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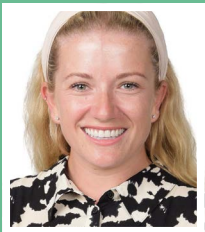
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GREENSHAW NEWS

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Year 9 focus on the importance of kindness



Miss N Wiffill
Head of Year 9



Miss S Noble
Deput Head of Year 9

“The best way to make yourself feel good is to make someone else feel good about themselves and confident in their own abilities.” – Leah Williamson CBE

This quote emphasises the importance of kindness, something that Year 9 have been focusing on throughout the year via assemblies, PSHE, and everyday interactions with their teachers. As we move forward into the summer term, I would like students to continue showing empathy and support for one another, taking every opportunity to lift their peers up and build a positive, encouraging community both inside and outside the classroom.

As we come to the end of another successful term, I am incredibly proud to be Head of Year 9. It has been full of positive headlines, with students making excellent choices, showing maturity, and continuing to grow both academically and personally. It has been pleasing to see the thoughtful approach taken towards pathways, as students begin to consider their options for Year 10, alongside the strong progress being made across subjects. Year 9 students have demonstrated resilience, ambition, and a real commitment to their learning, and I look forward to seeing this continue.

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Head of Year shoutouts

- Nathan Lutete – for participating in the British National Schools Judo competition in March. Well done, Nathan!
- Eloise Wood – thank you for always offering to help teachers; your kindness is so apparent.
- Year 9 dance students – for taking part in the Year 9 dance show. Your talent amazed everyone — go girls!
- Year 9 girls’ and boys’ football teams – the feedback about your teamwork and commitment has been incredible. This is exactly the kind of effort we love to see.
- Year 9 girls’ netball – congratulations on so many wins! Let’s keep up the great work.

School council

A key highlight from the student council has been the exciting plans for an upcoming charity football match, entirely organised by students. This event promises to bring the year group together while raising money for a great cause, showcasing both teamwork and leadership. At the recent whole school council meeting, Karan and Tamara represented Year 9 brilliantly. They shared ideas confidently, contributed to important discussions, and demonstrated a strong commitment to improving student experience across the school. It has also been great to welcome visitors into council meetings, including Mr House and Mrs Wallace, who

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have taken the time to listen to student ideas and support ongoing projects. Overall, the Year 9 council continues to show dedication, creativity, and a real passion for making positive change. We look forward to seeing their plans come to life over the coming weeks!

Attendance

Year 9 has made a fantastic start this year, with strong attendance to date, and it's great to see so many of you in school each day, ready to learn and take part. Being in school every day is one of the most important factors in your success. Regular attendance helps you stay on track with your learning, build confidence in your subjects, and make consistent progress. Every lesson counts, and missing even a small amount of time can make it harder to keep up.

It's also important to remember the value of punctuality. Arriving on time ensures you don't miss key explanations and allows you to start the day focused and prepared. As we move forward, let's continue to build on this strong start. Aim to be in school every day, arrive on time, and make the most of every opportunity. Every day really does matter, and your continued commitment will make a big difference to your success this year.

A key target for Year 9 students is to continue improving punctuality to lessons. Students should move with pace and purpose between lessons, particularly as the year group is spread across three buildings. Being ready and on time is essential to making the most of every lesson.

Pathways

The recent pathways event for Year 9 was a fantastic opportunity to connect with families and discuss the exciting options available as students begin making their choices for Year 10. It was wonderful to see so many students alongside their parents and carers at the event, creating a really positive and supportive atmosphere. We're excited to see how these conversations will help guide students as they move into the next stage of their learning, making informed decisions about their future subjects. One of the highlights of the term



Miss Noble at the February half term rewards assembly!

was seeing the reaction when pathway options went live on Frog. It was great to see so much enthusiasm, with students actively discussing their choices and thinking carefully about the opportunities ahead. An important reminder that students take 4 pathway subjects forward into Year 10, and it has to be a subject studied in Year 9.

