



Activities in Half Term

Half Term Fun on the slopes in Austria



Last week, a group of our pupils embarked on an unforgettable ski trip to Nassfeld, Austria, where they experienced some of the best skiing conditions the Alps have to offer. The weather was mostly excellent, though four days were foggy, adding an extra challenge to the slopes.

Nassfeld provided fantastic skiing for all abilities, from beginners to advanced skiers. With expert instruction, all pupils made remarkable progress throughout the week, growing in confidence and skill each day.



Evenings were just as enjoyable, with a range of entertainment activities keeping everyone engaged and ensuring the trip was as fun off the slopes as it was on them.

Throughout the week, our pupils represented the school impeccably. Ski Reps, hoteliers, and instructors all commented on their resilience, determination, and outstanding behaviour. Their commitment to learning and their respect for others truly embodied our school's ethos.

A huge well done to everyone involved – it was a week of adventure, achievement, and memories to last a lifetime!



Exploring History and Government: Our Trip to Washington, D.C.

Our recent trip to Washington, D.C., was an unforgettable experience that allowed us to dive deep into American history, government, and culture. From the moment we arrived, we were surrounded by the rich past and present of the nation, making every stop on our itinerary both educational and inspiring.

One of the highlights of our trip was visiting the Smithsonian museums. These world-renowned institutions expanded our understanding of key historical events, including the civil rights movement and America's role in the space race. Standing before exhibits that showcased the struggles and triumphs of the past made history feel more real and relevant than ever before.

Beyond the museums, we had the chance to explore the workings of the U.S. government. Walking through the halls of the Capitol and seeing the monuments dedicated to past leaders gave us all an opportunity to build our understanding of American history. The trip would not have been possible without the hard work of Mrs Seymour and Mr Murphy, and we are very thankful to them for organising such an amazing trip.

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A Week
Passion is the difference between a job and a career

Looking Ahead

Impact Dance Show
3 Monday 3rd March
Tuesday 4th March

Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 5th March

Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 4th March

Year 13 Targeted Support Evening
Wednesday 12th March



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Year 12 Biologists

Attend a Field Trip at Juniper Hall with the Field Studies Council

In an exciting and educational experience, Year 12 Biology students embarked on a hands-on field trip at Juniper Hall, organized by the Field Studies Council (FSC). This trip, designed to deepen the students' understanding of ecological concepts, provided them with valuable fieldwork skills that are essential for their studies and future scientific endeavours.

Set against the backdrop of the stunning Surrey Hills, Juniper Hall is an ideal location for environmental education. The FSC, known for its expert-led field trips, offers students the chance to engage directly with nature, bridging the gap between classroom theory and real-world application. The students participated in a range of activities, focusing on developing crucial scientific skills, such as sampling techniques, species identification, and data collection. These practical skills are not only important for their A-level studies but also provide a solid foundation for those considering future careers in biology, environmental science, or conservation.

The hands-on nature of the trip allowed the students to connect with the subject in a more meaningful way, reinforcing their classroom learning while igniting a deeper passion for biology and conservation. As one student remarked, "The field trip gave me a new perspective on what we study in class. It's one thing to learn about ecological concepts, but to see them in action makes it so much more exciting." For these Year 12 students, the Juniper Hall field trip was an unforgettable experience that will undoubtedly influence their future studies and aspirations in the field of biology.

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Dungeons and Dragons at the British Library



During February half term students from our Dungeons and Dragons Club ran a sold-out event at the British Library as part of their Medieval Women Exhibit.

It was a phenomenal experience, with close to 100 participants engaging in a homemade D&D adventure, character creation and much more.

Well done to all of the students involved for their incredibly hard work getting this event off the ground and for making it such a success!



Activities this week

Year 10 Pupils Experience Medical Workshops: A Day of Insight and Discovery



This week, our Year 10 pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in a series of hands-on medical workshops, designed to provide them with a deeper understanding of the world of healthcare. The workshops, which were led by professionals from various medical fields, offered our students a unique chance to explore different aspects of medicine and gain practical insights that will prove invaluable as they continue their studies. Throughout the day, pupils engaged in a variety of activities, from learning about the anatomy of the human body to exploring the latest medical technologies. They were given the chance to practice essential skills, including first aid techniques and using medical equipment, while also learning about the challenges and rewards of working in the healthcare sector.

