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ECOSYSTEM

An ecosystem is a geographic area where plants, animals, and other living organisms, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a functional unit. Ecosystems contain biotic or living parts which include plants, animals, and other organisms, as well as abiotic factors, or non-living 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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Goodbye Year 11

As Year 11 reach the end of their examinations, we recognise the hard work, determination, and focus they have shown throughout this important time. Their commitment has been truly commendable, and they should feel proud of all they have achieved.

Mrs Sandhu shared, "Year 11 have approached this examination season with real maturity and resilience, it has been a pleasure to support them."

We wish every pupil the very best as they take their next steps, whatever path they choose, we know bright futures lie ahead. Year 11 will always remain an important part of our school community.

We look forward to welcoming them back on Results Day in August, with full details to be shared closer to the time. Good luck, and goodbye for now!





Anti-bullying work

Our Anti-Bullying Team have been working with great commitment to help strengthen a culture of kindness, safety and support at George Eliot Academy. Through pupil leadership and teamwork, the group have led several initiatives designed to ensure that every child feels listened to and valued.

Pupils have created a new anti-bullying display featuring powerful quotes from well-known public figures who have spoken out against bullying. These messages encourage pupils to show responsibility in how they treat others and to act with courage when standing up for what is right.

Working closely with Mrs Blyth, the team have also helped redesign our reporting a concern boxes, making them more visible and approachable for pupils. By linking them to familiar Inside Out characters, pupils are reassured that it is always okay to talk about how they are feeling and to ask for help, showing kindness and compassion towards themselves and others.

In addition, the team have helped to establish a calm, safe space in Room L006 during Break 2. This space offers pupils the opportunity to speak to a member of the Anti-Bullying Team or simply take some quiet time to relax, reflect or colour. This supports pupils' wellbeing and encourages self-discipline in managing emotions positively.

We are extremely proud of the Anti-Bullying Team's hard work and ambition in helping to create a school where pupils feel safe, supported and confident to seek help whenever they need it.





Successful PSHE Day Supporting Pupils' Wellbeing and Choices

We are proud to share the success of our recent PSHE Day, which gave pupils the opportunity to engage thoughtfully with a range of important topics that support their personal development and wellbeing. Throughout the day, pupils took part in carefully planned, age-appropriate sessions focused on vaping, binge drinking, mental health stigma, self-esteem, county lines and body image.

These sessions encouraged pupils to show courage and tenacity by reflecting honestly on challenges they may face, peer pressure they may experience and the choices available to them. Pupils were supported to develop ambition for their own future wellbeing, understanding that making positive choices now can have a long-term impact on their health, confidence and safety.

A strong emphasis was placed on responsibility, both for looking after themselves and for showing kindness and respect to others. Pupils explored how stigma around mental health and assumptions about appearance can affect individuals, and why acting with compassion is essential in creating a supportive and inclusive community.

Pupil feedback highlighted the powerful impact of the day, with many sharing reflections such as learning the importance of self-acceptance, recognising that positive self-esteem can be achieved regardless of background or circumstance, and understanding that no one should ever be judged because of their mental health.

Pupils were given opportunities to ask questions, reflect quietly and seek support where needed, ensuring their wellbeing was always prioritised.

We are extremely proud of how maturely and respectfully pupils engaged with the day. Initiatives like this play an important role in developing confident, resilient and caring young people who are equipped to make positive choices and contribute positively to school life in line with our STAR values.



Birmingham Crown Court Visit

Our Year 10 RE pupils recently visited Birmingham Crown Court as part of their course studies, gaining a first-hand insight into the justice system and the wide range of careers within it.

Pupils described the experience as “very interesting” and said it had given them “an insight into the justice system and careers involved in this.”

An engaging and memorable trip that helped bring their classroom learning to life.





DMU Visit

SDG Action Experience Day

In May, 11 pupils attended a session at De Montfort University. We had the privilege of visiting the only global academic hub in the UK for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and took part in some activities based around them. This involved problem solving and current social issues, thinking deeply about how the pupils could impact these issues by applying some focus to the SDGs. It was a great day that also included a university campus tour and some insight into what life is like at university. After filling out data collection forms before and after, the comparison shows a clear pattern that pupils had a fantastic day and has spurred them on to look further at their post 16 options including university.

The pupils showed the school in a fantastic light, some even getting up to speak in front of people they had never met.



