

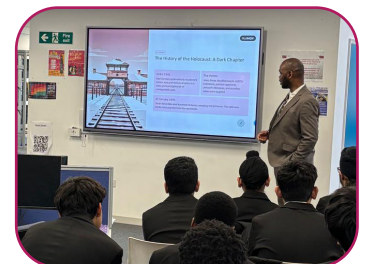
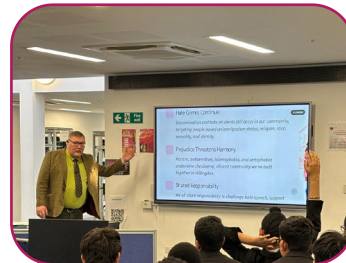
Geography Field Trip

This week, the De Salis Year 11 Geography students carried out fieldwork investigations as part of the Edexcel B specification. These were conducted at two sites on the River Wye, High Wycombe: at Desborough Park (close to the source) and Wooburn Green (near a confluence). The students worked collaboratively to measure stream characteristics such as channel width, depth and velocity. They used the data collected to analyse their impact on flood risk at these sites. A great, hands-on experience which will set them up for great performance in Paper 2 of the GCSE.



Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly

This is an occasion upon which we take pause to reflect upon the divisions caused by prejudice and hatred and commit, as individuals, and as a College, to stand up and speak out against injustice. Our affirmation of values attests to the fact that we are resolute and multicultural and describes this as 'De Salis Style.' Celebrating our small differences and embracing our huge similarities as members of one College, one Trust, one community and one humanity is integral to life at De Salis. As well as lamenting the awful injustices of the past, Holocaust Memorial Day, is an opportunity for us to take pride in our unity and commit to exemplifying our values.



Class of 2025 Graduation

This week, we were delighted to welcome back our Class of 2025 for an evening of celebration when they re-convened at De Salis to be presented with their GCSE certificates. These certificates represent five years of study, and we believe it is only fitting to celebrate each individual's achievement in style. It was particularly good to welcome back those former students who are now pursuing their studies at other schools and to hear how much they miss the atmosphere of De Salis. There is an old saying, "School days are the best days of your life". Our students reflected on the many good times they had shared at De Salis. This cohort have now become Alumni of De Salis and are already looking forward to a reunion in a few years' time.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!





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Date, time and venue

4.15 pm - 6.15 pm
 Wednesday 21 January - Wednesday 4 March 2026
 (Excluding 18th February 2026)

Park Academy West
 London, Park View Rd, Hillingdon UB8 3GA

To book your spot, please call Annmarie on 07949 890749 or email AnnmarieF@familylives.org.uk

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The course will run from 4:15pm to 6:15pm on Wednesdays, starting 21 January 2026 and finishing on 4 March 2026, with no session on 18 February. It will take place online via Microsoft Teams. Visit our website to book your place or for more information and to explore more local courses:

<https://www.desalisstudiocollege.co.uk/latest-news/triple-p-teens-free-6-week-online-course>

Absence Reporting

In the event of your child being unable to attend college, please contact the main reception on number before time. In order for the College to ensure that all students are properly safeguarded, it is important for you to follow this procedure for every day your child is absent. The only exception to this is for extended periods of illness where the period of absence is explained in a note from your child's doctor or hospital. The College is required to account for all absences so please ensure your child brings a letter that verifies the reasons for their absence on their return to college.



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER


We would like to inform parents, guardians and carers about a new guide published by the Children's Commissioner for England. The guide explores the challenges young people face growing up in a digital world and offers practical advice to help families navigate children's everyday online habits. Developed with direct input from children and young people across England, it highlights their desire for firm, informed boundaries around smartphone and internet use, as well as the importance of parents staying engaged and protective when they are concerned about what their child may be viewing online. With schools across the country reporting increasing worries about online safety, this guide aims to support parents, guardians and carers and schools in working together to keep children safe. We encourage all families to read the guide which can be found on our website:

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/childrens-commissioner-a-guide-for-parents-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>

Quote of The Week

"Dream big and dare to fail." — Norman Vaughan

Dates for the Diary



February 2026

FEBRUARY	
Thursday 5th	Yr 10 Unit Assembly with guest Lewis Fogarty
Tuesday 10th	Yr 11 Milton's Cottage Trip