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THIS ISSUE

Holocaust Memorial
Day
RSPB Birdwatch
Trampolining
Competition
Lincoln Uni Trip

Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I should like to congratulate our trampoline team who travelled to compete in Wales. This was a huge commitment involving a very early start and they should be commended on their efforts. A huge thank you to Mr Kirtland and Mrs Moody who took charge of driving the minibus.

Unifrog assemblies - Mrs Oddie has shared updates with pupils this week ensuring that they understand the value and support that Unifrog can provide in supporting their careers aspirations.

Holocaust Memorial Day - Pupils have marked Holocaust Memorial Day through the creation of a Chain of Humanity.

Pupils have recorded some very poignant thoughts and messages to remind us of the importance of tolerance of each other and the need to fight against prejudice and racism.

RSPB Birdwatch - Thank you to our keen birdwatchers who took part in the RSPB Birdwatch this week, counting the various birds that visit the site. We look forward to their update on our favourite species.

Year 9 Parents' Evening - Teaching staff are looking forward to discussing progress and targets for Year 9 pupils as they prepare for their Option choices. A letter has been sent to homes.

Mobile Phones - A reminder that failure to adhere to the policy regarding phones, air-pods and other technological devices will result in them being confiscated until the end of the school day. Where pupils fail to respond to staff instructions, further sanctions will apply. We thank you for supporting us to uphold our expectations.

We wish you a restful and peaceful weekend.

 **S. Paige**

Theme of the Week

**Respect and Tolerance –
Holocaust Memorial Day**

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.

**The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's
indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy,
it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not
death, it's indifference." - Ellie Wiesel**

KEY DATES

**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%

7I - 95.4%

8F - 96.3%

9F - 95.4%

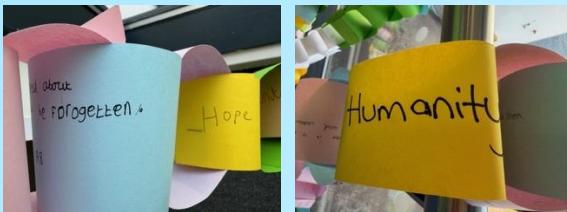
11J - 95.2%

Holocaust Memorial Day

The Academy took time to pause and reflect on the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day this week.



Pupils learned about the events of the Holocaust and considered why it was important that we still remember those affected by this genocide and other acts of violence. Pupils were invited to write a thought or reflection on a strip of paper and these were then turned into paper chains which Mrs Weller and members of the Prefect Team then displayed as the Academy's own *Chain of Unity*.



There was also an opportunity to learn more about Anne Frank, with Mr Carter providing VR experiences, looking round the annexe in which Anne Frank lived during WWII.



Thank you to Mrs Weller and Mr Carter for their support with this event.

Department News - Library



Every spring, CLIP invites reading groups from schools, libraries, and homes to join the exciting process of shadowing the Carnegie Medals – a unique opportunity for children and young people to engage with outstanding books and experience a national book award from the inside.

From 11th March 2026, shadowing invites young readers to read, discuss, and review books selected by the independent, librarian-led judging panel, helping them to develop reading for pleasure, critical thinking, and confidence in sharing their opinions.

Access your digital version on SORA. Pop into the Library to ask for details

*Miss Kettlewell
Learning Resource Centre*

Get ready for the 2026 Carnegies and start reading now!

Sign up early for free digital access to the 2026 shortlisted titles on Sora and you can start reading the 2025 shortlists straight away!

[SIGN UP FOR FREE ACCESS](#)



Sora The **Carnegies**



Department News - Joinery

Members of the Joinery Department presented a cheque to volunteers of a local charity this week.

Level 1 and 2 joiners worked hard to create many wooden items for the annual Christmas Fayre, held just before the December break in the joinery workshop. As such, the profits made from selling the items to the staff were given to Tonic Health; this year's recipient.

Level 1 lead teacher, Mr White said 'It's one thing to build something for a grade, but it's another thing entirely to build something that makes a difference in the community.'



Sam Collins, a volunteer lead at the charity stated to the joiners during their visit, that the £789.09 raised would greatly help the community who use the charity, funding support to those are struggling in the current cost of living crisis.

*Mr Morris
Construction / Joinery*

Department News - Mathematics

On Wednesday 28th January, it was delightful to see 30 pupils from Years 9 and 10 represent the Mathematics Department in this year's UK Maths Trust Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to stretch their problem-solving skills beyond the classroom and to engage with mathematics in a creative, logical and challenging way.

All of those who took part should be proud of their achievements and effort; and we hope to receive some positive results soon, with the possibility of moving on to the next round of the challenge.

