

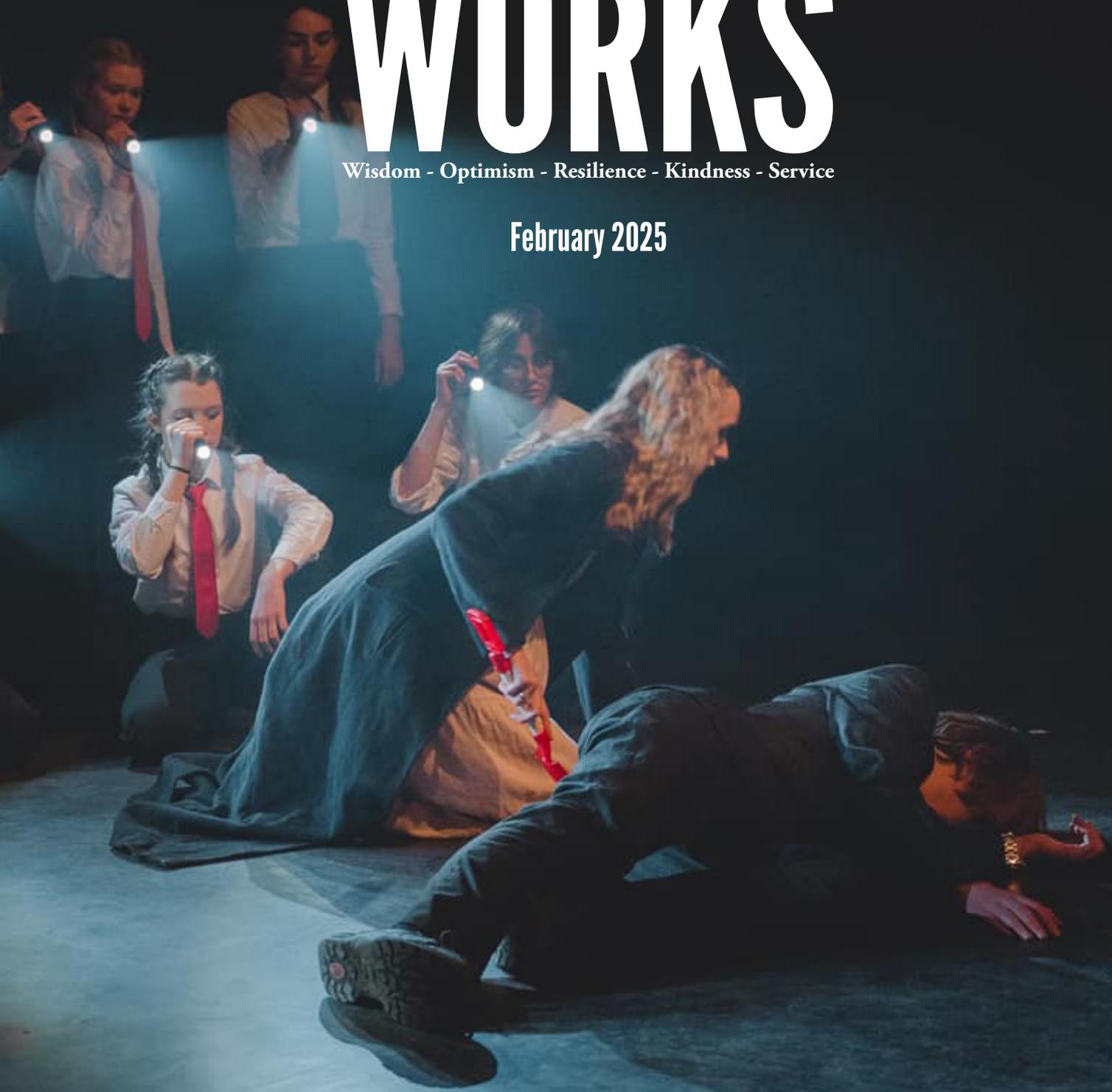


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Wisdom - Optimism - Resilience - Kindness - Service

February 2025



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord.”
Colossians 3:23.

04. SIXTH FORM UPDATES

A variety of recent updates from our Sixth Form.

06. GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Find out more about our recent Geography trip investigating Birmingham's urban regeneration.

07. CAREERS FAIR

Information and images from our first careers fair.

08. ANTIGONE

A recent review of our production of Antigone.

09. ECO GROUP UPDATE

Follow The Minster School Eco Group as they plant over 60 oak trees.

10. ARMY CADETS

An advert for the local army cadets.

11. UNPLUGGED

An advert for our upcoming Unplugged concert.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Further information is available on our website

SCHOOL PHOTOS - YEAR 11 & 13
Monday 3rd March 2025

UNPLUGGED CONCERT
Wednesday 5th March 2025

YEAR 12 VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY
Wednesday 5th March 2025

YEAR 12 SNOWDONIA FIELDWORK
Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th March 2025

YEAR 10 10X CHALLENGE
Monday 10th to Tuesday 11th March 2025

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING
Wednesday 12th March 2025

JUNIOR SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL VISIT
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th March 2025

