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Parent Bulletin

September 2026

ECOSYSTEM

An ecosystem is a geographic area where plants, animals, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a unit. Ecosystems contain biotic or living parts which include plants, animals and other organisms, as well as abiotic factors, or nonliving parts including rocks, temperature, and humidity.

There are two types of ecosystem: Terrestrial Ecosystem and Aquatic Ecosystem. An ecosystem can be as small as an oasis in a desert or as big as an ocean, spanning thousands of miles.

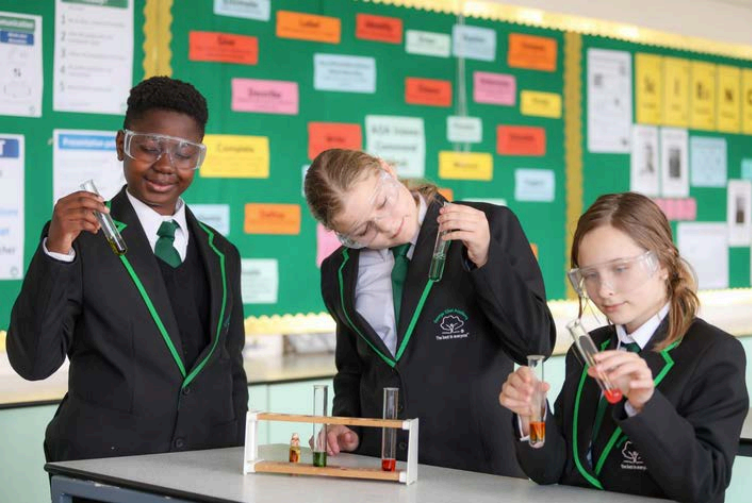


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A message from our Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

This summer's examination results mark another significant milestone in our school's journey. Not only did our pupils achieve the strongest outcomes in the history of the school, but these results continue a pattern of year-on-year improvement that reflects the ambition, determination, and hard work of our entire school community.

I am incredibly proud of our pupils. Their resilience, commitment, and positive attitude have enabled them to achieve outcomes that will open doors to exciting future opportunities. These successes did not happen by chance. They are the result of years of effort, perseverance, and a willingness to aim high.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for the invaluable support you provide. Your encouragement at home, your partnership with the school, and your belief in our young people play a vital role in their success. These achievements are very much a shared accomplishment.

I would also like to recognise our exceptional staff, whose dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to providing the very best education have helped drive these continual improvements. Together, we have created a culture where pupils are encouraged to aspire, achieve, and succeed.

Whilst we are rightly proud of these record-breaking results, what makes me most proud is the remarkable young people behind them. They have represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated the values, character, and determination that define our community.

As we begin a new academic year, we do so with the same high expectations that have underpinned our recent success. We expect excellence from everyone in every aspect of school life, whether in the classroom, through attendance, behaviour, enrichment, or contribution to our wider community. With the continued support of our families, the dedication of our staff, and the ambition of our pupils, I am confident that together we will make this another year of success, growth, and outstanding achievement for all.

Kind regards

Homeira Zakary
Principal
George Eliot Academy



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GCSE RESULTS - Pupils Set School Record for GCSE Success

George Eliot Academy is celebrating an exceptional set of GCSE outcomes this year, with record improvements across key headline measures. Over half of pupils (53%) achieved Grade 5 or above in both English and maths, and nearly three quarters (73%) achieved Grade 4 or higher — a significant rise from last year.

Year 11 pupils demonstrated outstanding commitment throughout their studies, attending record numbers of revision sessions and showing exemplary dedication to independent learning. They were excellent ambassadors for the school's STAR values of Self-Discipline, Tenacity, Ambition and Responsibility.

This year's results include a number of standout individual achievements. Hallie B, Ruby H, Caitlin G and Oli W each embodied their respective STAR values through exceptional effort, resilience and academic success. Theo, Junior Head of School, was also recognised for demonstrating all four STAR values and for his leadership within the cohort.

Pupils spoke warmly about the support they received, noting the impact of staff who consistently made time for them before and after school. Principal Homeira Zakary praised the year group's determination and progress, celebrating both individual successes and the collective achievement of the cohort.

As pupils move on to their next steps, their hard work and accomplishments will continue to inspire younger year groups across the school.





School Games Mark - Gold award

We are delighted to share that George Eliot Academy has been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for 2025/26. This national award recognises schools that provide positive, inclusive opportunities for pupils to enjoy PE, physical activity and school sport. For our pupils, this is about more than winning competitions. It reflects opportunities to try new activities, represent their house or school, build confidence and develop leadership skills. Through PE lessons, clubs, fixtures and events such as Sports Day, we want every pupil to find a way to be active that they enjoy, whatever their starting point or previous experience.

