

Together at TLLT



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- ▶ Schools celebrate diversity of communities
- ▶ Sport for all to celebrate inclusion together
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- ▶ National recognition for excellent impact

Placing learners and learning at the heart of all that we do

Message from the CEO

"I feel incredibly proud to lead a family of schools that are committed to providing the best opportunities, experiences and outcomes for every child."

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the very first **Together at TLLT** newsletter from The Legacy Learning Trust.

As CEO of The Legacy Learning Trust, I feel incredibly proud to lead a family of schools that are committed to providing the very best opportunities, experiences and outcomes for every child and young person in our care. Across our trust, we share a common belief that education has the power to transform lives, strengthen communities and help every individual achieve their full potential.

The Legacy Learning Trust was founded on collaboration, ambition and a shared commitment to excellence. While each of our schools has its own unique identity and strengths, we are united by our dedication to high-quality education, strong values and ensuring that every pupil feels supported, inspired and valued throughout their journey with us.

This newsletter has been introduced as a way of bringing our trust community closer together. Throughout the year, we want to celebrate the incredible achievements of our pupils and staff, share exciting developments across our schools, highlight opportunities available to our young people and give families a greater insight into the work taking place across the trust.

We know that schools are at the heart of their communities and strong partnerships with parents and carers are essential to ensuring children thrive both academically and personally.

We hope these newsletters will help strengthen those connections and give you an opportunity to see and celebrate the many successes happening across The Legacy Learning Trust.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. I very much look forward to sharing the many accomplishments, stories and celebrations from across our trust with you in the months and years ahead.

Sarah Lymer
CEO at The Legacy Learning Trust

Our family of schools

We are a cross phase family of schools who place learners and learning at the heart of all that we do. Our schools maintain their unique character and all decision making is underpinned by our TLLT values.



Coming soon...

Our REACH Values

Building a lasting legacy in education

At The Legacy Learning Trust, our core values are at the heart of everything we do. These principles shape our decisions, guide our practices and ensure that our learners, staff and wider community remain central to our mission.



All decision making is underpinned by our TLLT values, which are lived out through the ethos and work of our schools.

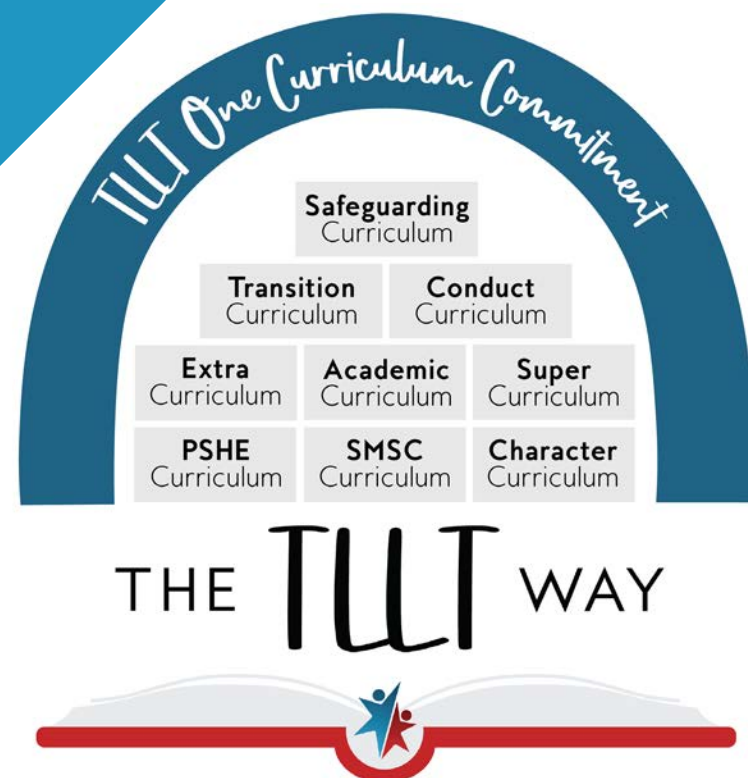
- A vibrant, broad and balanced curriculum for all learners
- Raising aspirations and overcoming barriers to learning
- The way in which we value all staff and their contribution to school life
- The provision of endless opportunities beyond the school day
- A truly inclusive community where individuals thrive
- Excellent outcomes which prepare learners for the next stage in their journey



TLLT One Curriculum Commitment

A Holistic Approach to Education

Read our One Curriculum Commitment here



The TLLT One Curriculum Commitment sets out our promise to provide every pupil across The Legacy Learning Trust with a high-quality education and a wide range of opportunities and experiences.

