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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I should firstly like to wish everyone best wishes for 2026. We were greeted by a lovely covering of fresh snow for our return to school.

Our focus this week has been attendance and we have been rewarding tutor groups and individuals with prizes for their excellent attendance for the Autumn Term. Pupils who achieved 100% attendance have had the opportunity to receive a £5 voucher for their outstanding efforts. We have already rewarded pupils in Years 7-10 and will continue with our rewards for Year 11 during the forthcoming week.

With the cold spell upon us, pupils have also been reminded about the need to attend with suitable clothing for break and lunchtime (coat, hat and gloves) and the benefits of being outdoors in the cold weather.

I should like to thank those parents and carers of pupils in Year 8 who were able to attend our Consultation Evening on Thursday.

I should like to wish you all well for the weekend ahead.



S. Paige

Theme of the Week

Rule of Law – Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

FORTHCOMING DATES

Year 9 Parents' Evening

- Wednesday 11th February

End of Term

- Friday 13th February

Attendance Target:

97%

7D - 97.7%

8D - 97.4%

9I - 98.9%

10J - 98.8%

11C - 97%

BRICK-tastic Creations!



At the end of last term, our Level 1 & 2 Bricklaying students got their festive on — building some brilliant Christmas-themed walls, and honestly... they nailed it!

From the start with their festive designs, they showed skill, teamwork, and a lot of Christmas spirit. They should all be super proud of themselves — we definitely are!



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.

At the end of last term, the group designed and made Christmas decorations for a Christmas Tree they were invited to decorate at All Saints' Church, Holbeach.

This term, the group has decided to explore Chinese New Year and will be exploring this festival over the next few weeks.



Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

Eco Team continued its work, developing our nature area, encouraging more wildlife to visit it, by learning about and then making bird feeders this week. It was quite a messy business, but the teams hope that they will encourage more birds to visit the nature area. They are very excited to be taking part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch at the end of the month,



Sports News

Basketball Results

Year 9 v Bourne Grammar - Won 25-8

Year 11 v Bourne Grammar - Won 17-14

U13 Girls' Football

The U13s girls' football team travelled to King's School in Peterborough for the first round of the ESFA Girls Under 13 Schools' Cup. The girls won the game 4-3, leading 2-1 at half time through two goals from Amelia P, who had run through the defence to create a 1v1 with the keeper; powerful finishes on both occasions. The team conceded two goals in the second half and it was looking as though we might lose the game. But in the final few moments Amelia completed her hat trick with Freya T scoring the last-minute winner. Also, notable mentions, Freyah B with some great saves and Evie F was solid at the back. Amelia and Evie both awarded players of the match. We now travel to Horncastle for Round 2.

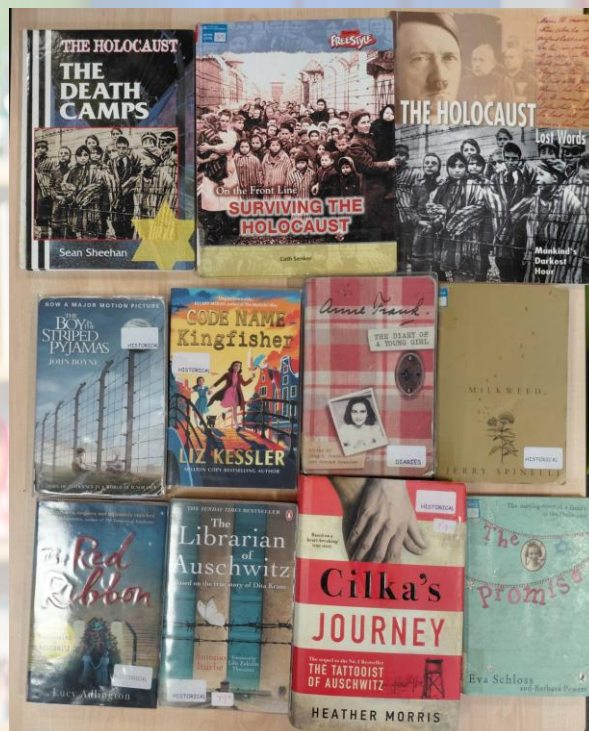


Team:

Amelia P, Marilyn C, Freya T, Freyah B, Ella S, Evie D, Evie F, Esmae B, Amelia E, Jasmine S, Tabitha S, Kasia N, Abby B

News from our Library

Snuggle up with a book. Come down to the library to borrow one of our cosy reads!



We are also commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day (27th January) this month with a selection of books taking inspiration from the stories of victims and survivors.

All our titles and more are available on SORA 24/7, login in to start reading today.



Sora

The student reading app



House News

The following House Cups were awarded at the end of last term. Well done to all pupils who contributed to their House entries.

Christmas Tree Competition

Seacole

House Attendance

Turing

House Achievement

Curie

House Cup

Curie



6th Form News



BE INSPIRED 2026

Be Inspired is back | Book now for 28 January 2026



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Year 12 students are invited to sign up for Be Inspired on Wednesday 28th January. There will be workshops for Year 12 students including Medicine, Business, Marketing and Cyber Security.

These are designed to give students a taste of what studying these subjects Post-18 will be like, so it will definitely be a really useful experience.

6th Form Spotlight – Level 1 Hairdressing



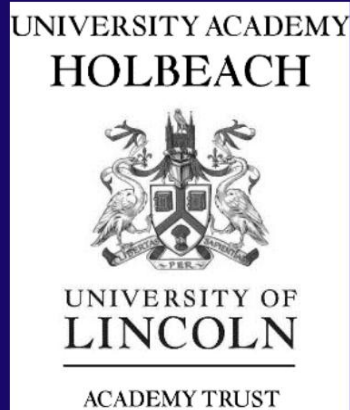
The VTCT Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Hairdressing provides you with the foundations and knowledge along with the practical skills to become a Hairdressing Assistant. The course covers essential topics such as Preparing for Hair Services, Maintaining Clean and Organised Work Areas, and Supporting Effective Workplace Relationships. You will also gain hands-on experience in blow-drying, shampooing, and conditioning hair. This qualification provides a solid introduction to the hair industry and prepares students for further training or Entry Level roles in salons.

The course will require you to complete practical assessments along side assignments and online exams.

Entry Requirements

Grades 1- 3 are required for the level 1 hairdressing course. Maths and English can be re-sat whilst on the hairdressing course.

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SUBJECT**

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Construction
(Brickwork & Bench Joinery)
Electrical Installation
Hairdressing
Motor Vehicle
Plumbing

OR

**1 VOCATIONAL
SUBJECT**

Art and Design
Applied Science
Business
Child Care
Foundation Learning
Health and Social Care
I.T. and Networking
Creative Media Production
Music Performance
Sports Studies

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

OR

**ACADEMIC
(3 or 4 SUBJECTS)**

Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
English Literature
Geography
Government & Politics
History
Law
Mathematics
MFL
Music
Philosophy & Ethics
Physics
Sociology

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**