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THIS ISSUE

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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We finish the week on a rainy day, with colder weather set for the week ahead. We also expect the cold weather to continue upon our return. Just a gentle reminder that pupils need to be dressed appropriately for being outside during social time.

Thank you to Tutor Groups F who have delivered the year assemblies this week. Among the topics this week were Shrove Tuesday (Year 8), the History of Holbeach (Year 10), AI (Year 9) and Children's Mental Health Week (Year 7).

Year 11 pupils have enjoyed a trip to Stamford today for a live screening of Jekyll and Hyde. We hope that they have found this useful and a helpful support for their GCSE examinations.

The final sessions for Year 11 revision support have been delivered by Mr Williams this week. We hope that pupils will find some time during the break to implement his strategies as they plan for their examinations.

On Wednesday February 25th, Year 9 pupils will be involved in a Stay Safe Day where they will explore the importance of making decisions to ensure their own personal safety and well-being.

The Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday March 5th for which further details will be provided after the break.

We wish you all well for the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming all learners back on Monday February 23rd.

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Theme of the Week

Wellbeing – Children's Mental Health Week

"When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary." - Fred Rogers

KEY DATES

**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%**

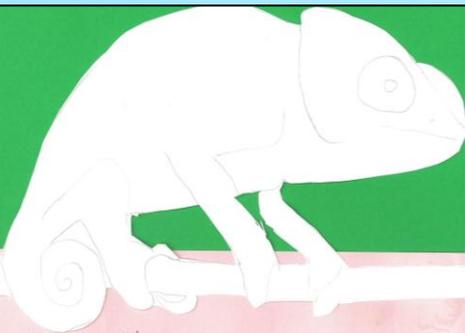
7D - 98.6%

8B - 95.6%

10E - 96.8%

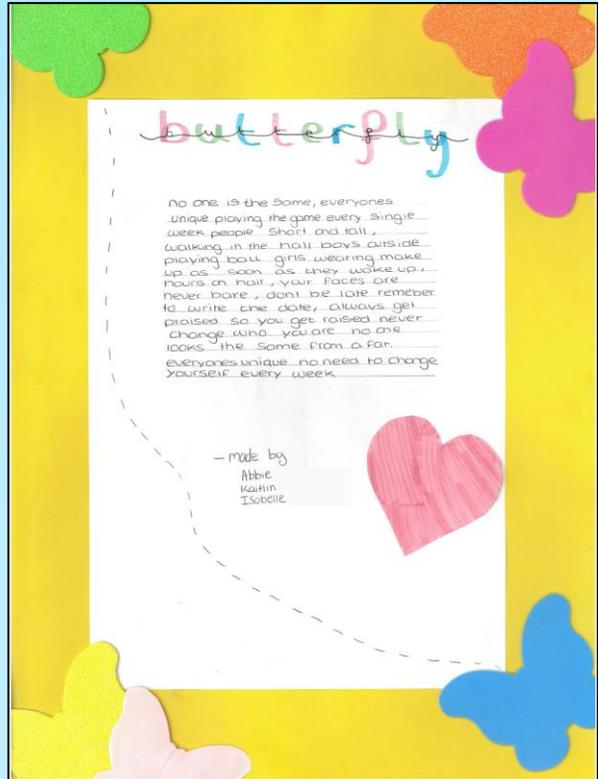
Department News – English

Year 9 pupils have been exploring the use of animals as metaphors in poetry, examining how different animals can symbolically represent aspects of school life.



