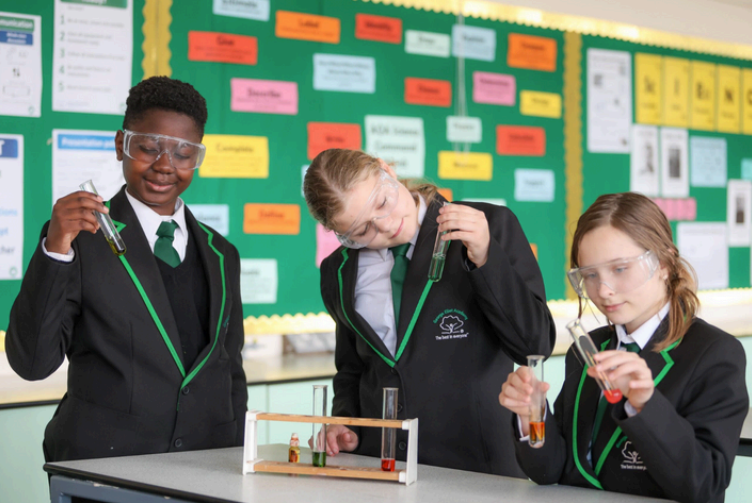


# George Eliot Academy Parent Bulletin







# A message from our Assistant Principal

Dear families,

As we enter the festive period, I want to wish each and every one of you a restful break and a merry Christmas.

December has been a time of celebration across the school, with our 12 days of Christmas attendance prizes, Golden Ticket winners, community events, hamper deliveries and much more.

As we look forward to pupils returning to school on the 8th January, it is more important than ever to be present at school as we enter a period of assessments. Pupil that attend every day will:

Consolidate learning: Pupils review key topics and prepare for their assessments.

Participate in activities: Enrichment, golden tickets and more will be available from the very start of the term.

Build good habits: Maintaining strong attendance ensures your child is set up for success in the new year.

How You Can Help ?

Encourage your child to stick to their usual morning routine.

Plan non-urgent appointments or travel outside school hours wherever possible.

Reinforce the importance of showing up, not just academically but as part of their school community.

Let's work together to make the new year a productive and joyful one for all our pupils! Thank you for your continued support in ensuring every school day counts.

Warm regards,

Donna Slater



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# Curriculum In Action-Science

