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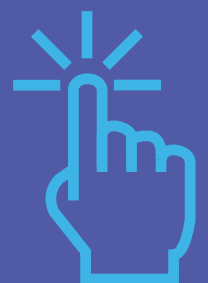
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# SPORT

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# Netball

Despite January's treacherous weather, our KS3 netball teams have remained dedicated! Well done to our Y8 students for securing another victory against Hall Cross and to our Y7 students for showing resilience and determination.

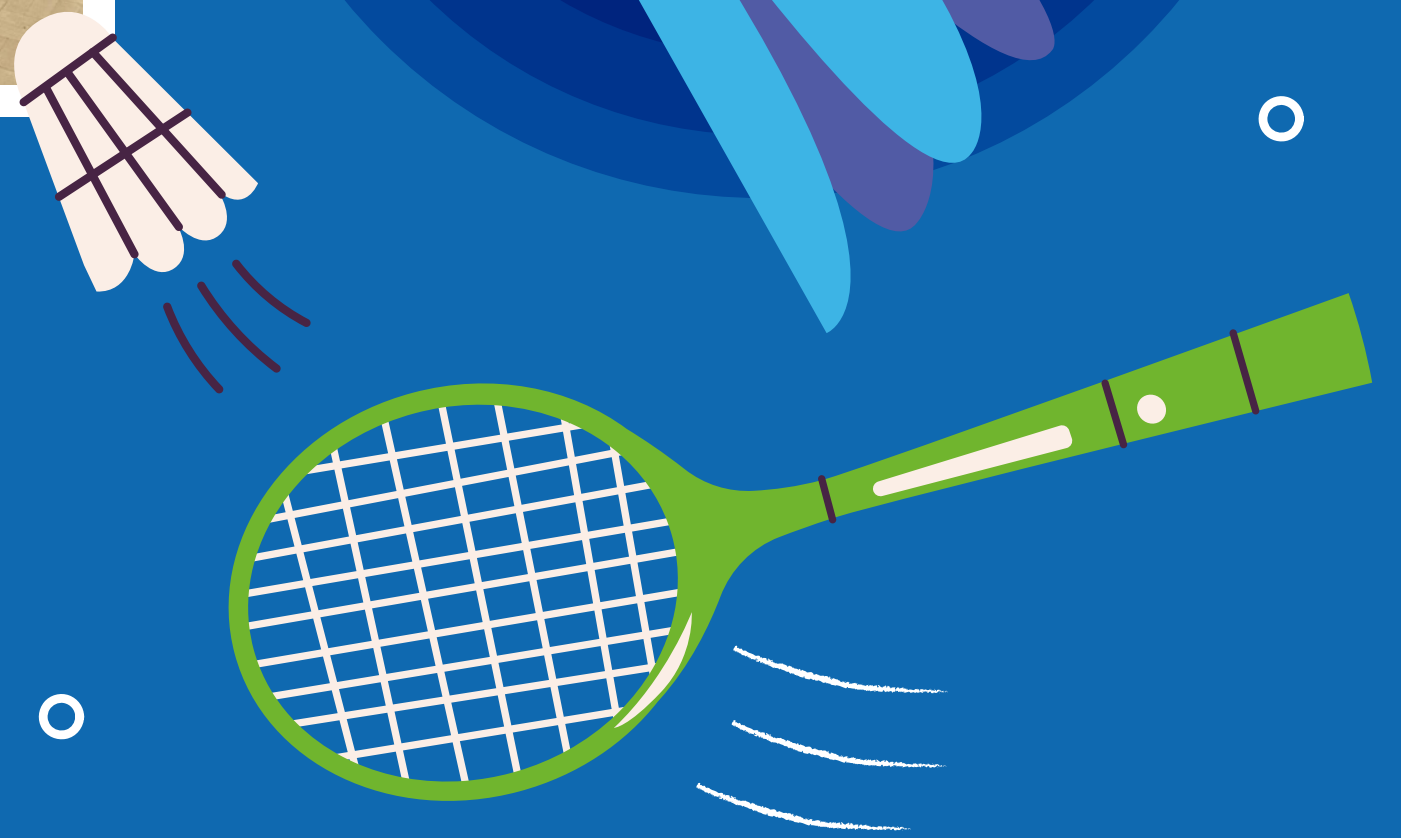
