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# MERIDIAN TRUST NEWS



## National Literacy Trust

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I hope 2026 is treating everyone well so far. We have all had a busy start to the year with plenty to update you on from across Meridian Trust.

In early February, our Estates Team headed to the Education Property Awards in London where they were shortlisted for Decarbonisation/ Green Project of the Year, for work across the entire Trust, and the School Project of the Year, for refurbishment work at Bishop Laney

Sixth Form at Ely College. Although they didn't take home the win this time, this recognition is testament to the remarkable work of our Estates team, school leaders, and partners.

We are delighted to be supporting the National Literacy Trust's National Year of Reading across all our schools. As a former English teacher, I truly believe that reading is the key to unlocking much of the rest of education for students, staff and our community. Over the course of the year, many activities and initiatives are planned to support this campaign. If you haven't done so yet please join us in pledging 10 minutes of your time to reading every day.

It was wonderful to see so many of our primary pupils representing their schools at the Young Voices concerts recently. I know that my two children thoroughly enjoyed the experience when they were that age. It's a great example of a Meridian Trust core value 'Extending the Boundaries of Learning'.

As I write this, we are still digesting the news of the recent Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) white paper. We do want to make sure that we keep furthering what we believe should happen in SEND and are pleased that Cambridgeshire County Council are happy to progress with the Greensands SEMH school project. This marks an exciting time for SEND across the county of Cambridgeshire and for Meridian Trust.



Finally, we are proud to announce that we have recently been shortlisted as Large MAT of the Year in the MAT Excellence Awards. Based on our entry, the judges have commended the Trust's strong sense of moral purpose and our commitment to ensuring that every child and member of staff is known, valued and supported to reach their potential. Winners will be announced in June.

Spring term has been a short but busy one, nonetheless. As we head into summer term, I hope everyone has had a restful Easter break. Thank you to staff, students, and families for your ongoing support and involvement in school life.



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Mark Woods  
Meridian Trust CEO

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# A Message From The Principal

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of Park Life. It is a pleasure to share with you another snapshot of the vibrant experiences, achievements and opportunities that continue to shape life at our academy.

The Spring term has been an incredibly busy and rewarding time. Our students have embraced a wide range of events and competitions, demonstrating enthusiasm, determination and a strong sense of community. From sporting fixtures to creative and academic challenges, it has been inspiring to see so many students representing the academy with pride and confidence. A highlight has to be our brilliant production of *Beauty and the Beast*, which spotlighted the very best of our students' talents, both performance and technical. The production and guidance that our Performing Arts staff provided our young people was first class!

Inter-house competitions and enrichment activities, such as the King Spinathon, World Book Day and Red Nose Day, have once

again been a highlight of the term, fostering teamwork and healthy competition while allowing students to showcase their talents and raise funds for very worthy causes. Alongside this, wider academy events such as our Science Fair, have brought learning to life, engaging students in new and exciting ways beyond our classrooms.

As we look ahead to the Summer term, there is much to anticipate. A full calendar of events awaits, including further competitions, trips, enrichment opportunities and key milestones for our examination year groups. Our Year 11 and 13 students have completed a full suite of Mock exams and we are sure that this will prepare them fully for the summer series so they can do themselves justice and gain the all important grades they are after to

progress to the next phase of their education and training. With longer days and warmer weather ahead, we are especially looking forward to making the most of outdoor activities and our annual KHA festival which celebrates the efforts of our students over the this academic year.

Park Life remains an important part of how we celebrate and share these moments. I hope this edition gives you a sense of the energy and success across the academy, and I encourage you to take pride in all that has been achieved by your child and their peers.

Thank you for your continued support and kind, courteous approach to working in partnership with our staff.

Warmest regards,

**Rob Grover**  
Principal



# Peterborough United U18's play at The Theatre of Dreams!



A cold evening in December saw Peterborough United U18's travel to Old Trafford to play against Manchester United U18's in the FA Youth Cup.

Four of our students were picked to play up an age group and were selected for the squad. Whilst the boys lost 1-0 it could so easily have gone the other way. They played with passion, determination and brilliance befitting of a premier ship outfit. They did themselves, their families and all who supported and are associated with them proud! They came away with memories that will last forever, what a wonderful experience.



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# Food Technology Students – Chinese Cookery



In December we hosted some Chinese cookery workshops facilitated by FUN Healthy Chinese Cuisine Ambassadors whose mission is to inspire and educate secondary school students about the benefits of healthy Chinese cuisine and the Chinese culture. Following a presentation and demonstration, 22 food tech students got to cook Kung Pao chicken with some of the Lee Kum Kee sauces. Dishes were judged, although some students missed out as they had already tucked into their dishes!

The following day it was the teachers turn. We hosted 13 food teachers from 11 other secondary schools where we also learnt about Chinese culture and cuisine. Chef Lee demonstrated 5 popular dishes. Everything tasted amazing. The teachers then also had a competition to make chicken in black bean and garlic sauce and Chinese pork dumplings.

Both days were great fun and thanks go to the team at FUN HCCA - Chef Lee, Carina and Jingting.





# OTHELLO

On a very wet evening in December A Level and potential A Level Literature students watched the most amazing production of Shakespeare's tragedy Othello. It was a powerful performance by some highly acclaimed actors which made the 'battle' through central London the week before Christmas totally worth it. What an amazing show!!