Our commitment is built around nine key areas that support the development of the whole child. We want every learner, whatever their background, to enjoy a rich and well-rounded education that helps them grow academically, socially and emotionally.

At the heart of this commitment are our REACH values:

Relationships, Equality and Equity, Aspirations, Celebrating Diversity and High Expectations

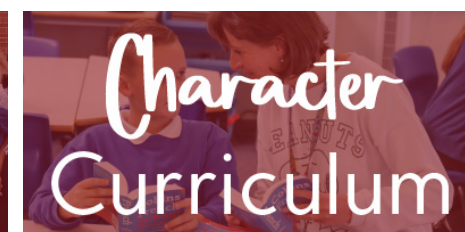
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Alongside strong academic learning, we place a big focus on personal development and wellbeing, with safeguarding always being our top priority. We want our pupils not only to achieve excellent results, but also to develop confidence, resilience and the life skills they need for the future.

The word “One” reflects our shared vision across all schools in the trust. “Curriculum” means all the learning and experiences children receive, both inside and outside the classroom. “Commitment” shows our ongoing promise to give every learner the very best opportunities and support.

We know the world is always changing, so we continue to develop and improve our curriculum to make sure it stays relevant, inclusive and meaningful for all learners. Through the One Curriculum Commitment, we aim to help every child reach their full potential and prepare them for a happy, successful future.

Key components of the TLLT One Curriculum Commitment



Each of these building blocks is interconnected and continuously evolving to ensure that the One Curriculum Commitment remains **relevant and impactful** for all of our learners. We understand that as the world around us changes – socially, culturally and technologically – so too must our approach to education. Through this commitment, we strive to empower every learner to achieve their full potential, preparing them not only for academic success but also for a **fulfilling and meaningful life**.

How we are implementing our TLLT One Curriculum Commitment in our schools...

In this edition of Together at TLLT we will be diving into how our schools have been implementing our One Curriculum Commitment into everyday school life. Read on to find out how...



Pupil voice



Holding pupil voice presentations has allowed us to gain valuable insight from pupils across the trust on how they live out our REACH values through their behaviour, attitudes and approach to learning.

The project has captured pupils' perspectives on the culture of TLLT and how it feels to be part of a trust from their point of view.

This year, Sarah Lymer, CEO, and Jo Whittaker, School Improvement Officer in collaboration with School Council leads in each school, conducted visits involving small group presentations and discussions to engage pupils and capture their authentic voice.

We are incredibly proud of the children who organised and delivered presentations around our TLLT REACH values. Their dedication and enthusiasm reflect a deep understanding of what it means to be part of The Legacy Learning Trust and how we follow REACH in everyday school life.

By engaging in this process, pupils not only demonstrated leadership and teamwork, but also developed valuable communication and organisational skills.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff who have supported and guided our students in organising their presentations. Your encouragement, time, and dedication have played a vital role in helping pupils bring their ideas to life and grow in confidence. By fostering an environment where student voice is valued and celebrated, you are not only reinforcing the importance of our core values, but also helping to develop responsible, motivated, and empowered learners. Your commitment truly makes a lasting difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.



Listen to what our pupils said...

As part of this project and ongoing commitment to our pupil voice, we have created a powerful video that captures our trust's core values and vision.

We would love for you to watch and reflect upon the impact our values have on our young people's experiences within our schools and TLLT.



Sport for all to celebrate inclusion together

We champion
inclusion and
aspirations through
trust-wide sports events

This year, we have celebrated the importance of sport and physical activity through two fantastic trust-wide sporting events, bringing pupils from across our schools together to participate, compete and celebrate their achievements.