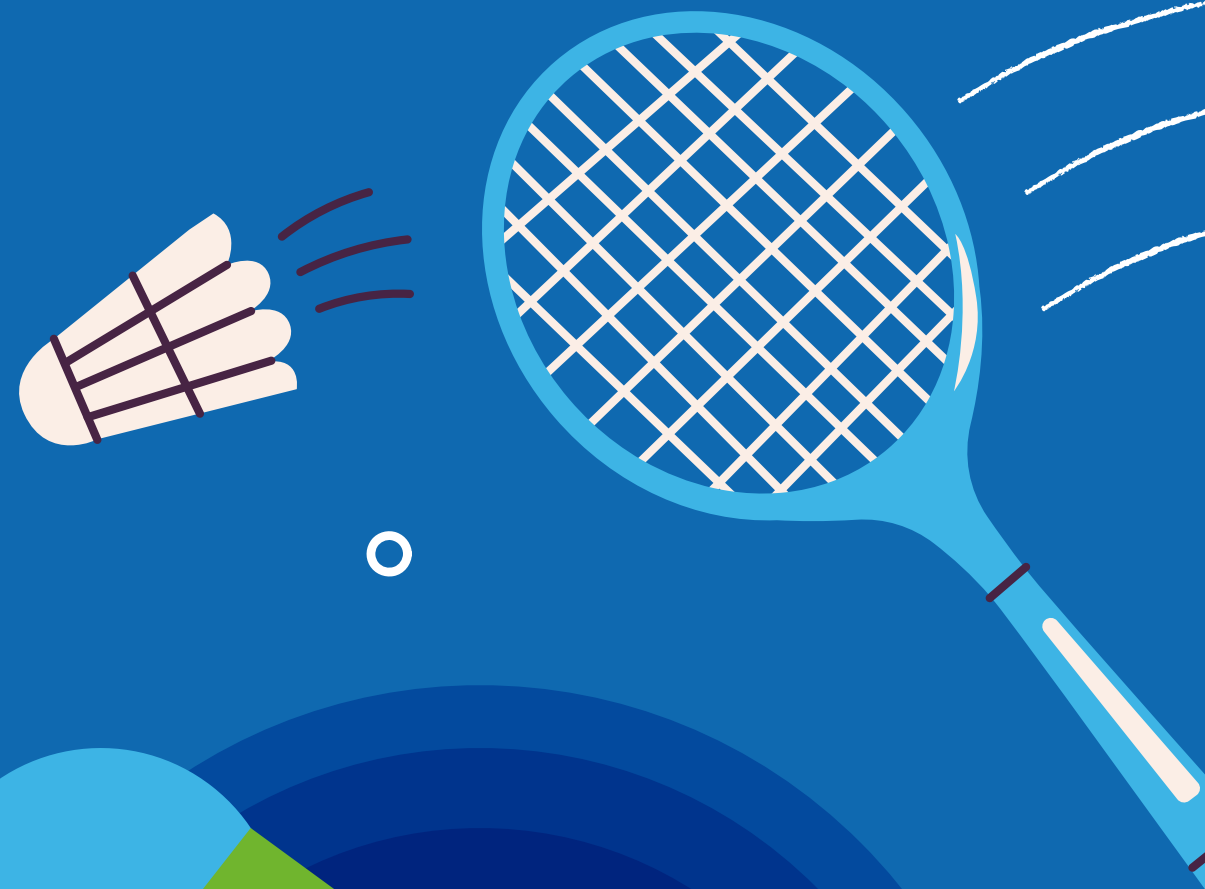
A huge congratulations to our Y9 netball team for competing in the tournament at Hayfield. Their perseverance and teamwork were truly commendable—lots of laughter and seven very smiley faces!



# Badminton



Ridgewood proudly hosted the Badminton Premier League Finals on Thursday, 23 January, welcoming teams from Hayfield, Hungerhill, and Sir Thomas Wharton. A big well done to everyone who participated!