## Year 11 Mock Results

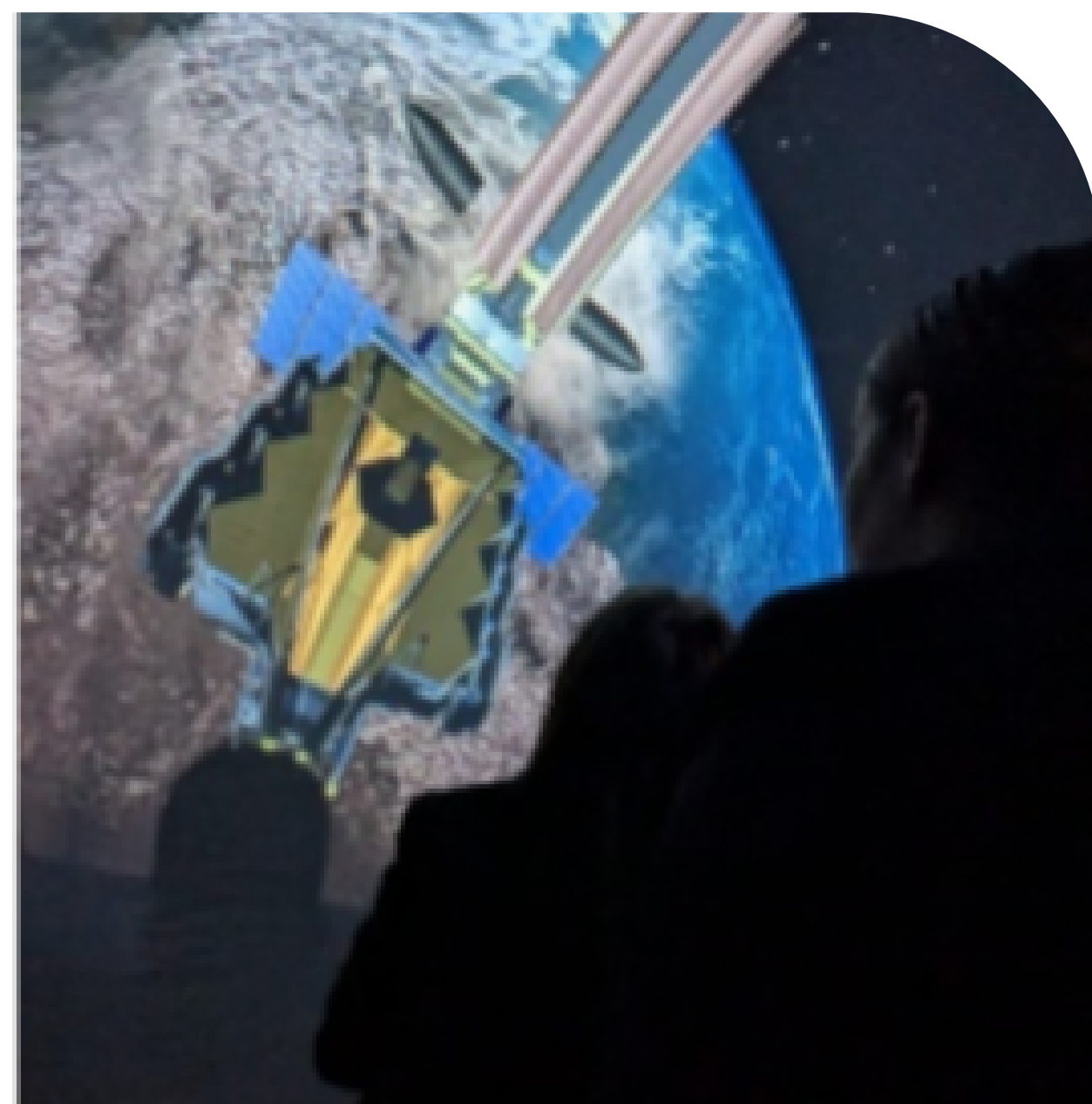
A huge congratulations to our Year 11 pupils for completing their mock exams and receiving their results! Whilst the mock exams are an important milestone, there is still plenty of time to maximise your grades before the final exams. The Science department is committed to supporting every pupils progress, and teachers have been working hard post-mocks to identify areas where extra help is needed.

## Year 8 Planetarium

We recently hosted volunteers from the University of Warwick who gave our Year 8 pupils the exciting opportunity to explore their impressive pop-up Planetarium. This experience not only gave pupils the chance to deepen their understanding of space science but also inspired many with a glimpse into the world of university-level research and discovery. The hands-on activities and immersive environment sparked a new level of enthusiasm for science, and we look forward to seeing how this event encourages further learning in the classroom.

## Sparx Science

We are excited to announce that we are continuing to establish the use of Sparx Science for Years 7-10. This innovative online platform has received glowing reviews from pupils, who have praised its interactive approach to learning and the support it provides. Sparx Science is a tool that empowers pupils to work at their own pace, consolidate learning, and identify areas where they may need more practice. Research consistently shows that regular and effective homework completion plays a vital role in overall pupil outcomes, and Sparx Science is helping to make homework both engaging and productive.