At the beginning of the year, we hosted our first inclusive sporting event, which focused on ensuring every pupil had the opportunity to take part, regardless of ability or experience. This event reflected our commitment to providing inclusive opportunities for all children and young people, ensuring everyone feels valued, supported and able to experience the many benefits that sport can bring.

"Honestly I loved it - I loved all of it. It made me really happy and I've tried some new sports today that I've never done before."

Breckon Hill
Pupil



The event was a wonderful celebration of participation, teamwork and enjoyment, with pupils encouraged to challenge themselves, support one another and celebrate individual achievements. This approach closely links with our trust values, particularly Equality and Equity, Relationships and Celebrating Diversity, by ensuring every young person has the opportunity to be involved and succeed in their own way.



"Sport makes me feel like I have a purpose."

Linthorpe
Primary Pupil

More recently, we hosted our second sporting event of the year, to recognise the dedication, commitment and talent of our young athletes, giving them the opportunity to showcase their skills, compete against others and experience the excitement of competitive sport.

Sport plays a vital role within our school curriculum and wider school life. It supports not only physical health and fitness, but also helps young people develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Through sport, pupils learn how to work together, overcome challenges, celebrate success and understand the importance of perseverance and respect for others.



"I like how everyone comes together and helps each other."

Newham Bridge
Pupil

A huge thank you must also go to our secondary school student leaders from Acklam Grange School and Beverley School, who played an important role in helping both events run smoothly. Their support, organisation and encouragement helped create a positive experience for all pupils involved and demonstrated fantastic leadership skills.

All schools across The Legacy Learning Trust took part in the events, with pupils showing great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout. Medals were awarded to pupils who achieved success in the sprint and relay events, as well as recognising those who finished second and third overall.

The overall winners of this year's competition were Newham Bridge Primary School, who were proudly presented with the trust sporting shield to take home and celebrate their fantastic achievement.



Watch our TLT
Sport video here



Both events were a brilliant reminder of the power of sport to bring our school communities together. We are incredibly proud of all pupils who took part and look forward to continuing to provide exciting opportunities for young people to be active, develop their skills and celebrate their successes.

TLLT hit all the right notes

Our annual Music Festival proves to be another success

Hundreds of pupils and staff “reached for the stars” as they sang their hearts out during our third annual music festival.

“Every child in our town should have the opportunity to perform on a stage like this and tonight has been amazing.”

Chris Cooke
Mayor of Middlesbrough



Pop Songs Through The Ages was the theme of this year’s festival, hosted at Middlesbrough Town Hall in front of a packed audience of cheering parents, carers and staff.

Over the years, the historic venue has seen legendary performers including David Bowie, Robbie Williams, Jools Holland and Oasis, and in March it was the turn of over 200 pupils from our schools to follow in these footsteps and put on another outstanding show.

As well as our school choirs from our seven TLLT schools, we also had a staff choir, featuring trust leaders, teachers and support staff, who performed an ABBA medley that earned them a well deserved applause from children and parents.



“Fantastic show, I enjoyed watching it and my daughter and nephew loved taking part!”

Parent of a TLLT pupil



“You should all feel incredibly proud of what you’ve achieved tonight. This is only our third annual festival and it’s already become such a highlight of the year. We can’t wait to see how it grows from here.”

Sarah Lymer
TLLT CEO

Guest of honour, Middlesbrough Mayor, Chris Cooke, said: “Every child in our town should have the opportunity to perform on a stage like this and tonight has been amazing.”

He praised TLLT for “ensuring young people in Middlesbrough have access to quality education and inspiring experiences”.

“Tonight, we celebrate not only the talent on this stage but the spirit of Middlesbrough itself – a town where ambition meets imagination, where creativity thrives, and where music inspires.”

Performances covered a wide range of artists, starting with a rousing opening medley featuring *Daydream Believer*, *Video Killed The Radio Star*, *Don’t Stop Believing* and *Reach For The Stars*.

Sarah, CEO of TLLT, described the evening as “a brilliant trip through pop music history” and thanked staff for their hard work in making it possible.

“You should all feel incredibly proud of what you’ve achieved tonight,” she added. “This is only our third annual festival, and it’s already become such a highlight of the year. We can’t wait to see how it grows from here.”