We are proud of the pupils who have taken part, supported their teammates and encouraged others to get involved. Thank you to our staff, families and community partners for helping make sport a welcoming part of school life.

Achieving Gold is a moment to celebrate, but it also encourages us to keep improving. We will continue to widen participation and create positive experiences that help pupils enjoy being active, both at school and beyond.

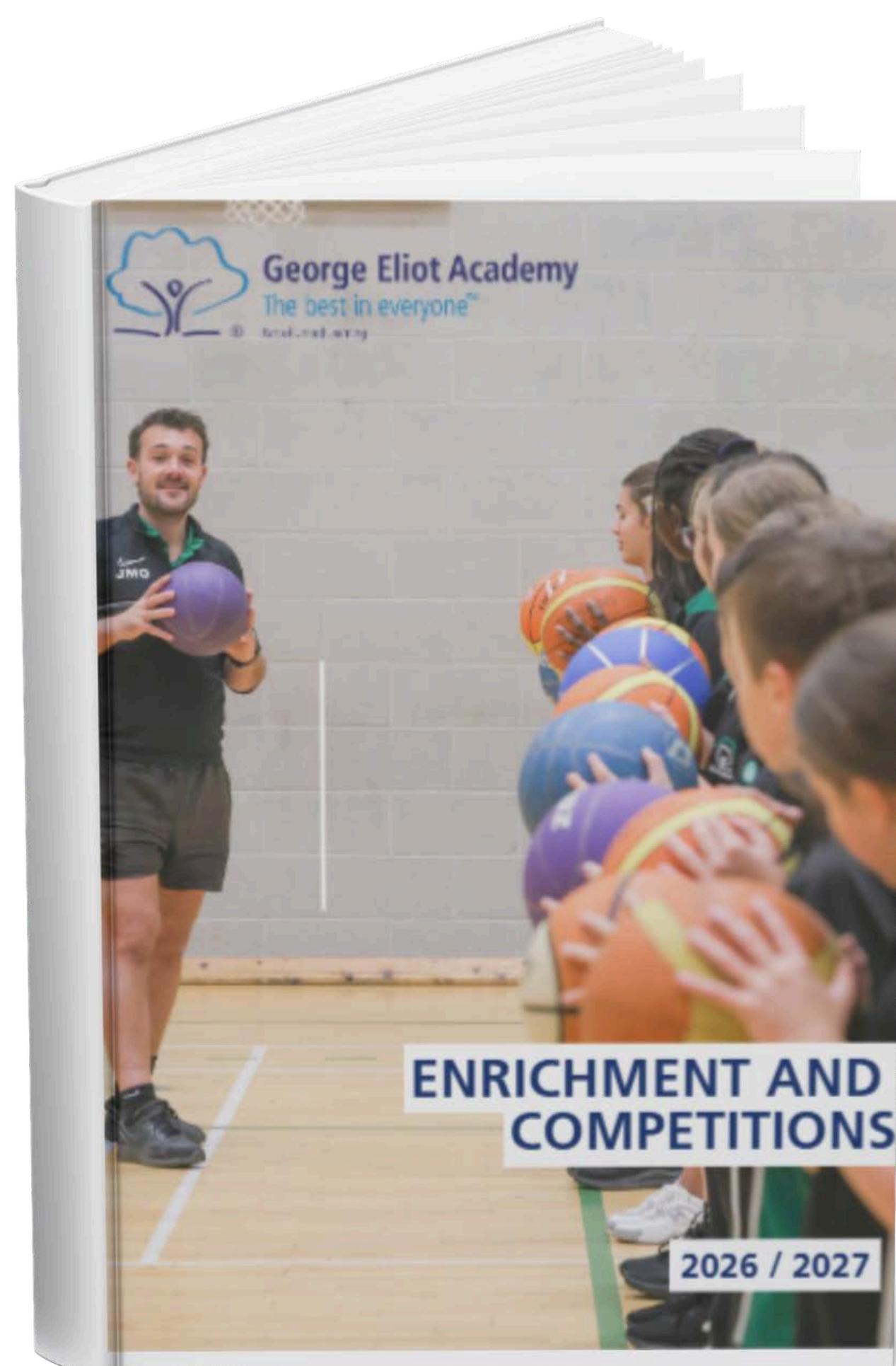
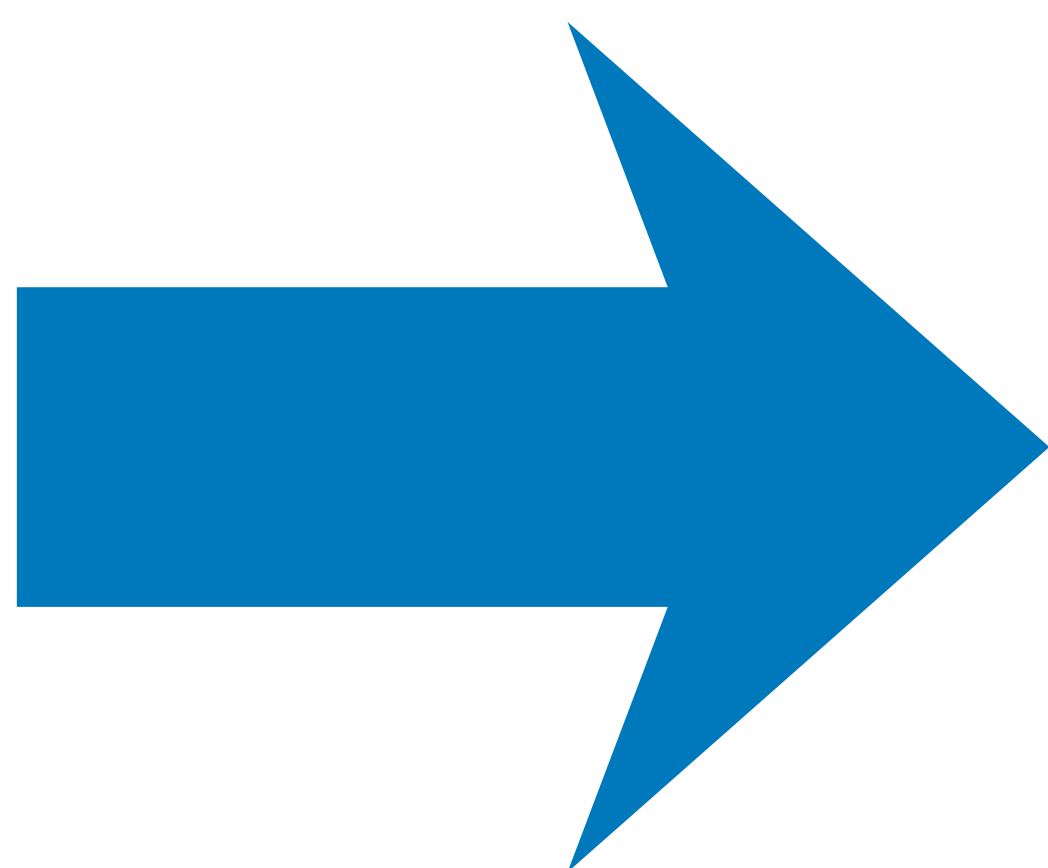


