

# Academy News

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## Dream Big Competition

Prince, Y8, won the GoHenry Dream Big Competition for young people with amazing ideas. Prince won the Kidpreneur category with his fidget toys and sensory products, which are available to purchase on Etsy. Winners were chosen by a panel of judges and awarded a cash prize that they can use to invest in their ideas.

Prince said "I was so excited when I found out I was one of the winners...! I'm planning to use the prize money to expand my range of fidget toy products to bring joy to many more children, while also supporting neurodivergent children and their families. I want to reach as many children as possible with my toys and also inspire other kids like me to follow their dreams."

Congratulations Prince, the only limit is your imagination.

To visit Prince's Etsy shop - [PassionatelyPrince - Etsy UK](https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/598307337/passionately-prince-fun-fidget-pro)



The Careers Dept have been running their yearly Apprenticeship Series in 6<sup>th</sup> form in the run up to National Apprenticeship week (9<sup>th</sup> Feb week!)

So far, they've hosted talks from the RAF, DS Smith, Cranswick and Kirk Newsholme - students have even applied for degree apprenticeships as a result!

There has been a great turnout and our students have made some great connections and had meaningful interactions with the employers involved.

Still to come: Thursday 29th Jan - Bank of England

Thursday 5th Feb - KPMG

Thursday 12th Feb - National Highways

A small group of Year 11's were invited to a revision weekend at Dallowgill, with the aim of equipping those students with revision skills and techniques essential for the coming months. Extra curricular activities included a night walk, roasting marshmallows, hill climbing, pizza making and Mr Maniyar's Ramen skills! Thank you to our staff for providing such a crucial weekend and Dallowgill for hosting.

Lindi M said "I don't know how I survived without wifi"

Izzy W said "I really loved the smaller groups and no phones. I thought the practical cooking elements were the best."

Harriet R said "Dallowgill was an amazing experience that not only taught me how to handle Maths and Science equations but brought me closer with people I never even thought I'd speak to. It was always a good atmosphere and there was never a moment where you're unoccupied."



## Proud Thursday

Proud Thursday were awarded to: Annabel P, Marcus L, Thomas D, Zoe Mack and Olivia M in Year 7. Imogen W, Debbie F, Esther A, Zac S, Alexa H, Hannah B and Lucia A in Year 9. Isabelle S, Zuzanna H, Maisie O, Eve H, Sophie W, Katie G, Kanon K-H, Ben M, Isabel F and Emma H in Year 10. Emma H in Year 11. Congratulations to all our Proud Thursday students.

## Year 8 London Take-over!

Some lucky Year 8 students had a great English and Science trip seeing the sights of London, visiting the Globe theatre and seeing Six in the West End.

More photos available on X, just click the QR code



Monday 9th February is non-uniform day to raise funds and awareness of Children's Mental Health Week 2026. Students can pay £1 on MCAS to wear whatever they feel most comfortable in (as long as it's appropriate) and all the funds raised will go to charity.

We're also having a bake sale! Please drop your delicious donations at reception on the morning of 9th February for the student council to sell at break times. Students will need a little bit of cash if they want to treat themselves to something.

Lisa Marie Performing Arts are celebrating the extraordinary achievement of qualifying to represent England at the Dance World Cup 2026 – a competition that's widely regarded as the 'Olympics of Dance'. Participants from over 70 countries will be competing this summer, at the grand final in Dublin from **8-18 July**.

Garforth student Raffaella and Georgina, in Year 8, are amongst those dancers who will be attending in July and we can't wait to hear how they get on!



 Christmas Jumper day, back in December, raised an amazing £1,387 which was donated to Wakefield Street Kitchen. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Year 9's have been busy thinking about their options with our annual Marketplace event and a speed networking event with employers from a wide range of organisations. It was great to see students develop their communication skills and engaging in meaningful conversations. Lots to consider for our Year 9's over the next few weeks!



## Dates to remember

Monday 2nd Feb - Year 9 Parents' Evening - online

Monday 9th Feb - Non-uniform day/Bake Sale for Children's Mental Health Awareness

Tuesday 10th Feb - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th Feb - Rewards Trip

Thursday 12th Feb - School closes for half term

Friday 13th Feb - Training day, school closed to students

# Garforth Future Flood Risk Forum



Help make your town **better prepared for climate change** and future flooding

Share **what matters most** to you for Garforth's future

Open to anyone in Garforth aged 18+

## How can we get ready for more rain?

The Environment Agency and Leeds City Council are inviting Garforth residents and businesses to a series of four community flood risk workshops, starting in February:

-  Saturday 7 February 2026
-  9.30 AM – 12.00 PM
-  Garforth Miners' Welfare Hall, 56 Main Street, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1AA
-  Teas and coffees available from 9.15 AM

*Later workshop dates to be confirmed.*

Apply at [tinyurl.com/Flood-Risk-Forum](https://tinyurl.com/Flood-Risk-Forum)

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