CCR Summer 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Celebrating SUCCESS

Congratulations to all of our Award Winners.

We are proud to share the photos from the Celebration Assemblies which took place this week. Students in these photos have been nominated by their teachers to receive the subject awards and will now be able to wear their subject badges on their blazers.

Students also received awards for achievements in English, Sports Day and special 'thank you' gifts for the student council members









House Points

Total House Points for Term 5 & 6
Year 7 = 23,448
Year 8 = 23,473
Year 9 = 20,416
Year 10 = 10,197

Charity FUNDRAISING

Summer Fair & Festival















New STUDENT LEADERS

Meet Our New Student Leaders for 2025–2026
After a rigorous and inspiring selection process, we are thrilled to announce the Student Leaders for the 2025–2026 academic year.

These exceptional students have demonstrated remarkable dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout each stage of the application process. Their journey to becoming Student Leaders was no small feat—they have:

Written compelling letters of application, expressing their vision and passion for leadership.
Taken part in a formal interview conducted by the Student Council and PDD team.
Delivered speeches to the entire school, followed by a whole-school vote.

- Written and prepared their own Open Evening speeches to represent student voice to prospective families.
- Waited patiently through a week-long deliberation before presenting their final ideas to the senior leadership team. Throughout this process, they have shown an unwavering commitment to making a difference. Together, they have brought forward a range of thoughtful and practical ideas aimed at improving student life across the college. We believe in their vision and are fully committed to supporting them in bringing these ideas to life for the benefit of the entire student body.

We are excited to begin working with them and look forward to an inspiring year ahead. Watch this space—their leadership journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see what they will accomplish.



Year 11 LEAVERS





Good luck messages
Year 11 had their good luck, assembly which was full of surprises! All of us here at CCR are so proud of what our Year 11's have achieved and we wanted to all wish them well. We created a wonderful good luck video for our students, which they all loved! This was followed by the students receiving good luck messages from parents and loved ones, it certainly was an emotional morning for all of us!

We also had thirty eight Dominoes Pizzas delivered at lunch time to congratulate them on all of their hard work.

On Wednesday 11th June, we celebrated our amazing Year 11 Leavers Day with a special assembly, filled with joy, reflection, and gratitude. We took a moment to thank all the dedicated members of staff at Casterton College who have supported our students since they first walked through the doors in Year 7.

With the help of our wonderful parents, we surprised the students by looking back at their very first day of primary school in 2013 and comparing it to their first day of Year 11 — a touching and nostalgic moment that everyone loved. Well done again to our fantastic Year 11 cohort.





Year 11 Prom

On Thursday 26th June, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their GCSE journey with a spectacular prom evening. The event was filled with joy, laughter and unforgettable memories. From the delicious food and refreshing drinks to the incredible dancing, it was truly a night to cherish.

One of the highlights of the evening was the grand arrivals – students turned up in style on tractors, bicycles, sports card and even a horse! It was a brilliant showcase of creativity and personality.

A huge well done to Year 11 – you all looked amazing! We're so proud of you and everything you've achieved. Enjoy a well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to seeing you on results day!



















Open EVENING

What an incredible night!
We were thrilled to welcome over 145 families to our Open Evening — and what an evening it was!
From hands-on creativity like wire flower making and heart dissecting to action-packed fun with badminton challenges and brain-teasing games like "Guess the Film" — there was truly something for everyone.
We journeyed through time with Shakespearean to fast-forwarded to pop culture with Taylor Swift — showing the full range of what our school has to offer.
A huge thank you to every student, staff member, and visitor who brought energy, enthusiasm, and smiles. You made the night a true celebration of our community.



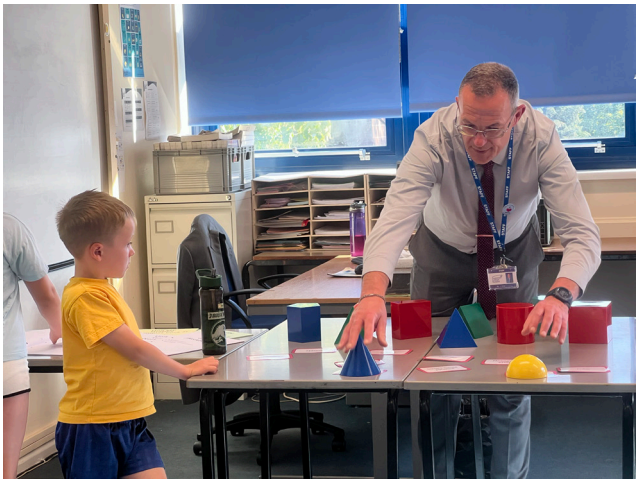














Sports DAY







Sports Day Highlights!