## POSH Report

The 2025/26 campaign has been a competitive and developmental season so far for the Peterborough United Foundation's Football Education Programme sides competing in both the National Football Youth League (NFYL) and the CEFA league structure.

### NFYL Teams

The NFYL squads have faced a challenging schedule in the highly competitive South Premier division of the National Football Youth League. We have started the campaign positively, securing a narrow opening-day victory away at Charlton Athletic, showing resilience and strong defensive organisation to earn the three points.

Since then, performances have been mixed but encouraging. The squad has demonstrated attacking quality and creativity in spells, with players such as Kai W contributing important goals during the season. Matches have often been tightly contested, reflecting the quality and physical demands of the league.



Despite some difficult results against strong opposition, the team has continued to show progress in possession, teamwork, and game management. The league campaign remains a valuable platform for player development, with the group continuing to build confidence and consistency as the season progresses. At this moment it doesn't only depend on ourselves, but with 3 games to go there is a chance to win the league. Something that has never happened before in this programme with the NFYL team.

### CEFA Team

The boys' CEFA side began their season by stepping up into the South East 1 division of the CEFA League, where they have faced strong opposition, including established teams such as Colchester United.

Early fixtures have provided important learning experiences for the squad as they adapt to the increased standard of competition. The team has shown determination and work ethic throughout their matches, with several promising performances demonstrating the players' ability to compete at this level. This has resulted in better results and performances which put the team on track to achieve the objective we have set out as finishing in the top 3 of this league.

Overall, has been a very positive season with the normal ups and downs. Thus, players and staff have been dealing with all the internal and external obstacles that we encounter on the way brilliantly and make this a very successful season.



# 100%

## Attendance Award Winner!!

Congratulations to Sophia from King House for winning this amazing bike for 100% attendance this term.

*We would like to thank Grade A Recruitment for sponsoring this wonderful prize.*

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## Humanutopia Mentoring

**Our Year 9 Heroes have started their mentoring with Year 7 students reflecting on their Control Wheel: What is within their control and out of it and how they can take control.**

Two students from the group also represented Nene Park Academy at the recent Peterborough Headteachers meeting and talked eloquently and enthusiastically about the Humanutopia programme, we were very proud of them.





# Lille – Languages Trip

**Students had a wonderful time just before Christmas exploring stunning Lille. On their first day they spent time in the town and enjoyed the Christmas market.**

The following day saw students looking around the Bruges markets, soaking up the charm of the city and sampling Belgian chocolate at The Chocolate Museum.

Their final day saw them visit The Fromagerie d'ecke to taste interesting cheeses and take part in the quiz, which they all did really well in considering it was in French!

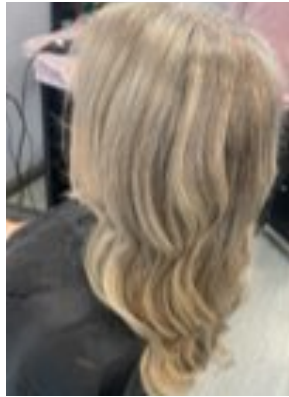
All students had an amazing time.





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## LENNON

Dear Lennon Students and Families,

As we move closer to the summer term, it has been fantastic to see Lennon students continuing to work hard, support one another, and represent the house so positively. I am delighted to share some of the recent achievements and celebrations across Lennon House.

Principal Awards

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been recognised with a Principal Award this term for their outstanding effort and achievement.

Nicola A – Year 10 (L-EBO)

Nicola produced an exceptional piece of coursework, achieving a perfect 60/60 in her Unit 1 Controlled Assessment.

Lara B – Year 10 (L-EJO)

Lara demonstrated excellent commitment in her BTEC Sport coursework, achieving a Level 2 Distinction for Component 1.

Olivia M – Year 10 (L-KLA)

Olivia also achieved a Level 2 Distinction for Component 1 in her BTEC Sport coursework through her hard work and dedication.

Molly B – Year 11 (L-KLA)

Molly has consistently shown exceptional dedication to her studies, completing all assigned work to a very high standard while also extending her learning independently.

Year 8 Recognition – Excellent Reports

The following Year 8 students have received excellent reports and continue to represent Lennon House brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.

- Ava P – L-EJO
- Jasiah P – L-ESA
- Ellie L – L-KLA
- Zohra N – L-KLA
- Jacob C – L-MWR
- Sofia O – L-MWR
- Dom K – L-RJO
- Nadia K – L-RJO

Your hard work and positive attitude have not gone unnoticed—well done to you all!

Pledge Certificate Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised in a recent assembly for receiving their Pledge Certificates:

- Jacobe H – L-CBR – Silver Award
- Charlie W – L-DBT – Bronze Award
- Francesca M – L-MWR – Bronze Award
- Natalia P – L-RJO

It is always fantastic to celebrate students who go above and beyond – a massive congratulations to you all!

Celebrating Success Beyond School

We also love hearing about what our students achieve outside of school. If your son or daughter has accomplished something within the local community—whether it be in sport, music, volunteering, or any other activity—please do get in touch.