Chameleon

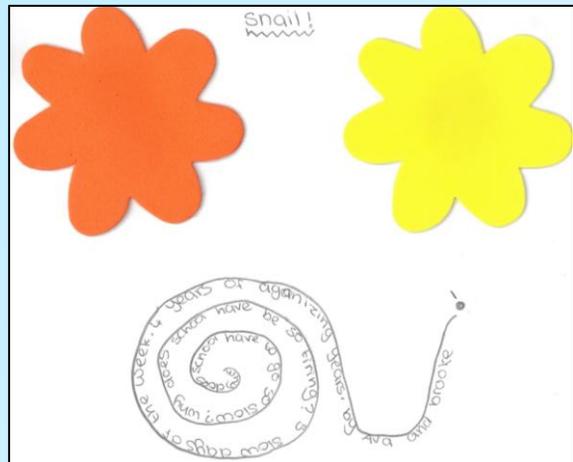
1. School is Like a Chameleon,
Feelings are hurt,
Feelings are changed,
Like a chameleon's skin changes.
2. Their skin can be blue,
Sad is blue too,
School can make you sad,
Because sometimes you feel bad.
3. Their skin can be green,
Being happy feeling like you seen,
School makes you happy as well,
Waiting for the end bell.
4. Their skin can be red,
School can mess with your head,
It can make you feel dead,
Like your lying in bed.
5. Their skin can be pale,
Like a lost snail,
You can feel alone at school,
Like a lost ball.
6. Their skin can be gold,
Sadness has been sold.



butterfly

No one is the same, everyone's
unique playing the game every single
week people short and tall,
walking in the hall boys outside
playing ball girls wearing make
up as soon as they wake up,
hours on hair, your faces are
never bare, don't be late remember
to write the date, always get
praised so you get raised never
change who you are no one
looks the same from a far,
everyone's unique no need to change
yourself every week.

- made by
Abbie
Kathin
Isabelle



Snail!
waaaa!

the
back
with
brockle

Department News - Library

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is certainly one of our busiest!

This month, we are recognising and celebrating a wide range of important events, including LGBTQ+ History Month, BHF National Heart Month, St Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year (Year of the Fire Horse), Children's Mental Health Week, and National Storytelling Week.

Our Library shelves and displays are themed this month to highlight these celebrations, showcasing a curated selection of titles available for all pupils to explore.

Don't forget, there are books on these themes and more available for free 24/7 on the SORA app.

Library Lunch Opening Times

Year 7 & 8 – 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Years 9, 10 & 11- 1.00pm – 1.25pm

Miss Kettlewell & Mrs Whenman
Learning Resource Centre



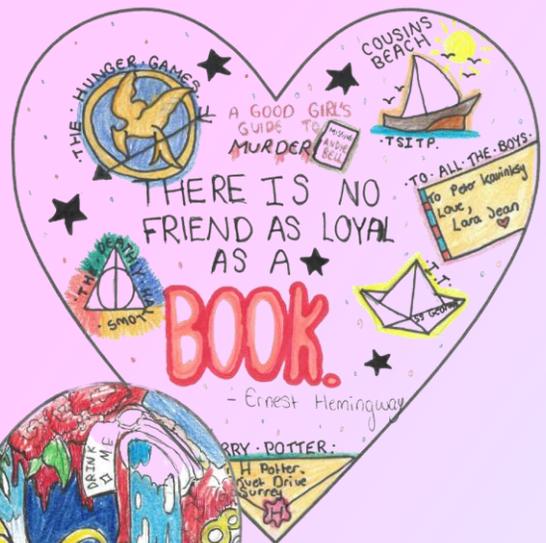
Department News – Library

Selecting the winners of our 'Share the Love of Reading' competition was a challenging task, but we are delighted to present a group of truly deserving winners!

Jack B Imogen G

Gabriella P

Maja L Joanna J





English Stars of the Week

Alfie S
Rui-Han L
Paige B
Oscar D
Kenzie F
Evie B
Rebecca C
Ashbie M
Cayman CW
Lois M
Logan B
Maison M