Not only did the workshops give students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge, but they also inspired many to think about their future career paths. Several students expressed excitement about pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, or allied health professions, with some even considering a deeper dive into specialized fields like surgery, psychology, or physiotherapy. The workshops were not only informative but also fun, with pupils showing great enthusiasm as they interacted with medical professionals and participated in practical demonstrations. It was clear that everyone involved had a fantastic time and walked away with valuable new insights into the diverse and dynamic world of healthcare.

We would like to extend our thanks to the medical professionals who led the workshops and helped make this event a memorable and enriching experience for our Year 10 pupils. We look forward to seeing how this experience continues to inspire our students as they embark on their educational journeys. The day was a great success, and we are proud of our students for their active participation and curiosity. It's events like these that help shape the future of our young learners, opening doors to new possibilities and sparking their passion for learning and discovery.

BSA Young Sociologist of the Year Competition 2024-25 Success



Each year, the British Sociological Association runs a competition to aim to find the Young Sociologist of the Year, asking candidates to carry out research and write a 2,000 word response to a sociological question.

This year, their question focused on 'To what extent and in what ways have social media changed people's lives?' and I am delighted to report that Luna in Year 13 attained second place out of 119 entries!

Luna's entry was said to 'offer novel insights into the topic while utilising a clear theoretical lens' and combined interviews and surveys with a range of secondary research. Congratulations to Luna for such a fantastic achievement.



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place to learn & teach

In Sutton, we have high-performing schools of every type, which makes us unique in being able to offer a 'first-class' and diverse experience to our trainee teachers.

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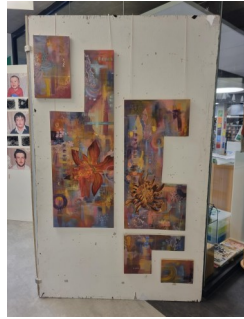
Year 12 Fine Art & Photography February Exhibition 2025

The Year 12 Fine Art and Photography students at recently held an inspiring exhibition that celebrated their individual creative journeys. This unique event not only displayed their completed works but also demonstrated the evolving nature of artistic expression.

Throughout the week, students continuously added to their pieces, allowing visitors to witness first-hand how artwork develops over time. This dynamic approach highlighted the thought processes, experimentation, and refinement that go into creating a finished piece. From striking photography to intricate paintings and mixed-media pieces, each work was a testament to the talent and dedication of our students.

The exhibition served as a powerful reminder of the importance of creativity in education, providing students with the opportunity to express their ideas, emotions, and perspectives.

A special thank you goes to the Art and Photography department for their guidance and support, ensuring that this exhibition was a success. Congratulations to all the students who participated – your hard work and artistic vision truly made an impact!



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Please can we remind all parents and carers to park considerably outside the school and in the local area.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Willow Menu for week commencing 3rd March

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WEEK COMMENCING
20/01/2025 10/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025

V – Vegetarian
VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
<p>MONDAY Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad</p> <p>TUESDAY Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta with Garden Salad</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast Shoulder of Pork or Salt & Pepper Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken Makhani Curry with Pilau Rice</p> <p>FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce</p>	<p>MONDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)</p> <p>TUESDAY Smokey Bean & Vegetable Pasta Bake (VE)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Leek & Spinach Wellington, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy (V)</p> <p>THURSDAY Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)</p> <p>FRIDAY 1/4lb Quorn Burger with Ranch Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)</p>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Loaded Mediterranean Street Cart Wedges	Chicken Yakatori with Vegetable Rice	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Chinese Style Vegan Noodle (VE)	

NATURALLY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

DESSERTS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Banana Pudding and Custard	Warm Blueberry Sponge	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY

<p>HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily</p>	<p>JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily</p>
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TRATTORIA				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Margherita Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.