You can share details and photos by emailing [jhooper@neneparkacademy.org](mailto:jhooper@neneparkacademy.org). We always enjoy celebrating the achievements of our students both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support of Lennon House. I look forward to celebrating many more successes as the year progresses.

*Written by: Mr J Hooper, Senior Tutor – Lennon House*

## WINSTON

Happy New Year!

It has been another busy term in Winston House.

Our new Year 7 students have fully settled into NPA life now and are doing an incredible job representing Winston House, being kind, hardworking and ambitious every day. A special shout out goes to the following Year 7 students who have 0 negative points and over 500 behaviour points each – Felicity-Clara, Zeb, Millie, Soren, Maximilian, Olivia, Jessica, Cameron, Logan and Lena. An amazing achievement!

This term also saw the school's annual musical production. This year the show was *Beauty and the Beast*. We were so proud to see so many Winston students amaze the audience with their performances in the production.

We are wishing every luck to our Year 11 and 13 students who are beginning their second round of mock exams before starting their final exams in the summer term. You have all worked so hard so far and are that one step closer to the final goal!

It has been another term with sporting success in Winston. Denis (Year 10) has been very busy representing the UK in snowboarding at Freestyle Academy in Austria. What an incredible achievement – we are very proud of him.



Along with the longer and hopefully sunnier days, we can't wait to see what the next few months bring in Winston House.

Have a fantastic Easter Break.

*Written by: Miss Mitchell, Senior Tutor – Winston House*

## KING

It has been another successful term in King house. Students achieved 18,575 house points last half term, which is an average of 76 points per pupil. Our Year 7s continue to lead the way, bringing the most house points to our overall score, continuing to show value to our school. A special congratulations to Hanna (7 K-JBR), Anabelle (K-BRE), Paige (7 K-BRE), Finlay (K-JBR), Melinda (K-JDN), Jacob (K-JBR), Reuben (K-HLO), Ethan (K-HNH), Alyssa (K-NPU), Maisie (K-HNA), Lily (K-JBR), Alfie (K-HNH), Mariama (K-BRE), Nathan (K-HNA), Nicole (K-HNA), Jessica (K-BRE) and Kasey (K-HNH) who all achieved over 150 house points in King house last half term, we are very proud of you.

We continue to strive towards our target of 96+% attendance, with K-JDN form group achieving the highest attendance in King. We ask that parents continue to contact school with specific reasons for illness and work with us to help students with their attendance, statistically students with higher attendance in school, make more progress.

Well done to Annie (K-HLO) who has been awarded a Principal award this half term for going above and beyond in Biology. Annie has also been mentoring some of our Ks4 students, alongside Amelia (K-JBY), Charlie (K-HNH), Iacob (K-BRE), Matthew (K-CRO), Andris (K-JBR), Elise (K-PHA), Zak (K-HNA), Evison (K-CRO), Alife (K-BRE), and India (K-NPU) who have provided extra support to our students with Maths mentoring. We hope to continue these sessions, looking at Science next.

We love to hear about all our students' achievements, hidden talents, and special moments in and outside of school. Please send us any information and pictures for us to celebrate and congratulate our students on. Recently Alfie (K-BRE) has achieved his level 6 referee award, which is an incredible achievement, he is an excellent role model for our younger students to look up to.

Our house challenge last half term was the spinathon, run by King, well done to all those students who joined in and clocked miles for their house. Congratulations to Nightingale who were the overall winners, with King coming in 4th place. We now pass the baton onto Rowling house with the speed stacking competition and hope to improve on our 4th place.

Congratulations King students for a successful half term; I look forward to celebrating the end of this term with you at our Easter celebration assembly.

*Written by: Mrs Bvunzawabaya, Senior Tutor – King House*

## BRUNEL

As always, there has been a lot going on in Brunel over the past term. We have had lots of different successes, both in extracurricular activities and academic pursuits.

Well done to Amelia in Year 9 for competing in the English gymnastics' championships in Telford in February. We are all really proud of your achievements.



We have also had lots of achievements in school, with students working extremely hard in lessons. Each week, students are celebrated for the achievement points they have received. Well done to Salome, Sean and Lasali on being top of the leaderboard.

Finally, well done to our Year 11 students who have completed their next round of mocks. They conducted themselves maturely and worked really hard to achieve the best possible grades. We are really proud of what you have achieved and what is to come after your summer exams.

*Written by: Miss Gleeson, Senior Tutor – Brunel House*



## ROWLING

Over the last term we have many recognitions from the Rowling House.

Congratulations to all who took part in the *Beauty and the Beast* production notably Rubie, Charlotte, Maisy, Alessia, Chelsea, James and Leland for an outstanding 3 night run. The hours of dedication you put in paid off to create an absolutely outstanding show – Well done Rowling staff (Miss Murray, Mrs Kemp, Mr Amos and students).

A massive thank you to Luke in Year 11 who has shared with us his amazing artistic woodwork skills to create these stunning replica swords. Luke has a passion for sci-fi and fantasy films and took it upon himself to make a project based on weapons featured in *Lord of the Rings*. These outstanding imitations look so realistic. Luke would like to develop his skills next year by studying carpentry at college.