Mathematician of the Week

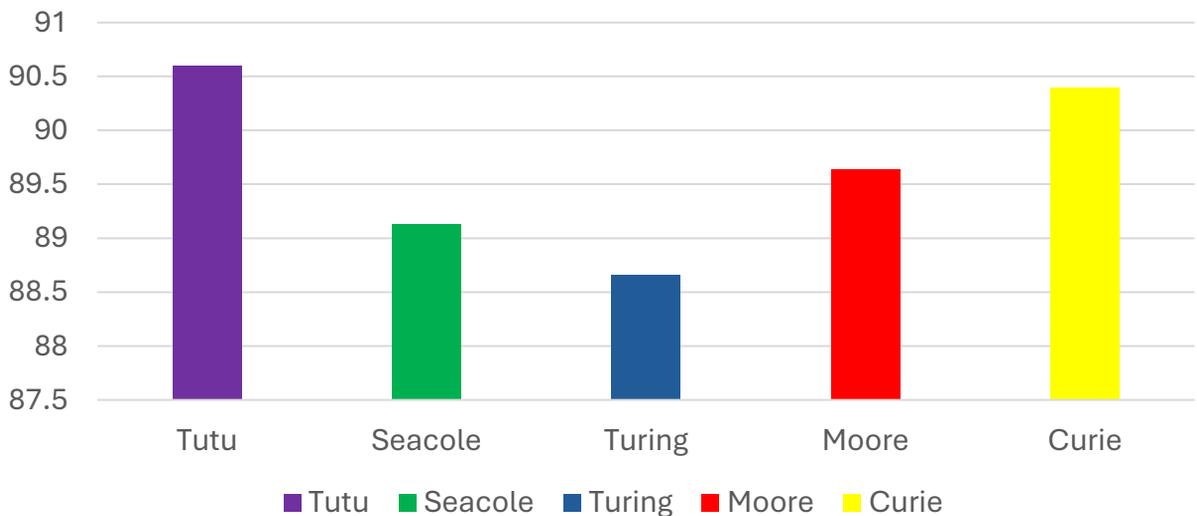
Nikola-Aleksandra O
Connor L-B
Morgan R
Blossom A-W
Jacob C
Frankie-Joe A-C
Eden M
Jason V
Daisy C
Evelina I
Leia W

House News

House Attendance

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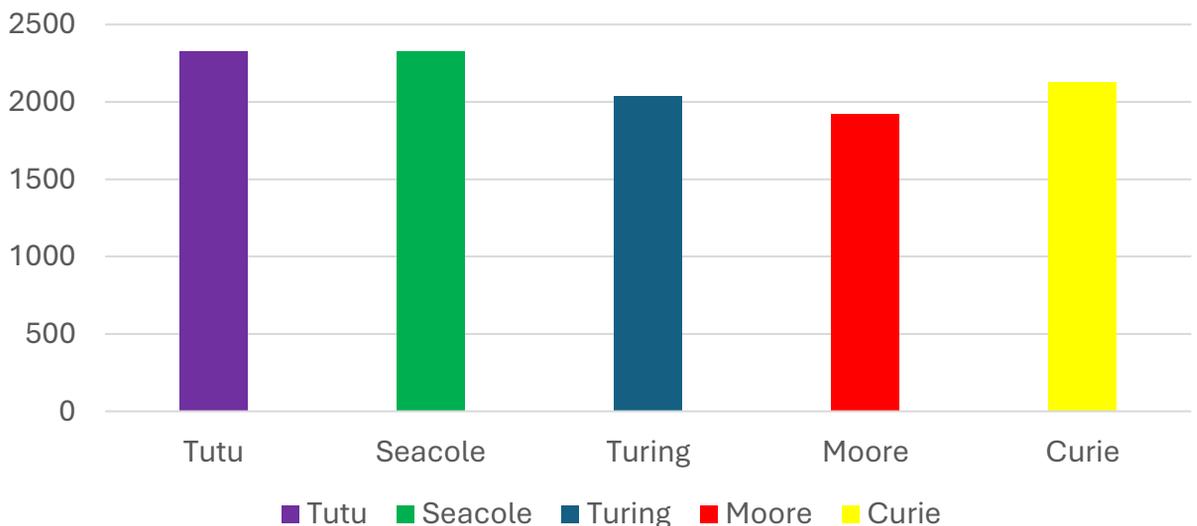
Attendance



