

Newsletter

One School



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Croxteth
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Speke

Each Unique

Together we **B**elieve we can learn
Value each other and
work to **S**ucceed.

Bank View School

2025-2026 Issue #4

Message from Juliette

It seems only a moment since we began the academic year, yet here we are already two terms in and preparing our Year 11 and Sixth Form students for their exams and accreditation. It has been a short but incredibly busy half term, as reflected throughout this newsletter. Once again, our pupils have demonstrated remarkable achievements and continued progress, both in and out of the classroom.

You may also be aware of the recent publication of the DfE's paper 'Every Child Achieving and Thriving'. As a school, we are working closely with the Local Authority to understand how this paper, and the reforms within it, will impact provision for SEND both locally and nationally. We will be responding to the consultation on the SEND reform plans and will keep you updated on developments as they emerge. A link to the 'Every Child Achieving and Thriving' document has been included within this newsletter.

On a sad note, we say goodbye to Mr Leatherbarrow and Mr Kennedy, who have both been highly valued colleagues for a number of years. They will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and parents/carers alike, but we wish them every success in their new adventures.

Have a lovely Easter.

Juliette Gelling

Here is the link for the Every Child Achieving and Thriving

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-child-achieving-and-thriving>



Bank View Website

Don't forget to check our website for our curriculum information.

We will use this and SeeSaw messages to let you know what is happening in school. Please let us know if there is anything else you feel would be useful to include on the website.

Pupil Information

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of providing the school with any change of address or phone numbers, please let the school office know immediately.

Please fill in the information if there are any changes and send into school as soon as possible.

We need the following information

Pupil Name

Home telephone number

Mobile phone number

Address

Postcode

Email address:

Attendance

At Bank View, attendance remains a key priority across the whole school. We are committed to working together to improve attendance for all pupils and reduce the number of those considered persistent absentees—defined as having attendance of 90% or below. While 90% may sound acceptable, it actually means a pupil misses around 19 days of school over the year, which equates to nearly four weeks and approximately 100 lessons. That's a significant amount of lost learning. Our goal is for every pupil to achieve at least 97% attendance.

To support this, we have a team of pastoral Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) working across our three sites. They collaborate closely with senior leaders to help pupils and families improve attendance. If you need any assistance or guidance regarding your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

We celebrate excellent and improved attendance at Bank View. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance each half term will receive a prize in recognition of their commitment and postcards to acknowledge improved or excellent attendance are also sent home.

Further details about our attendance policy and the support available can be found on the Attendance tab of the school website.

For medical appointments, please ensure to provide evidence of the medical appointment so we can authorise the absence. This can be done either as a paper copy or electronically via SeeSaw. Without proof, the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We also ask that pupils attend school before or after their appointment whenever possible.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it is essential that you contact the school office or message via SeeSaw on the morning of the absence, before 8:45am where possible. Without contact from home, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Please note that escorts are not responsible for passing on messages about pupil illness

Uniform

A polite reminder, please, that all students need to wear the correct uniform for school.

Students who arrive at school without the correct uniform on will be provided with a uniform, or parents/carers will be asked to bring it to school. If you have issues with your child wearing any of the school's uniform, please contact your child's form teacher.

Our uniform supplier is:

**Lisa's Schoolwear 72 Priory Road, Anfield,
Liverpool, L4 2RZ**

**275 East Prescott Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, L14
2DB**



The cost of a school lunch is now £2.20.

This can be paid through parent app.

There are quiet spaces on all sites for your child to have their lunch if needed.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September - Friday 19th December

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Christmas break: Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March

Half term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Easter break: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (Easter bank holidays - Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April)

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April - Monday 20th July

May day: Monday 4th May

Half term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

INSET DAYS: December 8th and July 20th

Who to Contact

If you need to speak to someone about your child your first contact should be your child's form teacher.

We also have pastoral HLTAs attached to each year group. They support with attendance.

Please use this opportunity to contact school if you have a new telephone number or email address. Equally please let school know if your child has a newly diagnosed medical condition or have medication that will need to be administered at school

Pastoral HLTAs

	Croxteth	Speke	Fazakerley
Primary	Patsy		Sharon
Base		Maria	Hannah
Year 7		Emma	Mollie
Year 8		Sophie	Amy
Year 9		Kelsea	Paul
Year 10			Rebecca
Year 11			Jo
6 th form			Louise



schoolmoney

SchoolMoney is now live

You don't need to sign up to this system as it is done automatically through the school provided we have your up to date contact details. School will send a password which will give you access to your account.

Once you are up and running you can book in your child's school meals for the week and pay online. Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Useful apps

SeeSaw

Can all parents/carers ensure they have seesaw app downloaded?

This allows you to see all the pupils' work and achievements in class.

It also allows us to send any letters/information

You can download the seesaw app from the app store – if you need a new invitation sent to your email, please contact m.armstrong@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk or devine.j@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk



Primary News

The last couple of weeks have been packed with exciting whole-school events. During Careers Week, learners explored different jobs and began thinking about the skills people need in the world of work. Through discussions, role play and real-life experiences, pupils were encouraged to think about their interests and what they might enjoy doing in the future.



We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The school was filled with brilliant costumes, creative activities and lots of shared stories. It was wonderful to see learners enjoying books together and bringing their favourite characters to life.

Last week we continued the excitement with British Science Week, where pupils took part in a range of hands-on investigations and experiments. Learners explored how things work, asked questions and developed their curiosity about the world around them.



After the Easter break, we are looking forward to returning for our final learning themes of the year. Pearl and Jasper Class will be exploring the story London's Burning for Pearl and Jasper, while Emerald and Turquoise Class will dive into the magical theme Potion Commotion, where learners will experiment, mix and investigate as they explore exciting science-inspired activities.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming our learners back for an exciting and busy final term.

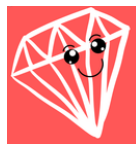


Primary News



Pearl Class

Pearl Class has been full of energy this term, learning simple aerobic exercises at Streetwise and some new moves. They've enjoyed the climbing wall, cookery lessons, and will be preparing some delicious Easter bakes. Our curriculum has been buzzing with musical maths, singing, sensory superhero labs, and rich sensory experiences. We also celebrated World Book Day and shared a special story in the forest to set the scene, all while keeping busy with our learning adventures.



