



# SMSC Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The development of SMSC is a core value and aim of our school. We are excited to promote and develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural issues and, as part of this, I will be creating regular newsletters to inform you of some of the work we will have completed. As a school, we encourage families to be involved in all aspects of your children's learning and we appreciate the support you provide for many of the extra-curricular activities we organise. Further information on our SMSC provision may be found on the website and you can also contact the school, should you have any further enquiries. In this first newsletter, I have included a copy of our Vision Statement for SMSC, some pictures from last year's events and work and also some forthcoming dates for your diaries. I hope your child will look forward to the exciting activities we have planned for this year and I wish all pupils a fantastic and successful academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Graper - Senior Leader SMSC



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## Vision Statement

At University Academy Holbeach we recognise that the role of a school is greater than just the academic education of our pupils. As our aims and objectives state, we aim to develop well-adjusted, balanced individuals, who respect themselves and others. UAH recognises that SMSC plays a crucial role in the development of the young people who attend our school and we aim to support them as they take their place in the community as local, national and global citizens. We actively promote positive, inclusive values. These include the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those of different faith and beliefs. We believe these values are those expected of anyone living in Britain, regardless of their nationality, culture or religious belief. We place emphasis on building positive relationships in school and we believe our values should be embedded into school life, in everything that we do. The curriculum at UAH promotes pupils' Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development and opportunities for reflection are provided through assemblies, the school's curriculum, tutor time and off-site visits to places of religious, spiritual and cultural significance. We also aim to provide opportunities for pupils to experience awe and wonder and our objective is for pupils to be engaged and excited by their learning. Opportunities are taken to explore ethical issues and identify different frameworks for making moral decisions. There are many ways in which the student voice is referred to and this is a key part of the pupils' social development.

## Donations for Holbeach Food Bank, 2021



### Chinese New Year

The Academy held a week of celebrations for Chinese New Year and Chamber Choir rehearsed and recorded a song as part of this, which you can listen to from this QR code!



## Fundraising and Charity

Last year, the Academy raised over £2500 for charity, with many worthwhile causes being supported. These included The Royal British Legion, Children in Need, Comic Relief, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, NSPCC, The Children's Society, Holbeach Food Bank and Boxes for Hope Ukraine Appeal. We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work and kind donations people gave and we hope to replicate this generosity this year.

During Term One, we focus our charitable support on our country and some of the worthwhile causes we will be contributing to will include the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and, at the start of next month, Harvest.

Whilst these appeals have already been planned, we encourage pupils to approach us if they have causes which they would like us to support and we are eager to enable our pupils to develop their own fundraising, if they are keen to do so.

As part of our exploration of different faiths and their history, we took time to commemorate and pay our respects on Holocaust Memorial Day. Pupils were invited to write messages of peace, which were then combined to create a flame, the symbol of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.



### Forthcoming Dates

- ◇ **Harvest** - 3rd - 7th October. Tutor groups will be invited to create gift boxes with non-perishable food items. Celebration assemblies will be held throughout the week. There will also be a Photography competition and other activities in school.
- ◇ **Black History Month** - We will be exploring this throughout the month of October. Pupils may have activities based on this in some of their lessons and there will also be themed assemblies and a quiz competition. We will also be inviting pupils to create art work based on Black History and look out for Chamber Choir's latest recording of a song on this theme.
- ◇ **Diwali** - In advance of Diwali, which is on 24th October, we will be holding a series of events to learn and explore this Hindu festival.
- ◇ **Remembrance** - Poppies and other RBL items will be available for purchase in school. We will also be holding special assemblies and the main window will be decorated in commemoration.
- ◇ **Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need** - We will be holding an "Odd Socks Day" on Monday 14th November, in order to show that we stand up against bullying at UAH. There will also be a Tutor Group poster competition for Y7 and 8. On Friday 18th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day, along with other activities, in order to raise money for Children In Need.



### Shoebox Appeal

We will also be collecting donations for the Rotary Club of South Holland's Shoebox Appeal, which will take place just after Half Term.