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Mandarin Language and culture taster event

Some talented linguists from Year 9 and Year 10 French and Spanish were able to participate in a Mandarin language and culture taster event in January 2026.

The pupils learnt some animals in Mandarin and learnt how to introduce themselves, say 'Happy New Year' in the language and even practised writing some words too.

Finally all the pupils made 'lucky lanterns' and received beautiful bookmarks and postcards.

Thank you very much to Yingying and Qingyuan who came from the Confucius Institute at Leeds University especially to deliver the event for our pupils. Xièxiè!



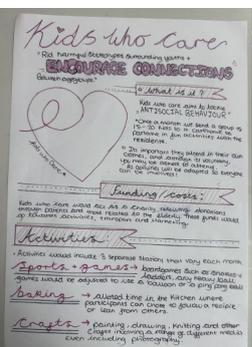
Garforth Academy Science Department ran an art competition for KS3 to allow students to explore their creativity encouraging them to create a piece of art through any medium they choose, the only criteria was it had to be based on a science subject. We had so many amazing entries from all 3 year groups ranging from digital art to oil paintings, sculptures and sketches and even a turtle made from rubbish!



Mr Dennis and the student council have been to Leeds Civic Hall to be part of the Outer East Leeds Youth Summit. As usual our students were amazing; even debating in the council chambers. Well done everyone!



Our Year 7 Tug of War competition was in full swing last week; the participants and supporters were brilliant. The winners were Harewood, pictured here with their Year 11 House Captains. Well played Harewood!



Last week, Year 10 presented their Community Projects to employers in Careers Life lessons. We are proud of the creativity, teamwork and communication skills students have developed completing this project over the last few weeks. The employers were impressed and gave brilliant feedback!



Proud Thursday

Proud Thursday were awarded to: Charlotte D, Annabelle B, Sienna W, Joseph M, Ruby W, Anna H, Logan E, Quinn W and Jack H in Year 7. Jake W, Max S, Daisy P, Piper T, James C, Joshua B, Heidi M, Clara M, Finlay J, Chloe L, Evie M, Faye C, Anya D, Dillon K, Molly W, Caleb C and Violet T in Year 8. Sammie E L, Simmy K, Lilly W, Magdalena G, Luca L, Lucy K, Charlie S and Patrick D in Year 9. Frankie S, Hudson S, Luca C, Bobby M, Edward G, Flynn H, Thomas R and Joshua S in Year 10. Harley MP, Lily R, Billy M, Ingrid L and Jessica L in Year 11. Congratulations to all our Proud Thursday students.

Principal Commendation

Max S, Yr 7, has received a Principal commendations this week. Congratulations!

Last week Year 8 heard from different employers during Careers Panel Discussions. Employers from a wide range of industries including Construction, Sport, MoD, Engineering, Marketing and Digital shared plenty of information to support the students understanding of the world of work. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in such a useful, rewarding day.



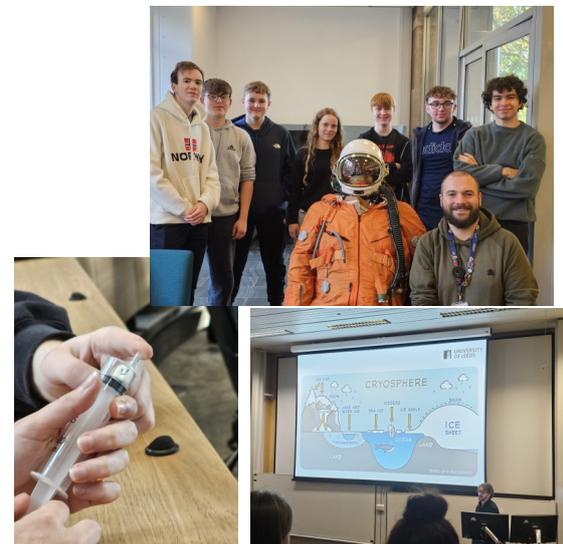
It's Children's Mental Health week and we started the last week of term with a non uniform day to raise money. Plus a very successful start to the bake sale! Any bun donations welcome for the rest of the week! Also textiles students starting their lesson with a mental health task. Students are also being encouraged to write a note of thanks to someone who has made a difference to them.



Our Y12 Physics students were invited to attend the Royal Institute Youth Summit at Leeds University.

We found out about how scientists use satellites to look for Earth-like planets, as well as using them to monitor glacial motion in the Antarctic and penguin populations by tracking their poo!

The highlight of the day was holding some genuine Moon rock and trying on parts of a spacesuit that had actually been up to the ISS. Students then had a number of discussions around space and space travel to help the Royal institute plan for this year's Christmas lectures.



Dates to remember

13th February - Training Day

20th February - South Africa trip returns

23rd February - School Opens

5th March - World Book Day

17th March - Year 7 Parents Evening