



# George Eliot Academy

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# Parent Bulletin

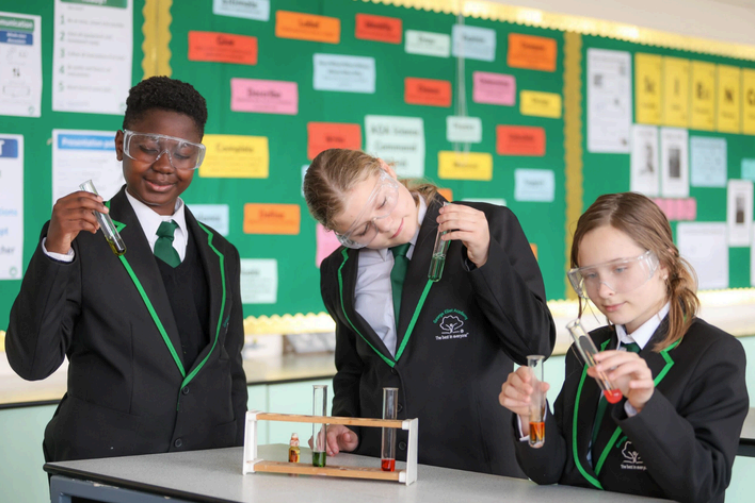
## April 2026

# 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.





## A message from our Vice Principal

As we move further into the summer term, there is a real sense of momentum and positivity across our school community. It is a time of both challenge and celebration, and I would like to take a moment to recognise the efforts and achievements of our pupils and staff.

To our Year 11 pupils: as you begin your examination period, we want to wish you the very best of luck. You have worked incredibly hard to reach this point, and we are immensely proud of your dedication, resilience, and commitment. Approach each examination with confidence, knowing that you are well prepared and supported by the entire school community.

For our pupils in Years 7 to 10, we are also looking ahead to your upcoming end-of-year assessments. These provide an important opportunity to demonstrate your progress and reflect on your learning this year. We encourage you to approach them with focus and determination, building on all the hard work you have shown so far.

There is also much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Excitement is building as our summer term programme unfolds, including a range of charity fundraising events, which always showcase the generosity and spirit of our pupils. We are particularly excited for the upcoming PTA Summer Fair and the end-of-term celebrations—both wonderful opportunities for our community to come together.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt well done to all staff who recently took part in the walk in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is a charity that is especially meaningful to us, and we are incredibly proud of this effort. Donations remain open, and any further support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I wish you all a successful and enjoyable remainder of the term.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Jenkins  
Vice Principal



