



23 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Network Rail - Friday 27 March

As part of our Year of Opportunities programme, we are delighted to inform you that Year 8 students will be taking part in a workshop with Network Rail on Friday 27 March.

In this exciting session, students will be challenged to reimagine what a modern train station could look like. Working collaboratively from a creative brief, they will design an inclusive and accessible station that meets the diverse needs of all passengers.

Throughout the workshop, students will develop key skills including:

Speaking – articulating ideas clearly and confidently

Problem Solving – navigating complex challenges

Creativity – thinking innovatively to design imaginative solutions

A key element of the workshop will be a simulated “difficult conversation” with stakeholders affected by the new station. Students will need to listen carefully, negotiate thoughtfully, and adapt their designs to address real-world concerns. This activity will help them understand the importance of compromise and collaboration.

At the end of the session, students will present their final station concepts, showcase their original ideas and explain how they have responded to accessibility requirements and stakeholder feedback.

In addition to developing essential employability skills, the programme will introduce students to a range of exciting career pathways within the rail industry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sian Haycock

Head of Year 7 & 8