This term as a house we have organised a *Speed Skating Competition* to be run between all the houses. Each form and house will have 1 week to practice their speed stacking skills. Once all 6 houses have had their practice, the fastest stackers in each year will come together to compete in the 'Grand Final' – date tbc. Happy Stacking!

Another Rowling recognition to mention is a big well done and thank you to Miss York and Miss Veal for their exceptional contribution towards the staff 'Race at your pace' fitness data tracking. On their own achievements alone, they have got Rowling House to the top of the staff Table! Well done and keep up the hard work!

Lastly, we have had many positive contributions from all students towards the Super League in school so far, (we may not be at the top Rowling – but we are progressing and that's what I like!) The following students need a special mention as they are currently leading the way with Achievement house points for their year groups: Year 7 = Kasper (750), Year 8 = Jamie (875), Year 9 = James (527), Year 10 = Jeevan (648), Year 11 = James (699), Year 12 = Mary (356) and Year 13 = Grace (301).

*Written by: Mr Ogden, Senior Tutor - Rowling House*

## NIGHTINGALE

A warm welcome again from Nightingale Nighthawks. We hope 2026 has been kind to you so far and we are very much looking forward to the coming of Spring and Summer. There are a few updates from us with the first being our change of House Charity. We have supported Cancer Research over the past few years and raised close to £6000 in that period to support the incredible work that they do. From September 2025 we made the decision to change our support to Sue Ryder. They do incredible work with the aim of ensuring anyone who is approaching the end of their life or living with grief can access the support that they need. We had a brilliant start with the annual Charities Day which saw Nightingale students plan and host a variety of different stalls on the final day of term prior to Christmas. We would like to thank all our parents and carers for supporting this event and helping to make it so successful.

There have been a number of opportunities for us to celebrate the success of students in our house. Most recently we won the interhouse Spinathon where students worked as a team throughout the day to complete as many miles as possible on the exercise bikes. It was a great team effort and a well deserved win. Alongside this, students continue to show they are consistently making excellent choices and demonstrating the values we know are so important at Nene Park Academy. This is reflected in the number of students that have already met and surpassed the House Point milestones:

- Bronze Merit Award (150HP) = 217 students
- Silver Merit (300HP) = 138 students
- Gold Merit (500HP) = 27 students

We also held our first Achievement Assembly of the year with the following students picking up awards:

- House Champion Award – Madlen T
- 6th Form House Champion – Reicela S
- Senior Tutor Award – Phoebe C
- Assistant Principal Award – Max K

We would also like to continue to recognise students' achievements outside of school through our PLEDGES awards and the 41, 61 and 81 Things to do activities. Please encourage your children to regularly update their PLEDGES and extra-curricular activities. These can be sporting, musical, charity, volunteering, arts-based or involvement in community activities.

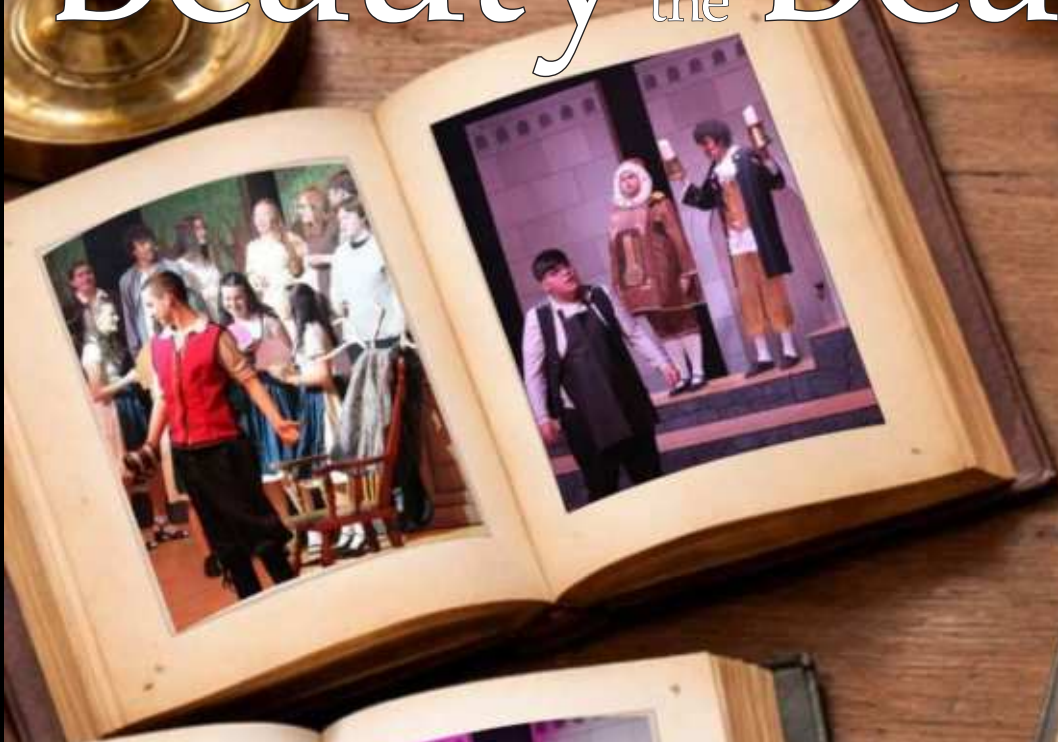
As we move into the Spring and Summer terms we must not forget that our Year 11 and Year 13 students enter their final exams at KS4 and KS5. We would like to say, in advance, a huge thank you to all of you: parents, carers and wider family members for your support in ensuring they are prepared to achieve their potential.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND US ANY PHOTOS OF ACHIEVEMENTS, HIDDEN TALENTS AND SPECIAL MOMENTS THAT WE CAN USE TO CELEBRATE ON OUR RETURN IN SEPTEMBER.

