the 'rainforest mission', students observed and analysed various plant species, relating their real-world observations to what they had previously learned in the classroom.

In addition to this, students took part in an orienteering challenge, navigating the expansive grounds of the gardens. It was the perfect day for outdoor learning, offering warm, sunny weather that added to the experience.

Overall the trip was a great success, offering a perfect blend of education and enjoyment, and leaving the students with lasting memories of their time in the beautiful surroundings of the botanical gardens.



PGL REVISION TRIP



On 7th March, the PE Department took 27 Year 11 GCSE PE students on an action-packed PGL revision weekend residential, where learning met adventure!

The weekend was a perfect mix of fun and focused revision. The students took part in creative activities designed to help them recall key information, such as squat balloon popping, relay quizzes, memory challenges, and question pong, all to prepare for their upcoming exams. But it wasn't all books—there was plenty of outdoor action too!

Students had the chance to try their hand at a range of PGL activities, including canoeing, the vertical challenge, laser tag, rifle shooting, and ambush. Throughout, the students displayed incredible resilience, pushing through their limits and showing impressive bravery as many faced their fears of heights and water.

The students were a credit to Hall Park, demonstrating respect, hard work, resilience, and teamwork throughout the weekend. They truly represented the school at its very best.



TRIP TO PARLIAMENT



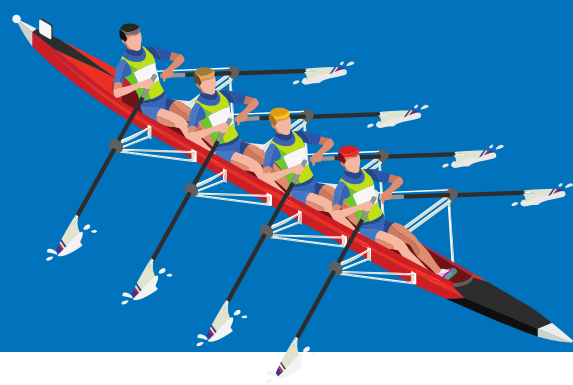
On 10th March, our politics class set off early for a trip to London to attend the Polecon, a politics conference. The event featured prominent politicians like Jacob Rees-Mogg, Emily Thornberry, and Richard Tice who shared valuable insights on key political issues such as Brexit, party futures, and the state of British politics. Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's former spin doctor, added depth with his expertise on the media's role in shaping political narratives. The discussions sparked lively debates and encouraged students to think critically about the issues.

The trip also included a visit to Abbey Road Studios where students recreated the iconic Beatles photo on the famous zebra crossing. They explored key political and cultural landmarks around the city including Westminster, adding a fun cultural element to the day.

Overall, the trip offered a great mix of political learning and cultural exploration, leaving students with lasting memories of both the insights gained and the landmarks visited.



ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On 5th March, we had the privilege of taking 20 talented students to the Redhill Trust Indoor Rowing Championships.

Throughout the event we saw remarkable achievements. A total of 14 students surpassed their personal bests in their timed rows, demonstrating the hard work and commitment they've put into their training. Additionally, 9 students secured spots in the top 10 of their respective categories, which is an incredible accomplishment in such a competitive field.

The highlight of the day came during the awards ceremony when one of our students earned a well-deserved bronze medal which was an impressive feat and recognised their skill and perseverance.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who participated and look forward to seeing how they continue to progress in their rowing journey over the coming months.



Redhill Trust Indoor Junior Rowing Championships



7th place overall



20 students
14 personal bests



1 3rd place medal

Hall Park Academy

9 top 10 finishes

TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE



We're thrilled to share that four of our talented students recently took part in the Team Maths Challenge (TMC) at David Nieper Academy, where they finished in an impressive 6th place out of 18 teams!

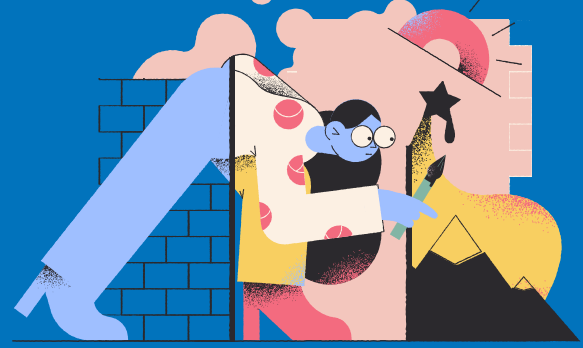
The event was an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their mathematical skills, teamwork, and communication abilities as they worked together to solve complex problems. It was a dynamic environment that allowed them to think critically and collaborate in a high-pressure setting.

Competing alongside teams from other schools in the region, our students demonstrated exceptional problem-solving abilities and a strong sense of unity. Their ability to work seamlessly together and stay focused throughout the challenge was truly inspiring.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and the impressive achievement they earned at this event. Congratulations to our students for such an outstanding accomplishment.