# Football

Our football team put in a fantastic performance in the Doncaster Cup Final against Rossington All Saints Academy, securing a 1-0 victory!

**A brilliant team effort, well done to all!**



# Cricket

Congratulations to our U13 girls' cricket team, which competed at Ponds Forge in the South Yorkshire Finals, finishing third in their group. The team showcased excellent bowling, batting, and fielding skills. #TeamRidgewood





# EVENTS

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# Post-16 Student Finance

# and Apprenticeship Evening

On 28 January, we welcomed over 80 families to our Sixth Form Student Finance and Apprenticeship Evening. Parents heard from expert guest speakers supporting students in planning their next steps after Y13.

For further queries, please contact the P16 learning mentor team through the school website.





# Royal Academy of Art Young

# Artists' Summer Show

Calling all young artists! Entries are now open for the Royal Academy of Art Young Artists' Summer Show. Each student can submit one artwork with no set theme. The best pieces will be selected for an online exhibition, with some displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts. See your art teacher for details.

**Entries close on 5 March 2025.**





# Y11 Macbeth

## Performance

On 29 January, our Y11 students attended a production of Macbeth

— an invaluable opportunity to support their GCSE Literature revision in preparation for their upcoming mock exams.



# Arts International

## Event

In February 2025, Ridgewood School continued its partnership with Arts International, hosting our third transition event for primary feeder schools. Year 5 students from Copley, Scawsby, Richmond, Rosedale, and Barnburgh joined cast members from our Shrek production, working alongside professional performers from Arts International.

The primary school students spent the day learning choreography and songs from our Shrek production before performing at the end of the day.

They also had the chance to engage in a Q&A session with our cast members, learning more about secondary school life.

Our Ridgewood students led the way with enthusiasm and kindness, acting as exceptional role models for the Y5 students. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with Arts International next year!





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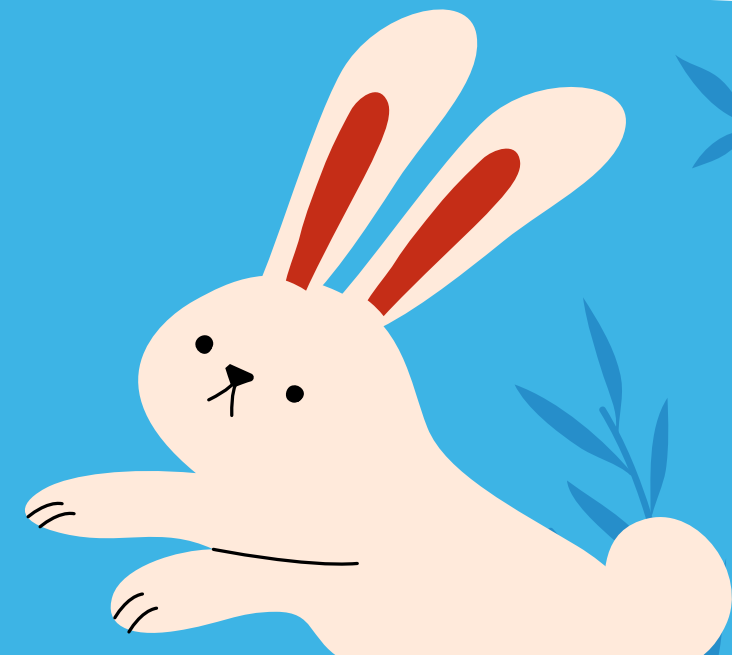


# Chinese

# New Year

# Celebrations

During the week of 27 January, students celebrated Chinese New Year with themed school dinners and an array of cultural artefacts displayed in our library.