Upcoming events

GLENTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

IMPACT 2025

3RD & 4TH MARCH 2025
EPSOM PLAYHOUSE

[Please click here for tickets](#)

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Recycling of School Uniform

Please may we request donation of any items of uniform that you no longer need that are still in good condition.

There is a container stored just in front of reception where all clean, second hand items can be deposited in a carrier bag.

We will be running a second hand uniform sale later this year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

National Careers Week beginning 3rd - 8th March

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What is National Careers Week?

National Careers Week (NCW) promotes careers guidance across the UK. It happens in early March each year, with this year's event running from 3-8 March 2025. This year's theme for National Careers Week is all about "Dream Big," encouraging young people across the UK to explore the endless career possibilities out there.

There are now a broad range of options available post 16 and post 18. Parents have a crucial role in supporting a child's goals and aspirations, with this in mind, we want you to be able to talk to your child about their options confidently; knowing that the information you have is as accurate and as up to date as possible.

Please find below a list of helpful resources that can help you have meaningful discussions with your child about their future:

[UCAS: University Guide for Parents](#)

[UCAS: Student Finance - Guide for Parents](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#): Useful monthly parent pack and a 'Parents guide to Apprenticeships'

[Target Careers](#): Dedicated parents section covering University Choices, Careers and Apprenticeships.

[UK Job Market Guide](#): Useful information on the changing job market.

[Parental Guidance](#): Careers Information and Advice from **the Careers**

Writers Association.

[Guardian University League Table](#): An interactive University League Table guide.



Apprenticeships

At Glenthorne, pupils are encouraged to explore all post-16 and post-18 options, including apprenticeships. Apprenticeships are becoming an increasingly attractive alternative to the traditional higher education route.

What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships give young people the opportunity to work for a real employer, earn a real salary and gain a real qualification whilst gaining valuable workplace skills and experience. Anyone living in England, over 16 years old and not in full-time education can apply to be an apprentice.

All apprentices should work for at least 30 hours a week, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Quality is key to apprenticeships. All apprenticeships must be at least 12 months long and lead to a national qualification that is respected by employers around the world.



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Salary

All apprentices must receive the appropriate national minimum wage. Check out [National Minimum Wage Rates](#) for updates on the latest figures.

Types of Apprenticeships available

There are three types of Apprenticeship that vary depending on current skills and qualifications:

- 1 - Intermediate Level Apprenticeships - Offers GCSE level equivalent qualifications.
- 2 - Advanced Level Apprenticeships - Offers A-Level equivalent qualifications.
- 3 - Higher Apprenticeships - Offers Degree level equivalent qualifications.

Need more support?

Websites such as:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#), [Apprenticeships](#) and [Rate My Apprenticeship](#) provide comprehensive support and information for students and parents on the different types of Apprenticeships available. There is also some very helpful advice and links on [Get My First Job](#) and [Not Going to Uni](#).

Students can also access the full database of apprenticeship vacancies that are available at [The Apprenticeship Guide](#) and [Find an Apprenticeship](#).

Higher Education Options

Please also find below a list of helpful resources that can help students with researching their higher education options:

UCAS: All higher education (university) course applications are made through UCAS.

Which University: Useful website to research universities and courses.

What Uni: Helps students find universities and courses using their University Comparison Tool.

Unistats: Lots of statistical information about Uni courses – allows students to compare courses.

Applying to Uni: News and advice about applying to Uni.

Student Finance England: Links to useful student finance sites.

Uni Taster Days: Up to date listings of Uni Taster Days. It is strongly recommended that students who want to go to University should attend at least two of these.

Russell Group Informed Choices: Entry requirements for Russell Group Universities.

Open Days: Up to date list of virtual University open Days.

The Scholarship Hub: Information about Scholarships, Grants, Bursaries and Financial Awards.

Studying Overseas:

Fulbright Commission: The starting point for information about study in the USA.

QS Top Universities: Information about overseas study worldwide.

The Complete University Guide for Overseas Study: This site has a dedicated area for students interested in study overseas