# TFA Weekly Newsletter Friday 4th July 2025

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# Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you to all students, families and staff who supported with the TFA Summer Fair last week. From live music performances and the art auction to the many stalls, games and the very popular bungee run, it was wonderful to see so many guests enjoying themselves in the sunshine.

We are also delighted to hear of the successes of the Year 9 and 12 Duke of Edinburgh Award cohort (see right and overleaf for further information and photos).

Next Thursday 10th July from 4.30pm we would love to welcome as many students and families as possible for the Summer Showcase—details are overleaf.

# Highlights this week:

- This week has been another busy one, with Creative Arts week inspiring students to participate in the many activities running each day, from the Graffiti Mural workshop (see the stunning results right) to themed lessons and pop-up performances (below right).
- We also welcomed new incoming year 6 students to the school to take part in an exciting transition day, for workshops in PE, Sociology, English, DT, Maths, Science, Art and French.
- Year 10 really enjoyed Corporate Interview day (see below right), where they dressed in business attire and were given the chance to develop their oracy skills with an external employer from pro-fessional services and accountancy firms.

# Other updates

- Just a reminder that students may wear summer uniform and blazers are optional for the remainder of the term, as long as students are wearing their TFA shirt/ties or TFA branded polo shirts.





Mr Ansell and Mr MacLeod—Co-Headteachers







### Monday 16th June 2025

#### **Training Day for Expedition**

All DofE students attended a training day in preparation for their expedition. This training involved students learning about country code, using a compass & grid reference, 1st aid, how to pitch a tent, packing their equipment, expedition food and how to use a Trangia.

#### Tuesday 17th June 2025

#### **Practice Day Expedition**

Students successfully completed their practice walk as part of their preparation for their assessed DofE Bronze award. Throughout their walk, they demonstrated key expedition skills, collaborated effectively as a team, and showed impressive resilience in solving challenges along the way. This valuable experience equipped them with confidence and readiness to undertake their assessed expedition successfully.

# Thursday 19th June-Friday 20th June 2025 Assessed Bronze Expedition for Year 12s

# Thursday 26th June -Friday 27th June 2025 Assessed Bronze Expedition for Year 9s

Students successfully completed their DofE Bronze award by working effectively in teams to complete their trails, demonstrating strong problem solving, communication and resilience skills. Throughout the expedition students motivated one another, maintained high morale and built new friendships through active engagement and collaboration. Students truly embraced the spirit of the DofE award by delving into selfsufficiency and personal development, which lies at the heart of the programme. All participants represented the school admirably, with many emphasising how much they had enjoyed the experience and expressed enthusiasm to pursue the silver award in the future.





