What an incredible day of energy, effort, and team spirit! Our students gave it their all, and the results are in:

1st Place – ENDEAVOUR
2nd Place – ASPIRE
3rd Place – FORTITUDE
4th Place – PERSEVERANCE

From races to relays, and teamwork to triumphs, you all showed what true sportsmanship looks like.

A massive well done to every student, staff member, and supporter who made today unforgettable. Let's carry this spirit into everything we do!

Medal Winners

Junior Girls
Emily Natutusau
Nanise Bakaniceva

Junior Boys
Charlie Sinclair
Roman Jones

Senior Girls
Willow Gaunt

Senior Boys
Finnley Ives











Rutland & Melton Schools

A number of students in Years 7,8,9 & 10 competed in the Area Sports Athletics Event at Corby Athletics in May.
We had some incredible results with school records being broken after over 30 years. We had a number of students place in 1st and 2nd who competed in the Leicestershire Schools Athletics. More information on that below

The following age groups placed in the top 3 schools.

Year 7 Boys - 1st Place
Year 7 Girls - 2nd Place
Year 8/9 Girls - 3rd Place
KS4 Boys - 3rd Place
KS4 Girls - 3rd Place
Well Done to all those that competed

1st Place students
YEAR 7
Jake Henson - 800m & school record broken
Joe Cripps - 1500m& school record broken
Roman Jones - Long Jump & Discus
Year 8/9
Frankie Anelli - Javelin
KS4
Elliot Feetham - 1500m & school record broken
Olivia Ramsey - High Jump & Triple Jump

2nd Place students
YEAR 7
Sam Osborne - 100m & 200m
Jake Henson - 300m
Millie Frost - Javelin
Mollie Conneely - High Jump
Year 8/9
Annabel Burt - Discus
Elwood Hilliard - Triple Jump
KS4
Ben Kiso - Shot
Jasper Peterson - Javelin
Iris Brewin - 1500m

3rd Place students
YEAR 7
Millie Frost - 100m
Year 8/9
Harry Benson - 800m & Javelin
KS4
Freddie Epps - High Jump
Isaac Bailey - 400m
Iris Brewin - 200m
Emmy Fairburn - Shot
Nina Panster - Discus
Penelope Crowson - Javelin



Leicestershire and Rutland County Athletics Championships at Loughborough University.

After qualifying at Area Sports a number of students went on to compete at the Leicestershire and Rutland County Athletics Championships at Loughbrough University. A huge congratulations to all those who took part. Lots of students placed in the top 3 and one of our school records was broken again!

The results were as follows:
Jake Henson 1st in the u13 Boys 800m new school record
Olivia Ramsey 1st in the Intermediate Girls Triple Jump
Joe Cripps 2nd in the u13 boys 1500m
Frankie Anelli 2nd in the Junior Girls javelin
Sam Osbourne Finalist in the u13 boys 100m and 3rd in the relay
Roman Jones 3rd in the u13 boys Long jump
Elliott Feetham 4th in the intermediate boys 1500m

Trips GALORE

Cambridge Literary Festival

A group of Year 10 students enjoyed a fantastic day at the Cambridge Literary Festival. Award-winning novelist Jason Reynolds shared extracts from his bestselling book, A Long Way Down, and discussed the power of words. Illustrator Chris Priestley even gave us chance to handle the original pictures created for the novel. The day included time to explore the city, some of the university colleges and the magnificent library.