You can contact the House Team via MCAS or:  
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*Written by: Mr Palmer, Senior Tutor – Nightingale House*

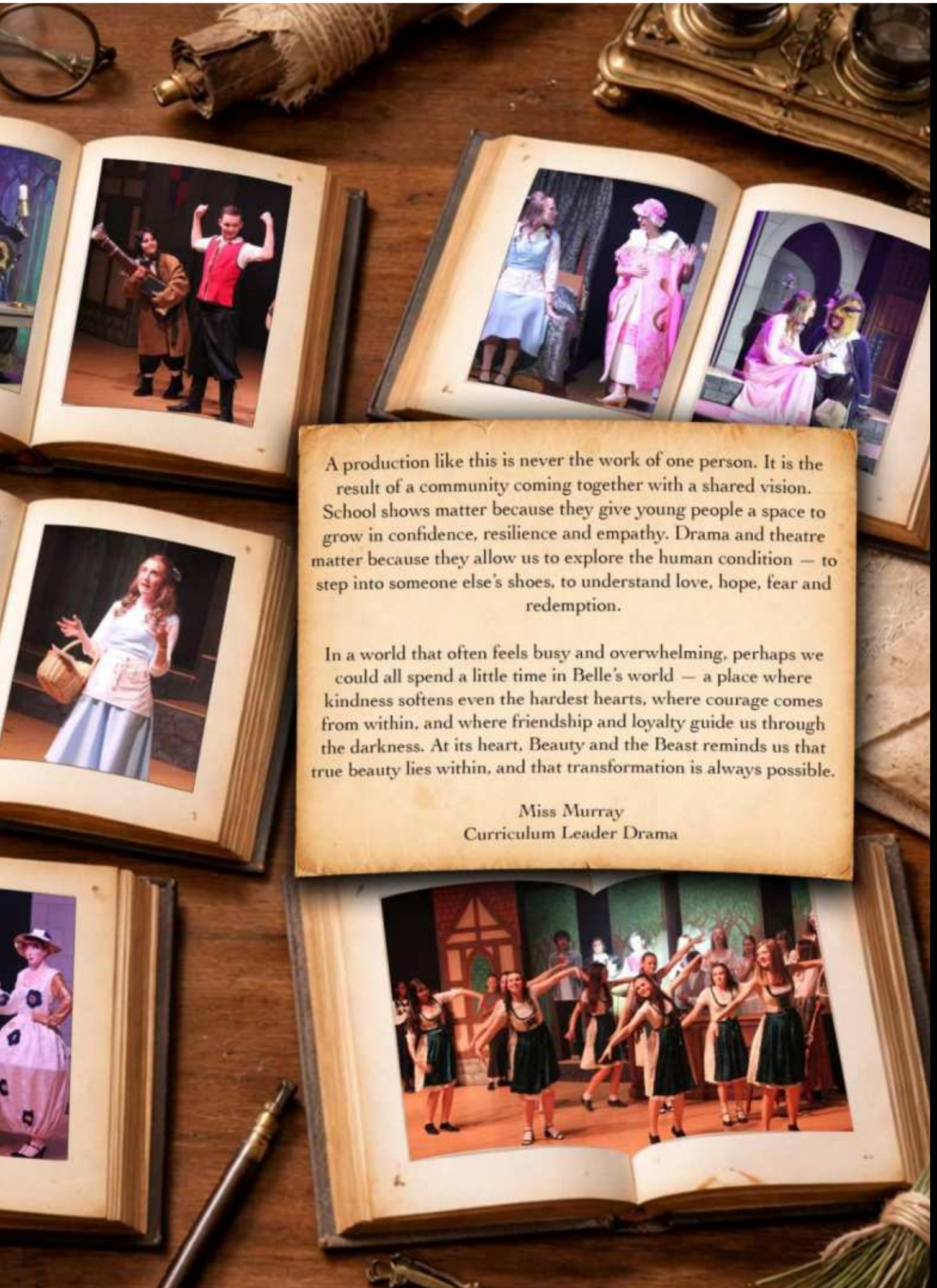
# Beauty and the Beast



I hope you can sense just how incredibly proud I am of every single person involved in this production. Taking on such a beloved and magical story is no small task. Recreating the heart, spectacle and spirit of Beauty and the Beast has challenged us in the very best way — and our students have risen to that challenge with commitment, courage and extraordinary talent.

If I could bottle the dedication, creativity and teamwork shown by our cast and crew — both on stage and behind the scenes — I truly would. They have worked tirelessly, supported one another, and poured themselves into bringing this tale as old as time to life.





A production like this is never the work of one person. It is the result of a community coming together with a shared vision. School shows matter because they give young people a space to grow in confidence, resilience and empathy. Drama and theatre matter because they allow us to explore the human condition — to step into someone else's shoes, to understand love, hope, fear and redemption.

