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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, my congratulations go to the pupils who attended the Badminton tournament at William Lovell this week. In all, 20 pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 took part playing singles and doubles matches and County players. Although there were no individual winners, the pupils gained much experience and knowledge that will serve them in future GCSE studies. Many thanks to Mr Kirtland and Mrs Booth for facilitating the trip.

Our Careers focus this week has been on Unifrog, with pupils completing the Future Skills questionnaires. To support them in understanding their skills, qualities and future pathways, pupils have completed their skills profile and personality quizzes. The survey outcomes will be used to evaluate and tailor our Careers Programme to suit the needs of our learners.

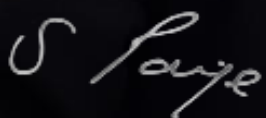
Year 11 study revision sessions have taken place for Tutor Groups E and F. Mr Williams continues to guide pupils on revision strategies and planning for the GCSE examinations. On Tuesday, pupils were also provided with their mock examination results and were able to review their outcomes versus their target grades. These are available to view on Edulink One. Mr Williams has reminded pupils of the range of intervention classes that are available both during the lunch hour and after school.

The Year 11 Prom is planned for Friday 26th June, to celebrate the end of the examinations and to celebrate hard work. Pupils have been reminded that the prom is to reward excellent attendance and the upholding of standards such as behaviour and uniform. Further details will be provided after the half-term break.

We wish our Year 13 learners well for next week as they start their Mock Examinations on Monday 9th February.

Our Year 9 Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 11th February. There is still time to make appointments ready for the evening.

We wish everyone well for the weekend.



S. Paige

Theme of the Week

Individual Liberty – LBGT+ History Month

"We deserve to experience love fully, equally, without shame and without compromise." - Elliot Page

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%**

7B 97.1%

8B 96%

9D 95.7%

10E 97.3%

Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

This week, pupils began to explore the flora and fauna which are living in the Nature Area. Pupils used magnifying glasses to inspect under wood and leaves and tried to identify what they found. Pupils were also thrilled to see that the bulbs they had planted are now beginning to appear. The team is installing a wildlife camera and it will be exciting to see what that captures next week.



Department News - Library

Getting Our Read On!

It's been wonderful seeing our Year 7's taking over the Library during their Literacy lessons this week. There's nothing better than seeing the room go quiet while everyone gets lost in a good book or magazine!



2026 is officially the National Year of Reading and we're going all in! The goal? To show that reading isn't just about old textbooks - it's about whatever you're into. Whether it's football, gaming, fashion, or music; if you're interested in it, there's something to read about it!

'Reading' counts as basically anything! We're talking: graphic novels & comics, lyrics & podcasts, gaming guides & articles, to name a few!

Don't forget the SORA reading app! You can grab audiobooks and 700+ magazines for free.

Pop into the Library if you need a hand getting set up on the app.

Let's make this year a big one!

Library Lunch Opening Times

Years 7 & 8 – 12:30pm – 1:00pm

Years 9, 10, 11- 1:00pm – 1:25pm

Miss Kettlewell & Mrs Whenman
Learning Resource Centre



Department News - Library

In response to Holocaust Memorial Day, the 'Hooked on Books' Book Club wrote pieces of poetry, inspired by the stories from victims and survivors.



Silence

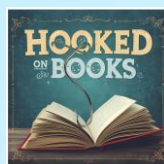
Beds empty, shoes not worn
Cold and darkness forever more
The camps are forgotten
But their shadows will reflect
darkness evermore
People will forget their names
Not their story
Mass graves of people no longer
there
The birds don't sing, the trees
don't sway
Pure silence every single day
Silence surrounds the
abandoned camps
Their inmates are gone, but
never forgotten

by Imogen G

Auschwitz

A camp of people who wish
A camp of those who have no
clue,
What they were arriving into
Full of innocent humans who
have no choice
So many people not allowed a
voice
Shaved heads, people the same
Things that happened were truly
insane
Jews and those considered
undesirable
People standing there feeling
incapable

by Holly H





English Stars of the Week

Seth P
Josh S
Poppy T
Nathaniel A
Maddison R
Ava B
Connor L
Bailey H
Ella-Jane Q
Charlie O
Nevaeh D