# Mid- Year Assessments: What to expect

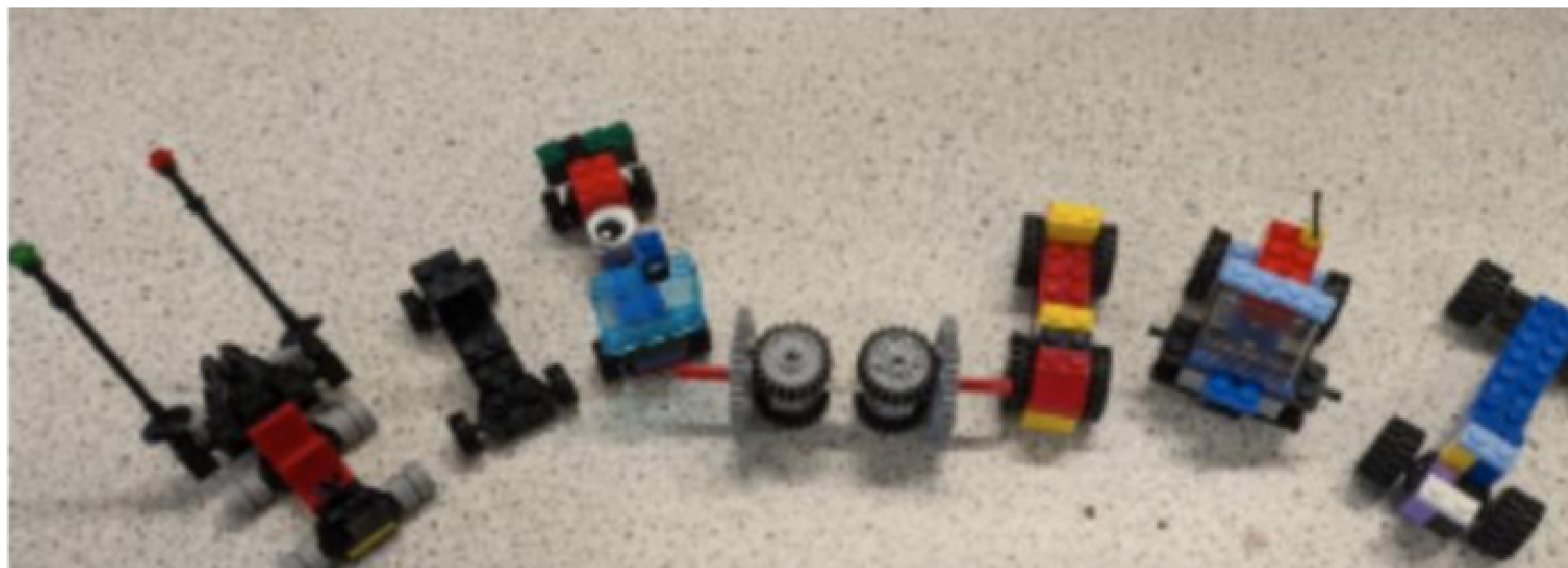
Looking ahead, Year 7-10 pupils will have their mid -year assessments after the Christmas break. Teachers will be providing topic lists in advance, so pupils can focus their revision efforts on the key areas covered throughout the year. If any pupil feels they need extra help or guidance to prepare, please do not hesitate to reach out to your teachers. We are here to support you every step of the way!



## Extra-curricular success

This half term has been a whirlwind of scientific excitement at George Eliot Academy from engineering marvels to festive experiments, our pupils have truly excelled.

Engineering Week was a particular highlight, with pupils showcasing their creativity and problem-solving skills in a variety of challenges, from landing cargo to designing rockets. A big congratulations to Courtney and Krystina from Year 8 for winning the overall competition!



Science Enrichment has also been buzzing with festive fun. Our Enquiring Scientists have been busy investigating the perfect Christmas heist, while our Chemical Engineers have been experimenting with festive chemistry.

As we look ahead to the next term, Science Enrichment will continue with a host of exciting activities as well exciting trips for Year 9 and University led outreach for Year 10 pupils.



Look out for upcoming information about our huge plans to celebrate British Science Week 2025. There will be plenty of opportunities for you and your families to get involved in fun and engaging science experiments all to do with this years theme of 'Change and Adapt'.





# Christmas At George Eliot Academy

Everyone at George Eliot has been getting into the festive spirit. It has been lovely to see so much going on and all of the hard work from pupils, parents, staff and our wonderful community.

## Christmas Fair

We recently held our Christmas Fair which was a huge success. We had a wonderful time enjoying all of the fabulous stalls and entertainment. We would like to say a massive thank you to our PTA who did such a wonderful job. Without your support, none of it would be possible and we are very grateful to all of you.