In a world that often feels busy and overwhelming, perhaps we could all spend a little time in Belle's world — a place where kindness softens even the hardest hearts, where courage comes from within, and where friendship and loyalty guide us through the darkness. At its heart, Beauty and the Beast reminds us that true beauty lies within, and that transformation is always possible.

Miss Murray  
Curriculum Leader Drama



# Aberdovey

During the first week of December 20 Year 10 students travelled to Aberdovey Outward Bound Centre where they would be based for the week.

On arrival they changed and were soon participating in the orientation activity and obligatory 'Jog and Dip' although everyone was a bit apprehensive this soon changed after these activities as confidence grew.

The following morning, they escaped the rain and took a train to Barmouth to go scrambling. The group braved the cold wind and negotiated the slippery conditions under foot. The reward was seeing some incredible views and the accomplishment of going out of their comfort zones.

Students took on the estuary the following day and won!

They learnt new skills through canoeing adventures and then did the 'Jetty Jump'. That night both teams headed out on a night expedition and an epic mountain hike to the log cabins in the forest for their overnight stay.

Finally, they built a lovely campfire in the sand dunes to sit round and reflect on their week and their achievements. A small presentation of keepsakes for everyone finished off the week beautifully.





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# New Parents Friends Association

**We are delighted that our new Parents Friends Association (PFA) is now up and running at Nene Park Academy!**

The PFA will help raise funds and strengthen the partnership between home and school, supporting our pupils' wellbeing and learning events with special initiatives.

They ran their first event just before ½ term. Valentine Roses with a special message were purchased by staff and students and delivered across the academy, spreading smiles and a little bit of extra joy. It was a beautiful start from our new committee of volunteers.

If you would like to get involved please contact them on [pfa@neneparkacademy.org](mailto:pfa@neneparkacademy.org)

*We really look forward to working together to make a positive impact for all our children.*



## Congratulations...Orlaigh

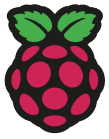
**What a fabulous time Orlaigh had at the GB Aquatics National Winter Championships in Swansea!**

- 5 events over 3 days and 5 great swims!!
- In 100m free Orlaigh finished 11th and clocked a huge 6 second PB.
- In the 50m Freestyle, 4th with a fantastic 1 second PB.
- In the 100m backstroke, 8th with a 4 second PB.
- In 100m breaststroke 2nd with a huge 14 second PB!!
- In 400m free 9th with a cracking 7 second PB.

Orlaigh was racing alongside swimmers of all ages and in the water with European record holders and Olympic medal winners!

*Congratulations Orlaigh – we are very proud!*





Raspberry Pi Foundation

# Python workshops

Students in Years 7 & 8 participated in Python – Level 1 workshops and Astro Pi: Mission Zero challenge.

Raspberry Pi Foundation guided students through the fundamentals of Python Programming and demonstrated how coding is used in real life space missions.

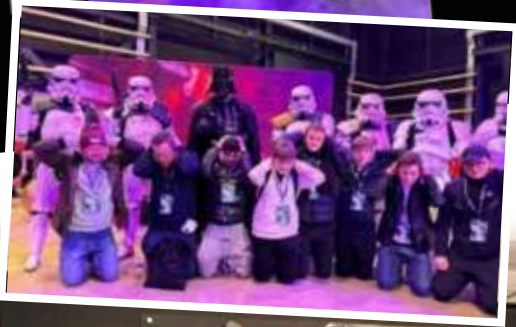
The personalised messages created by students will be run in space aboard the International Space Station!!



# Pinewood Studios Visit

Film Studies students in Years 11 and Sixth Form enjoyed a great day out at Pinewood Studios.

They explored careers options, met film stars and even created and directed their very own horror film (with a little help from Deadpool).





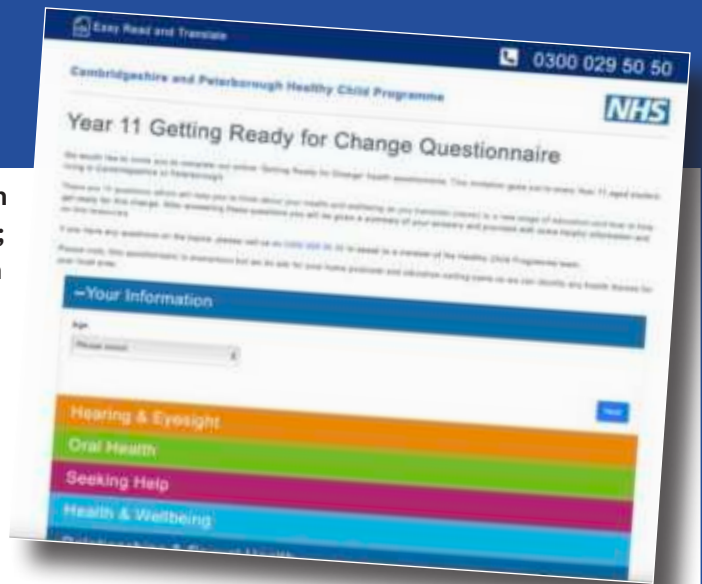
During a young person's journey through education there are times when significant change occurs; these are known as transition points and align with key points in their development. Age 15-18 is one of these stages. To help young people prepare for this, local NHS clinicians have created an online questionnaire that can be your 'Getting Ready for Change' checklist.