Enrichment

We are pleased to share George Eliot Academy's enrichment and competitions booklet for 2026/27, attached to this newsletter. Pupils can explore a wide range of clubs at breaktimes and after school, including sport, music, drama, science, crafts and gardening. The booklet also includes quieter spaces for reading, homework, board games and spending time with friends.

Alongside the weekly timetable, departments will run house competitions throughout the year, giving pupils more chances to try something new and represent their house. We encourage every pupil to look through the booklet, choose an activity that interests them and get involved.

Enrichment Booklet 2026/27



<https://www.georgeeliotacademy.org.uk/pupils/enrichment-and-extra-curricular>



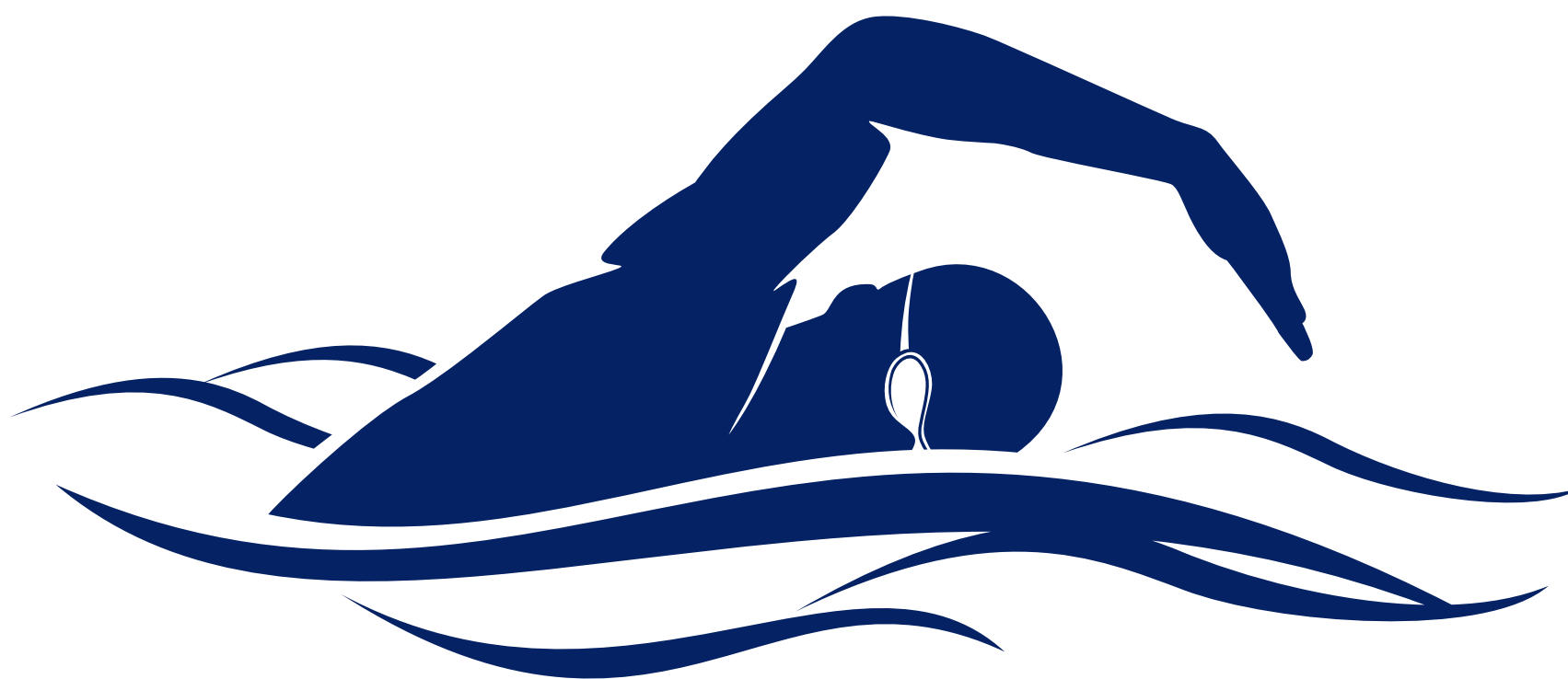
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Celebrating our pupils' sporting achievements