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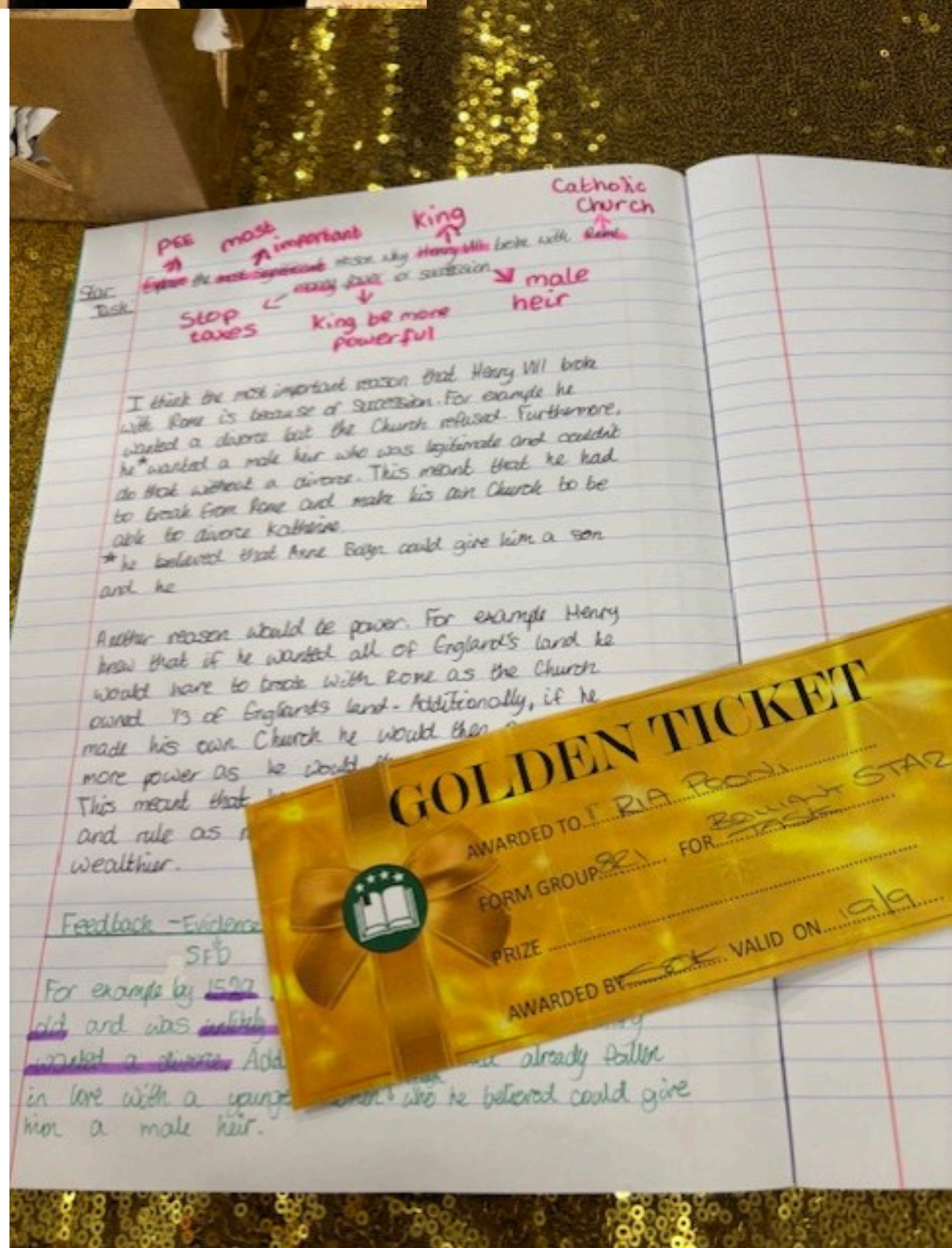