Rebecca Newcombe, our Music Network Lead spent months coordinating the work of staff and pupils. Jo Whittaker, School Improvement Officer, said: “Singing has such a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing and it’s a joy to see so many children coming together at such an important venue for an experience they will never forget.”



“The music festival creates such a wonderful sense of belonging and collaboration, building team spirit, confidence and aspiration, and we are already looking forward to next year!”

We want to give a huge shout out and thank you to all of the staff from our schools who helped to make this event possible.

Rebecca Newcombe | TLLT Music Network Lead
Emily Smith | Linthorpe Community Primary School
Beverley Hewitt-Best | Newham Bridge Primary School
Claire French | Green Lane Primary Academy
Gillian Watson | Acklam Whin Primary School

Sadie Green | Breckon Hill Primary School
Stacey Moody | Abingdon Primary School
Caroline Cole | Acklam Grange School
Andy Carroll | Acklam Grange School

The full news article is available to read on The Northern Echo. It is fantastic to be able to share this with our wider community and celebrate this joyful event and the staff and students who were involved. We would love if you could share this with your networks!



Read the full story here

Celebrating diversity through culture

This term, four schools proudly hosted Culture Days to celebrate diversity

The events gave pupils the opportunity to learn more about different cultures, traditions and backgrounds while celebrating the unique identities that make each school community so special. Across the different schools, pupils and staff came together to take part in a wide range of exciting activities that promoted inclusion, understanding and respect for others.

Many pupils at Abingdon Primary School, Breckon Hill Primary School, Newham Bridge and Acklam Grange School, came to school wearing clothing that celebrated a culture, heritage or identity that is meaningful to them. The colourful displays created a welcoming atmosphere across each school and provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share what their chosen clothing represented. Throughout the day, staff and pupils celebrated a wide range of cultures, traditions, experiences and personal stories, encouraging everyone to learn from one another and appreciate the diversity within our school communities.

"This looks like such a fantastic day. Well done!"

Parent of a TLLT pupil



Throughout the day, children took part in a variety of learning activities including music, dance, art, storytelling, food tasting and cultural workshops. Pupils also explored different countries and traditions through classroom activities and discussions, helping them to broaden their understanding of the world around them.

The Culture Days were not only a celebration of diversity, but also an opportunity to encourage curiosity, kindness and appreciation for different cultures and communities. Pupils showed great enthusiasm in learning from one another and taking pride in sharing their own backgrounds and experiences.



The events reflected The Legacy Learning Trust's commitment to celebrating diversity and creating inclusive school environments where every child feels seen, valued and respected. Staff across all four schools were incredibly proud of the way pupils embraced the celebrations and demonstrated the Trust's values throughout the events.



"Culture Day was a celebration of family and it was a success because of the wonderful community we are proud to serve and be part of."

AGS Culture Crew



The Culture Days were a fantastic success and a wonderful reminder of the strength, richness and diversity within our school communities.

Empowering futures through financial confidence

At TLLT, we want to build smarter money minds

Pupils from across TLLT recently attended a trust wide financial education event, hosted at Acklam Grange School, organised by the AGS Maths department.

The event brought together learners of all ages to develop essential life skills that will support them well beyond the classroom.

Carefully planned and coordinated by staff at Acklam Grange School, the event was a strong example of collaboration in action. Their work ensured that pupils from across the trust could access a high-quality, engaging programme, delivered by WizeUp Financial Education, specialists in providing practical and relevant financial learning experiences for young people.

The workshops, which have been ongoing over the last term, enabled students to take part in interactive sessions designed to build their understanding of money management, budgeting, saving and the wider financial world. The programme also focused on employability skills, helping students to develop the knowledge, confidence and awareness they will need as they move into adulthood.

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In today's economic climate, the importance of financial education has never been greater. Equipping pupils with the skills to make informed financial decisions from a young age is key to supporting their independence, resilience and future success. By introducing these concepts early and revisiting them throughout their education, we can help ensure that all students, regardless of background, are prepared for the financial realities of adult life.

Events like this reflect our trust's commitment to providing a broad and balanced education that goes beyond academic achievement. This event has provided real-life learning opportunities that have a lasting impact and also highlights the power of working together across our trust, bringing together expertise, sharing best practice and creating opportunities that benefit all of our pupils.