YEAR 12 OXBRIDGE EVENING
Tuesday 18th March 2025

EASTER CONCERT
Wednesday 19th March 2025

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 20th March 2025

LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Friday 21st March 2025

PIANO COMPETITION
Tuesday 25th March 2025

ABRSM EXAMINATIONS
Wednesday 26th to Thursday 27th March 2025

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday 27th March 2025

EASTER END OF TERM SERVICES
Monday 31st March & Tuesday 1st April 2025

SKI TRIP LEAVES
Thursday 3rd April 2025

HUMANITIES & GEOGRAPHY SIXTH FORM VISTS LEAVE
Friday 4th April 2025

CURRENT VACANCIES

Teacher of Business
Deadline 28th February 2025

Midday Supervisory Assistant
Deadline 28th February 2025

Assistant Head Teacher - Pastoral
Deadline 4th March 2025

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To keep up to date with our current vacancies please visit our TES page here:



U3A Presentation by Year 13 Students

Article: MR SAMUELS

Date: 4TH FEBRUARY 2025

A small group of Year 13 students with issues and topics relevant to their age group did inspiring talks to the University of the Third Age (U3A). University of the Third Age is an older group in the community interested in life long learning. The topics ranged from how AI will impact all of our lives in the near future to what is like to experience Tourette syndrome. The feedback the students received from the U3A members was fantastic and a big thank you to Nusaybah, Ted, Rubie and Sophia for participating.



Minster Mentors

Our Minster Mentors and Learning Support Mentors continue their work supporting students in lower school. They recently benefited from a workshop on understanding and using emotional intelligence which was delivered by Helen Jebb; a qualified coach.



Cambridge University

In January a group of Year 12 students visited Cambridge University. They spent time finding out what it's like to be a student at our link college Peterhouse. They also engaged with professor- led workshops on STEM and humanities and enjoyed a tour of the beautiful grounds. We have a trip to Oxford University to visit our link college; Magdalen, planned for the 5th March 2025.



Redbridge

Recently our Year 12 Redbridge students engaged with their second masterclass of the year. These included the humanities and social science stream exploring John Rawl's 'Veil of Ignorance' to build a fair and just world. The psychology cohort focused on Weiner's Attribution Theory and Atkinson's theory of Achievement Motivation, investigating if there exists a difference between personality types of elite and non-elite level performers. These masterclasses are deliberately designed to extend the thinking of our students and go beyond the realms of any A Level specification which helps students make successful applications to competitive universities.



Year 10 Geography Trip: Investigating Birmingham's Urban Regeneration

Article: MRS SUMMERS

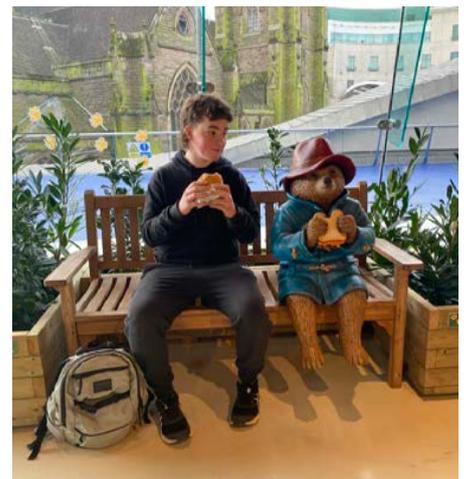
Date: 21ST JANUARY 2025

In January 2025, Year 10 Geography students took part in a field trip to Birmingham to explore evidence of urban regeneration, a key topic for their OCR B GCSE Geography Paper 2. The trip focused on major redevelopment sites, including Brindley Place, The Bull Ring, the Canal district, and New Street, all of which have been transformed in recent years.

As part of their fieldwork, students carried out perception surveys, an environmental quality index, and train surveys to assess the impact of regeneration on the city's economy, infrastructure, and overall environment. These activities provided valuable real-world experience, reinforcing their understanding of urban change and helping to prepare them for their GCSE exams and future careers in urban planning and design.

A quick stop at The Bull Ring allowed students to observe Birmingham's thriving retail sector, highlighting the role of commerce in urban renewal. They even had fun participating in the 'Selfie @Selfridges' photo challenge, whereby Thom was crowned the winning picture pose; well done! Throughout the day, they demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic, making the trip both enjoyable and academically rewarding.

Teachers were incredibly proud of the students' engagement and dedication. The visit not only enhanced their understanding of urban regeneration but also provided vital case study material for their exams. Well done, Year 10!



Year 7 & 8 Careers Fairs

Article: MS TAYLOR

Date: 29TH JANUARY 2025

In January we held our first ever Careers Fairs for Year 7 & 8 students, allowing them to meet professionals from a range of fields and learn about the job roles available in different sectors. The fairs were a great success and we received fantastic feedback from the students as well as the professionals involved who found our students to be polite, engaged and curious about their future options!



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Antigone

Article: MR BROWN

Date: JANUARY 2025

The two casts and crew of our production of Antigone did a first class job of brining this Greek classic to life. Their commitment to all aspects of the production was exceptional. Students not only performed in the production, but designed and operated the lighting and sound as well as stage managing the show. The production ran from the 4th to the 7th February and we thank all those who came to watch for their support.



The Minster School's Eco Group

The Minster School's Eco Group is an initiative group that aims to make a positive impact on the planet as best as we can. On Sunday 19th of January, we went to a plot on Pollard's Lane with the intention of planting as many trees as possible. In the end, we planted over 60 oak trees, which was significantly more than we expected. We did this to reduce the amount of carbon emissions, and each tree takes in 25kg of carbon per year and the average lifespan is 100-300 years. That's a lot of carbon!

Each member of Eco Group expressed they greatly enjoyed the experience and are currently planning for future plantings!



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