

MWA Good News

Monkton Wood Academy

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Celebrating the students of MWA

Here at MWA, we try to share our students' successes and achievements on our social media pages. However, we know that not everyone in our community is a social media user. So we plan to share a summary of our good news stories in a regular newsletter as well. In this edition:

Prom 2026

Celebrating the Class of 2026 at our Prom,
held at Old Oak Farm

Art Exhibition

Appreciating the creativity of our students in
our annual Art Exhibition

New York trip

Seeing the world, with a visit to New York City
with the Art Department

Duke of Edinburgh

Demonstrating grit and team work in our
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions



Class of 2026

Monkton Wood Academy's annual prom brought together more than 220 students at Old Oak Farm in Curry Rivel to celebrate the end of their school journey. The event recognised students' achievements and provided an opportunity to create lasting memories with friends before moving on to the next stage of their lives.

Students enjoyed a range of food, including pizza, burgers and hot dogs, followed by ice cream or sorbet. Entertainment included a DJ, casino tables, a magic mirror photo booth, a photographer and a World Cup football viewing area. Outdoor games and photo opportunities added to the celebrations.



New
York
City

Art Trip to NYC



Thirty Year 10 art students from Monkton Wood Academy travelled to New York City during half term for a week of art, culture and personal development



The group took part in a graffiti workshop, explored street art, and visited world-famous museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and MoMA



Students gained confidence and independence through new experiences, while also visiting iconic landmarks such as the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge and the High Line



Duke of Edinburgh

Sixty-six Monkton Wood Academy Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) students took on the challenge of their qualifying expedition in the beautiful – but testing – Quantock Hills

The first evening brought some particularly tough weather conditions, pushing everyone out of their comfort zones.

Despite this early challenge, the students showed remarkable resilience, teamwork and determination, supporting one another and adapting brilliantly to the situation.



We are incredibly proud of how our students responded to the challenges they faced during their expedition.

The difficult weather conditions tested their resilience and teamwork from the outset, but they rose to the occasion with maturity, determination and a positive attitude.

The experience has helped them develop valuable life skills and demonstrated exactly what the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is all about.



Art Exhibition

Monkton Wood Academy's Year 11 Art Exhibition celebrated two years of students' artistic development, showcasing a wide variety of work including painting, drawing, sculpture, lino printing and photography.

More than 100 guests attended the opening evening, where families, staff and community members viewed the impressive collection and recognised students' achievements.

Throughout the week, Year 7 and 8 students visited the exhibition, analysing artwork and drawing inspiration from older students' success. The exhibition highlighted creativity, technical skill and personal expression, while strengthening engagement between students, families and the wider school community



For all our good news stories, follow us on social media:



Our FB page is for our parents and community. Instagram is aimed at our students (over 13s only).