Jasper Class

Jasper Class has had a wonderful and busy few weeks, taking part in World Book Day, Careers Week and Science Week, as well as learning about real-life superheroes in our community. The children have enjoyed dressing up, exploring different jobs, being curious about the world around them through STEAM investigations, and talking about the people who help us every day. Alongside these special events, we've been focusing on fundamental classroom skills—especially fine motor development and letter formation—through mark making, handwriting practice and activities that build strength, control and confidence.

Primary News



Emerald Class

Emerald Class has enjoyed a wonderfully lively term filled with creativity, curiosity, and sunshine. In English, the children have been diving into dilemma stories, becoming confident problem-solvers and expressive storytellers. Their acting skills have brought their ideas to life, and their sentence writing has gone from strength to strength.

In Design Technology, the children have been researching and designing their perfect sandwiches, producing some imaginative and thoughtful creations. To round off our topic, they applied their Geography learning to produce fantastic animal fact files, showcasing their understanding of different climates and habitats.

It has been an amazing term full of hard work, fun, and plenty of bright moments. We are now looking forward to our exciting new topic, “Magic Potions”, which promises hands-on activities, bubbling creativity, and lots of magical learning ahead.



Turquoise Class

This half term we have finished off our new topic 'King of the food chain' the children have loved learning about different parts of the world and the animals that live there. In Geography, the children have been hard at work looking at hot and cold climates and the animals that live there. In Art, the children created some amazing clay lizards. We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and creating a love for reading within our classroom. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term.



Primary News

Science Week

A lively week of discovery unfolded in the Primary Department during Science Week 2026 as pupils embraced the theme of curiosity and asking questions. Children explored the world around them through hands-on investigations, playful predictions, and plenty of “What would happen if...?” moments that encouraged confident communication and wonder. The week ended in joyful chaos with a Silly Science Workshop, where foamy eruptions, wobbly experiments, and lots of laughter brought the whole department together for a memorable finale.



Speke News

The major building work across the school has now been completed and our focus has turned to developing the outdoor areas. Plans are in place for a new Forest School space on the field, which will further enhance our personal development offer and provide pupils with additional opportunities for outdoor learning



Willow tunnel



Hammock and shelter building



Willow den

Careers and Community Links

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing strong school and community links in Speke, pupils have been actively engaging with the local area during Careers Week. They visited a range of local shops and businesses, giving them the opportunity to meet community members, learn about different jobs, and understand how local services operate. These visits helped pupils see the wide range of career opportunities within their school community while strengthening the positive relationships between the school and local businesses.



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Careers and Community Links continued....

Pupils also took part in a range of activities including visiting a bakery, floristry, sewing, visit to the Holiday Inn, a visit from a Speech and Language Therapist and a visit from Merseyside police and the mounted police unit. These experiences supported our involvement in the EqualEx project, which aims to broaden pupils' awareness of the many different career pathways available to them. By exploring a variety of practical and professional roles, pupils were able to learn about the skills needed for different jobs and begin to think about their own future aspirations.

More information about the Equalex project can be found here:
[Modern Work Experience | The Careers and Enterprise Company](#)



Bank View Salon

The salon at Speke has been welcoming many visitors recently. Pupils from Abbots Lea and Redbridge School have visited to take part in salon sessions and experience the facilities.

Bank View pupils have the opportunity to work with professional hairdresser Rosie and practise skills on the nail bar with our nail technician, Donna. Both Rosie and Donna also work in professional salons alongside their work in school, giving pupils the chance to learn directly from industry professionals.

These sessions allow pupils to develop practical hair and beauty skills while also learning about the hair and beauty industry. They help pupils make connections to the world of work and support them in exploring possible pathways before making their option choices in school.



Speke News

NOW FESTIVAL

Beyond the View Theatre Company, which was formed during performing arts enrichment, had their first performance at the NOW festival just at the end of last half term. Due to the success of this performance which was about Mental Health and Technology, the pupils have been invited back to perform at St. George's Hall for a book launch on 23rd March. Watch this space for future performances from the company, including a spectacular Summer showcase in June.

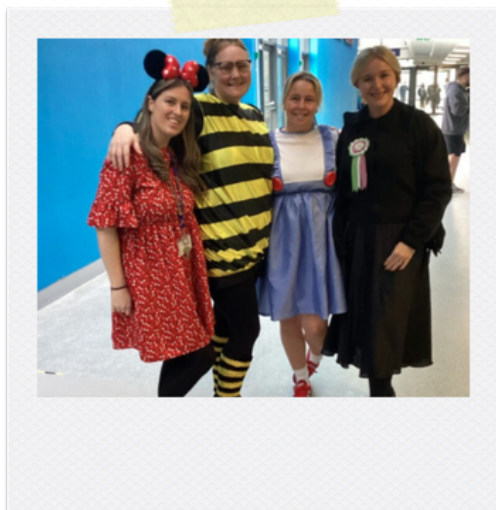


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World Book Day 2026: Go All In!



We celebrated World Book Day across all sites with a range of activities this year. Students and staff dressed up in their favourite novel-inspired costumes whilst we also used potatoes to create characters; paper plates to inspire our masks as well as hearing excerpts from our teachers' favourite stories. We also enjoyed our free book as part of the Bank View Book Giveaway. Thanks to everyone who made the day so special!



Life Skills

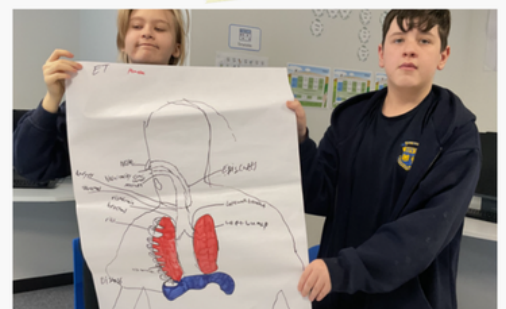
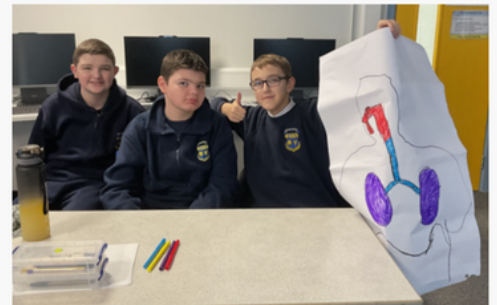
Y7

Pupils have been learning about Time and Money this half term. We had some great class discussions about what money is and why we have it as well as the opportunity to make our very own clocks to take home.