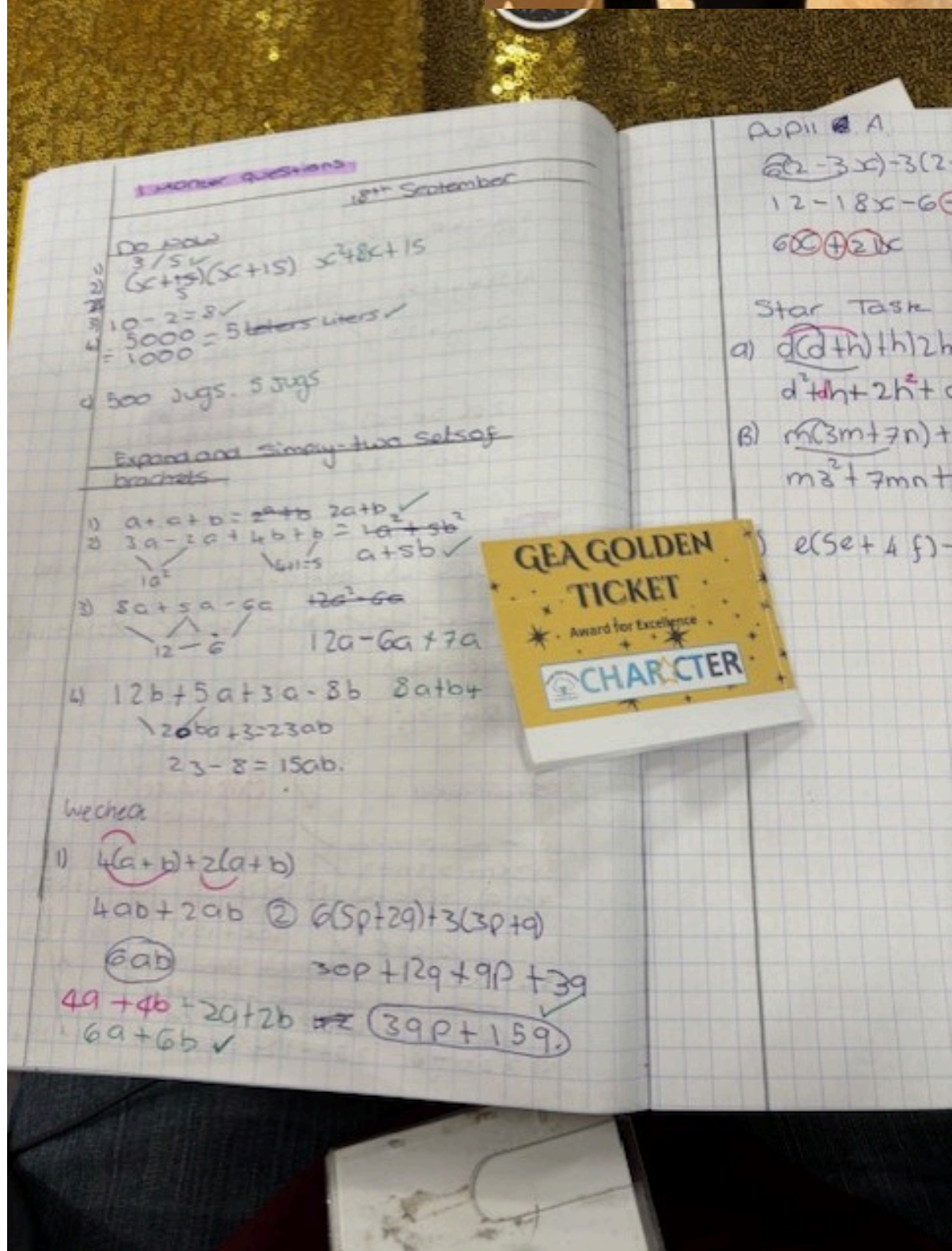
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# Celebrating Excellence