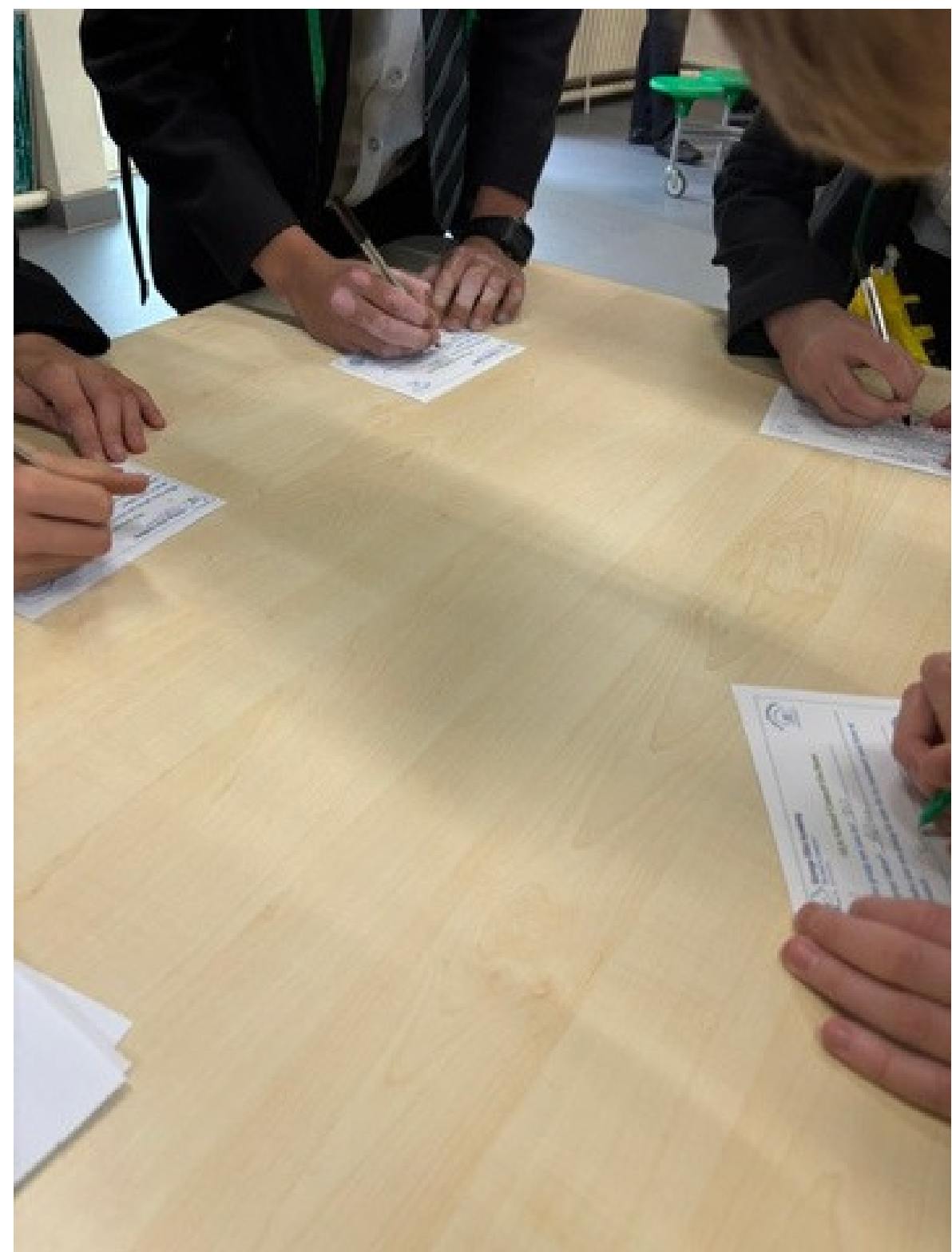


Year 7 & 8 School Council elections

This half-term, our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have been actively involved in our annual School Council elections, demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm for pupil leadership and democracy. In line with how a real General Election operates, pupils experienced the full voting process. Those who wished to stand as candidates bravely put themselves forward and prepared thoughtful speeches, which they delivered to their form groups. This required careful preparation, clear communication, and confidence, skills we are proud to see our pupils developing. Following this, each form took part in a formal vote, ensuring that every pupil had a voice in choosing their representatives.

This process not only helped pupils understand how democracy works in practice, but also reinforced the importance of responsibility, participation, and respect for others' views. We are delighted to congratulate our newly elected School Councillors in Years 7 and 8. We know they will represent their peers with maturity and dedication, helping to shape our school community in a positive way.

