



## NEWSLETTER

### Outstanding EPQ Success: 80% Achieve A or A\*

**Our recent EPQ (The Extended Project Qualification) results are truly exceptional.**

Out of 20 entries, **30% achieved the highest grade of A\*** and an impressive **50% secured an A**. In addition, **15% earned a strong B grade**, while **5% achieved a commendable C**. These figures reflect the outstanding commitment, research skills and academic excellence demonstrated by our students throughout the EPQ process.

The EPQ is a **UK Level 3 qualification**, where students independently research a topic of their choice, **developing university-level skills in research, critical thinking, and project management**.

#### Welcome

**Mr M Delgado**  
Director of Sixth Form



Welcome to this edition of our Sixth Form newsletter, celebrating recent achievement, ambition and enrichment across our school community. From outstanding EPQ results and impressive performances in national competitions, to inspiring leadership initiatives and exciting opportunities for academic growth, **our students continue to embody excellence in every area**. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination, and commitment to personal and academic success.

### Maths Department Shines in Annual Maths Challenge

The Maths Department proudly took part in this year's prestigious **Annual Maths Challenge, showcasing the problem-solving skills and logical thinking** that defines our students. Participants tackled a series of complex and creative questions designed to stretch mathematical understanding beyond the classroom.

Their enthusiasm and determination were evident throughout the competition, reflecting the department's commitment to fostering a love for mathematics and encouraging academic excellence. This experience not only highlighted individual talent but also strengthened teamwork and resilience – key qualities that will serve our students well in future challenges.

### Computer Science: Hackathon



Year 12 Computer Science students took part in an **all-day Hackathon at Leeds University** organised by "Hack for Humanity". The students were tasked to use Artificial intelligence to analyse design and create a solution to third world problems as well as getting a guided tour around Leeds University.



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## Sixth Form Debating Team Triumphs at the Royal Armouries

Our Sixth Form debating team achieved a remarkable victory at the prestigious Royal Armouries competition, showcasing exceptional communication, critical thinking, and persuasive skills. Competing against some of the best teams in the region, they delivered compelling arguments and demonstrated outstanding teamwork under pressure. This win is a testament to their dedication, preparation, and ability to engage thoughtfully with complex topics. We are incredibly proud of their success and look forward to seeing them continue to excel in future debates.

## Sixth Form Embarks on Chemistry Olympiad Journey

For the first time, our Sixth Form students proudly took part in the prestigious Annual Chemistry Olympiad, marking an exciting milestone for the department. This challenging competition tested their advanced chemical knowledge, problem-solving skills, and ability to apply concepts beyond the classroom. Our students approached the Olympiad with enthusiasm and determination, embracing the opportunity to stretch their understanding and showcase their talent on a national stage. Their participation reflects a growing culture of academic ambition and a commitment to excellence in the sciences.

## Scholars Programme Launch and Oxford Residential



In November, we proudly launched our annual Scholars Programme at the Village Hotel, reaffirming our commitment to supporting and challenging our most able students. This exciting initiative provides enrichment opportunities designed to stretch academic potential and inspire future success. As part of the programme, a group of 45 students will travel to Oxford University on 21st January for a residential experience, giving them a unique insight into life at one of the world's leading universities. This milestone reflects our dedication to nurturing ambition and excellence across our Sixth Form.



## Outstanding Oxbridge Success

**This year, an incredible 19 students applied to Oxbridge, and we are thrilled to announce that 17 secured interviews.**

A phenomenal achievement that reflects their hard work, ambition and academic excellence. This success highlights the strength of our Sixth Form and the dedication of both students and staff in preparing for one of the most competitive university application processes in the country. We are immensely proud of their efforts and look forward to celebrating their continued progress.

### Work Experience Week Coming Up for Year 12

We are excited to announce that Work Experience Week for all Year 12 students will take place this April. This invaluable opportunity allows students to gain real-world insights into their chosen fields, develop essential employability skills, and explore potential career pathways. By engaging with professionals and experiencing the workplace first-hand, our students will strengthen their confidence and broaden their horizons — **key steps in preparing for life beyond Sixth Form.**

### Leeds Progression Modular: A Unique Opportunity for All Students

We're excited to share that all **180 students enrolled in the Leeds Progression Modular programme** have the opportunity to complete this innovative pathway. Designed to support academic growth and future success, the modular approach allows learners to build essential skills, gain confidence, and progress at their own pace. This initiative reflects our commitment to providing every student with the tools they need to thrive and achieve their goals.

### Raising Aspirations Through Enrichment and Leadership

Our commitment to raising attainment and broadening horizons for Year 11 and beyond continues to grow through a diverse range of opportunities. This year, students have engaged with **Cambridge Theological Lectures, deepening critical thinking and academic curiosity.** Alongside this, we are proud to support initiatives such as Lessons from Auschwitz, Humanities Scholars work, and **targeted guidance for Oxbridge applications.** Enrichment extends beyond the classroom with experiences like the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage, Sanctuary volunteering projects, and leadership development through the Rotary Young Leader programme.

Post-16 students also play a vital role as Peer Leaders, offering drop-in support and mentoring. These activities reflect our unwavering commitment to nurturing ambition, resilience and a sense of global citizenship among our most able learners.



## Year 12 Leading the Way in Peer Support

Our Year 12 students are making a real difference through a KS3 peer-led programme designed to support younger learners in the lower school. This initiative fosters collaboration, confidence, and a sense of community, as older students share their experience and guidance to help KS3 pupils thrive academically and socially. It's a fantastic opportunity for leadership development and for building strong connections across year groups.

## Empowering Student Voice: Launch of Year 12 Prefects and Student Council

We are excited to announce the official launch of our **Year 12 Prefects and Student Council!** This initiative marks an important step in strengthening student leadership and ensuring that every voice within our school community is heard. The Prefects and Council members will play a vital role in representing their peers, driving positive change, and fostering a culture of collaboration and respect. We encourage all students to engage with their representatives, share ideas, and take an active part in shaping the future of our school. Together, we can create an environment where student voice truly matters!

## Exceptional Year 12 English GCSE Resit Success

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding success of our Year 12 English GCSE resit class in the November exam series. While the **national resit pass rate is just 20%, our students achieved an impressive 66%.** This fantastic result reflects their hard work, resilience and determination. Many approached the resit with renewed focus while balancing preparation alongside the demands of post-16 study.

Achieving a pass in English GCSE can be life-changing, creating new opportunities in further education, apprenticeships and employment. For many of our students, this success represents not only an academic milestone but a major boost in confidence and future prospects.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and look forward to building on this success as students continue their studies.

## Joining our Sixth Form

As an Abbey Grange student, you already understand our values, expectations and supportive environment, and we look forward to helping you take the next step in your Post-16 journey.

Speak to Miss Etherington to learn more about joining our sixth form, or visit our website to find out the courses on offer.

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