TLLT are leading the way for pupils regardless of background

We are proud to share that five schools within our trust have been recognised by the Secretary of State for Education for delivering outstanding outcomes for pupils, regardless of background.

This national recognition places them among the very best schools in the country and reflects the strength of our shared commitment to excellence and equity.

Congratulations to Acklam Grange School, Breckon Hill Primary School, Green Lane Primary Academy, Linthorpe Community Primary School and Newham Bridge Primary School on this significant achievement.

The success of these schools is a powerful reflection of our trust's core values, high expectations, equity and equality and collective ambition to be the very best we can be. Outcomes like these are not achieved in isolation - they are the result of a strong, inclusive culture where every learner is supported to thrive.

At the heart of this success is a shared commitment to placing learners and learning first. Across our trust, dedicated staff work tirelessly to build positive relationships, create supportive environments and deliver high-quality teaching that enables every child to reach their full potential. This is strengthened further by the invaluable partnership with families, whose support plays a vital role in each child's journey.

This recognition also highlights the thoughtful and purposeful use of resources across our schools, ensuring that all pupils, regardless of their starting point, are given the opportunities they need to succeed. It reflects our deep moral purpose and our unwavering commitment to fairness, inclusion and excellence.

Sarah, CEO of TLLT, said: “We are incredibly proud of our schools and the communities they serve. This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the hard work of our pupils and the strength of our partnerships with families. It reflects our shared belief that every child, regardless of background, deserves the very best education and the chance to succeed. Together, we are making a real difference.”



These achievements demonstrate what is possible when schools, families and communities work together with a shared vision. We look forward to building on this success as we continue to strive for the very best outcomes for every child across The Legacy Learning Trust.

National recognition for excellent impact



“This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together.”
Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education



Building stronger communities together

We are at the heart of our communities

Our schools are at the centre of the communities they serve and we are proud of the strong connection we continue to build with families, local organisations and partners across The Legacy Learning Trust.

This year, we have celebrated many examples of our schools working alongside the wider community to create positive experiences, provide new opportunities and support the children and young people in our care.

From celebrating local partnerships and shared experiences, to creating new spaces where pupils can learn, play and thrive, these stories highlight the important role our schools play beyond the classroom.

We are proud to be part of such diverse and supportive communities and look forward to continuing to work together to make a positive difference for our pupils, families and the wider community.



Watch our Backing Boro video here

Backing Boro together

This year, our TLLT community came together in a fantastic show of support for Middlesbrough Football Club as they entered the playoffs, celebrating the team, the town and the sense of community that football brings.

Across all of our schools, pupils and staff showed their support by coming together to wear red and white, proudly representing Middlesbrough and showing their team spirit.

Although Middlesbrough FC did not achieve the result they had hoped for in the final, the pride and togetherness shown across our Trust was a fantastic reminder of the power of community. The event brought people together, created conversations across schools and allowed everyone to celebrate their shared connection to the local area.



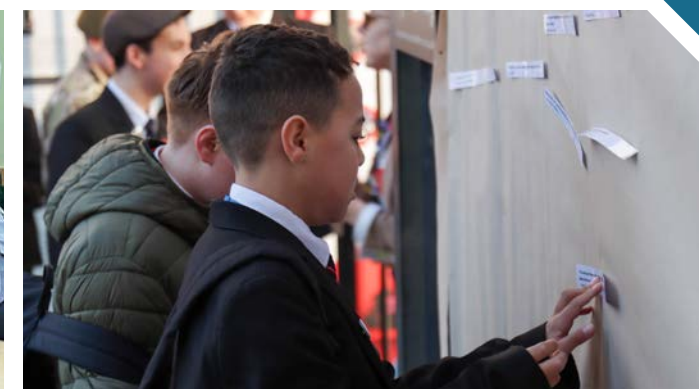
The excitement continued for some of our Acklam Grange students and Headteacher, Mr Laidler, who were invited to share their thoughts and experiences on BBC Radio Tees. They spoke about the fantastic support shown by pupils and staff across TLLT and the importance of bringing people together through shared experiences.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and community spirit shown by everyone involved. Moments like this remind us of the strong relationships we have across TLLT and the positive impact we can make.