STREET ART

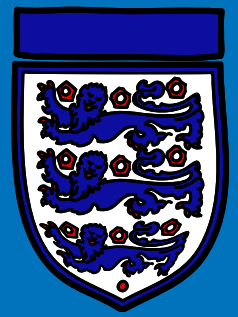


On 10th March four of our talented Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to work alongside renowned Nottingham street artist Anna Wheelhouse as part of a community regeneration project. Led by Mr Barlow, the students helped transform the allotment gates in Eastwood with vibrant, eye-catching designs that have already made a significant impact on the area.

The colourful artwork has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response from local residents who have expressed their appreciation for the fresh, uplifting addition to the town. Many community members are calling for more projects like this to continue brightening up Eastwood and fostering a sense of pride in the area.

With such fantastic feedback and a newfound burst of colour, Eastwood's community spirit is shining brighter than ever. Residents and visitors alike are hopeful that this project will be the first of many more to come.

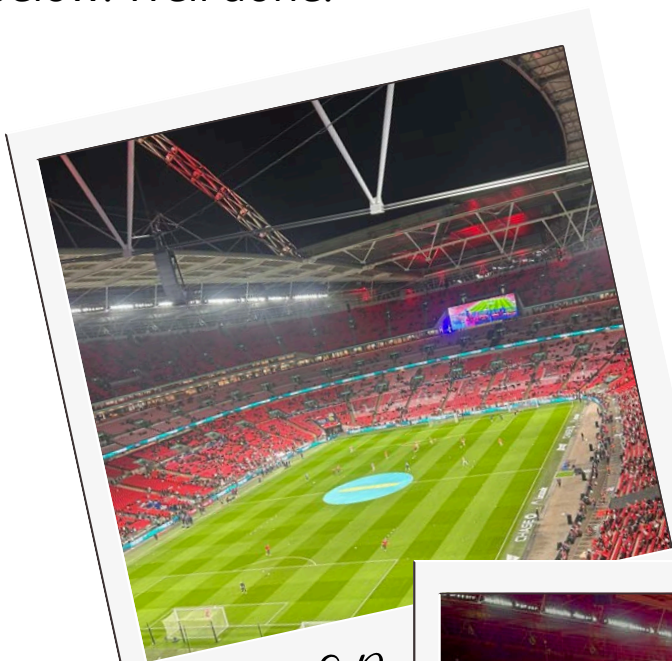




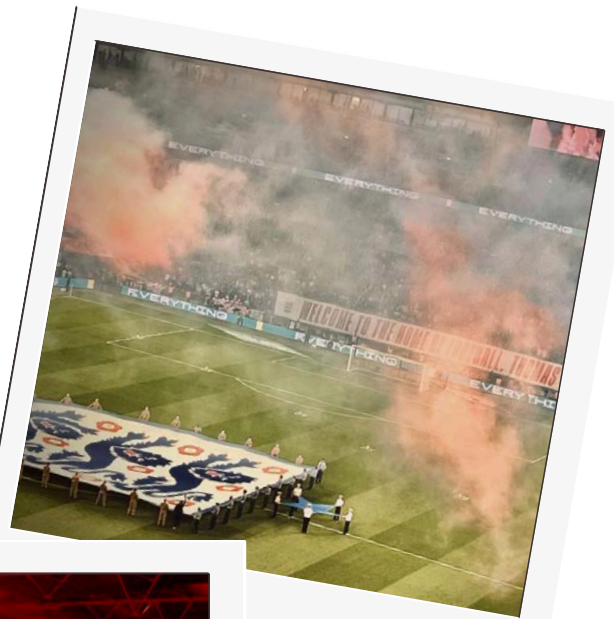
WEMBLEY STADIUM

On Friday 21st March 44 students travelled down to Wembley to watch a World Cup Qualifier between England and Albania. With it being Thomas Tuchel's first game in charge there were 90,000 supporters in attendance. As well as experiencing the enormity of Wembley Stadium, the students saw England triumph 2-0.

Whilst there, Mr Dolman set a photo challenge with the best three photographers winning a football. The winning photos can be seen below. Well done!



Esme F-B



Alex R



Jayden W



Pre-loved Uniform

Got any uniform that you no longer need?

If you have any good-condition uniform no longer needed, it can be donated to the school. Donated items are used to support students and items not needed are used to create a swap shop for later in the year. Please drop off any donations at the school reception.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

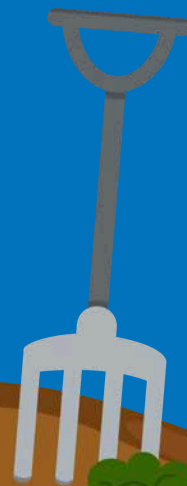


GARDENING CLUB

DONATIONS OF EQUIPMENT WANTED

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