*Mr Dicker
Head of Mathematics*



Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

The nature area is showing signs of spring and the pupils were pleased to note that lots of snowdrops have bloomed.

The team also created some water collectors out of recycled milk bottles; another activity as part of the team's Eco Schools project this year,



Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

Eco Team was also finally able to complete its RSPB Birdwatch. The pupils braved the cold conditions to watch birds around the nature area and identified Great Tits, Sparrows, Pigeons amongst other birds.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club began its soil experiments and are looking forward to analysing these next week.



Club News – Entrepreneur Club

ENTREPRENEUR CLUB

The **10x Challenge**



Thursday Lunch Time – 12:55 Onwards

Have you got a business idea?

Want to turn **£10** into as much money as possible?

We're looking for students to take part in a real entrepreneur competition where you'll:



Work in teams of 3–4



Start with **£10** seed money



Plan, launch and run a small business



Compete to see who can raise the **most money**



- ✓ No experience needed
- ✓ Real money, real decisions
- ✓ Bragging rights + prizes



Interested?

Room T2

Come along to Entrepreneur Club on Thursday lunchtime or speak to Mr Bowen

Department News – Social time

Two all-weather table tennis tables and a table football have been installed in the main yard and were enjoyed for the first time this week.



All year groups will have a timetabled lunchtime slot throughout the week to play, helping pupils to stay active, enjoy time outdoors in the sunshine, build teamwork skills and return to lessons feeling happy and energised.

Sports News

Basketball Results

Our Year 7 B-Team played in the SLSSA Year 7 Plate competition on Wednesday. They finished top of the table after the round-robin stage, but, in the final after extra time, the scores were tied. This led to knockout free throws (a penalty shootout). Only one basket was scored and UAH ended up as runners-up. A great effort all-round!



Netball Results

Y7 UAH 2 – Spalding Academy 0
Y9 UAH 6 – Spalding Academy 0

Sports News

Trampoline Competition

On Sunday, seven pupils from UAH attended the Central Zonal round of the National Trampoline Competition. They had qualified for this as winners and runners up in their age ranges in the novice category at the Eastern Regional competition.

The day involved leaving school at 4:00am to arrive in Penarth, Wales for a 9:00 am start and returning to school for 10:00pm!

All students performed very well, but missed out on National Finals, both finishing in fifth place in the teams section. There were some very good individual performances, with students gaining scores that out performed some of the individual entries.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved and thank you very much Mr Kirtland and Mrs Moody for taking the pupils.



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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English Stars of the Week

Chloe M
Poppy T
Rebecca S
Oliwia W
Dominik P
Kulunga W
Oliver S
Ava W
Lillie C
Emilie S
Lennon B

Mathematician of the Week

Rayane H
Erim A
Levi Wl
Liam S
Isla D
Isabelle F
Ezra T
Skyla B
George S
Amelia P

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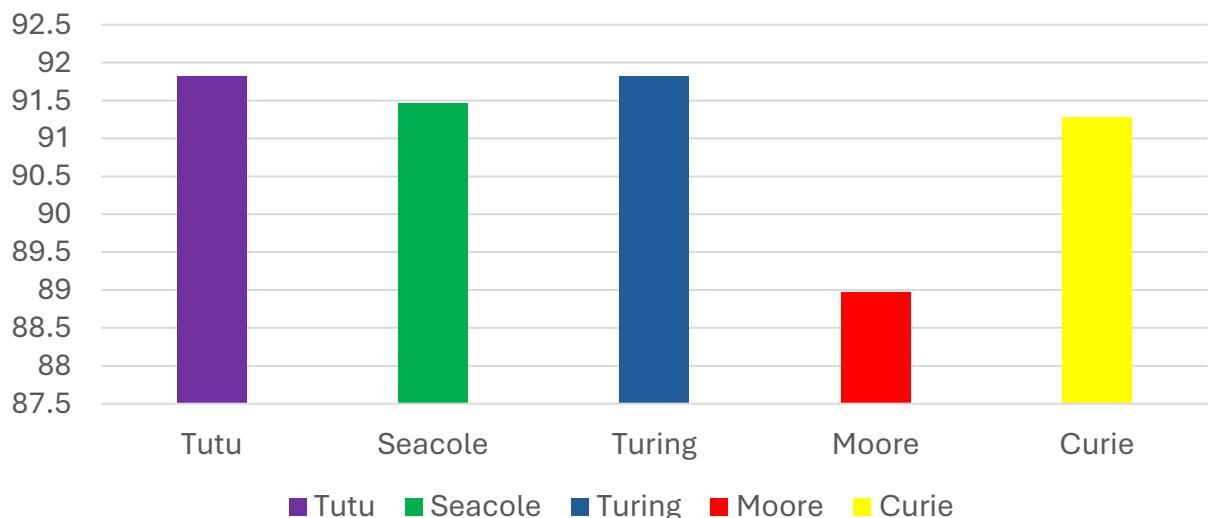
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House News