This is designed to help young people identify any areas where they might want more information or advice.

Completing the short questionnaire can help a young person navigate this time of transition and help them 'Get Ready for Change'

**The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Child Programme can be contacted via phone call on 0300 029 50 50, or by text on 07520 649 887**

*Children & Young People's Health Services*



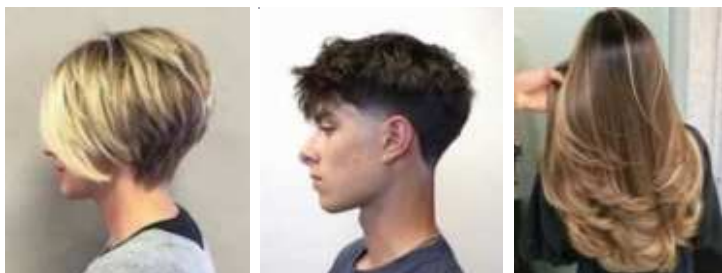
# STUDENTS APPOINTMENTS

Wednesday 9am till late!

Friday 9am - 11am

*Our students need you to complete their assessment.*

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## SPECIAL OFFERS

April and June special offer:

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**For bookings or enquiries please ring us at 01733368303 or email us at [OLewicka@neneparkacademy.org](mailto:OLewicka@neneparkacademy.org)**



# WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY @ NPA

Staff and students had an amazing day dressing up as their favourite book characters!!



“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”  
STEPHEN KING

“I guess there are never enough books.”  
JOHN STEINBECK



# PE & SPORT AT NPA

It has been great to see the continued fantastic engagement in all things PE and sport over the past term. Please read on for some highlights -



## Table Tennis Tournament Actions for NPA

The Peterborough City Table Tennis Tournaments got underway earlier this term, with students showcasing impressive skill, determination, and sportsmanship across all year groups.

In KS3, competitors have battled through intense matches and we reached the quarter-final stage. The standard of play was outstanding, with fast rallies, clever placement, and excellent tactical awareness on display. The tournament was a fantastic example of the development of the sport in the city. We would like to place on record our thanks to Kings for hosting this event. Also, a particularly special

mention to Oliver who showcased his skills after fantastic attendance at our Tuesday Table Tennis coaching sessions. Well done Ollie!

Meanwhile, KS4 students have powered through to Round 2, where matches have been closely contested. With strong serves and confident attacking play becoming key features of this year's competition, the road to the final promises even more excitement. A special mention to Owen, who like Oliver, played some exceptional matches and showed excellent game management through his recent coaching sessions.

Well done to all students who have taken part — we look forward to seeing your continued progress!



## Spotlight on Student Achievements

### Lewis Qualifies Again for National Cross Country

Huge congratulations also go to Lewis, who has once again qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships.

Qualifying for this prestigious national event is a significant achievement, and to do so repeatedly is a testament to Lewis's consistency, determination and competitive drive. The English Schools Cross Country Championships brings together the very best young runners from across the country, making qualification an accomplishment in itself.

Cross country demands not only physical endurance but mental resilience — athletes must tackle challenging terrain, changing weather conditions and high-pressure race environments. Lewis's continued success highlights his commitment to training and his ability to perform when it matters most.

We wish him every success as he prepares to compete on the national stage once again. NPA will be proudly supporting him all the way.



## Exam Preparation Tips

With assessments approaching for GCSE, BTEC L2 Tech and A-Level PE courses, now is the perfect time to continue to build strong study habits and make full use of the support available. Here are some targeted strategies:

### GCSE PE

- Revise body systems, movement analysis, and sport psychology little and often
- Use past papers to practise command words such as describe, explain, analyse, and evaluate
- Apply theory knowledge to real sporting examples

### BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Sport — Component 3

- Reinforce key content on fitness training, body systems, and principles of training
- Use your notes and completed assignments to support extended writing tasks

- Practise planning suitable fitness programmes for different performers

### AQA A-Level PE

- Break topics into manageable study chunks (e.g. Skill Acquisition, Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology, Sport & Society)
- Build detailed case studies of elite sports performers
- Focus on essay structure: **Know – Apply – Say Why** Remember to use your extended writing and long-answer study booklet to support this.
- Use podcasts and YouTube videos to revisit key topics and strengthen evaluative (AO3) skills

As we move into assessment season, remember: preparation, consistency, and balance are key. Make a revision plan, ask for support when needed, and believe in your ability to succeed.

Good luck to all our students!



## NPA to Participate in First Ever PDSSA Darts Competition

NPA students are set to make history on 11th March as they take part in the inaugural PDSSA Darts Competition — marking the first time the event has been introduced into the local school sports calendar.

The competition promises to be an exciting new opportunity for students to represent NPA in a sport that demands precision, focus and composure under pressure. Darts may look simple at first glance, but success requires sharp mental arithmetic, consistent technique and the ability to perform confidently in a competitive environment.

What makes this event particularly exciting is the opportunity to be part of something new. As this is the very first PDSSA Darts Competition, those representing NPA will be setting the benchmark for future years and helping to establish the school's presence in the sport.