We are overjoyed at the amount of golden tickets our pupils are receiving for the excellent quality of work they are producing across all lessons. It's wonderful to see pupils put so much hard work into their lessons and be proud of displaying the work they have produced.





# Celebrating Excellence

Our pupils have won a wide array of prizes for their achievements each and every term and the spring term was no different. Big prizes were won in our golden ticket draw leaving many happy pupils. Our assemblies were also opened by impressive pupil music performances.





# InnerSpark Workshop

On Wednesday 6th May, pupils in Years 7–9 took part in an inspiring workshop delivered by Ricardo Erasmus through InnerSpark. The session focused on the concept of Ubuntu, a powerful philosophy centred on kindness, community, respect, and the idea that “I am because we are.” Ricardo encouraged pupils to reflect on the importance of having a positive mindset and how their attitudes and actions can influence the people around them.

Through engaging discussions and real-life examples, pupils explored how empathy, encouragement, and resilience can help create stronger friendships, improve wellbeing, and build a more supportive school community. Ricardo’s energetic and thoughtful presentation inspired pupils to consider the impact they have on others each day, both in and outside of school.

The workshop was a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop self-awareness and understand how positivity and compassion can help everyone thrive together as a community.



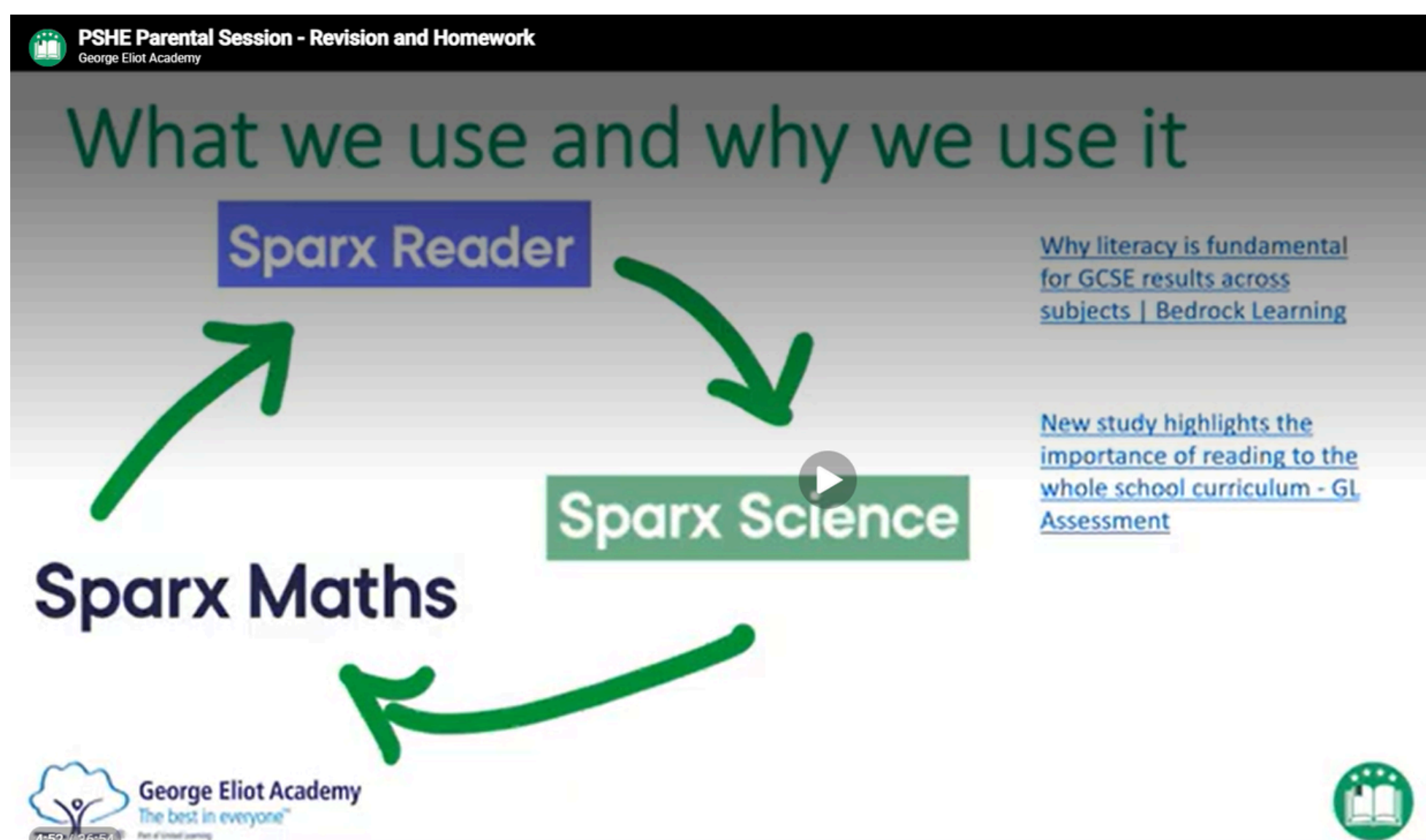


# Supporting pupils' mental health: Parents and carers webinar 18 May, 4pm

On Monday 18 May from 4-5pm The Anna Freud Centre will run a mental health and wellbeing webinar for United Learning parents, carers, and school staff. Anna Freud are the national leaders in child and adolescent mental health. Parents, carers and teachers can register their interest on this [sign up form](#) and submit any questions they may have. Please share this information via your parent communications. Anyone signing up but unable to attend can receive a recording of the session. The session will be led by Anna Freud expert trainers who we have partnered with for the last three years. Let [Mental Health Support](#) know if there are key issues that you would like them to cover; anxiety has already been flagged and will be included.