## 12 Days Of Christmas

On Wednesday 4th December, we launched our 12 Days of Christmas attendance challenge. Every pupil that attends school each day will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into the daily prize draw. Prizes get bigger and better everyday. We had many tickets entered in the draw which has been fantastic to see. A big well done to all of our winners.

## ChristMATHS

Our maths department has been getting into the festive spirit with a range of festive activities. They have been creating origami trees and stars, a maths themed bauble competition and an advent calendar countdown for pupils on 100% on their SPARX maths.





# House Hamper Competition

Last week we took a group of Year 10 pupils to create hampers from the food we collected as part of a house competition.

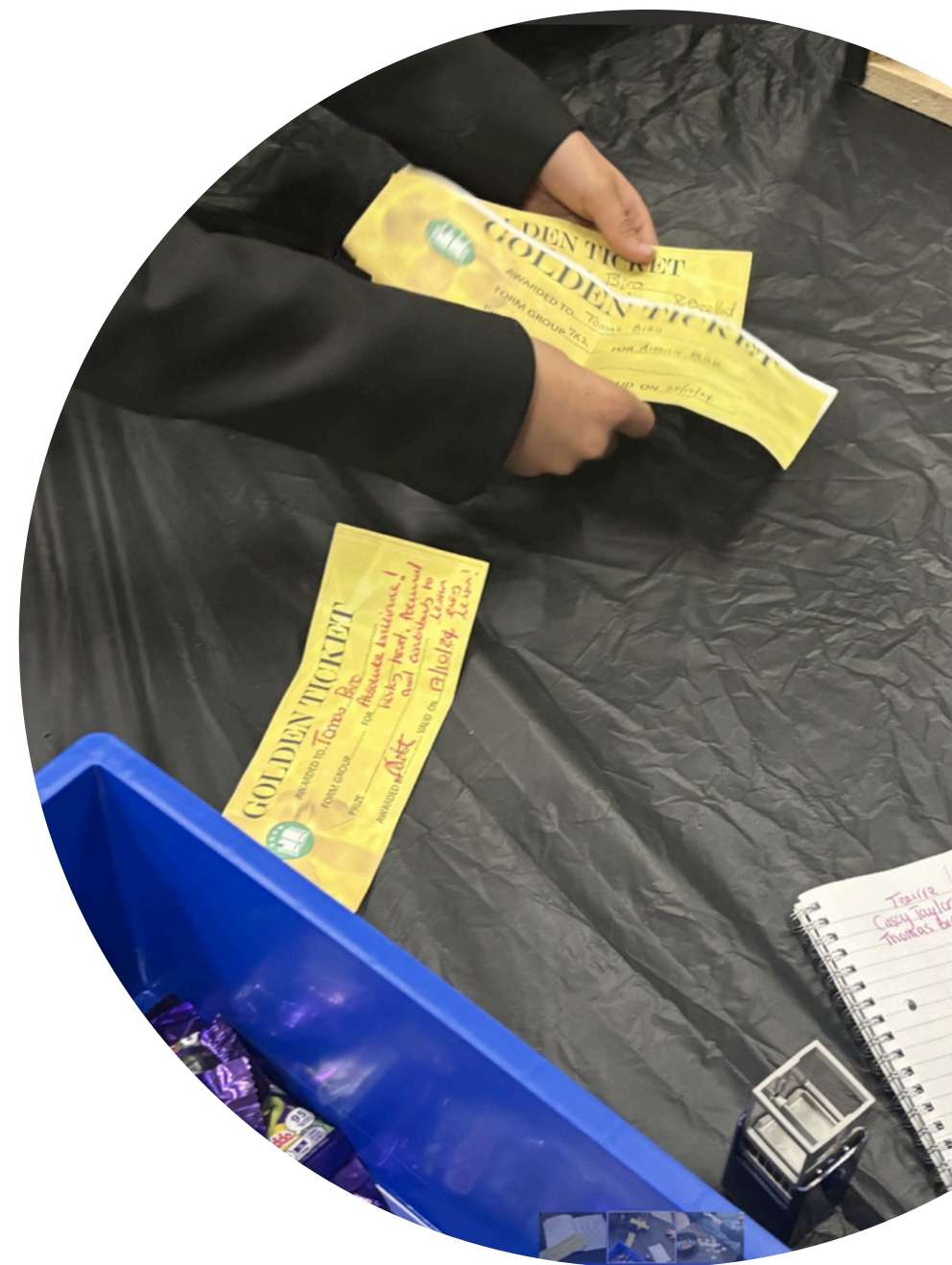
Wembrook Community Centre hosted, and the pupils worked brilliantly to create some wonderful hampers for our school community and beyond. We also managed to donate 5 bags of food to the Nuneaton food bank and 5 bags to the mobile food bank at the Community Centre.

