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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and learners,

I should like to let you know that, after 28 years at the school, I have taken the decision to retire at the end of the academic year.

University Academy Holbeach is a wonderful school and is so unique. Its uniqueness is not solely about the facilities and the curriculum but also the people who are in it and who support it. It is the staff and the pupils who make it such a special place to be and the reason I enjoy coming to work each day.

This is such a welcoming school and being amongst the pupils and being in the classroom remain the most enjoyable elements of my role. It has been a great privilege and an honour to have worked at the school and to have been a part of its growth and success. My greatest joy has been to watch pupils arrive in Year 7 and to see them develop into young adults who are driven and well-mannered.

Many of you will recall George Farmer, when I joined in 1998 there were fewer than 500 pupils and what is now the staff car park was the main yard. Indeed, I have taught many of you and it brings me great pleasure to meet your children who often tell me that I used to teach their mum or dad either French or Spanish. That said, I cannot deny that being asked 'do you know my grandad' did come as a bit of a shock!

My energy and my love of teaching and being with young people has not diminished, but the time has come to accept that the retirement threshold is upon me. While leading a large secondary school is challenging and demands a lot of hard work, it is the outcomes of our learners and the support of parents and carers to ensure they are doing the best by their children that brings the greatest reward.

I will miss so many things about the school including my chats on the yard about anything from football to music. I should like to thank pupils past and present for all the plays and concerts that I have enjoyed over the years and for their kindness and thoughtfulness whenever I have lost my voice!

The process of appointing a new Principal will start immediately ready for September. I know that whoever is fortunate to be appointed will be warmly welcomed and that pupils will uphold the expectations of trying to do their best at all times.

I wish everyone all the very best for the future.

Yours Faithfully



Miss Paige



Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer

Basketball - I should like to start by congratulating the Year 7 basketball team who have reached the final of their tournament. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and energy during their fixture on Thursday. We wish them all the best in the final. Well done also to the Year 8 basketball team who played in local tournaments this week.

Tutor Group Assemblies – Congratulations to Tutor Groups E in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have taken the lead on this week's assemblies. Topics this week have included dinosaurs, the New Year (the relevance of resolutions and new starts) and Martin Luther King Jr Day, celebrated on January 19th, highlighting the importance of tolerance, mutual respect and the importance of standing up against racism.

Year 11 Careers - This week we welcomed Jane Spurden, Early Careers School Liaison Manager from Greencore, who took the time to talk to pupils about employer expectations as they continue to prepare for the world of work. The talk included information on the importance of excellent attendance, punctuality, dress, code of conduct and upcoming apprenticeship opportunities.

Year 9 Parents' Evening - Our evening takes place on Wednesday February 11th. This is particularly important as pupils prepare for their Year 10 Options. Details will be sent out next week.

Weather - With the colder weather it is important that pupils attend school with the appropriate clothing for being outdoors. We wish you well for the weekend.


S. Paige

Theme of the Week

Martin Luther King Jr Day

"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him." - Martin Luther King Jr

KEY DATES

Holocaust Memorial Day

Tue 27th January

6th Form Mocks
w/c 9th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wed 11th February

Chinese New Year
17th Feb – 3rd March

Year 9 Stay Safe Day
Wed 25th February

Year 9 Options Evening
Mon 16th March

Attendance Target: 97%

Department News - Library

Heavily advertised movies and TV series are a great way of bringing a story to your attention, but most of the time they will only skim the surface of the story. In the Library, we have bookshelf dedicated to some of the titles that have been turned into films or made for TV, where you can lose yourself in the detail. From *The Hunger Games* franchise to the Stephen King horror *It* and *Marley and Me* to the Netflix series,



Heartstopper. Come down to the Library to see what's on BookFlix today.

Don't forget, books, magazines and comics are always available online, completely free. Click the link to download the <http://www.soraapp.com/> today