Lesson visits

I've really enjoyed visiting lessons recently and seeing the fantastic things happening across Year 9. From creative work in subjects like art and design, to engaging practicals in science, it's been great to see such enthusiasm and focus in lessons. One particular highlight has been watching students in PE, especially seeing the girls take on climbing activities with confidence. It has been brilliant to see so many of you stepping outside your comfort zones, facing fears, and supporting one another to succeed. These moments really show resilience, determination, and teamwork in action. It's clear that a lot of effort, positivity, and commitment is being shown across the year group. I'm looking forward to seeing how you all continue to grow and develop next term.

GL standardised assessments

Your child will complete a standardised test in English, maths and science beginning 29th April 2026, which will take place in the sports hall. The English test (Wednesday 29th April) will assess English skills and reading Comprehension. The maths test (Thursday 30th April) will assess mental maths and applying and understanding maths. The science test (Friday 1st May) will assess knowledge and understanding, application and working scientifically.

These tests will provide us with data that allows students to be identified who may need additional support, allows us to identify patterns of performance and allows for a comparison of students against a national data set.

After these tests, we will share individualised reports which will also include strategies to help support progress



Year 9 dance performance – Elsie and Isabelle.

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End of year summative assessments

Students will sit assessments in each of their subjects during the week commencing 8th June. The purpose of these is to assess their learning over the course of the year and will allow us to see progress against our end of year expectations. These papers will consist of multiple choice questions, short response questions and extended response questions. They

will be taken during normal timetabled lessons in that week. Test scores will be shared as part of the end of year reports. Information on these assessments will be shared with the students on their Assessment Page on FROG.

Miss N Wiffill, Head of Year 9, and Miss S Noble, Deputy Head of Year 9

Fun Friday: building community through shared experiences

Our Fun Friday initiative has continued to grow this term, bringing a real sense of energy and togetherness to the end of each week. As many of you will know, students have been receiving golden tickets at the gate each Friday morning. These are randomly allocated using a number generator, giving everyone an equal chance to take part in the weekly activity or prize.

Each week has offered something a little different. From sweet treats such as doughnuts, pizza and candy floss, to larger, shared experiences – the variety has kept students engaged and excited to take part. This term, we have placed a particular focus on community-based activities, helping to strengthen relationships between students and staff. Importantly, all Fun Friday activities have been chosen through student vote via Frog, ensuring that student voice is at the centre of what we offer.

Recent highlights have included our 'I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here' challenge, where tutors, teaching staff and members of the senior leadership team took on a series of bush tucker-style trials. From mealworms to raw chillies, students watched with great anticipation. The event was full of laughter and proved to be a fantastic way of bringing the whole school community together.

As we went to press, excitement was building for the end of term staff versus students dodgeball event. With over 300 golden tickets being distributed, a large number of students had the opportunity to take on staff in a lively and competitive match. It is fair to say that enthusiasm was high on both sides.



We rounded off our community-focused events on the last day of term with 'Sponge the Teacher'. This took place on the playground for all students to enjoy, with golden ticket winners earning the chance to throw three wet sponges at a member of staff. Unsurprisingly, this generated a great deal of excitement.

Fun Friday has become an important part of our school culture. It has helped to foster a stronger sense of belonging, encouraged positive interactions between staff and students, and even contributed to improved attendance, with many students keen to be in school on Fridays.

Ms K Carter, Assistant Headteacher





Inspirational and educational geography trip to Morocco

A group of intrepid Greenshaw geographers from Years 10, 11 and 12 headed off to visit Morocco during half term...

Day 1 – first steps into a new world

The day started nice and early with students all meeting at Gatwick airport for 3.00am! Despite the early start, students were full of enthusiasm as we passed through the airport. On arrival in Morocco, we met our UK guide Ian and our Moroccan courier Mohammed, and made our way to our first hotel, where students checked in and were greeted with a traditional chicken tagine. After lunch, we ventured to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque where students discovered how religion has shaped the city's landscape, before then diving into the vibrant Marrakech souks. Students were given a crash course in how to haggle, and did they haggle! Some students were managing to snap up items for 80% less than the marked price.