Congratulations to Elamae L, who competed at a European Equestrian competition and achieved an outstanding fourth-place finish. Competing at this level is a remarkable accomplishment, and we are very proud of her.



We also congratulate Ela V F, who competed at the National Swimming Championships at the end of the summer term. Reaching a national competition takes great commitment and dedication.



Well done to both pupils. We look forward to following their progress and celebrating their future achievements.

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Curriculum in Action – Creative Design

There are lots of exciting opportunities coming up this year in the Creative Design Department, with plenty of chances for pupils to get involved and showcase their creativity and talents.

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a range of art competitions including:

- The Festival of Arts where their artwork could go on display at Nuneaton Museum and Art gallery
- Design a Christmas card that could be used across the United Learning Trust
- The Paul Canoville International Woman's Day competition where 10 lucky pupils have a day at Stamford Bridge

Other competitions and group events occur throughout the year where pupils can experience new and exciting group activities.

There are also clubs for pupils to join including the craft and gardening club where we will also be creating a variety of items for display around the school.

We are keen to encourage talent and enterprise; we produce a range of products that are sold throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a busy and creative year ahead and can't wait to see the wonderful ideas and designs our pupils come up with.

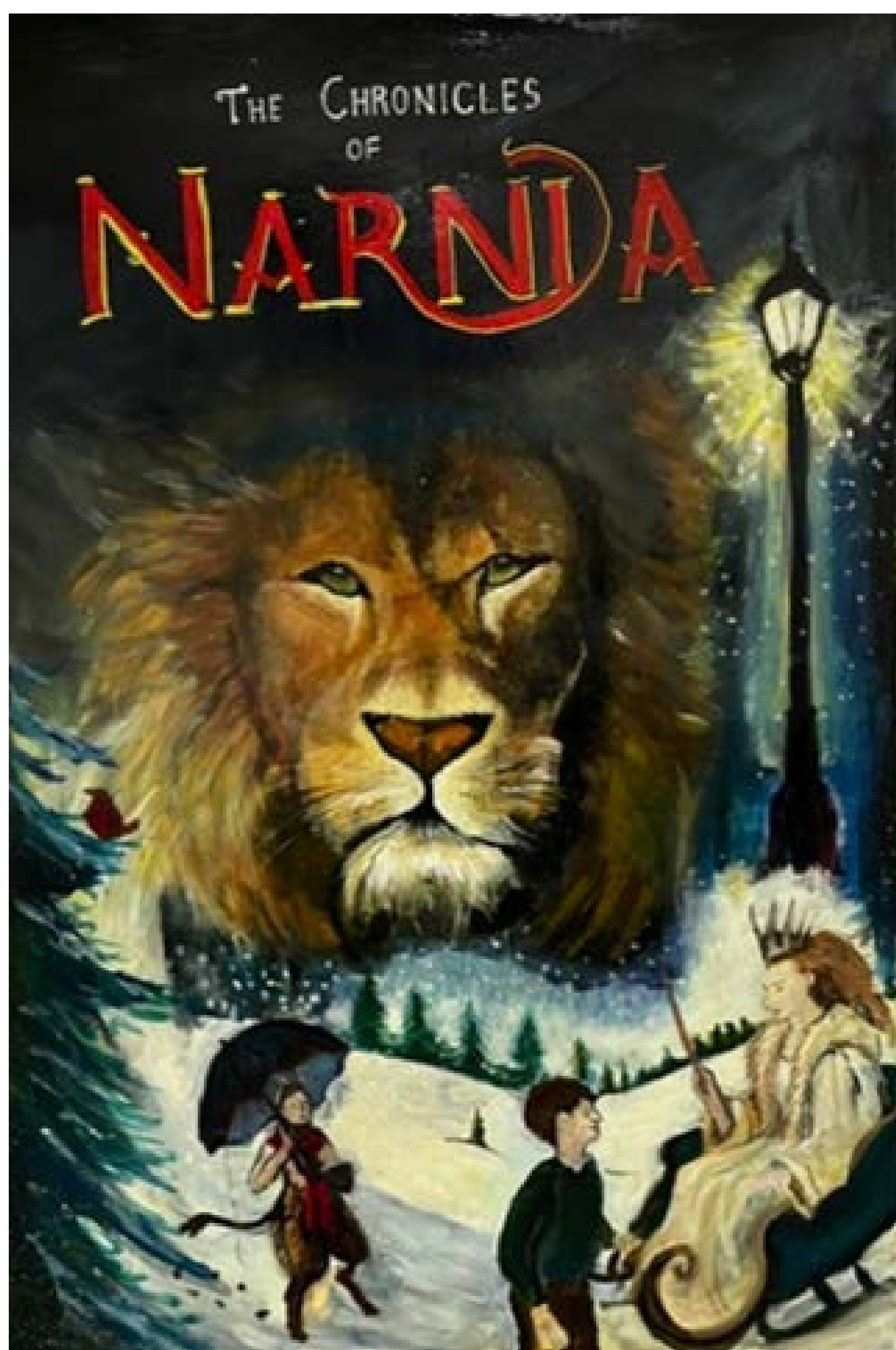
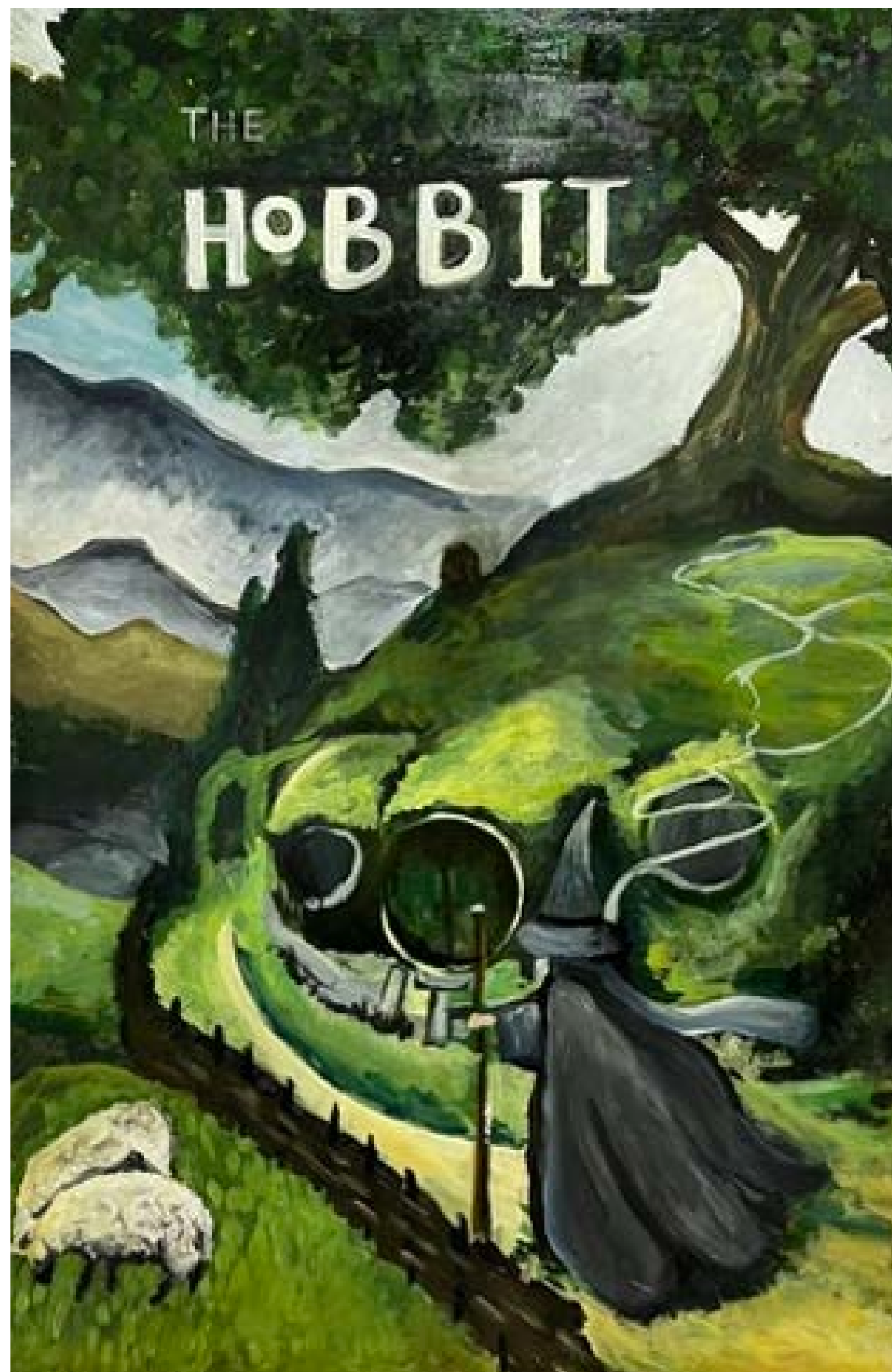
Examples of our curriculum in action