Miss Emma Kettlewell
Learning Resource Centre

Year 11 Intervention

Please find the latest timetable for Year 11 Intervention, which pupils are invited to attend to support their preparation towards their examinations in May and June.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 12:30- 1:25	Business Studies T1 12:40-1:20	Motor Vehicle Group 1 6MVI 12:40- 1:20	History T Level Block 12:40- 1:10	Motor Vehicle Group 2 6MVI 12:40- 1:20	Music MUS2 12:40-1:20
		Combined Science 12:30-1:00			Triple Science 12:30-1:00
		GCSE PE Sc12 12:30-12:55	Religious Studies Sc9 12:50-13:20	French Room 15 12:55-1:20	BTEC IT CISCO 12:30- 12:55
		Sociology Sc9 12:50-13:20	Art (Mr Carter) ART 1 12:40-1:20	Graphics DTG 12:40- 1:20	
		Art (Mr Ruskin) ART 2 12:40-1:20	Geography (Mr Ford) Rm13 12:55- 1:20	Art (Mrs Granville) ART 2 12:40-1:20	
		Geography (Mr Bowhill) Rm14 12:55- 1:20			
		Computer Science CISCO 12:30- 12:55			
After School 3:35- 4:30	Childcare 6CC Mrs Scott-Opukah	Motor Vehicle 6MVI All Groups		Mathematics 17,19,20,21,24	
	Art ART 2	Health and Social Care Childcare 2		Childcare 6CC Mrs Manton	

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Careers News – Aspiring Pharmacy 2026

TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

Explore a career that positively impacts people's lives by treating illness and supporting healthy lifestyles.

- Running on Tuesday 17 February, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, from 9:15 am to 12:00 pm. This event is open to young people aged 16-19 years who are living or educated in Lincolnshire.
- Delivered by healthcare professionals, this event offers a valuable opportunity to discover the skills and knowledge necessary for a career in pharmacy.

What to expect:

- **Meet the Pharmacy Team from a variety of settings** – including Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, and Foundation Trainee Pharmacists.
- **Join engaging talks led by professionals** – discover career pathways, entry routes, and the vital role of pharmacy in patient care.
- **Take part in interactive workshops** – develop practical skills needed to work within pharmacy.
- **Attend panel discussions** – hear why individuals chose the profession and learn about their career journeys.

This is an excellent opportunity for young individuals eager to embark on a career working within pharmacy. To learn more or book a place, visit:

<https://lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events/>

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing



Lincolnshire County Council have asked us to share this message with you:

Good morning,

We're reviewing how we support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. We want to make sure public funding is used in the best way to meet the needs of young people across the county.

Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board and Lincolnshire County Council fund services to help children and young people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. Find out more about these service [here](#).

Right now, [Kooth](#), an online counselling service, is available in Lincolnshire for young people aged 11–18 (up to 25 for care leavers or those with SEND). Kooth offers:

- 1:1 chats with trained professionals
- group chats and forums
- self-help tools like articles and advice on topics like stress, anxiety, relationships, bullying and more



The Children and Young People's Online Counselling Support Service consultation launches today and will remain open until **3 March 2026**.

The current contract for the service is due to end in August 2026, and we are looking for feedback from children, young people, parents/carers and professionals to help inform future decision-making.

You can find more information, and the opportunity to participate [here](#):

<https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/online-counselling-service-consultation>

Please share with students, parents and colleagues, if you think they might like to take part.

Should you have any queries about the subject, please contact: Childrens_Commissioning@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Pupil Awards

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Mathematician of the Week

Keita S
Alyssa G
Alicia C
Macie S
Caryna B
Kasia N
Isaac G
Alfie C
Rebecca C
Aiden F

English Star of the Week

Kai T
Ebony C
Katie E
Mia B
Imogen W
Jade G
Aleksander S
Charlotte S
George M
Sophie R
Trayden H
Isabel W
Bayley W-P