Day 2 – fold mountains to sand dunes

Students got up early in preparation for the 350km drive through the High Atlas Mountains to our camping ground in the Sahara Desert. The views as we ascended the mountains were breathtaking. For students, seeing fold mountains formed by tectonic collision up close was geography brought vividly to life – far beyond any textbook diagram! We stopped for lunch in Ouarzazate, famously home to major Hollywood film studios. Our journey continued into Zagora, a city known as being the gateway to the Sahara Desert. There, coach travel gave way to camel caravans. Watching a 45-camel 'train' of Greenshaw students trek into the desert at sunset was a sight none of us will forget. An hour later, students reached our camp for the night – just before sunset. Many students chose to climb to the top of the tallest Saharan dune and peacefully watch the sun go down, providing a moment for them to quietly self-reflect away from modern technology.

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Inspirational and educational geography trip

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After eating a traditional Bedouin evening meal, students then gathered around the campfire where they played drums and danced with the Bedouin hosts. A reminder that culture is best understood when experienced, not observed.



Day 3 – silence, sunrise and sustainability

Having watched the sunset the night before it was only right that students also watched the spectacular sunrise from atop the dunes. Meeting at 6:40am students ascended the dunes, where they claimed their spot amongst the other desert travellers. At 7:00am exactly the sun's corona broke across the horizon. The silence was profound – only being broken by the laughter of students as Mr Barnes said it reminded him of the opening scene of 'The Lion King'. Once the sun was up, students ate breakfast before setting off to the town of Zagora. Our destination was the subterranean village of Tamegroute, known for its pottery making. Students learnt about traditional ceramic-making techniques that have been passed down through the generations. We also met a local farmer and toured his palmery, gaining insight into how date palms are cultivated in this arid environment and how oasis agriculture supports livelihoods in the desert.



Day 4 – heritage and enterprise

After awakening from their slumber, students enjoyed a buffet breakfast before setting off for the fortified village of Ait Benhaddou. Ait Benhaddou is a UNESCO-listed kasbah where students climbed to the top for stunning

views across the valley. They were fascinated to learn how this historic settlement has featured in numerous famous films and TV series. Heading back over the Atlas Mountains, we stopped at the mountain outpost of Taddert, where students toured a woman's Argan oil factory whilst learning about how organisations like this provide important economic opportunities for women. Arriving back in Marrakech, we returned to the souks so students could enjoy some final shopping and spend their remaining dirhams.



Day 5 – perspective

We were really not sure what to expect from Day 5 as all we knew was that the tour company had arranged for us to spend the day in Douar Ouled Elguern Village. This is a very rural and traditional settlement. When we arrived, we had a second breakfast and some traditional Moroccan mint tea, before the girls split off into groups to help make bread, omelettes or tagine. Boys, as is traditional, helped to make bricks and charcoal. After completing their hard day's work in the village all students came together to spend the afternoon playing with the children who lived in the village. For myself as a teacher this was the most powerful moment of the trip. It provided perspective – not through text books, but through lived experience. Students left with a deeper appreciation of opportunity, privilege and global inequality. Some chose to donate toys and remaining spending money to the village pre-school – a small act of generosity that spoke volumes about their character.

It has been a privilege to watch our students grow – not just as geographers, but as young adults. They demonstrated resilience, curiosity, kindness and cultural respect throughout.

My sincere thanks go to Miss McDonagh, Miss Shandulovska, Miss Frewin and Mr Dowie for giving up their half-term to support this experience. Most importantly, thank you to the students. They represented Greenshaw with maturity, humility and heart. They showed that being 'Committed to Excellence' is not just about academic success – it is about character. And that is something far more powerful than any photograph, souvenir or sunset.