Beyond this, the experience contributed significantly to pupils' character development. Pupils demonstrated resilience in stepping outside of their comfort zones, integrity in presenting their ideas honestly, and confidence in expressing their opinions. Learning to both lead and listen are vital life skills, and we are incredibly proud of how our pupils embraced these opportunities. We look forward to seeing the positive impact our School Council will have over the coming academic year.





Junior Leadership Team

We are incredibly proud of our Year 9 pupils who recently stepped forward to apply for the Junior Leadership Team, completing applications and interviews with confidence, maturity and real commitment. Our Year 10 pupils have also been applying for the roles of Junior Head of School and House. The standard was exceptionally high this year, reflecting the ambition and character across the year group

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward, and a huge congratulations to those appointed, we cannot wait to see the positive difference you will make in our school community.

YEAR 11 TEAM
Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to our Junior Leadership Team for their commitment, passion and leadership.

JUNIOR HEADS OF HOUSE

FAIZAAN **REBECCA**

VICE HEADS OF HOUSE

JAYDEN **KRISH** **AVNEET** **EMMIE** **IMOGEN** **JESSICA**

HOUSE CAPTAINS – YEAR 10 TEAM

★ AMY	★ KRISTYNA	★ CHIZARA	★ SKYE	★ HARRISON
★ KAI	★ SCARLETT	★ JACK	★ MICHELLE	★ GEORGE
★ PEARL	★ REBECCA	★ MERCY	★ JAMIE	★ ROBYN
★ KIANA	★ HARRY	★ COURTNEY	★ JENNA	

★ *We are proud of you all!*



Year 10 Plating Masterclass

Year 10 pupils impressed in Food Technology this week with a fantastic plating masterclass. Using professional techniques, they created beautifully presented desserts featuring chocolate work, fresh fruit, and precise finishing touches.

Their creativity, attention to detail, and flair resulted in stunning, restaurant-quality dishes, well done, Year 10!





Pupil fundraising

Our wonderful Year 9 pupil Kai, is planning to complete the 10k Shine Night Walk for Cancer Research UK on October 17th this year.

Kai is hoping to raise £200 for his fundraising effort so any small donation would be helpful.

The link to read more and to donate is here: [CLICK HERE](#)



Together we are beating cancer

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Pupil fundraising

A Proud Moment for Our School Community

We would like to share a moving and inspiring story from within our school community. As a school, we are all too aware of the profound impact that mental health challenges can have on young people and their families. For that reason, raising awareness and supporting organisations that offer help at times of personal crisis is particularly important to us.