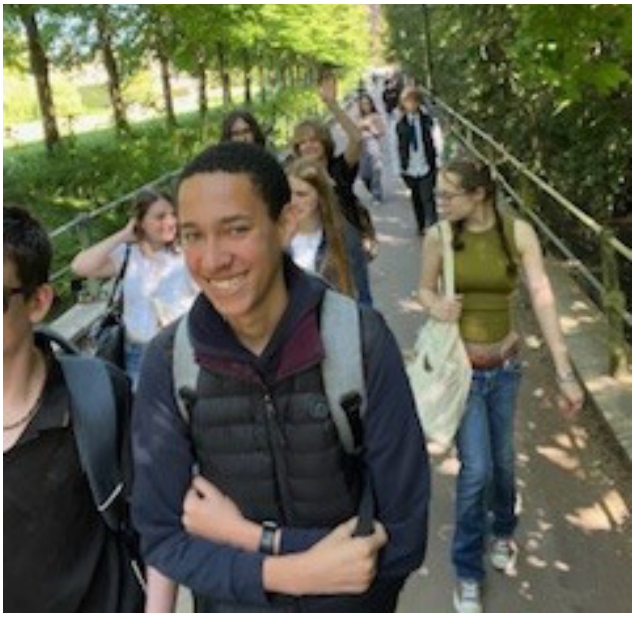




'An unforgettable trip to Cambridge! Cambridge is so beautiful and interesting. The lecture was a highlight—especially the free book, sparking my intrigue with its unorthodox themes and experimental word spacing choices. As someone with a passion for reading, I loved it! Educational, inspiring, and just awesome.'
Holly – Year 10







Year 9 WWI Battlefields Trip

Our Year 9 students have returned from a powerful three-day tour of Ypres and the Somme, gaining a deeper understanding of the horrors of WWI—and the importance of remembrance.

Day 1: In Belgium, we visited the grave of Nellie Spindler and explored the vital role of women in the war, before walking through a preserved trench system. The day ended with the deeply moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.
Day 2: In France, we stood in Sunken Lane to examine the landscape of the Battle of the Somme and paid our respects at the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing.
Day 3: Back in Belgium, students explored the Passchendaele museum and reflected at the vast and poignant Tyne Cot cemetery.

An unforgettable experience that brought history to life and reminded us all why we must continue to remember.









Armed FORCES

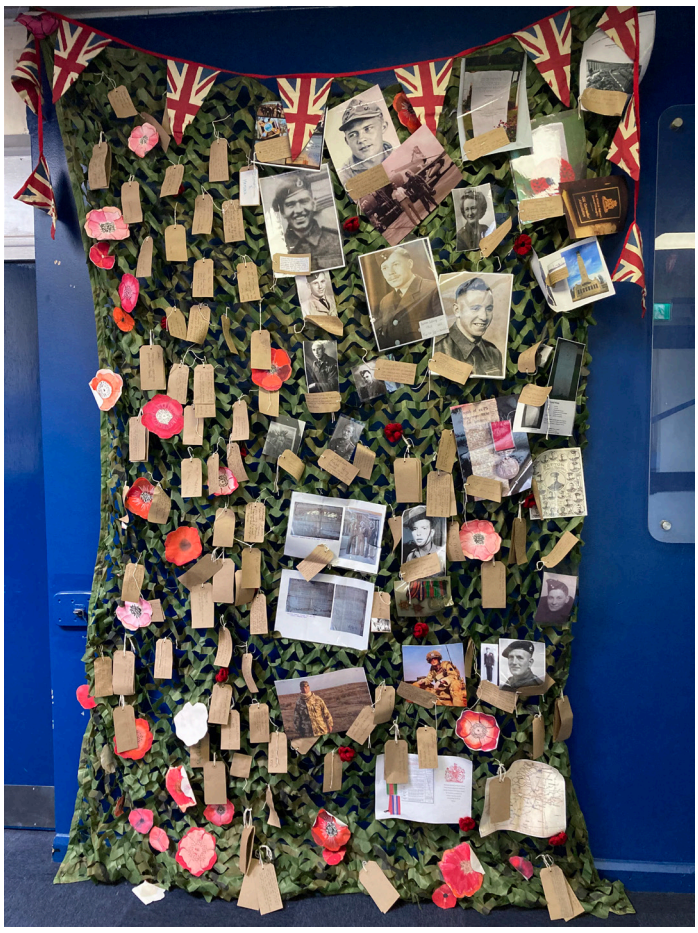
Armed Forces Day – Wall of Honour

In recognition of Armed Forces Day (Saturday 28th June), our school community has proudly created a Wall of Honour—a touching tribute to the brave individuals connected to our students and staff who have served or are serving in the British Armed Forces.

We were truly moved by the many photos and stories shared. Now displayed in our main corridor, the Wall stands as a powerful reminder of the courage, commitment, and sacrifice of those we honour and support.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful display.





80th Anniversary VE Day

To mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War 2, students were asked to 'keep the memories alive' of those who fought in the war.