Mr Barnes, Deputy Head of Geography and Trip Lead



School council leads the way in shaping the school environment

At Greenshaw, our School Council provides a meaningful platform for student voice – empowering students to express their views, contribute to school decisions, and take an active role in shaping a positive school environment. This sense of ownership and involvement is a key part of our school culture. It's been fabulous to see the continued growth of our varied school council involvement this term from year team councils, whole school council and GLT student council.

The Year team council have continued to be heavily involved in supporting staff with student voice. They have been visited by Mrs Wallace to discuss safeguarding at Greenshaw and Mr House visited to get a sense of their organisation for their Spring term charity enrichment. Mr House said, "It was also brilliant to hear the students debate the relative merits of different good causes, comparing charities raising money for research into health conditions with others set up to conserve wildlife. As ever, our students never cease to impress me with their maturity and care for others." The activities confirmed so far are Year 7 and 10 organising a trainer day raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis trust and Cancer Research, and Year 8 organising an ice cream sale for Young Minds (once the weather improves).

The Whole School Council, led by Chair, Hiera (Year 11), and Secretary, Karan (Year 9), is reviewing our extra-curricular provision to ensure it meets students' needs. While we currently offer 56 clubs, participation declines as students get older – from 63% in Year 7, to 38% in Year 10 and 14% in Year 12. The council is exploring possible reasons for this, including time pressures, interest levels,

and whether current clubs remain relevant. They are also reviewing the schedule (lunchtime versus after school) and investigating student-led activities that may not yet appear on the official register. Students suggested potential new opportunities such as a Christian Union for Years 1 to 11, a school newspaper, boxing or martial arts clubs, a debating club, and a social reading club (some of these have already been added to our programme). Council members have also been visiting clubs to evaluate atmosphere and engagement, with their reflections featured later in this newsletter.

The GLT school council has met once this term and they discussed how the GLT Council Leaders can support the future of 'Belonging' in the trust. Liyah-Rose, Josephine, and Shayne from Year 10 represented our school. They were confident and fully engaged, articulating their views exceptionally well. The council agreed that belonging isn't something you can buy, nor is it a club you simply 'join'. Instead, the students identified it as a feeling of happiness, active contribution, and recognition. One of the most striking debates centred on the difference between fitting in and belonging, fitting in and changing yourself to match the group (often feeling inauthentic) as opposed to belonging, being accepted for exactly who you are – your genuine, authentic self.

The minutes from each school council are recorded on Frog if you would like to take a look. If you have any suggestions for discussion with your year school council, please tap on the suggestion button on the Frog page and add your suggestions.

Ms S Webb, Assistant Headteacher

Green Team feed the birds!

Earlier this term, students in the Greenshaw Green Team used old water bottles from the canteen and broken pencils to make eco-friendly bird feeders. The feeders will help to support our native bird population through the cold months.

You can see their creations swinging in the trees near the car park!

Mr L O'Rourke, Eco Co-ordinator





Our assemblies this term

This academic year, our assemblies have continued to foster students' cultural awareness. Due to our temporary site, they have continued to be delivered online and have included a range of thoughtful and reflective activities. Assemblies have been presented by a range of teaching staff and students, providing diverse perspectives and encouraging wider participation across the school community. Below is a brief summary of our assemblies this term.

Several members of 8MMB created our first assembly celebrating **Lunar New Year**. With a growing number of our students marking this festival, it was a great opportunity to teach our school community about its origins, traditions and links to the Chinese Zodiac. As Lunar New Year is often celebrated near the start of spring, students were invited to discuss questions such as, "Why might some people prefer to start their new year nearer to spring?" and, "In the Year of the Fire Horse, what new experiences or adventures would you like to undertake this year?"



This year's **Holocaust Memorial Day** was marked with an assembly planned and delivered by Mr Kearns. The 2026 theme, 'Bridging Generations', ensures that the experiences of those who lived through the Holocaust continue to be remembered and shared.