House Attendance

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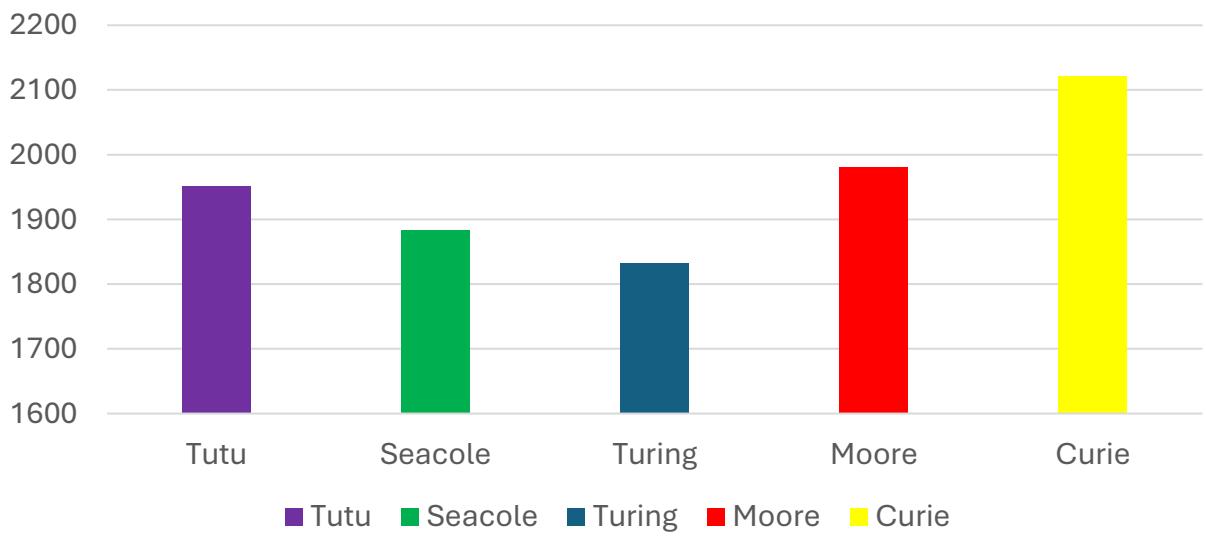
Attendance



House Achievement

Curie

Praise Points



The Hub

Breakfast Menu

*The canteen is open from 8am for a light breakfast.
Prices start at 35p*



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 THREE – AUTUMN/WINTER

(V) veg option

Green Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Macaroni Cheese (V)	Chicken Korma with Rice	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & veg	Greek Style Layered Beef & Pasta Bake	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips Chicken Burger
Vegetable Korma (V)	Vegetable Bolognese (V)	Vegetable Casserole with Mashed Potato (V)	Greek Style Layered Vegetable Bake (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips
Vegetables, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Veg Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Peas, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad
	Treacle Sponge with Custard	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Sponge with Custard	

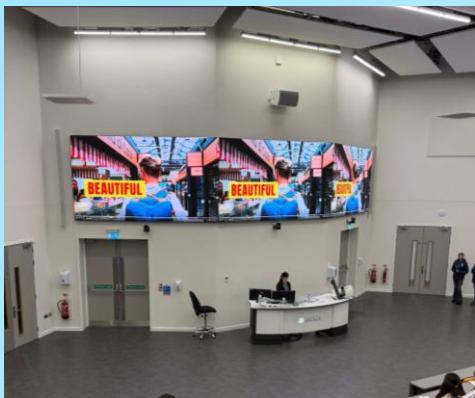
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MEAT FREE

HOT PUDD

Spotlight on 6th Form – Lincoln Uni Visit

Students this week attended 'Be Inspired Workshops' at Lincoln University. This event allowed students to explore a range of academic pathways through interactive and practical University level workshops.



Students participated in workshops across several subject areas including Criminal Justice, Business, Marketing, Psychology and Medicine.

Spotlight on 6th Form



A Levels – Biology, Chemistry and Physics

When choosing his Post-16 options, Arthur decided to stay at UAH. Arthur says:

“I’d built a good relationship with my teachers, the Science facilities are excellent, as are the interactive teaching methods. We also have regular progress tests, which highlight our weaker areas sooner, rather than leaving it to the mock A Levels. As it’s a large department, we also have multiple teachers, whom we can go to if we need help.