All students were given a parcel label and were asked to talk with somebody in their family, or a neighbour, about their memories of World War 2. They then wrote these memories on the label and brought them into school to be displayed in the main foyer.

Computer SCIENCE

This term in Computing has been jam-packed with hard work and fun activities.
We kicked things off with an exciting Year 8 trip to Legoland, where students built and coded Lego Robots . Year 9's Code Club explored game development by designing a range of mini games before taking on the challenge of creating their own interactive text adventures.
Meanwhile, Year 10 students continued to make strong progress through their GCSE Computing course, and Year 11 combined revision with treats during their binary biscuit treasure hunt.
We wrapped up the term with an impressive Year 7 Scratch programming competition, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of our youngest coders. The winner was Harvey Searle with The Adventures of Steven narrowly beating Oliver Hilton's Alien Escape. Congratulations also to Finley Wingrove, Emily Hayter, and Gabe Furman-Doyle.







Careers UPDATE

Year 10 Discovery Day







On Tuesday 8th July we were invited to take a group of Year 10 students to University Centre Peterborough to attend the Discovery Day. Students were allocated into groups and attended different taster sessions including Business Management, Digital Arts & Marketing, Education Studies, Criminology and Forensic Investigation. Students particularly enjoyed going to the Crime Scene House where they investigated who committed a crime! Students also enjoyed working in teams to problem solve and then present their solutions to the group.

The photos show our students in the state-of-the-art TV Studio having a go at filming a live talk show. Students were given different job roles including operating the cameras, producing in the gallery and being the presenter!

"The best part was participating in the lesson and being informed on what university experience would be like at UCP."

"My take-away from the day is that communication is important when working in businesses, and with teams in general."

"I've learnt that people who are in forensics and working around crime scenes cannot make assumptions about the crime."

"I have learnt that University is an option and there is something for everybody."

Year 10 Careers meetings



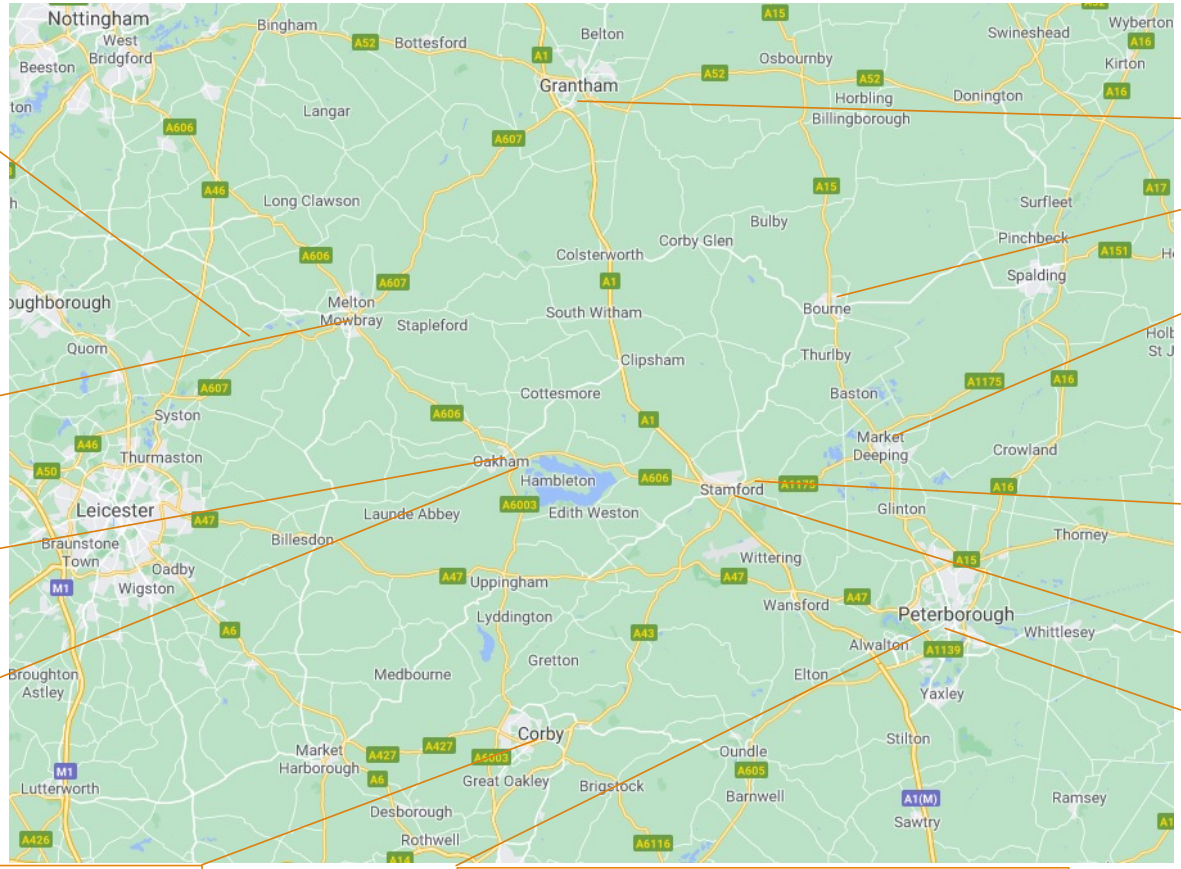
We have been delighted to be working with MYPATH again this term. All Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to have a one-to-one Careers meeting with a Level 6 qualified, impartial Careers Advisor. They have been able to discuss their ideas for careers for the future, including next steps after leaving Casterton College, the possibility of university, or an apprenticeship. Our students have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with our Careers Advisor and have found the conversations really useful. All students who have attended a Careers meeting will be sent a follow up email containing notes from the meeting and links to useful websites.