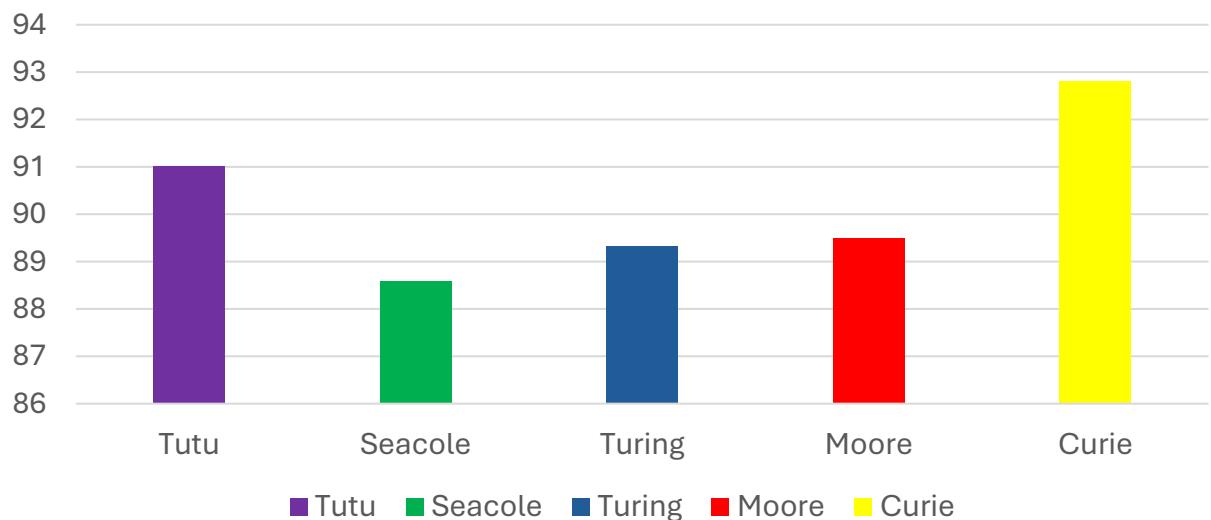


House News

House Attendance

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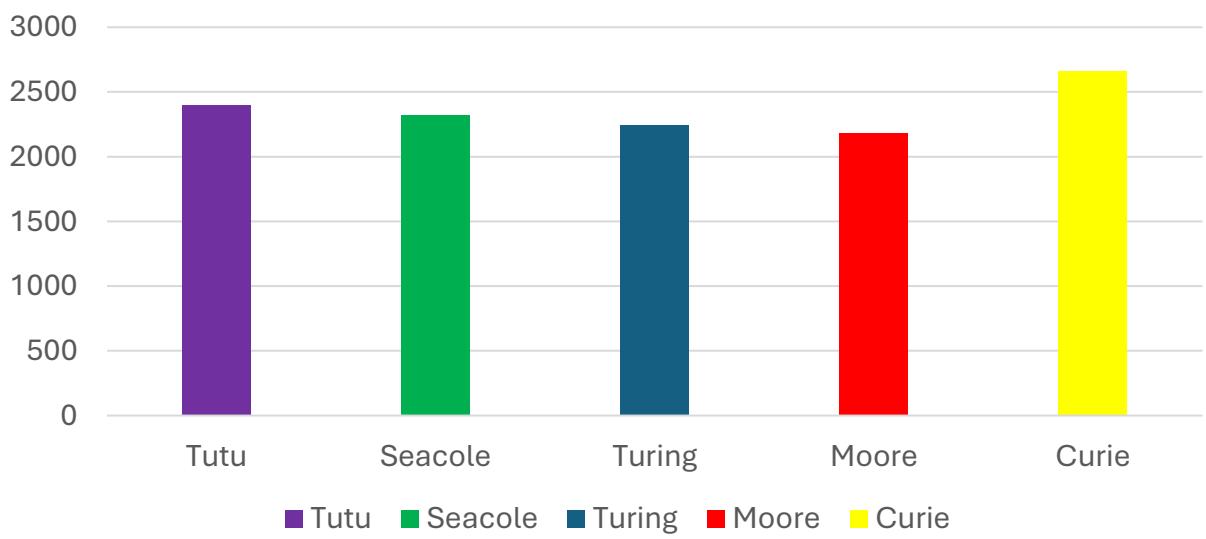
Attendance



House Achievement

Curie

Praise Points



The Hub

Breakfast Menu

*The canteen is open from 8am for a light breakfast.
Prices start at 30p*



Morning Break Menu

Monday

Waffles	£1.10
Bacon Bap	£1.10
Hash Brown Bites	75p
Toast	35p
Bacon Bap	£1.10

Price

Tuesday

Pizza Bagel	£1.00
Cheese Bagel	90p
Toast	35p
Sausage Bap	£1.10

Price

Wednesday

Nachos	£1.10
Garlic Bread	45p
Toast	35p
Hash Brown Bites	75p

Price

Thursday

Pizza Bagel	£1.00
Hash Brown Bites	75p
Toast	35p

Price

Friday

Pancakes & Syrup	£1.10
½ Cheese Bagel	90p
Hash Brown Bites	75p
Toast	35p

Price

Available Every Day

Fresh Fruit	65p
Fresh Fruit Salad	90p

Price

The Hub



Grab & Go Menu

Monday

- Tomato Pasta
- Tugo Pizza Slice
- BBQ Chicken Wrap

£1.95*
£1.60*
£2.00*

Tuesday

- Tomato Pasta
- Sausage Roll
- French Bread Pizza

£1.95*
£1.65*
£1.65*

Wednesday

- Tomato Pasta
- Chicken Flatbread
- Pannini Cheese, Cheese & Ham or Tuna & Cheese