Fantastic work Year 7!

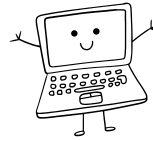
Y8

Pupils really listened well and enjoyed our topic about First Aid. We looked at lots of ailments and how to help a casualty, such as allergic reactions, asthma attacks and bleeding injuries. We also had a visit from the Medical Mavericks and took part in their Careers in Health workshops. Excellent work year 8!



Speke News

COMPUTING



Year 7

Year 7 pupils have been working hard by building, programming and testing Lego robots. They got a new challenge every week and really enjoyed this unit. This has helped to develop their programming and debugging skills. Well done!

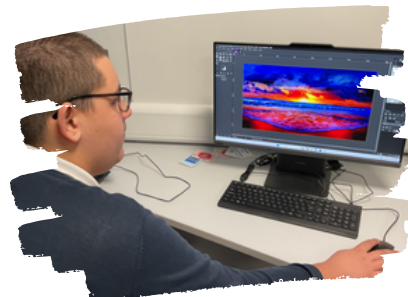


Year 8

Year 8s have been working planning, designing and building apps using App Inventor! They have pushed themselves and made some fantastic apps, well done!

Year 9

Year 9 pupils have been amazing as they have used all of their knowledge about how images are made up to edit images. We have been using industry standard software and the pupils really got to grips with all of the tools to create some fantastic image edits. Well done!



Speke News

PE



This term pupils across Key Stage 3 have been developing a variety of skills through different sporting activities.

Year 7 – Kinball

Year 7 pupils have been learning Kinball, focusing on teamwork, communication, coordination and spatial awareness. They have developed striking, positioning and reaction skills while learning how to work together effectively in both attacking and defensive situations.

Year 8 – Tag Rugby

Year 8 pupils have focused on Tag Rugby, developing key skills such as passing, catching, evasion and tagging in defence.

The activity has helped improve agility, speed, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, communication and tactical awareness.

Year 9 – Badminton

Year 9 pupils have been developing their badminton skills, including serving, clears, drop shots and smashes. They have also improved their footwork, court positioning, coordination and tactical decision-making during match play.

Sporting Fixtures

The school continue to develop it use of the site facilities. We have hosted several fixtures against other schools including boys and girls football tournaments. The pupils are really enjoying the experience of testing their skills against pupils from other settings.

HUMANITIES



Year 7 – Medieval Britain This term, Year 7 have been delving into the fascinating world of Medieval Britain. They have explored the key events of 1066, including the battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings, gaining insight into how William the Conqueror secured his rule. The journey continued with an in-depth look at the dispute between Henry II and Thomas Becket, examining the tensions between the Crown and the Church. To bring history to life, students have been playing a game of Chinese Whispers at the end of lessons, demonstrating how historical accounts can change as they are passed down through time.

Year 8 – Biomes and Ecosystems Year 8 have been investigating different biomes and ecosystems, focusing particularly on the tropical rainforest. They have explored the unique climate of these environments, the remarkable ways in which animals have adapted to survive, and the critical role rainforests play in sustaining life on Earth. In addition, they have studied desert biomes, learning about their extreme conditions, why they receive so little rainfall, and how plants and animals have adapted to thrive in such harsh environments. Through their studies, students have gained a greater appreciation of the importance of conservation and the need to protect these valuable ecosystems.

Year 9 – World War II World War II has been the focus for Year 9 this term, with students examining significant events such as the Blitz, the Dunkirk evacuation, and the dropping of the atomic bombs. A highlight of their studies was a class debate on whether the atomic bombs should have been dropped on Japan, where students engaged in thoughtful discussion, considering the moral and strategic implications of this decision

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MATHS



During this short half term students in Year 7 have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes as part of our current topic - this is a fun one with lots of opportunities to use manipulatives in lesson!

Our Year 8 students have been learning about different types of measures. They explored money by adding and subtracting, and learned about measuring in litres and millilitres, weighing items, and finding perimeters. They had lots of fun using manipulatives to help them learn.

Our Year 9 students have been working on their number sense and fluency as part of their everyday starter activities.

ENGLISH



Our KS3 students are continuing to enjoy their vibrant and exciting curriculum as Y7 complete their study of Poems from other Cultures and Y8 enjoy their reading of Welcome to Nowhere. Both year groups have been introduced to ideas from other cultures and how our own identity and experiences are impacted by events around the world. Y9 have been studying Powerful speeches and Powerful Speakers as they explore the language from some of history's most important orators as well as some modern-day public figures. With World Book Day and careers' week visits to the local library, it has been a very busy but exciting half term for our learners!

STEAM

Students have been using their creativity in STEAM to build exciting car tracks and create different weighing items using K'NEX blocks. They enjoyed testing their designs, seeing how the cars moved along the tracks, and making improvements to their builds. Some students also used their imagination to design and create their own unique structures. It has been fantastic to see their teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity in action while having lots of fun building and exploring

P4C (Philosophy 4 Children) Sporting Fixtures

Learners across Speke, Fazakerley and Croxteth are being introduced to the idea of Philosophy 4 Children. P4C is an exciting and thought-provoking teaching and learning strategy which invites learners to engage in philosophical thinking (thinking deeply) and discussion. Learners have been introduced to engaging stimuli which is linked to their subject area and started to engage in deep discussions about a range of concepts and ideas. During our Picture News sessions each Monday, learners are also asked a philosophical question for them to enquire about with their peers. P4C really does open the minds of our thoughtful young people, and we are excited to embed this further into our curriculum

Fazakerley News

School Council



Our School Council took part in Liverpool School Parliament on Thursday 5th March, our pupils shared their ideas on how Liverpool can become a Child Friendly City. Pupils from both Long Lane and Speke represented Bank View with confidence, speaking in a room of twelve different schools about how their rights impact their education. They expressed pride in Bank View's commitment to being a Rights Respecting School and highlighted the positive difference this makes to their school experience.