If you are a parent of a student in Year 10, please ask them about their Careers meeting, if they haven't already talked with you about it, and talk about what their ideas might be for the future. When we return in September, we will look at Post 16 applications in PSHE lessons therefore it would be helpful if students could start to think about it over the summer break. To help get the conversations started, below is a map of the local area around Casterton College with many of the Post 16 providers identified.

Career Readiness

Year 11 PSHE – Lesson 1

These are the Colleges and Sixth Forms students from Casterton College have attended.



Brooksby Melton College

Melton Vale Sixth Form

Oakham School

Harington School

Tresham College

Kings School Peterborough

Peterborough College

Stamford College

Stamford Endowed Schools

The Deepings

Bourne Grammar

Grantham College

SUBJECT INSIGHT



Our History Department

History

We love our history at Casterton and are passionate about helping our students gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We want to help students understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups.



Take a look at what KS3 & KS4 have been up to

KS3

This term KS3 have been looking at both national and international events. In Year 7 we have been focusing on what makes an effective medieval monarch, using recently scholarship to shape our enquiry. In Year 8 we have been looking at the beginnings of the British Empire and whether it was created intentionally or by accident. We have also spent time looking at the impact of colonisation. In Year 9 we have been looking at the Second World War and events that could be considered turning points within this global conflict.





KS4

This term in KS4 Year 10 have been looking at the origins and events of the Cold War and analysing their impact on international relations. Our Year 11 have been hard at work completing the course and embedding the knowledge and question technique for their upcoming examinations. Best of luck Year 11 historians!

Trips, work-shops and visitor speakers

Where possible we try to take key elements of the curriculum outside of the classroom and trips over recent years have included a tour and workshop in the Houses of Parliament, a visit to the Tower of London and a tour of WWI battlefields, cemeteries and trench systems in France and Belgium. We have also had guest speakers in, such as a Parliament education and engagement outreach officer, to talk to our students about key issues that will enhance their comprehension.

We cannot wait to take our next lot of Year 9 historians to the WWI battlefields in June.





Student feedback



'I've enjoyed learning how our world has become the way it is and the events that shaped it'.
Amelia Teahan Year 11

'I have liked learning about the British Empire as it explains how different parts of the world were affected'.

Charlotte Webber Year 8

'I really enjoy learning about the history of Britain and how the way it is governed has changed over time'.

Ailish McMullen-Kennett Year 8

Extra CURRICULAR

Year 7 & 8 Casterton students have been working with practitioners from Rutland Community Ventures on an exciting range of arts and crafts activities after school. This 5 week project has been exploring air-drying clay, weaving, mandala designs and journal making. This has been a great opportunity for Casterton students to experience unusual crafts alongside conversations about how practical activities can help the mind and promote positive well-being. Our thanks go to BBC Children in Need for providing the funds to run these sessions, and also to Voluntary Action Rutland who have provided the transport. RCV staff said "the Casterton students have been such a pleasure to work with – creative ideas and a real willingness to get stuck in and have a go!"





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Stem DAY



Happy STEM Day!