£1.95*
£2.00*
£2.00*

Thursday

- Tomato Pasta
- Fishfinger in a wrap
- Mayo Chicken Wrap
- Pizza

£1.95*
£1.65*
£2.00*
£1.60*

Friday

- Tugo Pizza Slice
- Pizza & Chips
- Southern Fried Chicken Burger

£1.60*
£2.00*
£2.00*

JACKET POTATOES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

*In Meal Deal

The Hub



Lunch Menu

WEEK TWO – AUTUMN/WINTER

(V) veg option

STAR DISH

MEAT FREE

HOT PUDS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Macaroni Cheese (V)	Chicken Tikka & Steamed Rice	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatato &Gravy	Sausage & Mash with Caramalised Onion Gravy	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips Chicken Nuggets ,Chips & Beans
Buffalo Cauliflower & Mixed Bean Burrito (V)	Pasta with Roasted Veg & Tomato Sauce	Roasted Lentil Loaf with Glaze with Roast Potatoes	Vegemince Cottage Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips
Vegetables,Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Roasted Sweetcorn Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Mixed Veg, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Veg Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Peas, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad
	Iced Sponge with Custard	Treacle Sponge with Custard	Marble Sponge with Custard	

Spotlight on 6th Form



IMI Motor Vehicle

Tamzyn came to UAH from Stamford College to complete her Apprenticeship in IMI Motor Vehicle.

For four days each week, Tamzyn services customers' vehicles at In-N-Out in Spalding. But says she has learned a lot at UAH while completing her training, has made friends, and finds the facilities and tutors excellent.

When asked why she chose a Motor Vehicle course, Tamzyn said, 'It was a career choice. I wanted to prove to myself and others that I could confidently work on any vehicle in a male-dominated world!'

Tamzyn has always loved cars. 'With my dad and granddad having raced grass track, and my brother now competing in the V6 Classics racing in Norfolk, you will often find me in the pit as his mechanic.'

To enrol on this course, you will need: 5 GCSEs grades 9-1

UAH Pupil – click on the personalised link sent to your UAH email inbox

External candidate, apply here: www.uah.applicaa.com

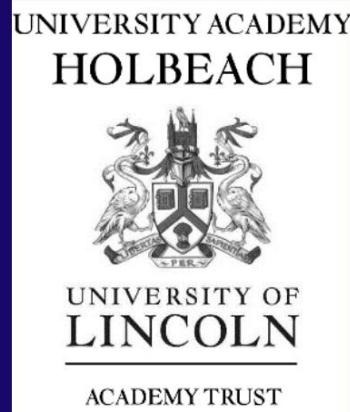
Department News – Health & Childcare

On Wednesday 21st January, Health and Childcare students enjoyed a visit from a mother and her 14 week old baby. The students observed the baby being bathed, dressed and fed and then had the opportunity to hold her. They were also able to ask questions about the birth, the role of the Midwife and of the Health Visitor. The students demonstrated excellent skills in handling the baby.



The students who took part are hoping to pursue careers in Childcare, Midwifery or Paediatric nursing. They all agreed this was a hugely valuable experience.