# Fundraiser for

# Prostate Cancer UK

A huge shoutout to Will in Y11, who took on the challenge of running 100 miles throughout January to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

**He did an incredible job, and we are all very proud!**



# BEBRAS Computational

## Thinking Challenge

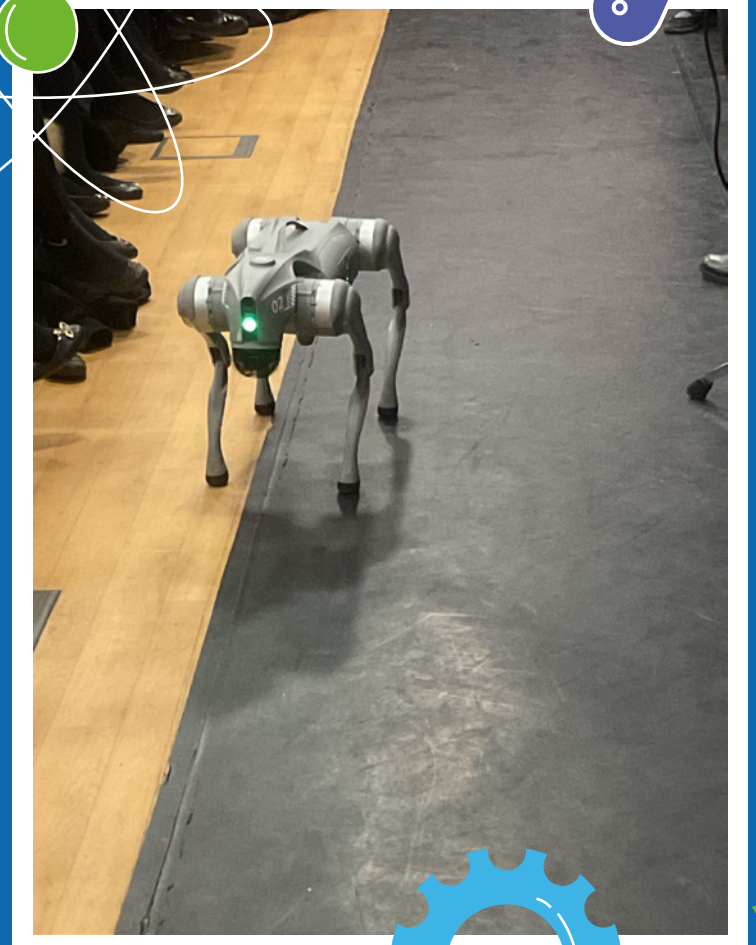
Before Christmas, our Y10, Y11, and Y13 Computer Science students participated in the BEBRAS computational thinking competition. Special congratulations to Domas, Sophie, and James, who earned Gold certificates, placing them in the top 10% nationally!



# STEM Roadshow

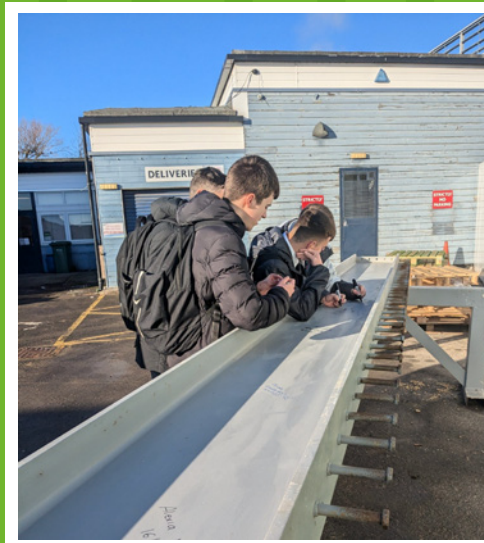
On 23 January, BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy delivered an engaging theatre roadshow to our Y8 students, celebrating STEM across Britain. The roadshow showcased real-world AI applications and emphasised the importance of human skills in maximising the benefits of artificial intelligence. A highlight was the live demonstration of a robot dog!

**Well done to our Y8 students for their fantastic engagement.**



# Construction Students at the Steel Signing Ceremony

Our Construction students and Student Council had the exciting opportunity to participate in the Steel Signing Ceremony for our new school building!



# Y7 Baking Achievements

Our Year 7 students have shown off their baking skills this term! Well done to Alex, Ellie, Ollie, Lilly, and Holden for their delicious scones.





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# STEM Challenge at Magna

On 5 February, some of our Y7 and Y8 students attended the STEM Challenge at Magna, hosted by AMTEK. They designed and planned a mental health and wellbeing space while also exploring the Science Adventure Centre.



