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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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# Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupils have been very busy this week delivering assemblies and raising money for the Air Ambulance.

## Assemblies

Our focus this week has been on Equality and our year assemblies have been presented by pupils in tutor group C. The topics that have been covered have varied from the gender pay gap to pandas and the history of music. I should like to commend everyone who contributed and particularly those who were presented on the day.

## Year 11 Saturday School

Well done to the Year 11 learners who took full advantage of the Maths Saturday School. This week we have English from 9am to 12pm. Pupils should remember to bring refreshments.

## External Visits

Various trips took place this week with visits to the Law Courts in Lincoln, Lincoln Bishop University for English and a Careers Fayre for Health and Social Care.

## Air Ambulance

I should like to congratulate the Business learners who are busy raising money for the Air Ambulance. They have made an excellent start and can take pride in their creativity and determination.

## Year 7-10 Progress Test Week

Year 7-10 will undertake their Progress Tests starting Monday November 24th, hence the importance of being in school and the need for revision to ensure the best outcomes.

## Cold Weather

Winter is finally upon us. A little reminder of the importance of pupils arriving to school with appropriate outdoor clothing as we enjoy the cooler weather.

Wishing everyone a warm and restful weekend.



**S. Paige**

## Theme of the Week

**Protected Characteristics**

**– Celebrating Equality at UAH**

**“We are greater than, and greater for, the sum of us.” – Heather McGhee**

## FORTHCOMING DATES

Careers Fair  
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Y11 Mock Exams  
- **W/B Monday 1st December**

Christingle  
- **Friday 5th December**

Christmas Concert  
- **Tuesday 9th December**

Christmas Dinner  
- **Wednesday 10th December**

## Attendance Target:

**97%**

**7J – 97.5%**

**8F – 89%**

**9C – 97.4%**

**10E – 97.7%**

**11C – 97.1%**



# UAH Support Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Spalding  
**Rotary**  
Club



The Academy was, once again, pleased to support the Rotary's Shoebox Appeal this year. This appeal asks for people to make up a gift box of toys and gifts for a child in need. The items can be preloved and we are reminded to not include items which may be of a sensitive nature, such as those which may be linked to warfare.

Each tutor group in school was provided with a box and they were then invited to work as a team to decide on the age of the child for whom they wanted to create a gift and then plan and source the gifts for that child.

The appeal was really successful with lots of very generous donations and many tutor groups also spent time and effort on designing the look of their gift box, making it even more appealing for the recipient to receive.

It is an important part of pupils' personal development that they are encouraged to think of others and to understand the value of doing things for charity, both through giving of items, but also the giving of time. We were incredibly proud of all the pupils who were involved in this activity, which will make a real difference to the lives of young people in very difficult circumstances.

We would like to extend our thanks to all families who supported this appeal as well and to the tutors, who worked with their tutor groups on the project. Alan Rumsey, Spalding Rotary Club representative, who sourced all the boxes and collected them, was incredibly impressed with the generosity and time spent by pupils.



# Health and Social Care Trip to Careers Fayre

Health & Social Care took pupils from Year 10 & 12 to The Engine Shed in Lincoln for an annual Health Careers Fayre. The Fayre featured lots of healthcare provisions which the pupils were able to explore. The students also had the opportunity to attend a midwifery and medicine seminar, which explored the wealth of opportunities on offer within the health sector.

Pupils participated in practical activities, including CPR, operating breathing resources and exploring how the electrical machinery works within health (heart rate machinery).

Students demonstrated exceptional behaviour throughout the day and it was really rewarding for everyone involved.







# Young Carers at UAH

A Young Carer can be defined as:

**A person under 18, who provides regular emotional or practical support to a family member or friend who is ill, disabled, or has a long-term health condition, mental health problem or drug or alcohol problem.**

Being a Young Carer can have a big impact on things that are important to growing up, including managing school work and being able to socialise with peers.

It is important for us to identify and keep a record of all the Young Carers in school. We can provide a range of different supports for them and we are also able to signpost to other information and guidance provisions for them. Miss Graper is the Young Carer Lead in school and is available to work with all Young Carers, should they require support.

If you think your child is a Young Carer, please complete the form on this link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/mkHbcXTdYu>

UAH runs a Young Carers Group, which meets every Tuesday lunchtime in the Glasshouse. The group, which includes Young Carers and their supporters, takes part in lots of different activities and also explores what it feels like to be a Young Carer.