SALT & OT Update

We had a lovely term supporting our learners with their sensory and communication needs.

It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore new strategies and build on their skills.

-SALT team delivered staff training this term on BLANK Level questioning, helping teachers and support staff develop even more effective ways to scaffold learner's understanding and expressive language in the classroom.

-We have had the exciting experience of engaging in Joint OT/SALT intervention sessions and actively shared strategies and supported families queries via see-saw and in school meetings.

- Thank you to all the families who joined our recent parent drop-in calls. The sessions were a great success, and we really valued the chance to talk through strategies, answer questions, and offer tailored support.

More Dates Coming Soon : Keep an eye out for further drop-in opportunities in the summer term. Parents of learners who were unable to attend this time will be prioritised for the next round.

Indoor Cricket Competition



Bank View indoor cricket team enjoying a lovely day at Clarendon school.

Students attitude was positive and well mannered throughout the day.

Bank View students received positive comments from teaching and support staff from competing schools.

A huge well done.



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Bike Right

Congratulations to the following students for completing Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications today.

All students showed huge levels of improvements, gaining confidence throughout the day.

Luke Carter
Finley Ardrey
Rueben Bush
Caden Mckenna
Nathan Rigby

Thanks to Caelan Ferguson for all his help supporting.



Allotment Options

Students enjoying time down the allotment planting and DIY. Trip to Palm house in Sefton Park.

We currently have 8 raised beds. Students have planted Rhubarb, Onions, Garlic, Potatoes and four new fruit trees.



KS3 Football

A huge well done to the KS3 boys on an excellent game against Archbishop Beck. The team showed real determination and teamwork throughout.

Special congratulations to Michael Crook and Kaden Thompson, who made their debut appearances for the Bank View football squad – a fantastic achievement.

The behaviour and attitude of all students were first class, and they represented the school brilliantly.



Fazakerley News

Careers Week



Careers week has been a huge success this term with pupils taking part in work shops, visits and meeting visitors from many different industries. We have had a poetry workshop, a design and sewing workshop, a visit from a Merseyside Police horse detachment, talks from ex-Bank View pupils from Holiday Inn Royal Albert Dock and Costco as well as visitors from LIVV Housing, the NHS, University of Liverpool and Jaguar Land Rover, who brought a new Land Rover Discovery into school for pupils to investigate and many more.

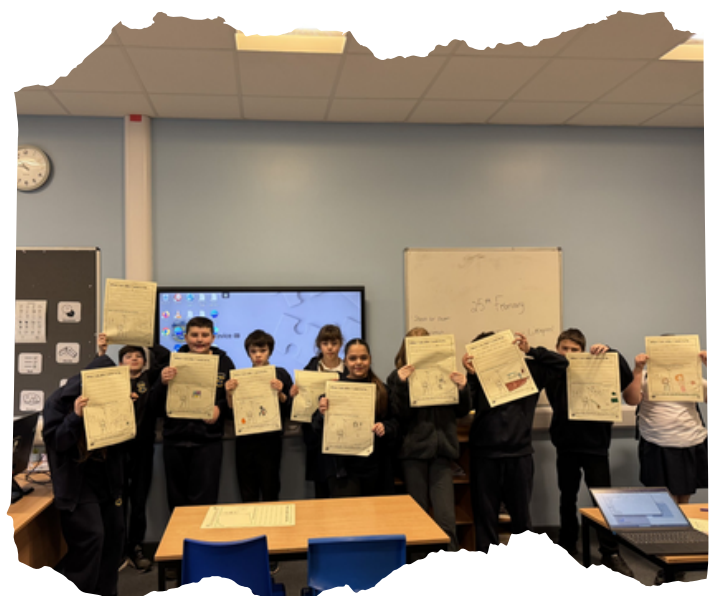
Many of the visitors into school have asked if they can come in again to work with our pupils due to the positive attitudes potential and talent they have seen at Bank View. We are currently planning a number of follow up activities which will hopefully happen in the summer term.



YEAR 7

We explored what they hope to become when they're older. Each student chose a dream career, wrote about why it appealed to them, and drew a picture of themselves in that role. They then carried out some research into the qualifications they'd need, the skills involved, how long the training might take, and the typical salary for that job.

The careers they chose were fantastic – everything from train drivers and game designers to dermatologists and scientists. It was brilliant to see how thoughtful, ambitious, and creative they were in imagining their futures.





6TH FORM

In addition to the school based activities for Careers Week, sixth form students also visited Aintree fire station. We were shown around the station and learned about the different roles, from emergency response to fire prevention and community education. We also had the opportunity to watch one of the daily training sessions taking place.

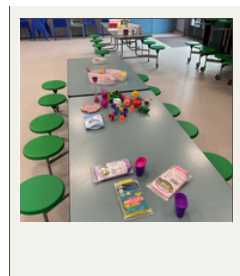


SENSORY CLUB



This term we rebranded our arts and crafts after school club to "sensory club" This has been a huge success and we've had fun trying different activities each week including slime making, homemade made sensory bottles and calming activities.

We also made a valentine themed sensory bin for the pupils to enjoy.



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Reading Room



National Story Telling Week

We have had some fantastic reading events in school this term. We celebrated “National Story Telling Week”, by soundtracking our stories.

Pupils explored using percussion instruments to accompany stories. We enjoyed a Hungry Caterpillar story sack session. Across lessons pupils attended an online workshop with a fantastic author Jeffrey Boakye where pupils explored a story through song, inspired by his book “musical truth”.