## Parental information session - Homework and Revision

Thank you to all parents who attended our parental information session about homework and revision strategies. You can watch the session back by clicking the image below:





## Year 8 Space Centre trip

On 27th April, our Year 8 pupils embarked on an exciting and enriching trip to the Space Centre, bringing their classroom learning to life as part of their upcoming space topic. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of space science beyond the classroom. A highlight of the day was the immersive planetarium show, which allowed pupils to explore the planets in our solar system in an engaging way. Alongside this, pupils enjoyed a range of interactive exhibits, where they could investigate real-life space objects and develop their curiosity through hands-on learning. The trip supported our Year 8 curriculum, reinforcing key concepts about the universe while also encouraging important character skills such as curiosity. Pupils demonstrated excellent behavior throughout the day and approached each activity with enthusiasm and maturity.

Here's what some of our pupils had to say:

"I enjoyed the planetarium show exploring the planets outside of the classroom." – James

"I enjoyed learning through the interactive exhibits!" – Isla

"It was incredible to see real-life objects that had been in space!" – Nilofar

Overall, the trip was a great success, inspiring pupils and sparking excitement about space and science. We are very proud of how Year 8 represented the school and embraced this valuable learning experience.





# England Ice Hockey winners

Mylo has been out in Finland representing England ice hockey U13s at the Turkuturnaus. Playing 5 competitive games and winning all of them, the team came away with a Gold medal. Mylo was also selected to be the assistant captain of the team, after being chosen for his great attitude and high work ethic.

“We are incredibly proud of Mylo for being selected for the England U13's ice hockey team. It is an incredible achievement, and one he has trialled hard for. Then for him to receive the assistant captain badge and be part of the leadership team was an honour and he wore his badge with pride.” *Mylo's mother.*

“It was an honour to be assistant captain for the u13s England Ice hockey team. I have worked so hard in my trials and the hard work paid off. Me and my team won 5 games out of 5, which meant we won the gold medal in the Turkuturnaus tournament in Turku, Finland.

I want to thank my coaches from my home club Solihull Junior Barons and all of the coaches, managers and medic from England ice hockey who have all put in lots of hard work to make these dreams happen.” *Mylo.*





# Year 10 Geography Trip

On Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April, our Year 10 GCSE Geography pupils embarked on an exciting fieldwork visit to Carding Mill Valley. This trip formed a key part of their preparation for the Paper 3 fieldwork examination, while also bringing their Paper 1 studies on UK physical landscapes to life.

Over the two days, pupils had the opportunity to step beyond the classroom and experience geography in action. They developed and refined essential fieldwork skills, including measuring river width and velocity, to investigate how river characteristics change downstream. The visit provided a valuable chance for pupils to connect theory with reality, deepening their understanding of key geographical processes and landforms. One pupil shared, "I thoroughly enjoyed seeing key landforms I have been learning about in the classroom, interlocking spurs and waterfalls." Another commented, "The formations created from the river were incredibly interesting."

Importantly, the experience also nurtured key intellectual virtues. Pupils demonstrated strong curiosity as they explored the river environment, asked questions, and engaged with unfamiliar landscapes. Their critical thinking was evident as they analysed patterns in their data and considered how and why the river changed downstream. In addition, reasoning skills were developed as pupils interpreted their findings and began to draw evidence-based conclusions, skills that are essential not only for their GCSE studies but for lifelong learning. Adding to the memorable experience, the group was even joined at one point by a particularly inquisitive sheep, keen to observe the pupils' data collection methods! Throughout the trip, pupils demonstrated our STAR values consistently, representing George Eliot Academy with pride. They have returned with a wealth of data to support their upcoming studies, as well as valuable hands-on experience of how geographical data is collected in the field.





Save the date!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
for the  
**SUMMER FAIR**

**CAR BOOT**  
*Festival*

STALLS  
BOUNCY CASTLES  
GAMES  
MUSIC  
TREATS

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

GREAT FINDS!

BARGAINS, GAMES & GOOD VIBES!