We wish all participants the very best of luck on 11th March and look forward to celebrating their achievements as they compete in this exciting new chapter of NPA sport.



## NPA Girls U15 Football Progress in New National Cup Competition

The NPA U15 Girls' Football Team have successfully progressed to Round 3 of the new national competition following a superb 3–1 victory against The King's School.

Goals from Matilda, Mollie, and Keira secured the win in what was a confident and disciplined team performance. Strong defensive organisation combined with attacking creativity ensured NPA controlled the match and deservedly advanced to the next round.

Congratulations to the entire squad — we wish you the very best as the competition continues!



# Year 7 Geographers Fieldwork

The Year 7 geography students at NPA have been out completing fieldwork looking into how sustainable NPA is. They carried out a range of different data collection techniques such as measuring tree carbon content, carrying out litter surveys and completing travel to school surveys. They used GIS and a number of other techniques to present their findings.



**Secondary data presentation - Carbon Footprint**  
A pie chart to show Nene Park Academy's carbon footprint for each emission area.

Emission area	% of footprint	Key
Energy - fuel	12%	Red
Water usage	1%	Yellow
Staff commutes	8%	Green
Student commutes	14%	Blue
School trips	2%	Purple
Waste	16%	Orange
Purchasing resources	17%	Pink
Uniforms	28%	Light Blue

The area of NPA responsible for the highest carbon emission is school uniforms accounting for a total 28% of the school carbon footprint. The emission area with the smallest proportion of the school carbon footprint is water usage, accounting for 1% of the school total emissions.

**Secondary data presentation - Mapping the carbon footprint of my school uniform - Rose diagram.**

Country of origin	Distance from the UK	Quantity	Distance x quantity
T-shirts	UK	5	5.00
Trousers	Poland	3,000	3.000
Skirt	Bangladesh	8,000	8.000
Shoes	India	4,700	4.700
Socks	Vietnam	5,200	5.200
Jumpers	Cambridge	824	0.824
PE top	China	3,800	3.800
Football shorts	Taiwan	1,000	1.000
<b>Total</b>			<b>27.524</b>

1 garment x 1000 per mile = 1000 miles per garment  
Total CO2e produced is kg = 94.1  
12400 students x 94.1 = 1166840 kg  
If this amount 10kg of carbon dioxide is added, how many would we need to produce to offset the carbon footprint produced from the school uniform = 27.524 kg = 275240g



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## MOCK INTERVIEW DAY AT NPA

On Monday 8th December we held our annual mock interview day for Year 11 students. We were joined by colleagues from companies including Caterpillar, American Express, IC Recruitment, Apiary Solutions, Modern World Solutions, Department for Work and Pensions and the Local Authority to name a few.

It was a thoroughly successful day and the feedback from students and our interviewers was brilliant.

Careers' education is so important and a student's ability to talk about themselves eloquently with confidence is a skill that so many of them demonstrated.

A huge thank you to all our guests for giving up their time to help our students.



# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## Sixth Form Update

Alfie achieved his Level 6 football referee accreditation, on top of being appointed as the referee of the U14 County Cup final. Alfie has been working exceptionally hard recently balancing his football achievements alongside studies as well as his starring role in the school musical - *Beauty and The Beast*, playing the Beast himself. Congratulations.



on their Mental Health Ambassador journey even further continuing the work of their predecessors promoting positive mental health across the academy.

Well done to all of those involved.

Our Year 13 science students have recently completed some practical sessions as part of their coursework, developing their understanding of how these processes play a crucial role in nutrition and health. Its great to see students engaged in practical sessions within their studies.



Since January Ms Saines Open Learn group have been engaging in the One Goal Mental Health Champion training. Currently 24 have graduated, with six students choosing to carry



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## BEAUTIFUL WORK

This half term, more Sixth Form students have been to see Mr Grover with their beautiful work. Ellie and Maisie were asked to show their A-Level Geography NEA, handed in 4 weeks early with nearly 20,000 words, academic research and data presentation showcasing their hard dedication to Geography A-Level. Both girls spoke eloquently about the findings in their coursework as well as future ambitions. Two brilliantly talented, humble and intelligent young ladies who exude confidence and will no doubt set the world alight. Great job girls!

Year 12 photographers have made their first dark room prints from film they have shot and developed. Well Done and great work.



## DISCOVERY DAY

Year 12 students had the privilege of visiting ARU Peterborough for a 'Degree Apprenticeships Discovery Day'. Students listened to talks from the Police, Winvic Construction Ltd and Anglian Water. ARU Peterborough are one of the UK's leading providers of Degree Apprenticeships working with over 1000 employers so it was great for students to gather more information regarding Post-18 destinations.

As well as students being invited on this experience day, we also welcomed Nicola from Morgan Sindall Group into the academy where she delivered an engaging assembly to students about what Degree Apprenticeships are and how students can search and secure them. Another great opportunity organised

by Ms Thomas, for students to gather more information about Post-18 options and destinations. Thank you to Nicola for such an inspiring and insightful session.



The Sixth Form Team want to wish all students participating in Summer Exams, good luck and we look forward to celebrating with them on results day, August 13th. Students have worked incredibly hard so far this academic year and deserve every success!!