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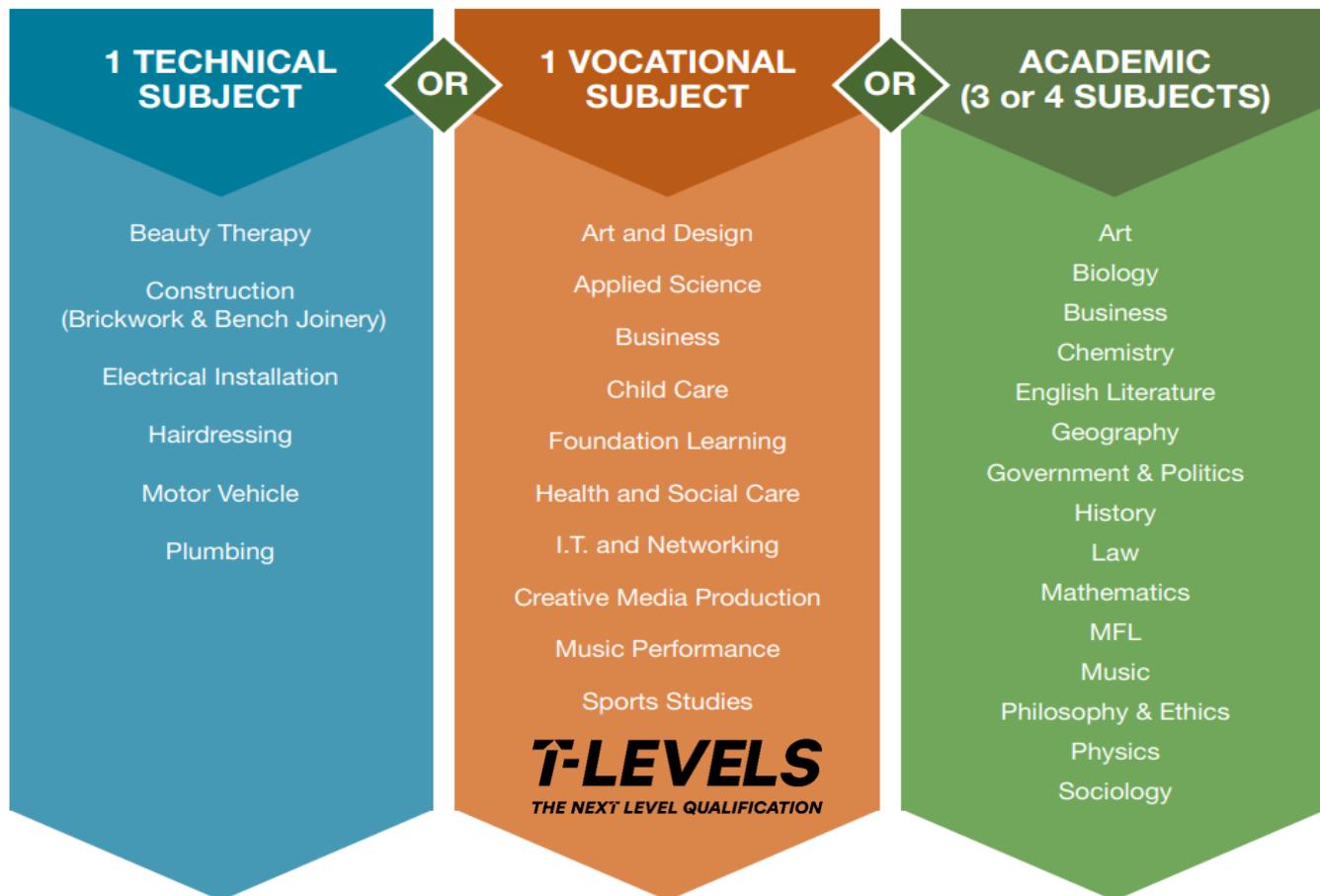
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Your Choice - you will need to choose from:



GRADE REQUIREMENTS

Level 1 courses - 5 GCSEs 9-1

Level 2 courses - 5 GCSEs 9-3

**Level 3 courses (including T Levels) -
5 GCSEs 9-4 including
Maths & English**

**A Level courses - 5 GCSEs 5 or above
Plus a 6 or above in your chosen subjects**

Extra Curricular Clubs

At University Academy Holbeach, we are proud to offer a programme of extra curricular activities, designed to support their interests, learn new skills and help them reach their full potential. From sports and creative arts to academic support and special interest groups, there is something for everyone to enjoy

Monday

Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LRC	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
Keyboard Club	12:30 – 1pm	Music 1	All
Mash Up!	12:30 – 12:55pm	Music 2	All
Football	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	7 / 8
Rugby (Girls)	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	KS3
Gymnastics / Dance	12:30 – 12:55	Gym	All
Fitness Suite (Girls)	12:55 – 1:20pm	Fitness Suite	All
Spanish Club	12:30 – 12:55	Language Lab	All
Basketball	12:55 – 1:20pm	Sports Hall	11
Basketball	12:30 – 12:55pm	Sports Hall	9
Knit and Natter	12:30 – 12:55pm	Room 1	All
Programming with Micro:Bits	12:30 – 12:55pm	6Cisco	All

Club	Time	Room	Year
Independent practice	3:35 – 4:30pm	Music 2	All

Please note: our club offerings are subject to change throughout the academic year