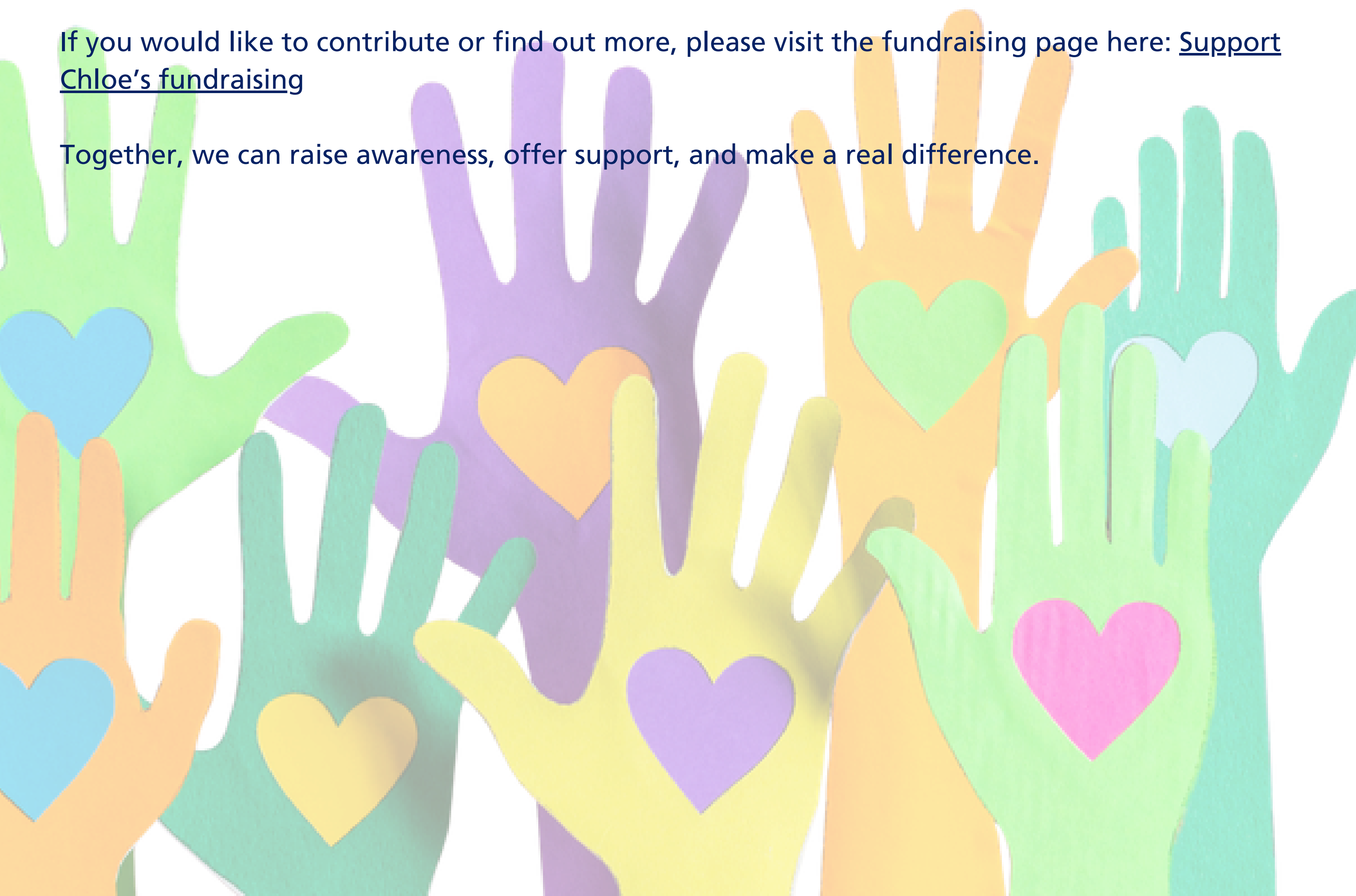
One of our pupils, Chloe, has chosen to take on an extraordinary challenge to support this cause. At just 15 years old, she is completing a sponsored skydive to raise funds for Suicide Prevention UK, in memory of a close friend. Deciding to undertake something so significant at such a young age is a brave step in itself; to do so with the purpose of honouring someone and helping others reflects a remarkable level of courage, compassion and maturity.

This fundraising effort is both a heartfelt tribute and a powerful way of increasing awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, issues that affect far too many individuals and families.

We are incredibly proud of Chloe's determination and selflessness, and we hope that her efforts will inspire others across our community.

If you would like to contribute or find out more, please visit the fundraising page here: [Support Chloe's fundraising](#)

Together, we can raise awareness, offer support, and make a real difference.





Safeguarding at GEA

EDITION 5- Water safety.

A good way to cool down in the heat is swimming, however swimming in open or natural bodies of water can be very dangerous. Over the May bank holiday there have been reports of over nine deaths across the UK after difficulties swimming in lakes and rivers, many of whom were young people.

There are **no lifeguards along canals, rivers, and lakes that can help you**. Many accidents happen when risks are underestimated or are encouraged by peer pressure. Open water is very unpredictable and unsafe, swimming is best done at regulated outdoor locations where lifeguards are present or done indoors in swimming baths.

The water itself is not safe and is not known.