Key Stage Three Projects





The Reading Garden - Work produced by Year 9





Harmony Garden – Key Stage 3



The Hive





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READING @

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Reading is the gateway to every subject in our school, but more than that, it is the gateway to a world of imagination, learning, growth and experience. Without an excellent standard of literacy, it is proven that pupils struggle to access lessons, curriculum and exams but more importantly, they are missing out on a whole world of incredible stories, wonderful worlds and fascinating characters.

With this in mind, we wanted to share with you some great opportunities that we have on offer at George Eliot Academy, to support your child in their reading.

Sparx Reader is the online reading platform that we use to set homework once a week for pupils, that is designed to improve their reading comprehension, vocabulary and enjoyment of reading. It provides pupils with books matched to their reading ability and regularly checks their understanding through embedded comprehension questions. Homework set on Sparx Reader is always due at 3:10pm on a Tuesday so that pupils can form concrete habits around reading and homework.

How can I use this to help my child?

Ask your child to show you the platform and tell you about the book they are reading. Check in with them to see how they are getting on with their homework and remind them of the deadline.

Sora Library is a digital reading platform developed by OverDrive, that we subscribe to as a school so that all of our pupils have access to a wide range of ebooks, audiobooks and magazines when they are not in school. Pupils can borrow and read books anytime, anywhere, using a computer, tablet or smartphone, while features such as adjustable text settings, built-in dictionaries, note-taking tools and audiobooks help make reading accessible for all learners.

How can I use this to help my child?

Sit down together and have a look through the wide selection of texts on offer- choose one you could both read or encourage your child to read to a younger sibling or relatives- the audio books can be brilliant for this! This is also a great alternative use of screen time for pupils that allows them to invest in their reading ability and in turn their future.

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The **George Eliot Reading Challenge** is an opportunity for all of our pupils to continue to foster their love of reading. With five levels within the challenge, the aim is that all pupils try to read around 10 books a year. Last year over 50+ pupils completed at least one level on the challenge with one pupil completing 3!

How can I use this to help my child?

You can find out more about are reading challenge here:

[Reading.](#) | [Pupils](#) | [The George Eliot Academy](#).

Perhaps you could do the challenge together or discuss books you have read that you have loved or found interesting. Have you read any of the books on our challenge?

Ultimately, there is no better way to help our pupils with reading than to strike up a conversation, help them to find a book they like and encourage them to read regularly.

The more they read, the wider their vocabulary becomes which in turn leads to greater outcomes at GCSE. But, more than that books, stories and magazines are brilliant place for pupils to find breathing space, switch off after a busy day and escape to somewhere whimsical and wonderful.



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Nuneaton Youth Parliament

Do you want to help shape your local community? Speak to Mrs Smith or Mr O Keefe

As another successful year of the Nuneaton Youth Parliament comes to an end, we would like to celebrate the fantastic contribution made by our pupils, who have represented George Eliot Academy.

Over the past year, our representatives have worked alongside pupils from schools and colleges across Nuneaton, discussing issues that matter most to young people and helping to ensure that youth voices are heard. They have enjoyed meeting a range of influential figures, including Jodie Gosling MP and representatives from the local police force, gaining a valuable insight into how local decisions are made and how they can make a positive difference within their community.



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Year 11 Reward Trip to Drayton Manor

We were delighted to take so many of our Year 11 pupils on a reward trip to Drayton Manor to celebrate their hard work, positive choices and achievements throughout the year.

It was fantastic to see pupils enjoying themselves, spending time together and making the most of the day. The trip was a great success, and we were particularly proud of the positive behaviour, maturity and enthusiasm shown by everyone who attended.