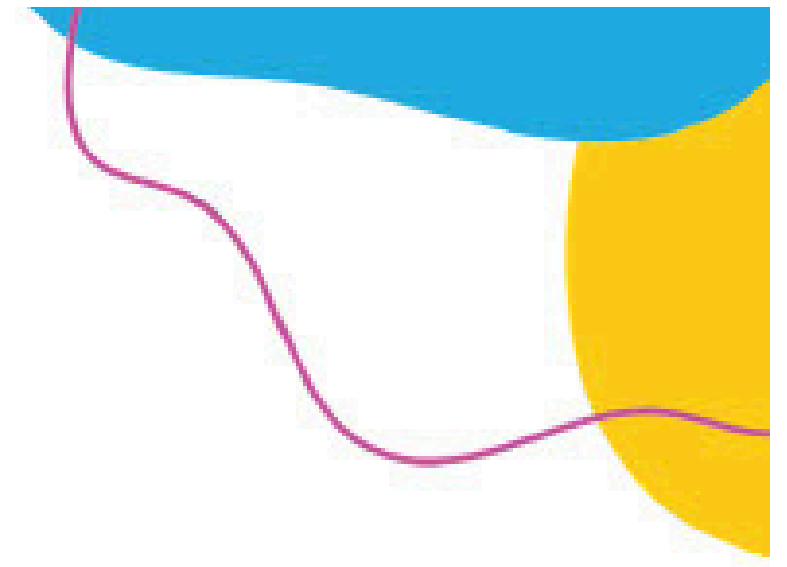
JUICY BURGERS  
GERMAN SAUSAGES  
LOTS OF TREATS  
MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE PUPILS

**TUESDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

★ GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 3.10PM ★



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



# Keep Learning

Learning doesn't just happen in school! Encouraging your child to explore, discover, and try new things helps their brain grow, boosts confidence, and builds resilience. Here are some practical ways you can support learning at home and beyond. Learning boosts self-esteem and confidence, encourages curiosity and creativity and strengthens social and emotional skills.

### Our tips for learning at home:

#### 1. Explore Interests Together

- Ask your child what excites them and encourage hobbies or projects.
- Try new activities like cooking, gardening, or a science experiment.

#### 2. Read, Read, Read

- Share books, stories, or articles that interest them.
- Make reading fun – explore comics, graphic novels, or audio books.

#### 3. Ask Questions & Encourage Curiosity

- Stimulate thinking by asking “why” or “how” questions.
- Support them in finding answers, experimenting, and reflecting.

#### 4. Learn Through Play

- Games, puzzles, building projects, or coding apps make learning enjoyable.
- Encourage creativity through drawing, music, or role-play.

#### 5. Celebrate Small Wins

- Praise effort, not just results.
- Recognize achievements, even if it's learning a new skill slowly.

#### 6. Explore the world

- Go on nature walks, visit local parks, museums, or libraries.
- Ask questions like, “What do you notice?” or “Why do you think that happens?”

### Quick Ideas to Get Started Today

- Start a “family challenge” to learn something new weekly
- Visit local museums, libraries, or nature reserves
- Set aside a daily “curiosity time” for experiments or crafts