With so few survivors still alive to

bear witness to the horrors they endured in Nazi Germany, educators now play a vital role in passing these stories on to future generations. Mr Kearns spoke about the terrible events of the Holocaust, but also about the importance of learning from the past. Students were encouraged to reflect on how prejudice, discrimination, and hatred can grow if left unchallenged in our communities.

Every year we celebrate **Safer Internet Day**, which is an international event, and the theme this year was Artificial Intelligence. Students heard about some creative ways that AI is being used to improve people's lives and protect the environment and also some of the concerns that people have regarding AI, including bias in AI technology. After reminding students about safe and responsible uses of AI, they were invited to respond to a couple of scenarios and consider the extent that the benefits outweigh the costs. Information was shared with Sixth Formers about how important it is for social science students to influence the way that AI affects our lives in the future.

World Hijab Day was marked by the creation of an assembly created by two Year 12 students, Aalia and Basma. The aim of this assembly was to promote greater understanding of hijab, to reflect on why some Muslim women choose

to wear this and why some do not, as well as addressing any misconceptions students may have about this item of religious clothing. To personalise these messages, the assembly ended with Basma sharing the experiences of her sister, who is proud to wear the hijab as a sign of her faith.

This year's **LGBTQ+ History Month** was celebrated with an assembly created by Ms Saunders. This year the theme of LGBTQ+ History Month was 'Science and Technology'. The assembly examined the origins of this month and then celebrated the work of great LGBTQ+ heroes in the fields of science and technology, including Alan Turing. Students were then asked to reflect on how they can mark this month and make our school community even more inclusive.

The **National Science Week** assembly was planned and delivered by Mr Beecham, Head of Science. The aim was to introduce this year's British Science Week to students and to get them thinking about what makes them curious. Tutor groups had some really interesting and lively discussions on questions including: "Could humans realistically live on another planet – and if so, what would we need to survive?" "If scientists could edit your DNA to prevent disease, should they — and where should the limits be?" "Can science alone solve climate change, or does it depend more on human behaviour?" "Will AI create more jobs than it replaces — and what skills will matter most in the future?"

Several members of Year 12 took up the challenge of creating a celebratory assembly for **International Women's Day**. International Women's Day began in 1911 and students were guided through its history by exploring its origins, its aim to create greater equality for women and one of its current themes: 'Give to Gain'. To illustrate how we all benefit when we support women, Year 12 students chose to showcase the work and achievements of Michelle Obama and the incredible impact she has made in the US and beyond.

The assembly for **World Book Day** was an opportunity to join in with the national buzz around reading and the celebration of books that encourages everyone to grow a lifelong love of reading. It was a chance to spotlight and celebrate reading for pleasure, supporting autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits. All students were offered a World Book Day voucher, giving them the chance to visit their local bookshop and take home a book of their choice. The objective was to get all students thinking about how much they read on a daily basis, as well as the benefits of reading regularly.

In our final assembly of the term for **Easter**, students have been reflecting on what Easter means to them, considering the person of Jesus and what he did by dying on Good Friday, and the belief that he rose again on Easter Sunday. Mrs Sztypuljak explained the key ideas of love and forgiveness woven through Christianity and contained in the Bible, and that Christians find hope and joy through faith in Jesus Christ.



Extra-curricular clubs – keeping students inspired and connected

At Greenshaw High School, we are committed to providing our students with enriching opportunities that extend beyond the academic curriculum. Participating in extra-curricular clubs enables students to develop new skills, enhance self-confidence, build meaningful friendships, explore interests, and cultivate leadership qualities.

Our extra-curricular clubs offer is growing bigger and better than ever. We now have an impressive 82 clubs

running each week, supported by 55 amazing members of staff. It's been great to see students showing up regularly and really getting stuck in. Brand-new clubs this term are a newspaper club, dungeons and dragons and debating club.