World Book Day

Across school pupils participated in a variety of book themed activities to celebrate WBD and also had an opportunity to pick a WBD book title. Our celebration included, a spudtastic extravaganza, classes were asked to create book characters out of potatoes. Look at some of our amazing results. Pupils also had a football book quiz and had to solve clues to uncover their teachers favourite book. To end the brilliant day we had a mask parade where pupils could showcase book character masks they created.



Dog Man Club

This term we have launched a lunch time Dog Man club. We have an ever-growing number of Dog Man super fans in school. In Dog Man club pupils can read choose to read, play one of our brand new games including “Big Jim Begins Roll-o-Rama” or create their own Dog Man drawings. It has been great to see friendships develop through playing games and having a common interest.



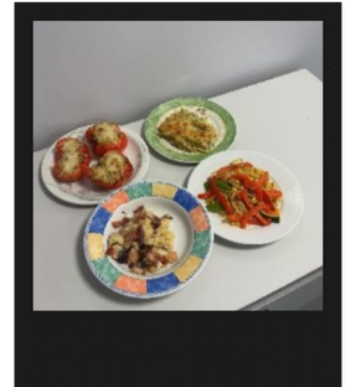
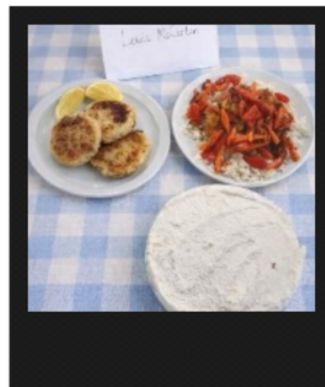
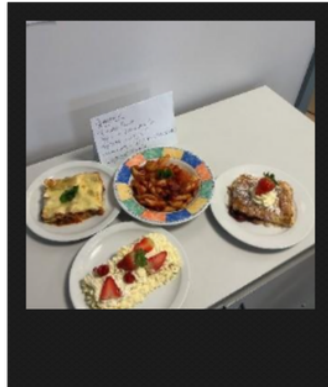
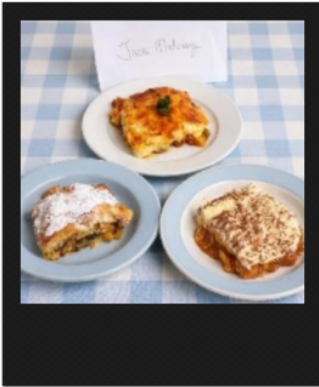
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FOOD TECHNOLOGY



This Term the Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE group have been completing their GCSE practical work for their Task B written assessment. The pupils have enjoyed making their dishes & are very proud of the end results.

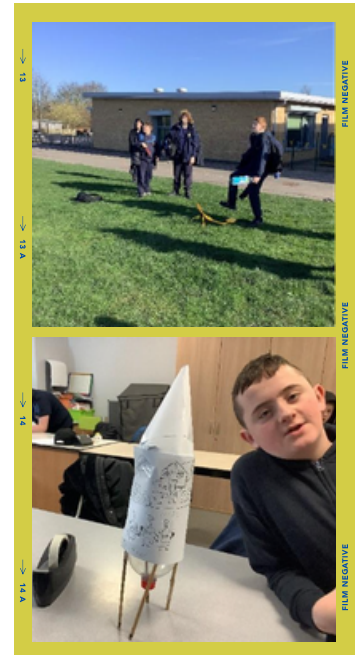
They have carried out sensory testing & produced their best three dishes for their final work.



SCIENCE



This half term has been a busy few weeks in science. We have run forensic science workshops for careers week, took part in the National Mars Day event - where we listened to lots of people who have jobs connected to space (engineers, project managers, astronauts). We then made rockets and set them off on the field. For science week, KS3 have been doing a project on eggshell in preparation for next term when we will be hatching chicks. At the end of the project, we hope the majority of pupils will have achieved a DISCOVERY CREST award.

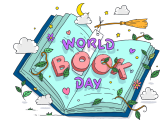


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As we come to the end of a short but wonderfully fulfilling term, the English Department is delighted to share some of our highlights, achievements, and moments of joy from across the school community.

World Book Day: A Celebration of Stories



This term's standout event was, without doubt, World Book Day. The energy across school was incredible, with both staff and students embracing the spirit of reading in every possible way.

Our favourite moments included:

Creative costumes from students and staff, bringing beloved characters to life in our corridors.

Teachers sharing stories with their form groups, creating calm, cosy reading moments to start the day.

Potato character creations that were as imaginative as they were hilarious.

Character maskmaking, giving pupils a chance to design and embody their favourite fictional heroes.

A brilliant partnership with WHSmith, ensuring every pupil received a £1 World Book Day book from the latest titles.

A marvellous cake sale that brought the whole community together.

A huge thank you goes to our Reading Team, whose hard work made the day run seamlessly. Another special mention goes to our dedicated Re



Dear Merseyside Poetry Competition

We were honoured to take part in the Dear Merseyside poetry competition, championed by the wonderful Liverpool poet Joseph Roberts. His visit and live performance were a true highlight of the term.

Pupils were captivated by his work, and his presence sparked a wave of creativity across classes. Many students have since been inspired to write their own poems, exploring identity, place, and personal experience with confidence and flair.

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Key Stage 4: Working Towards Success



Our Key Stage 4 pupils have shown real determination as they continue preparing for their GCSE and Entry Level qualifications. Staff are now making final preparations to ensure pupils have plenty of revision materials to support their learning over the Easter break.

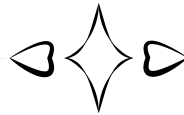
Their hard work, resilience, and growing independence have been a real credit to the school.



A Final Word

It has been a term full of creativity, collaboration, and celebration. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful to our staff for their ongoing commitment to fostering a love of reading, writing, and communication.

We look forward to an exciting summer term ahead.



Options Expressive Arts trip to FACT for the BFI Careers event

Our students enjoyed hearing about the career journeys of a make up artist and costumier. They learnt that the reality of working in film and television isn't as glamorous as you might think. It's a hard career but full of creativity when you're specialized enough to work for yourself.