The group is currently working on Christmas decorations for a Christmas Tree they have been invited to decorate at All Saints' Church, Holbeach.

# Notes from the Glasshouse

The Academy's Glasshouse turned 19 years old this week and it is once again a hive of activity, with Young Carers, Eco Team, School Council and Gardening Club meeting there every week.

## Eco Team

Eco Team is working on it's Eco Schools application this year and, during November, pupils have been learning and thinking about Hedgehogs. This week, the team began building a Hedgehog home in our Nature Area and we look forward to next week, when Student Leader, Millie Osborne, will be leading a session on what else we can do to look after hedgehogs. We were very grateful to the Construction department, who donated the bricks!



## Gardening Club

Gardening Club has been experimenting with lots of different seeds and seeing whether we can grow any of them at the moment, even though it is rather cold!

Pupils have also planted bulbs in the Nature Area and Onions and Garlic in the Glasshouse and more bulbs in raised bed planters outside the 6<sup>th</sup> Form block. These bulbs, and advice on how to plant them, was given by Taylor's Bulbs, to whom we are most grateful.



**Taylor's**  
BULBS  
QUALITY ASSURED SINCE 1919

# Year 11 Saturday School Interventions

Following on from the letter sent by Mr. Williams, we would like to remind Year 11 families that the following Saturday Schools are remaining for this term:

**English** - 22nd November

**Science** - 29th November

Sessions run from 9am-12noon.

Attendance must be confirmed from the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/js91EbC5ah>





# Pupil Awards

## Mathematician of the Week

Amber M

Lilly W

Teddy-Jay B

Robert S

Kaya B

Ioana C

Harry B

Theo K

Maci C

Sophie M



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## English Stars of the Week