Mathematician of the Week

Zachary C
Isabella L
Noah O
Enyah U
Keisha C
Lewis D
Lailand S
Isabelle L
Racheal B
Mackenzie G
Bonnie P
Honey R

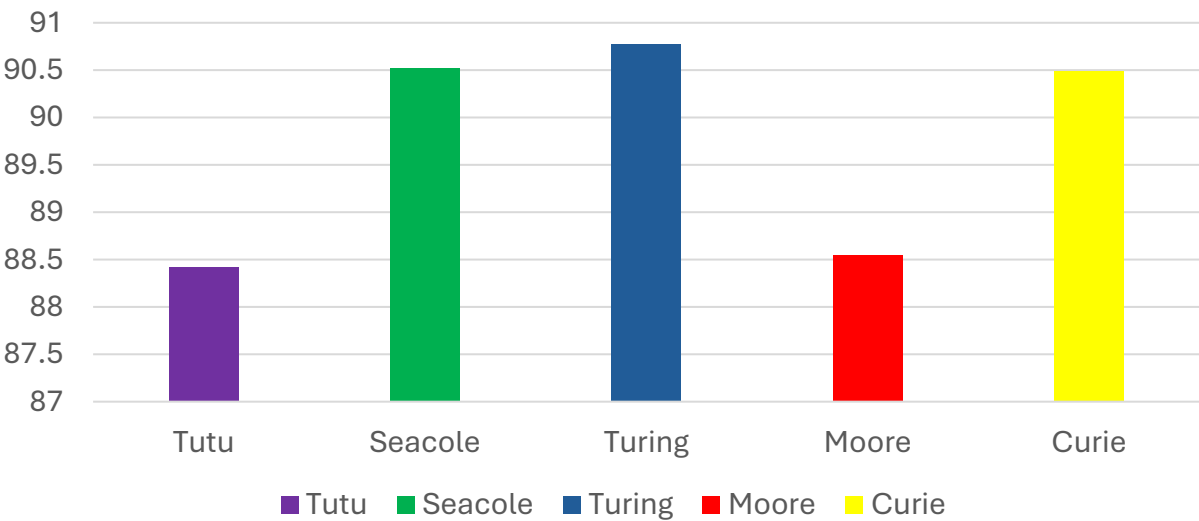
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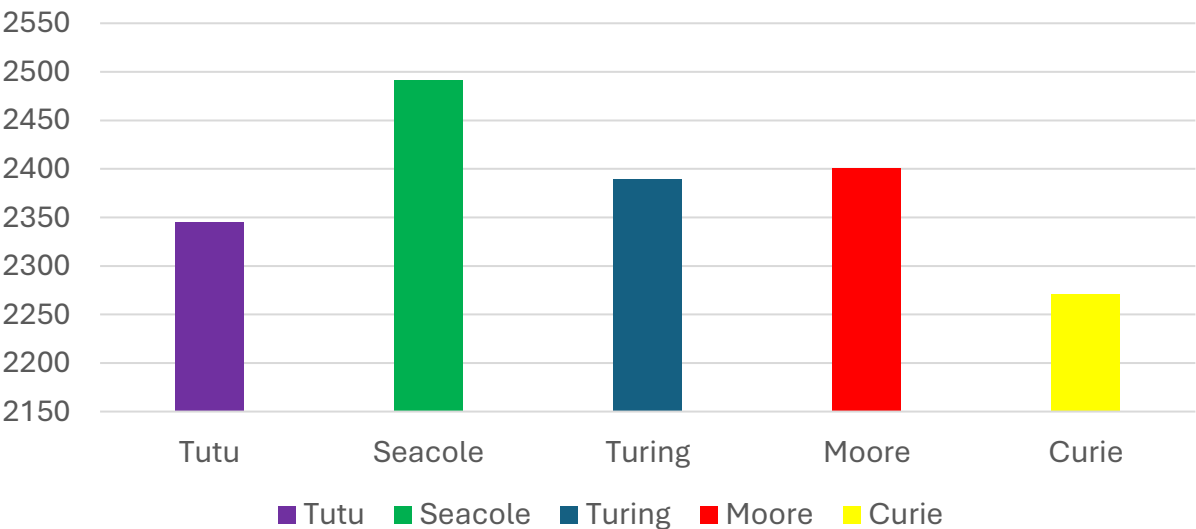
House Attendance