**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.**



# ACTION

FOR **YOURSELF.**  
FOR **SOMEONE ELSE.**  
FOR **ALL OF US.**



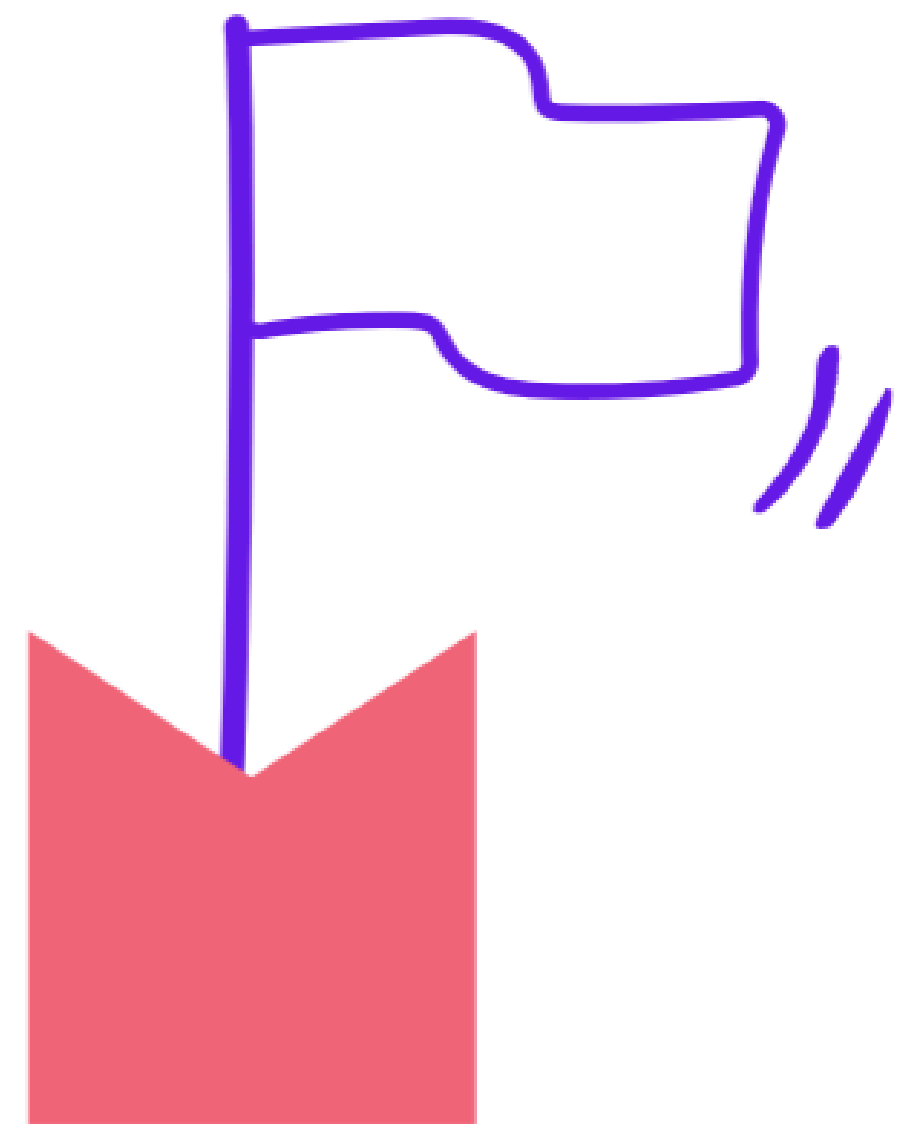
**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
11-17 MAY 2026

## Our top ten actions to support good mental health

These simple actions may help lift your mood and improve your ability to cope with life. Try a couple and find which works best for you.

### 1. PLAN SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Making plans for things we enjoy can increase our sense of hope, which is important for our mental health. It could be a plan to sit down with a cup of tea and take a quiet five minutes, or a long-term plan for an ambitious trip. Whether it's a big or small goal, the important thing is to plan it.



### 2. EAT WELL

One of the simplest ways to improve mental health is by eating a healthy, balanced diet. Not only can it support your emotional health, but introducing small habits, such as staying hydrated or having fruit snacks, can help make changes stick easier.



### 3. GET CLOSER TO NATURE

Spending time in nature can boost your mood, lessen stress, and help you concentrate.



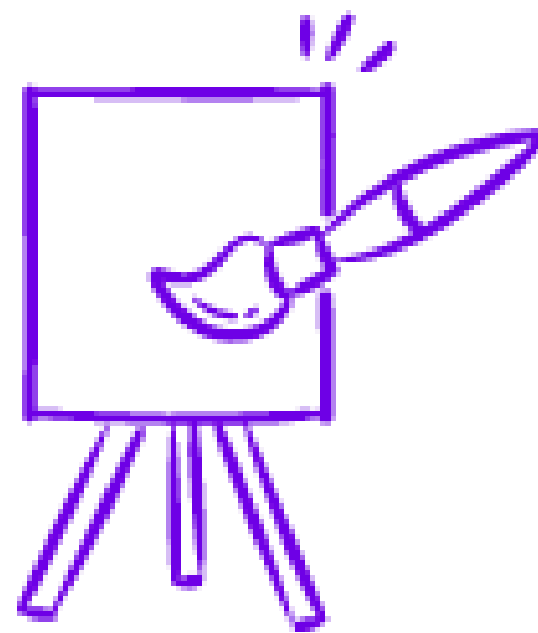
### 4. GET GOOD SLEEP

Good quality sleep helps your brain work better, lifts your mood, and is good for your overall health.