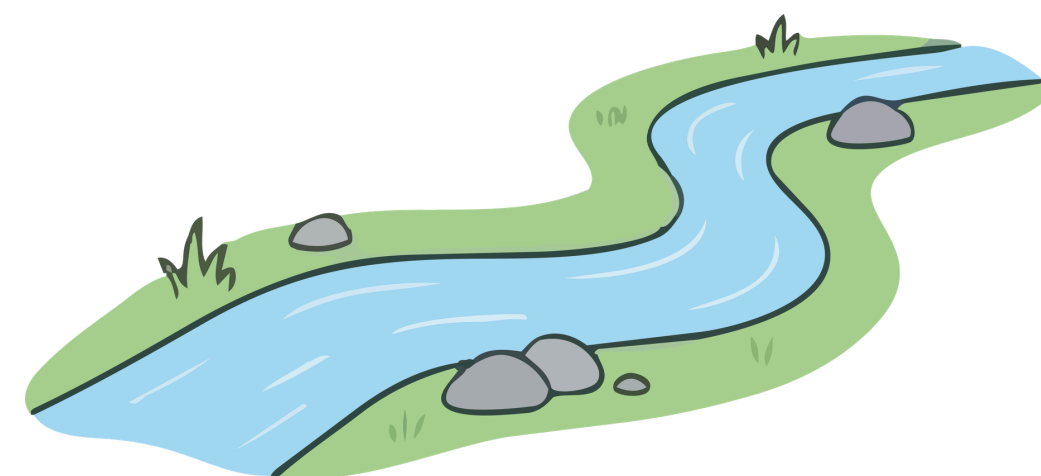
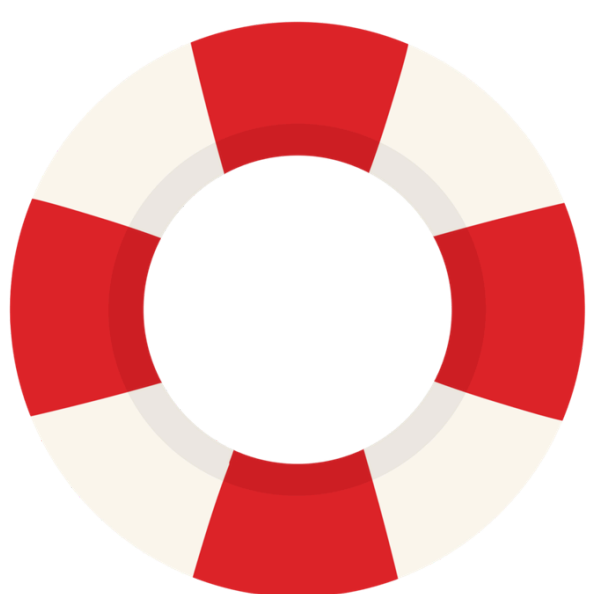
Canals are often quite shallow, and you could easily hit the bottom and injure yourself. Canals also contain lots of discarded rubbish beneath the surface, such as shopping trolleys that you could injure yourself on. Many natural waters may also have diseases and waterborne illnesses. The water may also conceal reeds and plant life you might get tangled up in, making it hard to get back out.

Water is often a lot colder than anticipated.

Warm weather doesn't always mean warm water; this can lead to **cold water shock**. Cold water shock causes the blood to move away from your muscles to protect your organs, often making it difficult to move limbs; this, coupled with shortness of breath, makes it very hard to swim back out again. **Cold water shock can be dangerous even to strong swimmers**. It's important to remain calm, lie on your back, and float if you find yourself stuck and suffering from cold water shock.

Peer pressure is dangerous.

Even so much as messing around with friends by riverbanks can lead to danger. Following internet trends is dangerous as well. Swim in safe, lifeguarded, and regulated areas. Always follow lifeguards' instructions and follow any signage.



Nuneaton Sports & Activities Festival – Everyone Welcome!

We are delighted to share an exciting community event taking place this summer! Pupils, families and staff are warmly invited to attend the Nuneaton Sports & Activities Festival, hosted by Jodie Gosling MP in partnership with The Pingles Stadium.

Date: Sunday 5th July 2026

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: The Pingles Stadium, Avenue Road, CV11 4LX

This free event promises to be a fantastic afternoon celebrating sport, activity and community spirit. There will be plenty of opportunities to try new activities, meet local clubs, and take part in a range of fun experiences suitable for all ages and abilities.

Whether you are looking to get active, discover a new hobby, or simply enjoy a lively afternoon with family and friends, there's something for everyone. Best of all, entry is completely free!

We encourage all members of our school community to come along and support this wonderful local event.

A promotional poster for the Nuneaton Sports & Activities Festival. At the top, there is a row of colorful silhouettes representing various sports: a person on a skateboard, a person with a tennis racket, a person on a bicycle, a person kicking a ball, a person with a golf club, a person with a tennis racket, a person with a tennis racket, and a person with a tennis racket. Below the silhouettes, the title "Nuneaton Sports & Activities Festival" is written in a large, stylized, pink and green font. Underneath the title, the text "Celebrate sports and activities from across Nuneaton at this event hosted by Jodie Gosling MP and The Pingles Stadium!" is written in a smaller, green font. The date and time, "Sunday 5th July 2pm - 5pm", are displayed in a large, pink, brush-stroke style font. At the bottom, the location "The Pingles Stadium, Avenue Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4LX" is written in a white font, and the slogan "Try a New Activity | Free Entry | All Welcome!" is written in a green font. The background of the poster is a light yellow color with a blue wavy shape at the bottom.

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