Here are spotlights from the Whole School Council on their experiences of some of the clubs offered at our school.

My name is Emi, and as a representative of the Whole School Council, I visited the Fitness Club last week. I observed the session led by Miss Carter and Mr Willis and noticed a highly engaging and energetic atmosphere. Students from Years 7 and 8 were actively participating and exercising enthusiastically, getting a great start to their day before lessons began.

My name is Fran, and I visited the Girls' Football Club last week. It was an amazing experience. Everyone was included, and there was a wide range of year groups taking part. The activities were easy to understand, and the teachers were very supportive. They made sure everyone had equal playing time and attention, which made the session enjoyable for all students.

My name is Charlotte, and as a representative of the Whole School Council, I visited the Step into Dance club last week. During my visit, I observed a session led by the dancer Rebecca and was impressed by the highly engaging and positive atmosphere. Students from Years 7 to 10 actively participated throughout the session, demonstrating commitment and enjoyment. The club provides an opportunity for students and aspiring dancers who want to develop their skills and become the best they can be.

My name is Linda, and I attend clubs at least once a week. As a member of the Whole School Council, I visited the Netball Club, which is run by Mrs Graham and Miss Anderson. I often see new students come to try the club, and many of them stay and become regular attendees, sometimes even bringing their friends along next time. Students from Years 9 to 11 clearly enjoy the sessions and actively take part in warm-ups and games. There is even friendly competition over who gets to play first, which shows how enthusiastic everyone is. Students across the three year groups know most of each other's names and socialise while playing a sport they love. Many students also get the chance to represent the school team and take part in competitions against other schools, which provides a great opportunity to develop skills and meet new people.

My name is Tamara, and as a representative of the Whole School Council, I visited the Volleyball Club last week. I observed the session led by Mr Carter and several Sixth Form students and found that students from all year groups were actively involved and played with passion and determination. What I particularly loved about this club was how friendly and inclusive everyone was. Even though I didn't know many of the students at first, I quickly noticed that everyone was kind and supportive, with no judgement at all. I was initially nervous about attending, but once I started practising with a few people I knew, I became much more comfortable and really enjoyed taking part.

We can't wait to see how our clubs continue to grow throughout the year. Our clubs are available before school, during lunchtimes, and after school, please look at the timetable [here](#). Students can sign-up to clubs through their Frog account by clicking on the 'Clubs' button on the Frog home page.

If you have suggestions for new clubs or improvements to the current schedule, please speak to your school council representative or email Miss Webb at swebb@greenshaw.co.uk



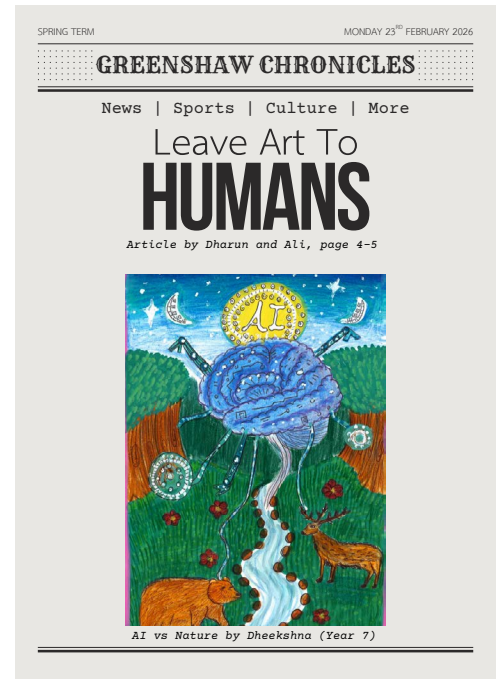
Spreading the news!

The Greenshaw High School Newspaper Club began with a discussion about the issues that matter most to students. While students explored topics from social media to wellbeing to global issues, they ultimately decided to focus their first newspaper on AI. The newspaper's front cover features the winning entry from our art competition, which captures the theme of AI versus nature. This image pairs perfectly with Dharun and Ali's thought-provoking article exploring the idea that art should be left to humans.