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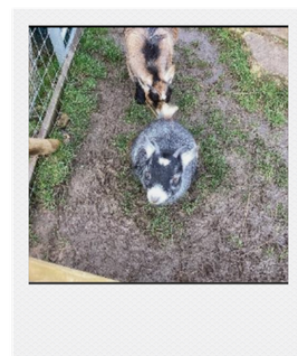
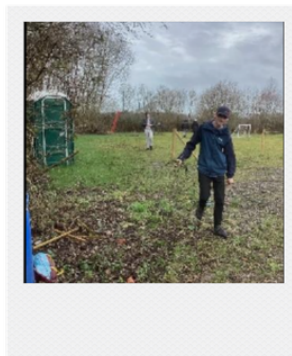
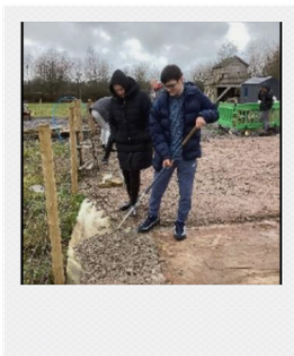
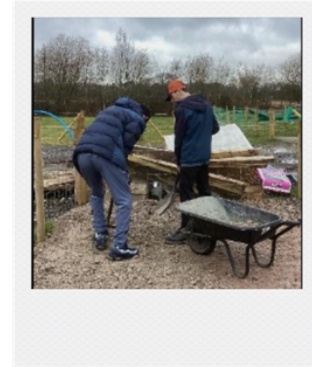
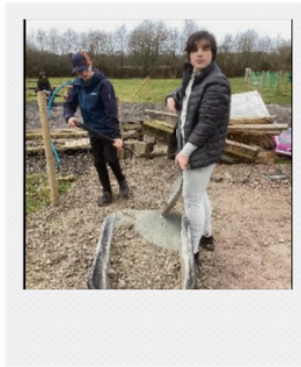
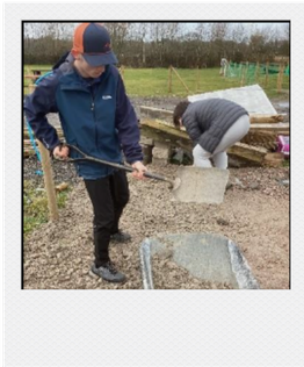
Connect Young Sounds DJ and music tech workshops

Some of our year 9 students joined our Young Sounds musicians for a Logic and DJ decks workshop in Notre Dame school. This was a chance to experience further music production and DJing techniques which the group enjoyed.



Work Experience at Broom's Cross Fisheries

A group of pupils from 11A have been attending Broom's Cross Fisheries on a Friday morning as part of a work experience programme. They have been learning how to care for the animals and have also helped with the landscaping of the grounds, using their strength to move trees and stones. We have had a great time learning all about the care of the animals, but we have also learned about the responsibilities of work and how to work as part of a team.



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SPANISH



In Topaz and Sapphire class we learned about the tradition of Carnival in Spain. We learned how people dress up, wear masks and have big, colourful parades. We then made our own masks, and I think you'll agree we made a great job of them!



Other year groups have been learning the vocab for pets, sports and saying what we do to help at home (which according to my year 9s, is not much!). We have had lots of fun being as creative as we can to help us learn all our new words. Headbands is the current favourite; it's giving me 80s tennis player vibes.



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World Views



We've had a term full of celebrations here at Bank View! Students have explored Holi, Ramadan, Eid and Easter. Students' have participated in a variety of active learning tasks for Easter. They followed a trail to look at the stations of the cross, sampled delicious hot cross buns and made stained glass windows.



Upper school have been busy completing coursework. Year 11 coursework will be submitted after the Easter break.



Wishing all our families a restful half term break.

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MATHS



It's been an exciting and productive month across the Maths Department, with students from every year group showing real enthusiasm and progress.

Year 8 & Year 9 STEAM Day – Manchester Airport

Our Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in a fantastic STEAM day trip to Manchester Airport. They explored the maths and engineering behind aviation, and gained a real insight into the careers that bring the airport to life. Their curiosity and engagement made the day a huge success.



Key Stage 3 Success in the Classroom

Across Key Stage 3, students have been working brilliantly on fractions and coordinate geometry. Teachers have been impressed with the growing confidence, accuracy, and problemsolving skills shown in lessons. It's great to see so many pupils challenging themselves and supporting one another.



Year 11 Revision Momentum

With exams approaching, Year 11 students have stepped up their revision efforts.

Their focus, determination, and commitment in lessons and intervention sessions are really paying off. Keep up the excellent work as we move closer to exam season.

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HUMANITIES



In Year 7, students have been looking at how William took control of England, including the Domesday Book, the feudal system and motte and bailey castles. They have also explored Henry II and his relationship with Thomas Becket, and the impact this had.

Year 8 have continued their work on threatened ecosystems, focusing on how we can protect tropical rainforests. As part of this, they wrote letters to the President of Brazil suggesting ways to protect the Amazon. They have now moved on to hot deserts, looking at their location, climate and some of the species that live there, including how they have adapted to survive.

Year 9 have continued with their study of World War Two, focusing in particular on Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo. They have looked at the incredible effort involved, including the role of fishing boats and other civilian vessels. They have also studied Operation Pied Piper and the evacuation of children during the war.

The options group have been continuing their work on the Civil Rights Movement in the USA. They have been comparing life then to life today, looking at similarities and differences in society, and have also started using sources to make observations about the movement.

Overall, it's been a really positive half term, with students working hard and engaging well.

Recently, many of KS3 had the opportunity to go and watch Horrible Histories Live at the Empire Theatre. It was a really enjoyable day out and a great way to bring history to life. The students were a credit to the school, with impeccable behaviour all round



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GCSE ART

This term, all of Year 11 sat their GCSE art exam, consisting of 10 hours and based on the questions of Time, Interiors, Nature and Books. The work and research they had worked on since January to prepare for their exam was fantastic and the results show just how much effort they put in. This year we have seen some amazing pieces. One last push after Easter in their coursework will hopefully secure them strong GCSE grades in the summer!



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Citizenship

This term, our students have been exploring some big ideas across Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9, and we're so proud of the thoughtful discussions they've taken part in.