We recently celebrated the power of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths — the building blocks of innovation and the future!
From coding to chemistry, real-world problem solving, the students from local primary schools dived into discovery and unlocking their full potential.
Sparking curiosity, fueling creativity, and empowering the next generation of STEM leaders!
A huge THANK YOU to our amazing student helpers!

"As one of the volunteers who helped with the Science Day, I found it quite exciting. All of the students from the schools that I helped were very co-operative and willing to try out new things. The home made rockets were my favourite! Things like give me a smile on my face because!"

"This was a great experience watching young children enjoy activities and see them develop in Secondary Science. It gave me a smile seeing the children do different things and having a giggle at the same time."

ACCELERATED READER *Party*



Celebrating Success!

Last week, we celebrated the incredible hard work and dedication of 36 Year 7 students who exceeded their termly Accelerated Reader targets all year!

To reward their amazing efforts, we threw a fantastic Platinum Party complete with great music and a delicious buffet. While games were planned, the food definitely took center stage — and every student left with a full tummy and a big smile!

Well done to all our shining stars — keep up the brilliant work!





Another Platinum Party!
This time we celebrated our amazing Year 8 & 9 students who smashed their Accelerated Reader targets all year!

They enjoyed a lovely buffet and a fantastic atmosphere, with staff (including Mr Smith!) popping in to congratulate them—so appreciated!

Huge thanks to our brilliant catering team for the delicious spread, and to Mr Bray—always ready to help and always making the world a better place!

Drama SHOWTIME

Year 10 Drama Students Get Inspired by Tolthorpe Theatre Workshop

Our Year 10 drama students had the exciting opportunity to work with Mary Benzies, the talented Youth Drama Leader from Tolthorpe Theatre.

Mary visited our school to lead an engaging and creative workshop based around Tolthorpe's upcoming production—an adaptation of Wuthering Heights.

The workshop focused on bringing the classic story to life through physical theatre, character development, and scene exploration. Mary's dynamic approach and professional insight offered students a taste of the demands and rewards of performing in a professional setting.

The excitement doesn't stop there. As part of this enriching experience, our Year 10 students also visited Tolthorpe Theatre to see the live performance of Wuthering Heights—a thrilling opportunity to see how the work they've been doing connects directly to a real production.

Even more inspiring is the fact that two of our very own students, Tom Muxlow and Anna Brostrem, are starring in the show. Seeing their peers perform on a professional stage is a huge motivation for the rest of the group, showing what's possible with passion and hard work.

This partnership with Tolthorpe Theatre has given our students a valuable glimpse into the world of professional drama—and we can't wait to see where their inspiration takes them next!

Spotlight on Talent: Next Year's Musical Announced!

Exciting news swept through the Performing Arts department this term as we officially announced next year's school musical: Legally Blonde! The buzz and anticipation have been building ever since, with students jumping at the chance to be part of this energetic and empowering production.

The audition process was a two-stage challenge, starting with acting and followed by singing. This gave students the opportunity to showcase a wide range of performance skills, and they certainly rose to the occasion. From heartfelt monologues to powerful vocal performances, the auditions revealed just how much talent we have across the school.

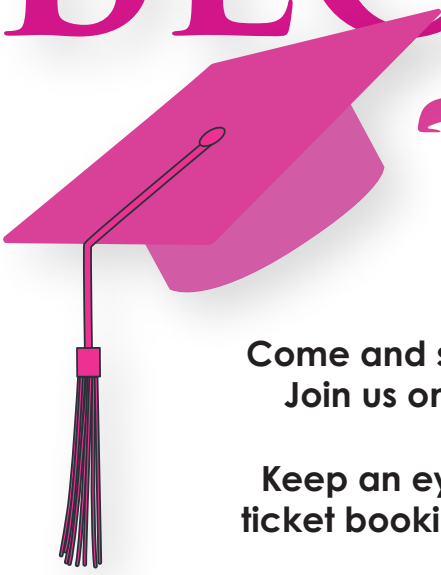
What stood out even more than the performances was the atmosphere of support and encouragement. Students cheered each other on, shared tips, and celebrated each other's successes, making the audition experience both exciting and inclusive.

We can't wait to see this incredible cast bring Legally Blonde to life next year. With such dedication and talent on display already, it's shaping up to be a truly unforgettable show!



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



Come and see our production of Legally Blonde!
Join us on 11th-13th February for a fun-filled musical performance.
Keep an eye on our social media channels for ticket booking details—you won't want to miss it!