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated

Reading is the golden thread of the whole curriculum. We believe a love of reading is crucial to both personal development and an essential skill for lifelong learning.

Our reading strategy outlines how we will prioritise and promote this to ensure all children make progress in reading. The commitment to our TLLT Reading Strategy was brought to life as schools across our trust came together to celebrate World Book Day. Classrooms were transformed, favourite characters stepped off the page and pupils and staff alike embraced the joy and creativity that reading inspires. From themed activities and receiving books to shared reading lessons and storytelling, each school found its own way to make reading visible, engaging and fun.



World Book Day is about more than just costumes and celebrations, it is an opportunity to highlight the importance of reading in every child's development. Strong reading skills underpin success across the curriculum, opening doors to knowledge, imagination and future opportunity. Just as importantly, reading for pleasure supports wellbeing, builds empathy and allows children to explore worlds beyond their own.

These celebrations reflect the core principles of our reading strategy. By prioritising reading, creating rich literary environments and promoting a culture where books are valued and enjoyed, we are ensuring that reading is not confined to a single day, but embedded in everyday practice.

The enthusiasm and engagement seen during World Book Day demonstrates the impact of a collective approach. When we work together with a shared vision, we create consistency, raise expectations and ensure that every child, regardless of their starting point, has the opportunity to develop a love of reading.

As we continue to embed our trust-wide reading strategy, events like World Book Day serve as a powerful reminder of why reading matters, and how, together, we can inspire the next generation of readers.



Promoting a culture of reading at TLLT

Celebrating the Class of 2026

As another school year comes to an end, we are incredibly proud to celebrate the Class of 2026.

This term has been filled with exciting milestones, emotional farewells and celebrations as pupils across our schools prepare for the next stage of their educational journeys.

At Acklam Grange School, Year 11 students recently celebrated the end of their secondary school experience with a memorable leavers' day following their prom celebrations. The event gave students the opportunity to reflect on their time at school, celebrate friendships, share memories and mark the end of an important chapter in their lives.



"We wish Year 11 students the best of luck and hope they feel proud of what they have achieved."

TLLT staff member



Watch the AGS Guard of Honour here

Staff were incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and growth shown by this year group throughout their time at Acklam Grange. From classroom achievements and extracurricular successes to the friendships and experiences they have built along the way, the Class of 2026 has left a lasting impression on the school community.

As students now look ahead to the next stage of their futures, there is a growing sense of excitement for results day later this summer. We wish all Year 11 pupils the very best of luck and hope they feel proud of everything they have achieved. Whatever their next steps may be, we know they have bright futures ahead.



"An unbelievable school. A place where my daughter has been welcomed and felt love. You have given the confidence to be herself and thrive. Thank you to all of the staff!"

Parent of a TLLT pupil

Across our primary schools, Year 6 pupils have also been preparing to say goodbye as they complete their primary school journey and get ready to begin secondary education. This is always a special and emotional time for pupils, families and staff as children reflect on their years in primary school and look forward to new opportunities, experiences and challenges ahead.

Many of our Year 6 pupils will continue their journey within The Legacy Learning Trust by joining Acklam Grange School in September. To help support this transition, pupils recently took part in the Acklam Grange transition week, where they had the opportunity to meet staff, explore the school, take part in lessons and begin building friendships with other students before starting in September.



The transition week was a fantastic success and helped pupils feel more confident, excited and prepared for the move to secondary school. Staff at Acklam Grange were delighted to welcome the new students and support them as they begin this exciting new chapter.

We would also like to congratulate all Year 6 pupils for their hard work and effort during their SATs this year. Preparing for SATs takes dedication, resilience and determination, and pupils across our schools have shown fantastic attitudes throughout the process. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the progress they have made during their time in primary school.



"We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 6 pupils have achieved and the progress they have made during their time in primary school."

TLLT staff member



As we celebrate the Class of 2026, we thank all pupils, families and staff for their continued hard work and support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing all of our learners continue to grow, succeed and thrive in the future.



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