Turing
Attendance



House Achievement

Seacole
Praise Points



The Hub

Breakfast Menu

*The canteen is open to all pupils 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

Wednesday

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

Friday

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

Available Every Day

Fresh Fruit	65p
Fresh Fruit Salad	90p

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 ONE – AUTUMN/WINTER

(V) veg option

STAR
DISH

MEAT
FREE

HOT
PUDDS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Macaroni Cheese (V)	BBQ Beef & Bean Chilli with Penne Pasta	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Veg	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips Chicken Burger
Thai Yellow Vegetable Curry (V)	Vegimince Cottage Pie (V)	Roast Quorn With Mashed Potato & Gravy (V)	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie & Veg	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips
Broccoli, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Mixed Veg, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Veg Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Peas, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad
	Apple Crumble with Custard	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Sponge with Custard	

Spotlight on 6th Form



Brickwork – Level 1

Alfie continued his studies at UAH Sixth Form after he finished Year 11 and opted to complete BTEC Construction for his post-16 education. He says:

“I’m more of a practical learner and really enjoyed both Motor Vehicle and Construction and I received all the support I needed from my teachers. I stayed at UAH to do my Brickwork Level 1 because this is the career path I want to follow, to further my practical skills, alongside my resits.

I will be looking for a Construction Apprenticeship when I’ve finished in the summer. This will give me on-site experience, with the bonus of being paid, and hopefully, I’ll be back here for the day release part of my course next year!

My aim is to get varied practical experience, whether it’s new builds or renovations, to help me start my own building company in the future!”

To enrol for this course, you will need: 5 GCSEs, Grades 9-1.

UAH Pupils: Click on the personalised link sent to your UAH email inbox.

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

Department News – 6th Form

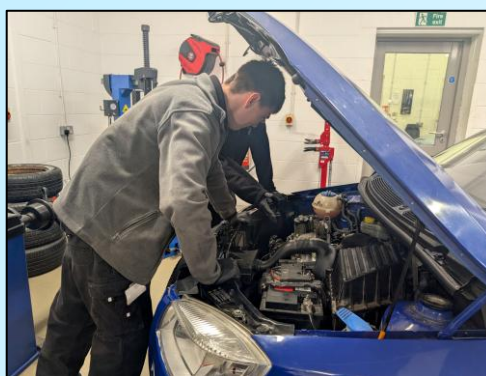
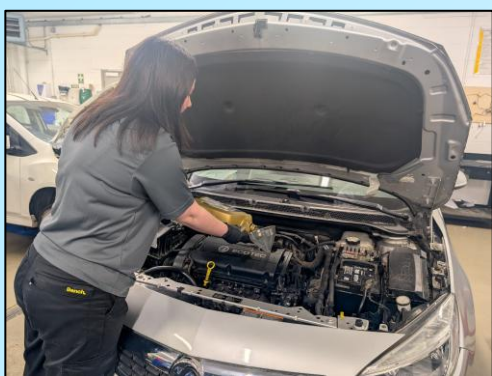
Over the past week, our Level 3 students have been preparing for their upcoming mock examinations, which are scheduled for next week.

Course Interviews

Course interviews are ongoing. Any student requiring support with their Sixth Form application is encouraged to visit the Sixth Form Office for assistance.



Our Motor Vehicle students have made excellent progress this term across both levels. Level 1 students have been deepening their understanding of engine lubrication systems, exploring their purpose, key components, and operation in protecting and extending engine life. Meanwhile, Level 2 students have been expanding their knowledge of vehicle electrical systems, with a particular focus on engine starting and charging systems, gaining a comprehensive understanding of how these systems interact to ensure reliable vehicle performance.



Department News – Apprenticeships

We are extremely proud of the outstanding achievements within our Apprenticeship Department.

The HIP Plumbing Competition provides a hands-on platform for demonstrating skill, speed, and problem-solving, allowing participants to apply their practical plumbing knowledge under real-world conditions and time pressure.