Year 7 have been diving into the idea what democracy means, why it matters, and how the UK developed the system over time. Students explored how people gained more rights, how leaders are chosen, and why fairness and having a voice are so important in our lives.

Year 8 have been learning about social injustice and how different groups of people can be affected in different ways. They have explored what is fair and unfair, the differences between absolute poverty and relative poverty and the important of human rights. Students also chose the human right they felt was most important and discussed why it needs protecting for the future. Their ideas were thoughtful, compassionate, and inspiring.

Year 9 have been comparing how citizens are treated in Russia and the UK, looking at rights, freedoms, and everyday life. They also took part in discussions about where they would prefer to live, China, Russia, or the UK, and explained their choices using what they had learned. This led to some excellent conversations about safety, freedom, and fairness.

VAWG Merseyside Police

Students enjoyed a fantastic day at Anfield Sports centre. Taking part in group work sessions organised by Merseyside Police, Liverpool FC Foundation.

Mixing with the stars Tony Bellew - former World champion boxer, Jack McMullen - actor Waterloo Road, City is Ours, Chris Kirkland - former Liverpool FC Goalkeeper, Simon Maloney-Producer of City is Ours, Peaky Blinders



The Wellbeing Hub

The Wellbeing Hub continues to support all our students with emotional regulation, social and communication development and healthy minds and healthy bodies. In addition to our students spending time with a learning mentor, we have seen many successful group work sessions such as Happy, Healthy Me and Think Bricks. We continue to have Liverpool Football Club Foundation come in every week and support our pupils with their physical skills and teamwork.

Year 11 Football Team Win the League!

Congratulations to our Year 11 football team, who have been crowned league champions after an impressive season of hard work, teamwork, and determination. The players have shown fantastic commitment both on and off the pitch, and their final victory sealed a well-deserved title. We are incredibly proud of their achievement—well done, Year 11!



Visit to Brooms Cross Fisheries

A group of our students recently enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Brooms Cross Fisheries. During the trip, pupils learned about responsible fishing, local wildlife, and the importance of protecting natural habitats. They also had the chance to try out some practical fishing skills, guided by the knowledgeable staff at the fisheries.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to spend time outdoors, build confidence, and experience something new. Everyone involved represented the school brilliantly and came away with a deeper understanding of nature and conservation.

A big thank-you to Brooms Cross Fisheries for welcoming us and providing such a memorable day!

Lego and Chat: A Space to Connect and Relax

Our Lego and Chat sessions continue to be a supportive space where students can unwind, talk, and build at their own pace. The calm, hands-on activity helps reduce anxiety, encourage communication, and boost confidence—especially for our learners who benefit from a relaxed, low-pressure environment.

Students have enjoyed being creative, making new friendships, and taking quiet moments when needed. It's been wonderful to see everyone engaging in a way that feels comfortable and positive for them.

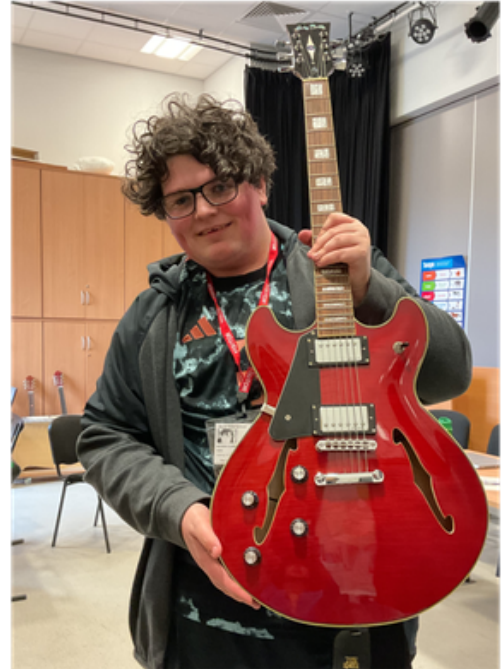


Wellbeing

Here at the wellbeing hub, we run a range of engaging sessions, including cooking activities and play based games, designed to support and develop pupils' communication skills as part of our speech and language and social communication groups. A firm favourite this term has been the 'Nurturing Game'!

Instrument Donation

Former music student Nathan came to school to donate a guitar to the music department. Thanks Nathan!



Base

Although this half term has been particularly short, it has been a rewarding and exciting one with a wide range of activities happening. As the Head of the Base department, I have enjoyed watching the pupils role play being in a café and hearing them talk about their visits to workplaces such as libraries, shops and cafes, as part of Careers Week. (As well as getting the chance to sample some of the cakes that they made!)

Bank View Base was supported by a range of services and local businesses during Careers Week, who volunteered their time to do workshops or give talks to the students. This included Mark from The Roam Network and Lucy from Bloom Baby Liverpool North.

World Book Day was also a wonderful success. It was lovely seeing the students share a story, complete Book Day activities and join in all the fun. And what fun we had! From Careers Week to World Book Day, the enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience shown across the Base department have made this half term truly special.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the summer term, continuing to create meaningful learning experiences, and supporting every pupil to grow, explore and shine. We hope everyone has a restful and well-deserved holiday, and we can't wait to welcome pupils back for more exciting learning ahead.

Trisha Penney
Head of Base Provision

Base Cafe



As part of Careers Week the Base classes have been looking at the different jobs people have in cafes. Some classes had the opportunity to visit Sandy Park Cafe as part of the research. We then used DT lessons to bake biscuits that we could sell in our cafe. We then spent time setting up menus with prices, a room to have tables, a counter with a till and a working kitchen so we could provide the food. Each Base class took turns to be waiting on staff, cooks, washer uppers and customers. This provided the pupils with great opportunities to communicate, show off their maths skills in real life situations, cook and best of all enjoy some tasty crumpets, milkshakes and homemade biscuits.



Base

JADE



Jade class have a busy and exciting half term filled with a range of fun filled activities, that have really helped to bring the learning to life. A particular focus this term has been Careers. Students have been introduced to a range of jobs and encouraged to take part in practical activities. Jade visited Sefton Meadows Garden Centre and explored jobs in horticulture. They visited Speke Retail Park, then set up their own shop in school. The students enjoyed role playing this. There was even time for a quick stop to Strawberry Fields Café for a drink and cake. Jade class also participated in a Mini Medics workshop. I am sure you will agree that it has been a fun-filled half term for Jade class!



