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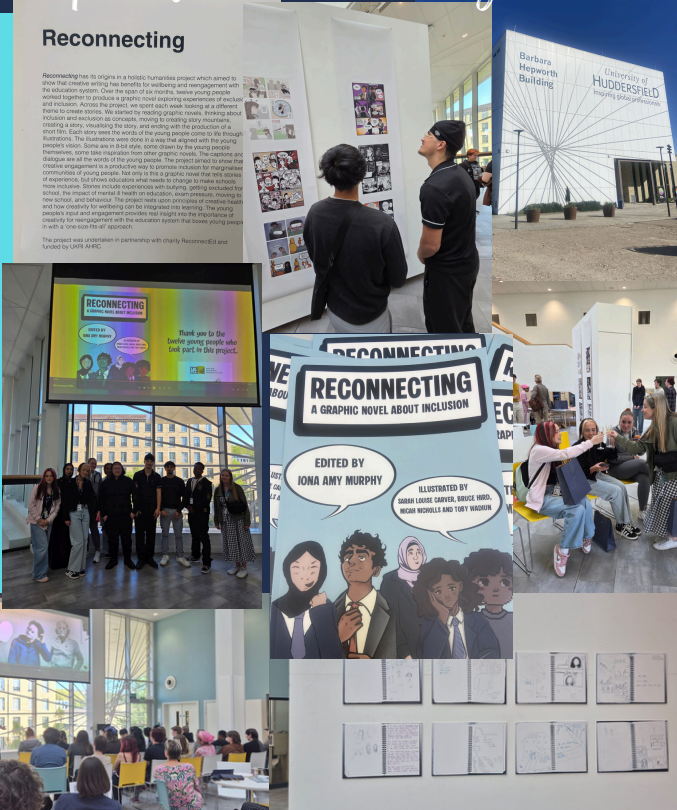
Longley Park  
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

## Making a Difference: T2F Student Joins Inspiring Inclusion Project

Students from our T2F programme recently took part in an inspiring inclusion project that culminated in a visit to the University of Huddersfield, where their work was showcased to an audience of academics and special guests from ReconnectedEd.

The event featured a powerful mini film alongside the launch of a graphic novel that our students helped to create, drawing on their own experiences, ideas, and voices. Presenting in such a professional setting was a significant moment, and our students were truly the stars of the show, speaking with confidence and pride about their work.

For many, this experience took them beyond their comfort zone, but they rose to the occasion brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of their contribution and the way they represented the academy.



## Mental Health Awareness Month - Taking Action Together



This year's Mental Health Awareness Month focused on the theme of Action, encouraging us all to take practical steps to support our own mental health and that of others. Across the Sixth Form, students and staff were encouraged to get involved in **Wear It Green Day** on Thursday by wearing or pinning something green. This simple act helped to raise awareness, spark important conversations, and show visible support for mental health throughout our community.

In addition to this, we also hosted a range of events and activities across the week designed to promote wellbeing, encourage open discussion, and highlight the importance of taking small, positive actions to support mental health every day.

It was fantastic to see so many students taking part and engaging so positively with the week's activities.



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## One Week to Go: Students Step Up for Maths Revision Day

Our GCSE Maths students recently took part in a focused revision day, working through a carousel of activities designed to strengthen key skills and boost confidence ahead of their exams. With the first paper just a week away, it was great to see students fully engaged and putting in the effort to prepare. We wish them all the best as they head into exam season.



## Building Brands & Bright Futures: Cyber Students Visit Aviva

Our Year 12 T Level Digital Support Services (Cyber) students recently completed the third of their ten planned visits to the Aviva Sheffield office. This session focused on the importance of branding, exploring both how businesses build strong brand identities and how individuals can develop their own personal brand. Students gained valuable insights into preparing for interviews and learned practical strategies for making a positive and lasting impression. They also examined what makes Aviva a successful and trusted brand, including the measures taken to protect its identity from misuse by other organisations or individuals



## From Classroom to Cutting-Edge Labs: Physics in Action at Sheffield Hallam

Last week, both our first- and second-year A Level Physics students visited the research laboratories at Sheffield Hallam University to carry out a series of practical investigations as part of their CPAC (Common Practical Assessment Criteria) requirements. During the visit, learners had the opportunity to work with advanced machinery and specialist equipment, allowing them to experience how Physics is applied in real-world research settings. This hands-on experience not only supported their assessment work but also helped to deepen their understanding of key concepts and inspired them to see the subject beyond the classroom.



## From Vintage to Virtual: Exploring Media at the National Science and Media Museum

Our Level 2 ICT and T Level Digital Support and Security students enjoyed an inspiring trip to the National Science and Media Museum, where they explored a range of interactive galleries charting the evolution of technology and media over the past century. Through hands-on sound and vision activities, learners engaged directly with the principles behind modern media, while also discovering fascinating artefacts from the last 100 years. A highlight of the visit for many was their first experience of an IMAX screening, where a towering 52ft screen, cutting-edge digital projection, and comfortable seating combined to create a truly immersive 3D cinematic experience.



## Innovation in Action: IT Students Pitch the Future of Technology

Over the course of two days, our 40 IT students proudly presented and pitched their innovative enterprise ideas as part of their project assessment. Led by our IT Teacher Farhan, the event also welcomed guest appearances from other college staff members who supported the presentations as part of an audience panel, alongside our Year 1 students. The presentations demonstrated impressive creativity, confidence, and professionalism, with all students successfully meeting the project brief. Their ideas covered a wide range of exciting concepts, including E-Waste removal services, immersive chat and video streaming platforms, and Focus Flow – an app designed to support workflow, revision, and mental wellbeing. It was fantastic to see such entrepreneurial thinking and creative flair showcased across the event.



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Dates for  
your Diary



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Break

SUMMER EXAM  
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