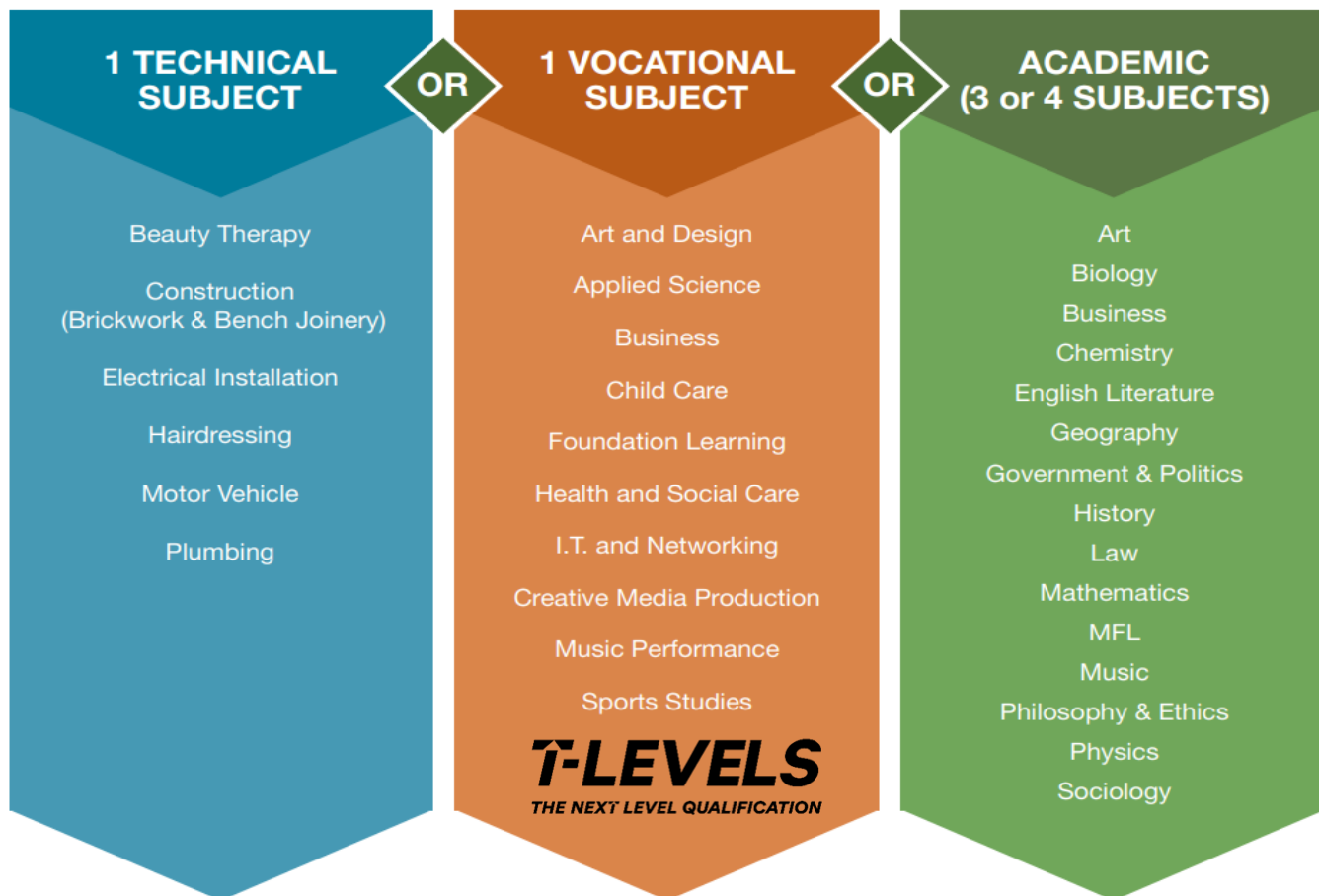


This year, Harry A, a 4th-year Apprentice from Holbeach Heating, and Brandon H, a 4th-year Apprentice from Simon Barker Plumbing and Heating, took part and truly stood out.

Both of our apprentices demonstrated exceptional proficiency in their plumbing skills, consistently exhibiting accuracy, professionalism, and strong technical knowledge throughout the challenge. They completed the competition to an outstanding standard, reflecting their dedication to the trade and the excellence of their training.



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	LRC	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 (SEND/CO, Designated Teacher, Pupil Premium)

Verifier email:

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