The paper opens with general school news, including teacher interviews reported by Arya. In the sections on sport, STEM, art and culture, student's researched within school and online to write articles they were passionate about. Georgi and Archie reported on school tournament results, Karina on the basics of AI, Lesley on the importance of art, and Jillian on the different subcultures that exist within schools. The newspaper concludes with a wellbeing section by Bethany, offering support and practical advice for students who struggle in and out of school.

Newspaper Club's first newspaper showcases the creativity, enthusiasm and dedication of a team of Year 7 to 10 students. They are excited to begin working on their next issue. You can download the newsletter from our website [here](#).

Miss Z Waqas,



UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

At the end of January, our students proudly took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

The experience was truly inspiring. The exceptionally high turnout was a clear reflection of our students' enthusiasm for mathematics and their willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

We would like to sincerely thank and commend all students who participated. Their commitment, perseverance, and belief in themselves were evident throughout the challenge. It was wonderful to see

students engaging so positively with demanding problems, approaching each question with focus, curiosity, and determination.

The level of enthusiasm on the day filled us with immense pride and joy, and it is especially encouraging to see a growing and sustained interest in mathematical challenges across the school. Well done to all involved for embracing the challenge and demonstrating such a strong love for learning and for mathematics.

The Mathematics Department

Borough dance competition



Last Friday, Greenshaw students performed with pride at the Borough Dance Competition at Sutton High School. It was a spectacular afternoon showcasing incredible talent across three categories: at KS3 our students delivered a contemporary piece filled with passion and energy. Their hard work paid off, as they secured a brilliant runner up position. Then students were treated to an emotional performance in the KS3 SEND category. Finally, the KS4 competition took place. The Greenshaw dance troupe, 'The Company', performed their contemporary piece, Strings of Control. It was a beautiful, polished performance in a highly competitive field. They were narrowly piped to the post, finishing as proud runners up.

Miss C Izzard, Head of Dance



Spanish students experience school life at Greenshaw

Early in March, we were delighted to welcome a group of Spanish students and their teachers to Greenshaw High School from Banyeres de Mariola in Alicante, Spain. During their visit, the students had the opportunity to experience daily school life by following their Greenshaw buddies to lessons and taking part in a wide range of subjects.

Throughout the week, the visitors joined classes in PE and dance, as well as science, maths and English lessons and, of course, Spanish. They were easy to spot around the school in their bright blue hoodies, as they explored the school and took part in activities alongside their peers. They also seemed to bring the Spanish sunshine with them, as the weather during their visit was lovely and sunny.

The Spanish students and their teachers commented on how much they enjoyed the strong sense of community and the friendly atmosphere at Greenshaw. Our student buddies

were praised for their kindness, responsibility and for making the visitors feel so welcome during their time at the school.

Monica, one of the visiting Spanish teachers, shared a touching moment, explaining that she saw one of her students smiling for the first time ever – a testament to the warmth and inclusivity shown by the Greenshaw community.

The visiting teachers also became involved in school life, helping out in lessons and supporting students. In particular, they worked with Year 13 students who are preparing for their Spanish speaking exams, giving them valuable practice with native speakers.

It was a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange, and we hope to welcome our Spanish friends back to Greenshaw again in the future.

Ms Z Coates, Lead practitioner MFL



Chess club success!



The Greenshaw High School Chess Club took part in the 2026 edition of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge, the UK's largest chess competition. A total of 40 students from the Greenshaw chess club participated in the event.

After seven rounds of intense competition, three players – Krishang, Daren, and Patrick – finished on 17 points. Ravek secured second place with 19 points, while Matthew remained unbeaten to take first place with 21 points.

All players who scored 17 points or more have qualified for the regional final in Weybridge, known as the Megafinal. Watch this space!