As our Year 11 pupils begin their final year at school, we would like to wish them every success for the year ahead. We hope they continue to demonstrate the same commitment and determination that they have shown so far. We look forward to celebrating their successes and achievements along the way!





STAR Values and Character Development at GEA

At our school, the STAR values are at the heart of everything we do. Self-discipline, Tenacity, Ambition, and Responsibility guide our actions, shape our attitudes, and help us become the very best versions of ourselves. These values are reflected not only in learning, but also in the way our pupils treat others, overcome challenges, and contribute positively to the school community.

Self-discipline helps our pupils develop positive habits, stay focused on their goals, and make thoughtful choices. Tenacity encourages them to persevere through difficulties and remain determined when faced with setbacks. Through Ambition, we inspire pupils to aim high, embrace opportunities, and believe in their ability to succeed. Responsibility teaches them to take ownership of their actions, show respect for others, and make a positive contribution both within school and beyond.

Our House system plays a vital role in bringing these values to life. The Houses create a strong sense of belonging, teamwork, and healthy competition. Pupils work together to earn House points, participate in events, celebrate achievements, and support one another. Through House activities and competitions, pupils develop leadership skills, resilience, collaboration, and pride in representing their House.

We believe that education is about much more than academic achievement; it is about developing confident, respectful, and compassionate young people who are prepared for the future. We follow the work of the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues and explicitly teach a range of virtues. Through our curriculum, enrichment opportunities, House events, and everyday interactions, pupils are encouraged to demonstrate our STAR values in all that they do. By nurturing strong character and a sense of purpose, we equip our pupils with the skills, attitudes, values and virtues needed to thrive in school, succeed in later life, and become responsible citizens in their communities.

If you would like to know more about the work we do please visit our website here:
<https://www.georgeeliotacademy.org.uk/learning/careers>

From the Character Team

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Year 11 Pupils Prepare for Their Future

During the first week back, our Year 11 pupils took part in a series of CV writing sessions as part of our ongoing commitment to Careers Education and preparing pupils for life beyond school.

Throughout the sessions, pupils learned how to create a professional CV, identifying and celebrating the skills, achievements, experiences and personal qualities that make them unique. They reflected on the wide range of transferable skills they have developed through their learning, extracurricular activities and wider school experiences, including teamwork, communication, leadership and resilience.

In addition to developing their CVs, pupils explored the range of post-16 pathways available to them, including A Levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships and college courses. This encouraged pupils to think carefully about their future aspirations and begin considering the steps needed to achieve their long-term goals.

The sessions provided valuable opportunities for pupils to reflect on their strengths, recognise their achievements and consider how they can continue to grow both personally and academically. Through conversations about future pathways, pupils were encouraged to think ambitiously about their goals while developing the confidence and determination needed to achieve them.

As they begin this important academic year, they are developing not only the practical skills needed for applications and interviews, but also the character, self-awareness and aspiration that will support their success in the years ahead.

MHST Tips for wellness



Mental Health Support Team
in Schools

Tips For Wellness Nutrition



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care
information & support for adults and
children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health**!

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

- 1. Get involved in the cooking**– Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
- 2. Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
- 3. Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
- 4. Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

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George Eliot Academy Halloween Disco



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George Eliot Academy
PTA
are organising a...

HALLOWEEN DISCO

★ FOR YEARS 7 & 8 ★

 **THURSDAY
22ND OCTOBER**

 **5.30pm -
7pm**

 **SOUTH HALL**


**FANCY DRESS
IS OPTIONAL**
Prize for the
best costume!

 Drinks, snacks and
Halloween merchandise
available to purchase

 Face painting
available

 Fun & games

 Photo booth area
- grab a prop and
strike a pose!


**DISCO BY LOCAL DJ
AROUND SOUND
ENTERTAINMENT**

 **ADMISSION
£3.50
ON THE DOOR**

 **BANK TRANSFER TO
George Eliot Academy PTA
Sort code: 09-01-29
Account number: 84190752
Please put the pupil's first name,
surname initial and form group
as the reference.**

**Let's make it a
spooktacular night!**

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GEAs Spectacular Snowcase Concert!



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Step Right Up for GEAs Spectacular Showcase Concert!

The George Eliot Academics talented performers are preparing to bring their enthusiasm for films, and ambitions to the stage this December.

On Thursday 17 December 2026 at 6:00pm, South Hall will be transformed for our spectacular Showcase Concert: At the Movies.

Inspired by the energy and theatricality of The Greatest Showman, the concert will take families on a journey through music, drama, song and dance. The evening will feature performances from Vibrant Voices Choir, the Musical Theatre Group, Rock School, the George Eliot Chamber Orchestra and our Drama Group, alongside a variety of talented pupil acts.