Rocco D

Casey H-W

Levi W

Mai R

Megan S

Arnas D

Riley N

Rosie C

Mackenzie C

Jaycee C

Isobel B

Tayo O

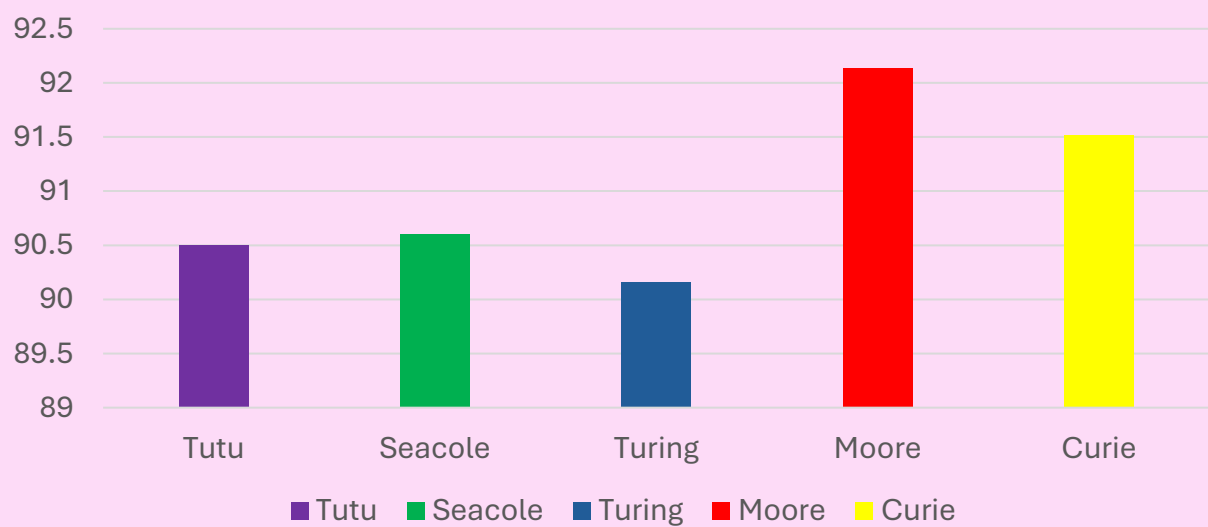


# House News

## House Attendance

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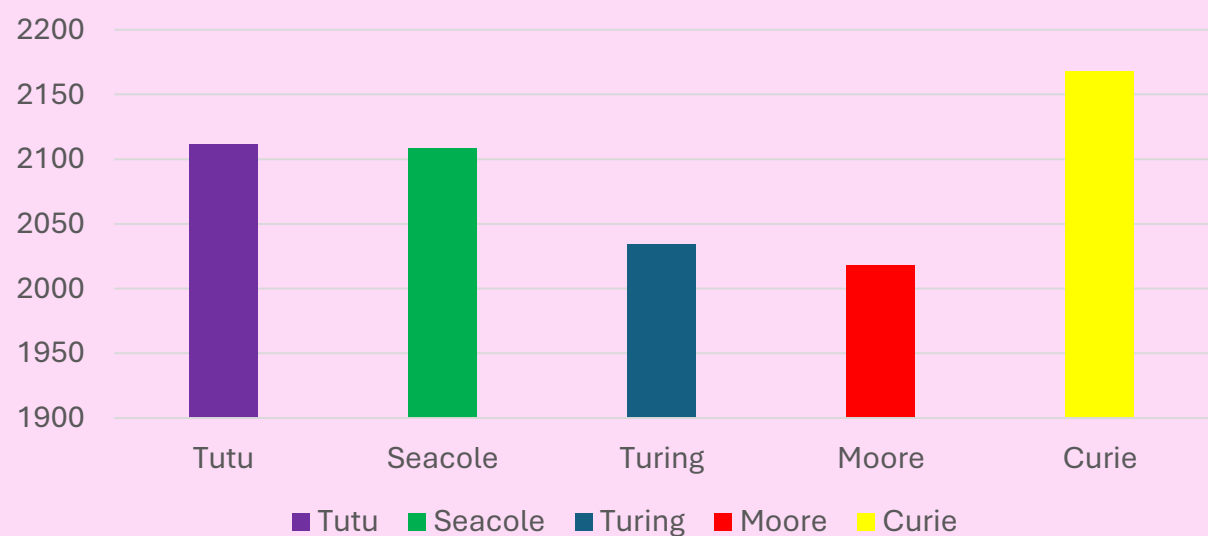
Attendance



## House Attendance

Curie

Praise Points



# 6th Form News



Pupils studying BTEC Sports have been very busy working on individual sports and analysing video evidence to look at the performance skills required. They have also been starting to plan coaching session looking at isolated drills and how they progress into conditional games and then into a competitive game. A wonderful part of the BTEC course is the opportunity to complete a research project based on their own interests and there are a variety of interesting topics being considered, from how routines affect sport performance to looking at how effective communication affects teamwork.



# Level 2 Bricklaying Learners Showcase Their Skills

Nine weeks into their course at UAH and our Level 2 learners are already producing incredible work. This week, they took on a decorative wall build, featuring **Rustic quoin corner** details and a **basket-weave decorative panel** — a design created collaboratively by both learners and teachers.

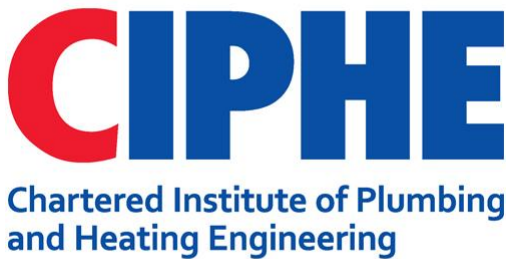
The results - **Craftsmanship, creativity and teamwork.** From setting out, to finishing touches, the learners demonstrated growing confidence and real pride in their developing trade skills.



# CIPHE Learner of the Year Award

Matthew Oddie was awarded the CIPHE 2025 Learner of the Year award. Matthew is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentice and has flourished throughout his plumbing apprenticeship with M. Yould and Sons Plumbing and Heating. Matthew always has a positive attitude to his work and the plumbing industry.

Founded in 1906, the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE) is the professional body for the UK plumbing and heating industry. The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE) is a membership body for those involved in all aspects of the plumbing and heating industry. The CIPHE has members worldwide and is the only chartered, professional body for the UK plumbing and heating sector.



**University Academy  
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training centre.**





# Nominations for South Holland Business Awards 2025

A number of students from the Academy were nominated for the Young Achiever of the Year Award at the South Holland Business Awards, which took place on Thursday night at Springfields Events Centre. The awards are organised by Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, with the Academy sponsoring this award.

Those nominated demonstrate a proven commitment to continued personal development, may have contributed significantly to a business and provided added value and will have demonstrated a high level of skills and commitment and ambition to their chosen field.

Edward K, Jacob R, Harry F, Ben O and Tilly D all received nominations and, whilst none were awarded the top prize, they should all feel extremely proud to have been recognised for nomination.



**Lincolnshire**  
Chamber of  
Commerce