An evening of expressive dance

Our recent 'Dance Expressions' evening was a resounding success! This event provides GCSE Dance students an opportunity to showcase their examination pieces before their final practical assessment. The evening delivered high-caliber performances. In addition to the GCSE pieces, the audience was treated to several vibrant extra-curricular performances that showcased the breadth of talent across the school.

The standard of student-led choreography was exceptionally high, demonstrating both technical skill and creative maturity from students in Year 7 through to Year 11. Our dancers rose to the occasion, delivering focused, professional performances to a supportive audience of family, friends and staff. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and countless hours of 'studio time' these students have put in to achieve such a high standard of performance.

As our Year 11 cohort heads into their final practical exams, we wish them the very best of luck.

Miss C Izzard, Head of Dance



AN EVENING OF CHOREOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE

A day of dance at Italia Conti

On 12th March, our dance students in Years 7 to 9 traded the classroom for the spotlight at the prestigious Italia Conti in Woking.

This 'Day of Dance' offered a rare, behind-the-scenes look at life inside a professional performing arts institution. Some highlights of the day included a tour of the state-of-the-art studios and the massive wardrobe department; a high-energy musicaltheatre workshop led by the Head of Dance at Italia Conti; and our group enjoyed an exclusive performance of 'All Shook Up' by third-year degree students.

Not to be outdone, our students took to the floor to showcase the choreography they've been mastering in their Step into Dance sessions. It was an inspiring, high-energy day that gave our students a real taste of where their passion for performance could take them. Well done to everyone involved.

Miss C Izzard, Head of Dance





Enrichment days – summer 2026

We are delighted to be preparing for an exciting programme of enrichment days taking place during the summer term 2026. A wide range of activities has been carefully planned for each year group, offering students valuable opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
Ninja Warriors Hampton Court St Paul's Cathedral	Port Lymgne Neasden Temple and Kew Gardens Morden Hall Park	The Beach London Eye and river cruise Horsenden Hill Activity Centre or Shepperton Splash or Harry Potter Studios	The Globe Players Thorpe Park Talk The Talk Communication Workshop	Talk The Talk Communication Workshop Recruitment day

These enrichment experiences are designed to help students develop new skills, broaden their knowledge, and enjoy memorable learning experiences through engaging and practical activities. Each year group will take part in a programme tailored to support both personal development and curriculum enrichment.

We would like to thank all families who have already completed their payment, your support is greatly appreciated and helps us provide these opportunities for our students. If you have not yet made payment, we kindly ask that this is completed via your MCAS account, where enrichment days can be found under the Trips section. Please note that by completing the purchase on MCAS, you are providing consent for your child to attend all three enrichment days and the associated activities.

Further information, including detailed itineraries for each year group, will be shared closer to the event dates.

If you have any questions, concerns, or require support regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact us at enrichmentdays@greenshaw.co.uk

We look forward to an inspiring and enjoyable series of enrichment days for all students this summer.

Life-saving opportunity for students

We are excited to offer a one-off opportunity for students to take part in a special life-saving training session.

Thanks to secured funding, the award-winning national charity StreetDoctors will be delivering a hands-on first aid workshop for 150 students.

During this interactive session, students will learn practical skills that could help save a life in an emergency. The training will focus on how to manage and control bleeding,

a vital first aid skill that can make a critical difference in situations involving accidents or injuries.

The workshop aims to give students the knowledge, confidence, and practical experience needed to respond quickly and safely if someone is hurt.

If students would like to take part, they should sign up using this [form](#). Students who are selected will be contacted with full details by Miss Webb.



Key dates – Year 9

Easter holiday	30th March to 10th April	End of summer term (12.30pm)	17th July
Start of summer term	13th April	Summer holiday	20th July to 31st August
Bank holiday (school closed)	4th May		
May half term	25th May to 29th May		
Year 9 and 10 sports day	18th June		
Greenshaw open evening for Year 6	25th June		

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