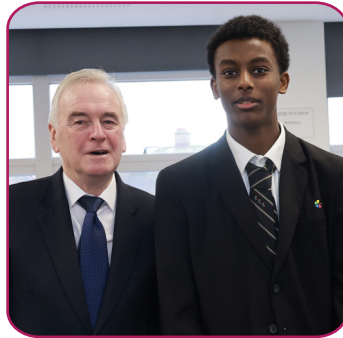


Visit from MP, John McDonnell



On Monday 12th January, we were fortunate enough to be visited by our local MP, The Right Hon. John McDonnell. Mr McDonnell is a longstanding friend of our Trust and of De Salis and has been very giving of his time. So much so, in fact, that he joked, 'I think they're going to give me my own office at De Salis one of these days.' Before Christmas a number of our students had expressed concerns about the increasingly divided world it seems that we live in. Mr McDonnell actually extolled the multicultural values we hold at De Salis and spoke about the need for communities to stick together, protect their most vulnerable members, and not buy into divisive dogma. This ties into our affirmation of values at De Salis: 'In our diversity we are strong; In our strength we are united.' We are grateful to have an MP who genuinely cares about our College and our students.



Inclusion Assembly

Students also attended a senior leadership assembly led by Mr Donning and Mr Burke focused on why inclusion matters and what it truly means to belong at De Salis Studio College. The assembly invited students to reflect on inclusion not as a policy or initiative, but as a shared responsibility that shapes wellbeing, achievement, and the everyday experience of school life.

Drawing on research, inspection expectations, and real examples of inclusive practice, the message was clear: when students feel safe, valued, and understood, they are more able to thrive academically and personally. The assembly challenged students to consider their own role in building a respectful, compassionate community—through kindness, speaking up against exclusion, and embracing difference—while reinforcing the College’s commitment to ensuring every learner has fair access, strong support, and a genuine sense of belonging



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Quote of The Week

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dates for the Diary



January 2026

JANUARY

Tuesday 27th

River Fieldwork Trip - Year 11