Extra Curricular Clubs

Tuesday

Tues Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LCR	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
Ukelele Club	10:00 – 10.30am	Music 2	All
Pop Choir			All
Young Carers	12:30 – 1:00pm	Upper LRC	All
Sociology Drop-In / Intervention	12:30 – 12:55pm	Science 9	11
Dungeons & Dragons	12:30 – 1:00pm	4	All
Warhammer	12:30 – 1:00pm	4	All
Chess	12:30 – 1:15pm	T4	All
Yoga	12:30 – 12:55pm	Gym	All
GCSE PE Intervention	12:30pm – 12:55pm	Science 12	11
Golf	12:55 – 1:20pm	Gym	All
Rugby (Boys)	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	KS3
Cricket (Girls)	12:55 – 1:20pm	Sports Hall	All
Science Club	12:30 – 1:00pm	Science Club	7
Knit and Natter	12:30 – 12:55pm	1	All
British Sign Language Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	IT3	7-10
Debate Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	12	7-10

Club	Time	Room	Year
Independent practice	3:35 – 4:30pm	Music 2	All

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Extra Curricular Clubs

Wednesday

Wed Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LRC	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
Rock Club	12:30 – 1:00pm	Music 2	All
Music Production	12:30 – 1:00pm	Music 1	All
Pride Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	Upper LRC	All
Religious Studies Drop-In / Intervention	12:30 – 12:55pm	Science 9	11
Lunch time fitness	12:30 – 12:55pm	Fitness Suite	All
Netball	12.50 – 1:20pm	Sports Hall	9-11
Geography Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	15	7-9
Blooket Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	Language Lab	KS3
Football	12.50 – 1:20pm	Field	10
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	12:30 – 1:20pm	16	10
Basketball	12:30 – 12:55pm	Sports Hall	7/8
Animation Club	12:30 – 1:00pm	Art 3	8
Graphics DT / RM	12:30 – 1:20pm	DT Graphics	KS4
Knit and Natter	12:30 – 12:55pm	1	All
Hooked on Books	12:30 – 1:00pm	LRC	All

Club	Time	Room	Year
Independent practice	3:35 – 4:30pm	Music 2	All

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Extra Curricular Clubs

Thursday

Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LRC	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
School Council	12:30 – 1:00pm	Upper LRC	All
Orchestra	12:30 – 1:00pm	Music 2	All
Dungeons and Dragons	12:55 – 1:25pm	4	All
Warhammer	12:55 – 1:25pm	4	All
Graphics DT / RM	12:30 – 1:20pm	DT Graphics	KS4
Football	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	9
Basketball	12:30 – 12:55pm	Sports Hall	10
F1 in Schools	12:30 – 1:00pm	Science 12	7-9
French GCSE Revision	12:55 – 1:20pm	Language Lab	11
Lunchtime Fitness	12:30 – 12:55pm	Fitness Suite	All
Football (Girls)	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Entrepreneur Club	12:30 – 1:20pm	T2	All

Club	Time	Room	Year
Independent practice	3:35 – 4:30pm	Music 2	All
Chamber Choir	3:35 – 4:30pm	Music 2	All

FRIDAY

Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LRC	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
Football	12:55 – 1:20pm	Field	11
Netball	12:30 – 12:55pm	Sports Hall	7/8
Badminton	12:55 – 1:20pm	Sports Hall	All
Book Buddies (SEN)	12:30 – 12:55pm	5	7
Eco Team	12:30 – 1:00pm	Glasshouse	8-11
Gardening Club	12:30 – 1:00pm	Glasshouse	7



Does your family need a computer?

Currys are working with the Digital Poverty Alliance to get free technology to those who need it.



If you live in one of these areas and your family doesn't have access to a computer, you can apply through us to have us send you one – not as a loan or rental, it's for your family, for good.



- Staffordshire (Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stafford, East Staffordshire, Newcastle under Lyme, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase local authorities), England.
- West Cumbria (Cumberland local authority), England.
- Ayrshire (North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire local authorities), Scotland.
- Norfolk Coast (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth local authorities), England.
- Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend, Wales
- Lincolnshire Coast (North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, East Lindsey, Boston and South Holland local authorities), England.
- Northern Ireland.

Next steps...

An important Tech4 Families initiative in partnership with Currys, aims to provide laptops to children in certain areas of the country.

To participate, parents/carers will need to complete an online application form. The form can be found by clicking on the link below:

www.digitalpovertyalliance.org

Please note: It is possible that your family may not meet the criteria to receive a laptop.

When filling out the form, please use the following verifier details:

Verifier first name:

XX

Verifier surname:

XX

Organisation:

University Academy Holbeach

Relation to child: **Teacher**

Job title:

XX

Verifier email:

XX