With cinematic music, dazzling performances and plenty of show-stopping moments, the Showcase Concert promises to be a wonderful celebration of the confidence, creativity and dedication of our pupils.

Create – Perform – Belong

The concert is also an opportunity to showcase the exciting programme of extra-curricular music available at George Eliot Academy. Whether pupils are experienced performers or trying something new for the first time, there is a place for everyone.

GECO – The George Eliot Chamber Orchestra brings together players from across the school, including strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. Pupils rehearse as an ensemble, develop their instrumental skills and sense of responsibility and tenacity as they prepare music for school performances.

Vibrant Voices, our George Eliot Academy choir, welcomes singers of all abilities. The choir rehearses in S012 on Fridays from 3:10–4:20pm, giving pupils the chance to find their voice, grow in confidence and be part of something special.

For pupils who prefer amplifiers, guitars and drum kits, Rock School offers the opportunity to form bands, develop performance skills and make music with others. Sessions take place in S012 on Tuesdays from 3:10–4:00pm, and all abilities are welcome.



Our **Rehearsal Space** lunchtime sessions provide pupils with a room in which to practise, collaborate and create their own music. Years 7–9 can attend on Wednesday lunchtimes, while Years 10–11 can use the space on Thursday lunchtimes. Both sessions are held in the Music Room, S012.

For our **Musical Theatre** lovers, we have a Friday lunchtime session in S012 where we will bring musical theatre to life through dancing, acting and singing our favourite musical theatre scenes.

For pupils who love performing, our dance and drama clubs provide a fantastic opportunity to express themselves through movement and storytelling. It is a space for pupils to be themselves, try something new and bring stories to life. We can't wait to welcome you to our clubs! Whether you are a confident performer or stepping on stage for the first time, there is space for all.

These opportunities help young people build confidence, develop friendships and experience the excitement of creating something together.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for the Snowcase Concert and celebrate the remarkable talent within our school community.

Save the date: Thursday 17 December 2026, 6:00pm, South Hall.

And watch this space—our next major event will be GEAs Got Talent: The Summer Showcase, arriving in July 2027!

George Eliot Academy PTA Firework Event 2026

Get ready for an evening of spectacular fireworks, fantastic entertainment and family fun as George Eliot Academy PTA invites our whole local community to our annual Firework Event!



Wednesday 4th November 2026



Gates Open: 6:00pm



Firework Display: starts anytime between 7:15pm – 7:45pm



Event Closes: 8:00pm

Bring your family, friends and neighbours for a brilliant evening packed with entertainment for all ages!



Music from local DJ Around Sounds Entertainment



Hot food & warming drinks



Delicious cakes & sweet treats



Fun activities and entertainment for children and adults alike



A spectacular fireworks display to light up the night!

Early Bird Ticket

Adults - £4.75

Children - £3

Family of 4 - £14



Tickets

Adults – £5.50

Children – £3.50

Family of 4 – £17

Limited Early Bird Tickets available up to 8pm Sunday 18th October 2026 or until they sold out.

Purchase your tickets in advance via Ticket Tailor

<https://buytickets.at/georgeeliotacademypta/2287061> or simply pay on the gate.

Whether you are coming for the fireworks, the food, the music or to spend time with friends and family, this is a fantastic community event you will not want to miss!

Wrap up warm, bring your biggest smiles and join us for an unforgettable evening under the stars!

We can't wait to welcome you!



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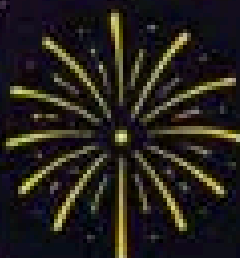
Firework display

GEORGE ELIOT ACADEMY PTA'S

FIREWORK EVENT!

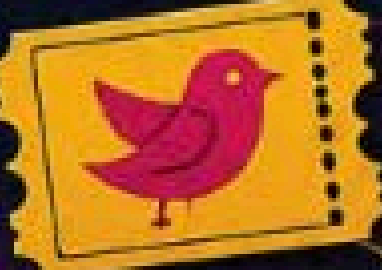
EVERYONE WELCOME!
ALL PUBLIC & OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY
4TH NOVEMBER 2026

 GATES OPEN AT 6PM	 CLOSES 8PM	 FIREWORK DISPLAY CAN START ANYTIME BETWEEN 7.15PM – 7.45PM
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 MUSIC FROM LOCAL DJ AROUND SOUNDS ENTERTAINMENT	 HOT FOOD & DRINKS	 CAKES & TREATS	 FUN ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES!
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TICKETS <i>can be bought from</i> ticket tailor OR PAY ON THE GATE!	ADULTS £5.50 	CHILD £3.50 	FAMILY 4 £17 
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 **LIMITED EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

 *Come together, light up the night and make memories!*
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING



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