AMETHYST



What a fantastic half term it has been! We cannot believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. Amethyst class have been incredibly busy, continuing with their swimming sessions, celebrating World Book Day, taking part in Careers Week, and learning lots of exciting new things along the way.

In English this half term, our focus has been poetry. Students have explored a range of poetic styles, analysing different poems and creating their own imaginative pieces. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass, capacity, and temperature, with students developing their understanding through a variety of practical and engaging activities. During Careers Week, students enjoyed listening to several guest speakers who visited the school to talk about their jobs and career journeys. A special thank you to Ellis' mum for taking the time to speak with the class. Students also took trips around the local area to explore the different careers that exist within our community.



Base

RUBY



This term Ruby class have been so busy. There have been lots of fun activities including cooking stir fry, our own soda bread and apple pie. We have visited the World Museum, Dobbies Garden Centre and Sandy Park Cafe. We have investigated space and painted our own planets. We have done some sewing and made planet mobiles. A big highlight was creating our own cafe and running it in Careers Week.



DIAMOND



We had a great time during Careers week. We visited Morrisons and played careers bingo and tried our hand at being florists. We ran our own café in school and then went to visit a café too



Base

PERIDOT

In Peridot class, we have made our own non-fiction books all about space.



TOPAZ

What a great half term; short but very eventful!

Topaz class have had lots of fun this half term. We have been reading Romeo and Juliet, measuring length and mass, cooking, learning about diversity and relationships, exploring the use of money, finding out more about the law and even doing some yoga!

Making masks in English and acting out scenes from the play was definitely a highlight for us.

Along with trying out military school for the first time and creating our own spud-tastic characters for World Book Day!

Topaz class also loved careers week! We took part in lots of different activities across the week, including a trip to a bakery, a careers fair, guest speakers, first aid training and creating our own vision boards for the future. We even looked at careers in animal care during our trip to Brooms Cross Fisheries and Farm!

We hope everybody has a lovely Easter break!



Base

SAPPHIRE



What a lively and rewarding half term it has been in our classroom. Sapphire class have thrown themselves into every learning opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real sense of teamwork.

We started this half term with Careers Week. This gave the class a chance to think about their futures, explore different jobs, and talk about the skills they're already building. World Book Day followed shortly after and was a wonderful celebration of reading. The children loved sharing their favourite stories, exploring new books, and taking part in activities that brought characters and imagination to life.

One of our highlights has been exploring Romeo and Juliet in our English lessons. The class have enjoyed diving into the world of Shakespeare, discussing relationships, emotions, and the choices the characters make. Their thoughtful reflections have sparked some brilliant conversations about friendship, communication, and understanding others.

In our science lessons, we've been learning about what makes a balanced diet. The children have shown great interest in how different foods help our bodies and minds, and they've been eager to share their own healthy choices. To end the topic, the class are going to prepare a healthy, balanced meal.

We've also been developing functional life skills by practising how to spend money in real-world settings such as cafés and shops. From reading menus to handling coins and notes, the class have grown in confidence and independence.

It's been a joy to see the students engage so positively with every experience. I hope everyone has an enjoyable, restful break.



Base

QUARTZ



Quartz Class have had a really fun and lively term, with their theme On the Move inspiring lots of excitement and curiosity. The children have enjoyed researching and creating fact files about characters that interest them, and their geography work on deserts has been a big hit across the class.

One of the standout parts of the term has been the trips linked to their learning. Visiting the World Museum was a brilliant experience, and the children loved the adventure of taking a public bus into town. Exploring all the different buses in Queen Square made the topic feel real and hands-on, and the class came back buzzing with things to talk about.

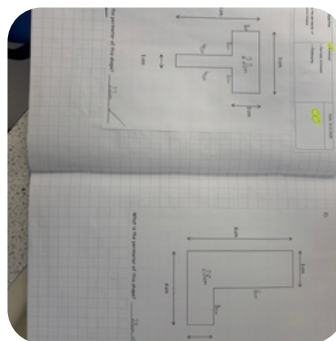


THE FORGE



This half-term pupils in The Forge have begun participating in Enrichment lessons, with a huge variety between cookery, physical education, park visits and drama. Accessing these groups will help greatly with preparation for options next year.

The class are finishing up Billy Elliot in English, ready to move on to 'War Horse' in the summer term. In Maths, we have begun work on measurement and statistics.



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Clothes: Brown shirt and black vest, Billy's coat, black gloves, and a hat.	Other:

6th form

Careers Education in Action – Sixth Form Update

Careers Week in Sixth Form has been a powerful and inspiring experience for our students, offering meaningful insight into a wide range of industries. Activities have included sensory-based art workshops exploring creative career pathways, and an engaging talk from a successful business owner with ADHD who openly discussed his journey – including both his achievements and the challenges he has overcome. His honest reflections on business, resilience and neurodiversity were particularly impactful for our learners. Students also visited a local fire station to gain first-hand insight into emergency services careers and the teamwork, communication and responsibility such roles demand.

We were also delighted to welcome the Holiday Inn manager, whose continued partnership provides exceptional opportunities for our students. She spoke about supported internships, employability pathways and the expectations of the workplace, reinforcing how these experiences act as a springboard into sustained employment. Alongside this, students have taken part in focused employability workshops, developing practical skills in communication, interview techniques and workplace readiness.

Looking ahead, we are excited about upcoming employability workshops at the Albert Dock, which will further broaden students' exposure to real working environments. An Outdoor Education Activity Day is planned for the end of term to promote teamwork, resilience and independence. In addition, Duke of Edinburgh expedition training is set to begin, with students preparing physically and practically for their forthcoming expedition – another important step in building confidence, life skills and personal achievement.

6R have spent this term working hard to complete work skills around Knowsley safari park where they have gained experience as a Animal keeper, shop assistant and animal researcher! Well done 6th form base!

