



Weekly Bulletin 20th February 2026

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March marks **Women's History Month**, a time to celebrate the courage, vision and determination of women who have shaped our world. It's also a powerful reminder of the importance of education in unlocking opportunity for all. When girls learn, doors open. Confidence grows. And those "glass ceilings" that once felt unbreakable suddenly start to crack.

At The Rural Enterprise Academy, we believe deeply in the **transformational power of learning**. Education doesn't just change futures — it expands them. It enables every young person, especially our girls and young women, to step boldly into the world with the skills, ambition, and self-belief they need to thrive.

This month, we are particularly proud to reflect on the strength and determination shown by our own students. As we approach the end of the year, it is wonderful to see that **all but one of**

our Year 11 students are now in education, employment, or training. This is an exceptional achievement and a testament to their hard work, resilience, and clear sense of purpose.

Women's History Month reminds us that progress is built through learning, opportunity, and empowerment — all things our students live and breathe every day. We look forward to celebrating their achievements, championing their aspirations, and continuing the work of ensuring every young person has the chance to shape their own future.

Key Dates



23rd February - school reopens

23rd February - Year 11 (selected) mocks this week

25th February Y9 MenAcwy/TdIPV boosters

19th March - Year 9 Parents Evening & Next Steps

24th March - 2026 KS4 APDR Meetings

26th March - 2026 KS3 APDR Meetings

Vocational Curriculum Update



It has been a busy and productive few weeks across our vocational subjects. Our Year 11 students have now completed and submitted all their coursework for the BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise, and have also sat their final qualification exam. A huge well done to them — many coursework units have been produced to an excellent standard, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for similarly strong exam results. Students studying the BTEC Tech Award in Sport have also reached the same important milestone, completing all coursework and their final external assessment.

In our other vocational pathways — Animal Care, Creative iMedia, and Engineering — Year 11 learners are currently applying the finishing touches to their final coursework units while preparing for their upcoming summer exam series.

Year 10 students are also approaching a key point in their qualifications as they prepare to submit their first completed coursework unit. This represents their initial contribution to the overall grade they will receive in Year 11, marking an important step in their vocational journey.

Elsewhere in Key Stage 3, students have been engaging with a wide range of practical and creative learning. In Computing, classes have been exploring binary, website development, and Scratch block coding. In Countryside, Year 9 learners have been studying countryside management. Meanwhile, in PE, students have recently transitioned from dodgeball to focusing on badminton and developing their sports leadership skills.

Enrichment



Our second ten-week Enrichment block concluded just before the February half-term, and it has been fantastic to see such impressive progress and engagement across all groups.

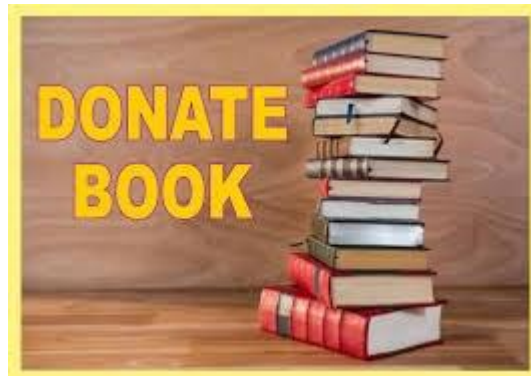
Students involved in Debating have shown significant development in their confidence and clarity when presenting information. They have worked hard on researching topics, structuring their arguments, and—equally importantly—actively listening to and evaluating opposing viewpoints.

In Animal Care, learners have thoroughly enjoyed exploring species from around the world and discovering how different animals are looked after in a range of environments. This has been a real highlight for many students.

Our Sports enrichment groups have also had a remarkable block, with strong achievements across running, netball, and football. A particular congratulations goes to Tom Gilliver, who proudly represented both the school and the county at the County Cross Country Championships. We also saw our Year 7 and 8 students compete in the school's first football fixture in almost seven years — a milestone moment that we hope marks the beginning of regular fixtures and further successes. Well done to all involved.

Looking ahead, new enrichment groups have now been assigned and will begin on Friday 27th February. We're excited to see what the next block brings.

Bring a Book, Make a Difference – This Is My Place



During the week, we are inviting students and families to take part in our Donate a Book for Belonging drive.

We need new or good pre-loved, age-appropriate books to help us get ready for our new library launch in March 2026.

These new books will help create a fresh, exciting space that students will want to use and feel proud of.

Students can bring a new book to their tutor on any day next week.

Every donation will go straight into the library when it opens, helping us build a place where every young person feels,

"This is my place, Bring a Book, Make a Difference"