

# WEST GRANTHAM UPDATE



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Church of England Secondary Academy

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## Cauldrons, Concerts and a Chinese New Year

It's been another lively fortnight at WGSA, filled with creativity, culture and a few surprises along the way. This week, 99 of our Year 8 and 9 students travelled to the Stamford Corn Exchange to watch Macbeth, and the performance was anything but "fair and foul." The opening scene, with the sudden arrival of the witches, had students gasping, jumping and gripping their seats. A delightfully gruesome Bloody Banquo stole the show, while "mad" Lady Macbeth delivered a spellbinding finale that held the whole theatre silent. By the time the battle scenes arrived, the applause erupted faster than Macbeth's ambition. As always, our students were a credit to the school.

Back at school, our enrichment groups have been threading, stitching and crafting their hearts out. Cross-Stitch Club has been creating individual designs featuring bees, bugs, cacti and more, with some students even making their own bookmarks - a truly novel way to spend an afternoon. Over in Sewcial Club, the sewing machines and fabric scissors have been hard at work producing personalised Valentine's Day gift bags, proving that love can, in fact, be stitched together.

PSHE Day brought music, energy and a message with meaning as students enjoyed a mini concert from NXT CHAPTR, an urban-pop trio from The Message Trust. Their performance blended upbeat tracks with a message of hope, resilience, and positive

choices, encouraging students to think about rewriting their own "next chapters." The group has toured internationally and works with young people across the UK, focusing on topics like wellbeing, identity and staying safe, so it was brilliant to welcome them into school for an inspiring and empowering session.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year in delicious style, with a themed menu featuring sweet and sour dishes, beef in black bean sauce and other favourites. Judging by the number of happy faces leaving the dining hall, it's safe to say the food went down a treat, and no leftovers needed to usher in good fortune. Our geographers have been out exploring again, with 21 Year 11 students heading to Sheffield for a fieldwork trip. They spent time studying the city's landscapes and even stopped by the Botanical Gardens and, thankfully empty, bear pit. The Year 10's football team took to the pitch midweek, earning a determined 1-1 draw against Charles Read Academy. Great teamwork, strong spirit and plenty of cheers from the sidelines. Rounding things off, our Year 11 historians enjoyed a visit to the Globe Theatre, experiencing the world of Shakespeare up close and gaining a deeper appreciation of the texts they've been studying. From witches and workshops to stitches and sweet-and-sour servings, it's been a fantastic fortnight full of creativity, courage and culture. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings.

### A word from... Homework Club

Hello from Homework Club! We're back after half term and ready to help students get on top of their work every Monday and Thursday from 3-4pm. We're a calm, welcoming space where students can settle down, focus, and get things done with support close by whenever they need it. If someone isn't sure where to start, needs a bit of guidance, or just works better with a quiet routine, we're here to make homework feel manageable.

We know evenings can get busy or stressful, so joining us means students can finish tasks before they even go home. We help them stay organised, build confidence, and develop good study habits that make a real difference week by week. Some students come for a little extra encouragement, others for a peaceful place to concentrate, but all of them leave feeling proud of what they've achieved. We'd love to see you there!

## WEEK A - FEBRUARY 23

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Staff Training Day	Staff Training Day	Fitness Gym Library Club STEM Club Dodgeball Sewcial Club	Homework Club Fitness Gym Debate Club Chess Club	Library Club

## WEEK B - MARCH 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Football Clubs, Fitness Gym, Gardening Club, Library Club	Library Club Basketball (Positive Futures) Christian Union Y10 Parents' Evening	Fitness Gym, Library Club, STEM Club, Dodgeball, Sewcial Club Y10 SKDC Skills Summit	Homework Club Fitness Gym Debate Club Chess Club World Book Day	Library Club