# Madrid Trip

Between 3 and 7 February, our students embarked on an exciting trip to Madrid, where they visited the Atletico Madrid stadium, Palacio Real (Royal Palace), and participated in a fantastic treasure hunt!



# Important Dates for Next Half-Term

## Return to School

Monday 24 February

## Y13 Mocks

Monday 24 February  
– Friday 28 February

## Y11 Mocks

Monday 3 March  
– Friday 7 March

## Coastal Fieldwork Trip to Hornsea

Monday 3 March

## Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 6 March

## Bletchley Park Trip

Friday 7 March

## Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20 March

## Y11 'Say Yes to the Dress' Prom Event

Tuesday 25 March

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

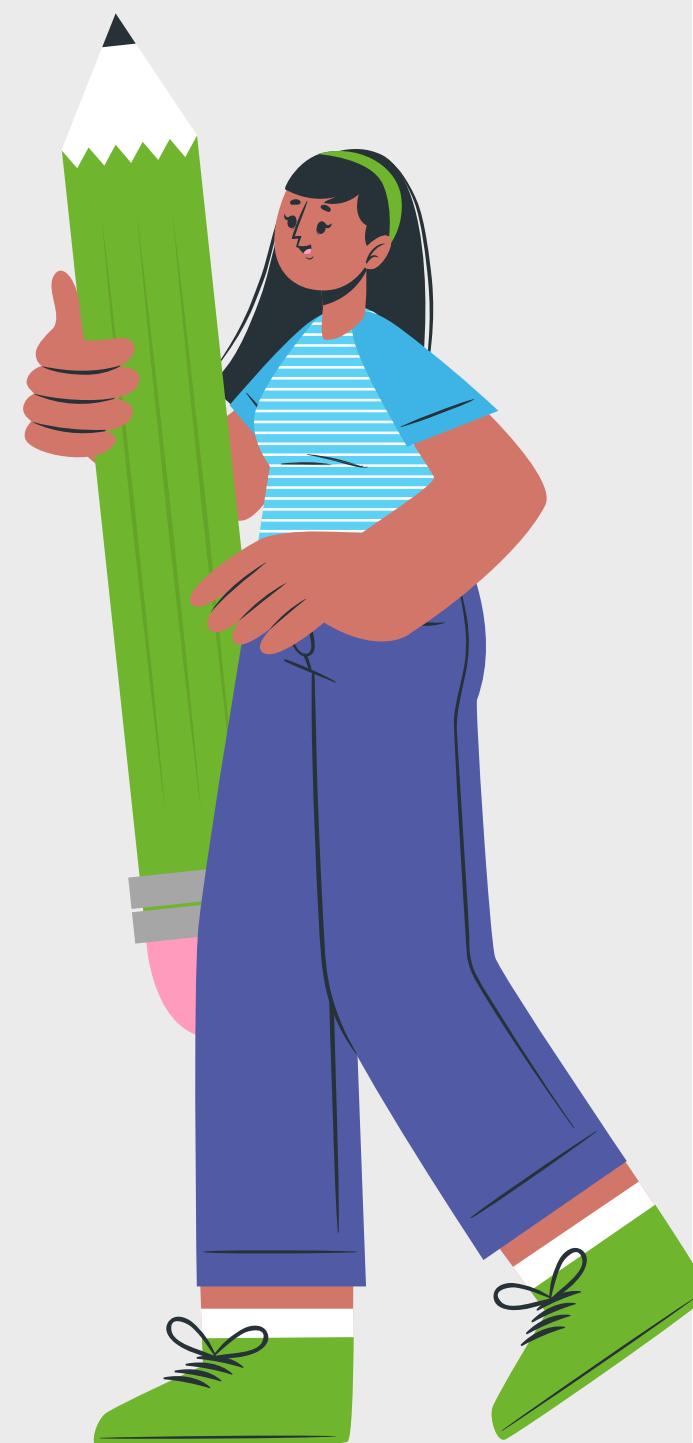
Thursday 27 March

## Break up for Easter

Friday 28 March

## Santa Caterina Ski Trip

Saturday 29 March – Saturday  
5 April





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