

## Dates for your Diary

February Half Term break - Monday 14th February to Sunday 22nd February  
Year 13 Synoptic Assessments - Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th February



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It was wonderful to see that our Post 16 Public Speaking Team continued their success in the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition. The team below (Abshara, Elise, and Fares) took the competition by storm and won the 'Coventry Youth Speaks Senior Final'. This now means they go onto 'The Regional Final', where I know Ms Rajali will be working hard with them to see continued success.

This one of the many outstanding opportunities our staff provide for our students and I am extremely proud of all of the work our staff do for our students. They put students first, focus on learning, and overcome barriers to learning for them every single day.

I also sent a letter home this week to thank you all for engagement and attendance at our annual Parent Consultation Day. Within the letter, I also spoke about two exciting developments. The first being our work on our school's anti-discrimination approach and the other being on our increase in PAN in September 2027 and the subsequent new Bridge building we will be getting as a result. I will be sharing updates on both projects as we continue to develop them.

Have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on the 23rd February 2026.

**Mr Lane, Headteacher**

## Youth Speaks Senior Finals

On Friday 6th February the President Kennedy Senior Youth Speaks team competed in the Coventry competition. The debate the team discussed was 'Ignorance really is bliss.' Abshara was the chairperson and introduced the topic, the team and managed the debate.

Elise was the proposer, arguing that ignorance can actually help improve mental health.

Fares argued against this, claiming that ignorance is dangerous and selfish. The team delivered a fantastic debate entirely from memory, and the audience and judges were captivated by their arguments, anecdotes and jokes.

The team won first place and are going forward to the regional finals on 7th March.

**Ms Rajali, Teacher of Religious Education and Leader of Personal Development in Post-16**



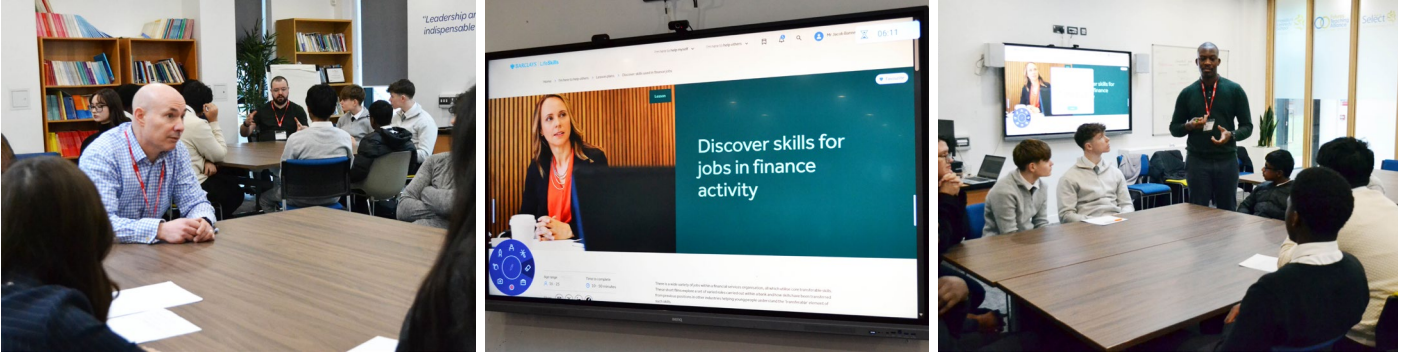
## Barclays Life Skills

The work shop involved the skills required to perform a job effectively. Hard and soft skills were discussed by five employees from Barclays to our Year 12 students.

Discussions around how skills are measured through formal education, training, or on the job, were included in the session.

Students were made aware by the employees of how to recognise differences between 'Hard Skills', including coding, graphic design, languages, to 'Soft Skills', covering areas such as personality traits that characterise how you work.

**Ms Bartley, Pastoral Leader Post 16**



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## Year 7 De Montfort University Visit

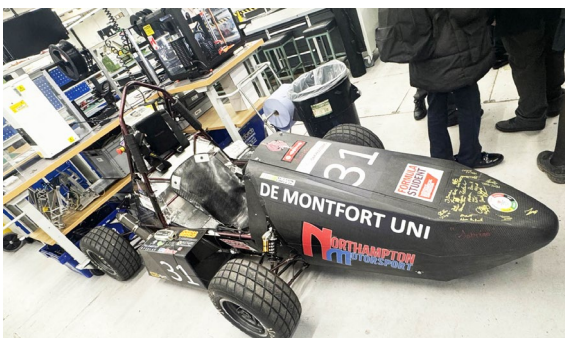


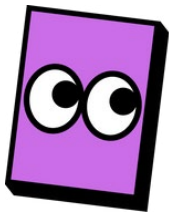
On Monday 9th February 7SHEFF and 7NEW visited De Montfort University. We started off with a team building exercise - who could build the tallest spaghetti tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. Each team had a credit card, and could buy more materials to add to what they started with. They were judged on team work and height of their tower.

After this, we went on a campus tour where we were lucky enough to see a university formula racing car and a flight simulator.

To conclude, we had a Q & A session with student ambassadors. The visit inspired our students to consider their own future aspirations to attend university.

**Mrs Knibbs, The Bridge Team**






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