“I’m not sure of my chosen specialism yet, but I’m going to study Medicine, which is a five-year course at university. I visited the University of East Anglia, and as part of the University of Lincoln Academy Trust, a school trip to Lincoln University has been arranged for A-Level students.”

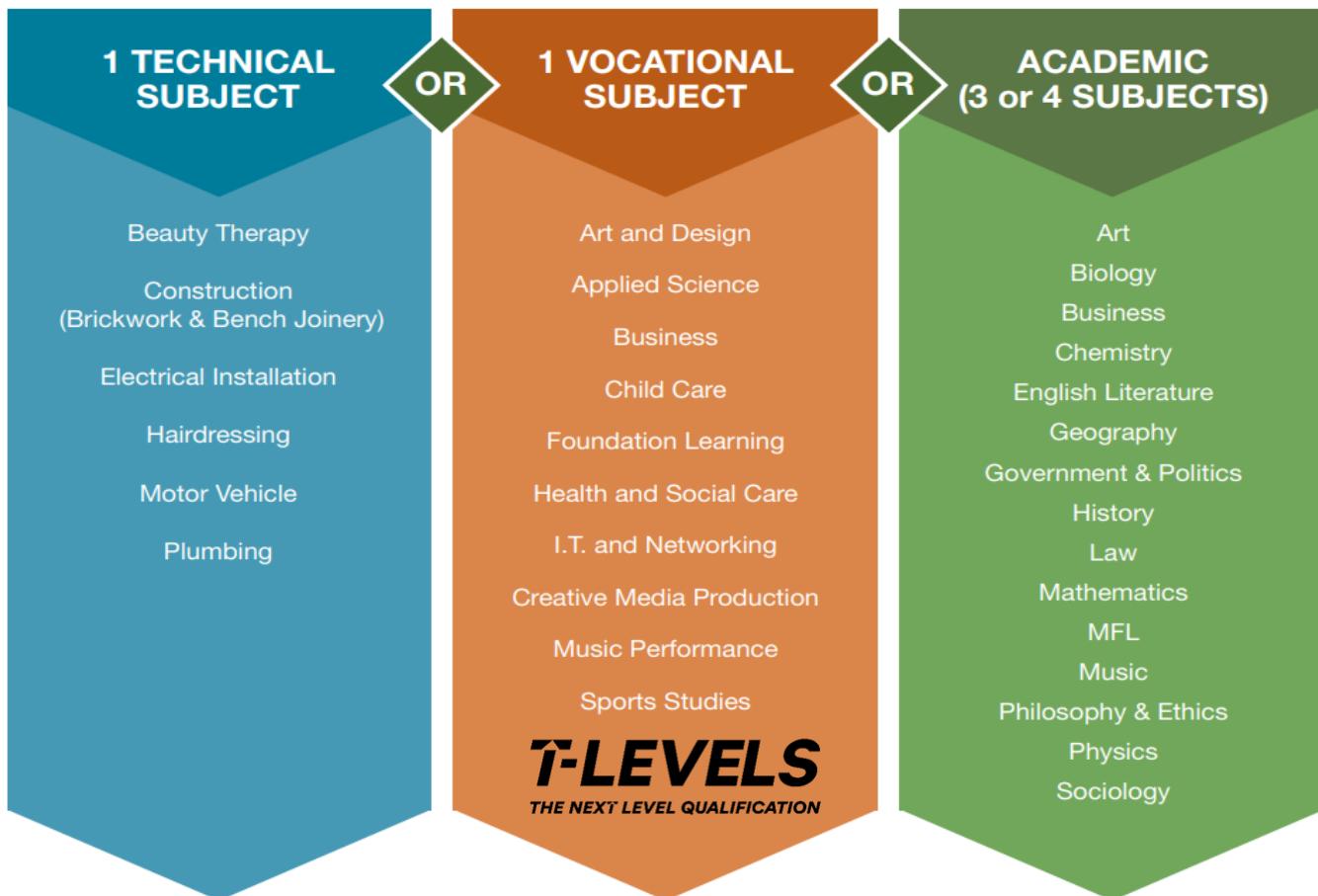
To enrol on for these subjects, you will need:

Five GCSEs grades 9-4 including English Lang and Maths, PLUS a GCSE grade 6 (or 6-6) in the subject. You will study three A Levels along side each other over two years.

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

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

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

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
Orchestra	12:30 – 1:00pm	Music 2	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

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
Concert Singers	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:

Rebecca

Verifier surname:

Daw

Organisation:

University Academy Holbeach

Relation to child: **Teacher**

Job title:

Assistant Principal (SENDCO, Designated Teacher, Pupil Premium)

Verifier email:

Rebecca.Daw@uolat.co.uk