

Valentine's Market Day

This week, the De Salis students demonstrated impressive entrepreneurial talent during the school's Valentine's themed Market Day, held on Wednesday 11th February 2026. The event proved to be a great success, attracting visitors from across the school community, including guests from Hewens Primary.

The market day was designed to give students a practical experience of running a business. By organising and managing their own stalls, students were able to apply key skills such as accounting, marketing and sales in a real-life setting. The event was inclusive and provided all students with the opportunity to showcase their creativity, teamwork and enterprise.



Visitors enjoyed a wide variety of stalls run entirely by the students. These included arts and crafts, delicious sweet treats and traditional foods, all carefully prepared and presented to customers. The vibrant atmosphere created a true market experience and allowed students to engage directly with visitors while promoting their products.

Students expressed great pride in their work and were delighted to see their efforts recognised. Many commented that the experience helped them understand how businesses operate and boosted their confidence in presenting and selling their ideas.



Army Visit

This week, we also welcomed visitors from the Army to the College for an engaging session exploring career opportunities within the armed forces.

During the visit, representatives spoke to students about the wide range of career paths available in the Army, highlighting the different roles, training opportunities and skills that can be developed through a military career.

Students also took part in a fun and interactive team-building activity where they worked together to design and build catapults. The exercise encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and communication, while giving students the chance to apply their creativity in a practical challenge. Students enjoyed testing their designs and seeing how far their catapults could launch.



The visit was both informative and enjoyable, giving students a valuable insight into potential career pathways while developing important teamwork skills.

Overall, the visit provided an inspiring and engaging experience, encouraging students to consider the wide range of opportunities available within the Army.



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.

Car Park Safety Reminder

We kindly ask all parents, guardians and carers to take extra care when entering and leaving the school car park during morning drop off times. Many students use the gates at these times, and their view of approaching vehicles can be limited. Please drive slowly, remain alert, and help us keep everyone safe.

A Youth Vaping Position Statement for London

ADPH London | London Tobacco Alliance

Vaping among children and young people is an increasing concern across London. To help address this, a London-wide Youth Vaping Position Statement has been agreed by London's Directors of Public Health and coordinated by the London Tobacco Alliance. This statement sets out clear, evidence-based messages to protect young people from the harms of vaping and to ensure consistent information is shared across schools, communities and services. Visit our website to watch a short statement of the video: <https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/youth-vaping-information-for-parents-carers-and-guardians>

Enrichment Week - February Half Term

The next Enrichment Week will take place from Monday 16th February through to Thursday 19th February. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and Post-16 will be invited to attend sessions to support them in catching up with their learning. Letters will be sent home to parents, guardians and carers with full details of the intervention classes, activities and catch-up sessions. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

School Lunch and iPAY

Parents, Guardians and Carers are reminded to kindly ensure that their child's iPay account is topped up regularly to allow them to purchase food during lunch and break times.

De Salis offers a wide range of meals and snacks each day, and students use their iPay accounts to pay for these items. Keeping accounts topped up helps ensure that students can access food without undue delay disruption during the College day.

We appreciate your continued support in checking and maintaining your child's iPay balance so that they are able to enjoy their meals and refreshments at College.

If your child receives Free School Meals, please note that this covers a meal at lunchtime only. Any snacks or food purchased during break time will need to be paid for using their iPay account.

Parent/Carer Programmes in Hillingdon
All courses are free and led by qualified and trained practitioners.

	Your Bump and Beyond (YBB) Overview For parents to be, after your first scan. Get ready for parenthood with friendly workshops led by a midwife and the Family Hub team—covering labour, baby care, safer sleep, and more.	Detail In person. 2-hour workshops, over 4 sessions.	How to book Call 01895 279 442 or visit: nh.uk/ annewarrior@nhs.uk
	The Nurturing Programme Overview For parents/carers of children aged 0 to 8 years. Learn practical tips for managing behaviour, using praise, enjoying quality time, and boosting your child's self-esteem.	Detail In person (with crèche) or online Weekly 2-hour sessions over 10 weeks.	How to book Contact your local Family Hub or Children's Centre www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs
	Exploring Parenting Together Overview For parents/carers of children aged 0 to 8 years. Gain tips on behaviour, praise, quality time & self-esteem, through interactive sessions.	Detail Online Weekly 90-minute sessions over 5 weeks.	How to book Contact your local Family Hub or Children's Centre www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs
	Triple P Group Overview For parents/carers of children aged 5 to 11 years. Discover simple, positive parenting strategies to support your child's behaviour, build good habits, and grow your confidence.	Detail In person and online. Weekly 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks.	How to book Contact: Annmarie at Family Lives on 07949 890 749 or email annmarie@familylives.org.uk
	Triple P for Teens Overview For parents/carers of children aged 12 to 16 years. Build strong relationships with your teen while learning to encourage positive behaviour, manage challenges, and offer support through tricky situations.	Detail In person and online. Weekly 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks.	How to book Contact: Annmarie at Family Lives on 07949 890 749 or email annmarie@familylives.org.uk
	Parenting Apart Programme (PAP) Overview Support for parents navigating conflict, separation, or divorce. This programme supports parents to create an agreement that is focused on the child(ren)'s emotional wellbeing. Both parents must agree to join the programme.	Detail In person and online options available. 4-week programme.	How to book Visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families or call 01895 556006.

Quote of The Week

"The time is always right to do what is right." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Dates for the Diary

February 2026

FEBRUARY	
Friday 13th	Break for half term
Monday 16th	Enrichment Week commences
Monday 23rd	Students return to College