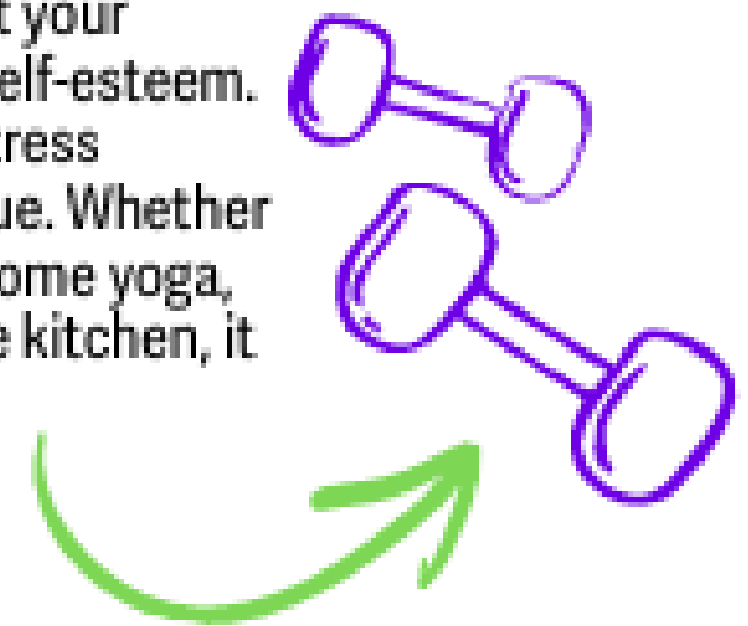
### 5. GET CREATIVE

Spending time on creative activities is a great way to help ease stress and anxiety. Carve out some time to listen to music, paint, sing, or do whatever you enjoy most.



### 6. MOVE REGULARLY

Being active can boost your mood and raise your self-esteem. It's also an effective stress management technique. Whether you go for a walk, do some yoga, or vigorously clean the kitchen, it all counts.



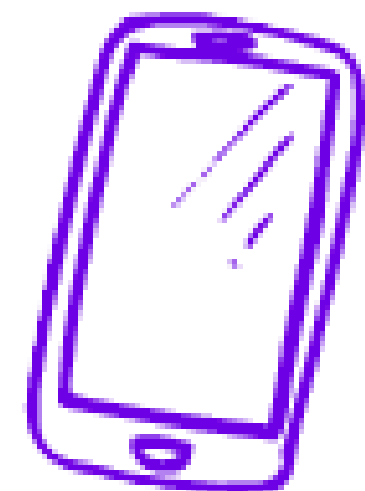
### 7. TRY MINDFULNESS

Being fully aware in the present moment can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges. Aim to notice the colour of the sky, the sound of leaves, or the feeling of your feet on the ground.



### 8. MAKE TIME FOR FRIENDS

Having good relationships with others can help you feel like you belong, allow you to share experiences, and receive emotional support. It's a great reason to have a catch-up with a friend on the phone.



### 9. BE KIND

Bad days happen to everyone. If you're having a tough time, remember to treat yourself with kindness and understanding. You're doing the best you can.



### 10. TALK THINGS OVER WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST

It can take a lot of courage to tell someone else how we're feeling or what we're finding hard. Just talking things through with a person we trust can feel like a relief and make us feel less alone.



**Everyone deserves good mental health.**  
For more tips and information visit [mentalhealth.org.uk](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)



# LEAVERS

# 2026

# *Prom*



**FRIDAY**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**



**HILTON HOTEL**  
**— WALSGRAVE —**



**7PM TO 11PM**