This was a herculean effort with Silas Snakes coming out on top- they collected the most food out of all of the houses. It was a massive team effort however and we are incredibly proud of the students for supporting a good cause.



# Golden Tickets

Back in September, we launched our golden tickets which were awarded for excellent work. It has been so lovely to see so many faces at our Superstar table over the last few months. These golden tickets were placed into a prize draw where some very lucky pupils won some fantastic prizes for the festive period. The prizes included a shiny new bike, a £50 voucher and a 24 inch TV ! A huge well done to every pupil who has achieved a golden ticket this term. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Keep this up !



# The Hive

We have recently launched something brand new at George Eliot: The Hive. It was lovely to see so many faces at the grand opening. Watch this space for further dates and information about The Hive.







# Careers Corner

As the end of the term approaches, it is the perfect time to start thinking about your future career aspirations. Whether you are in Year 7 exploring your interests or in Year 11 preparing for GCSEs and beyond, planning for your future is an exciting and important step. Here is a look at everything we have been doing at George Eliot and where to seek further support or opportunities to be involved in!

## Career Guidance Services

Our school is committed to supporting every student's journey toward a fulfilling career. Our Careers Advisor, Miss Suchak, is available for one-on-one sessions to help you:

Discover your strengths and interests.

Explore a wide range of career paths.

Understand the qualifications and skills needed for different industries.

Book an appointment by visiting the Careers Office or email [ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk](mailto:ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk)

# Careers Fair

Our recent Careers Fair was a resounding success, achieving the highest attendance in its history! Pupils, parents, and community members had the opportunity to engage with an impressive lineup of employers and local further education institutions, offering invaluable insights into career paths and post-16 options. With a wider range of participants than ever before, attendees left feeling inspired and better equipped to make informed decisions about their futures. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a triumph! We're already looking forward to next year – if you or anyone you know is able to host a stand, please get in touch.

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# Job Of The Month- Carer

Are you passionate about helping others and making a real difference in people's lives? This week's featured career is a carer. Carers play an essential role in supporting individuals who need assistance with their daily lives, offering not just physical care but also companionship and emotional support. Being a carer is incredibly rewarding. You will directly see the positive impact of your work on people's lives every day. This role is also in high demand, offering job security and opportunities for career progression in fields like nursing, social work, or healthcare management.

## WANTED: YOUR SUPPORT TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION!

Are you a former pupil or a parent with professional experience? We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to support our pupils in their career journeys by participating in career-related events and activities next year.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Job Talks: Share your career story and insights with our students to inspire and guide them.
- Mock Interviews: Help pupils practice essential interview skills by offering constructive feedback during mock interview day in July.
- Workshops: Run sessions on key skills like CV writing, public speaking, or industry-specific topics.
- Career Fair Stand: Represent your industry or company at our upcoming Careers Fair to spark interest in your field.
- Industry Taster Days: Host pupils at your workplace to give them a firsthand experience of your industry.

Your time and expertise could make a huge difference in shaping a young person's future. If you're interested in supporting one or more of these activities, please get in touch!

Contact Us: [ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk](mailto:ree.suchak@georgeeliotacademy.org.uk) or call us on 07458046699

We look forward to hearing from you and making next year's careers program a huge success, thanks to your invaluable contributions!

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# Key Dates

**06 January:** Teacher Training Day

**07 January:** Teacher Training Day

**08 January:** All Pupils return to school

**14 January:** Mayahana New Year

**15 January:** Year 8 HPV

**16 January:** Year 9 Parents Evening

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