House Achievement

Seacole

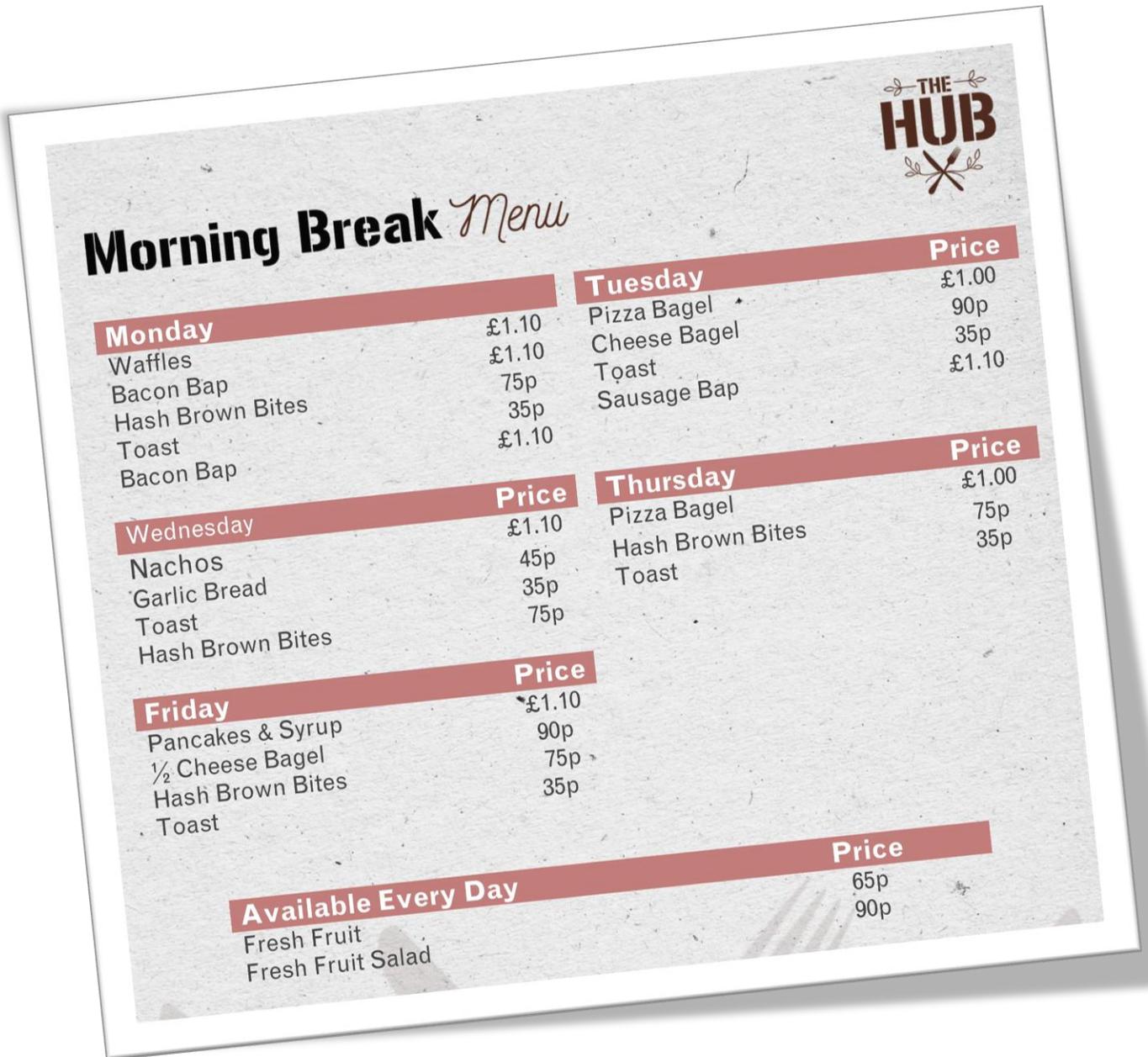
Praise Points



The Hub

Breakfast Menu

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



The poster features a logo for 'THE HUB' in the top right corner, with a stylized 'H' and 'U' and a small plant icon. The title 'Morning Break Menu' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'Menu' in a cursive script. The menu is organized into sections for different days of the week, each with a red header bar. The items and prices are listed in a simple, clean font.

Monday		Tuesday	
	Price		Price
Waffles	£1.10	Pizza Bagel	£1.00
Bacon Bap	£1.10	Cheese Bagel	90p
Hash Brown Bites	75p	Toast	35p
Toast	35p	Sausage Bap	£1.10
Bacon Bap	£1.10		
Wednesday		Thursday	
	Price		Price
Nachos	£1.10	Pizza Bagel	£1.00
Garlic Bread	45p	Hash Brown Bites	75p
Toast	35p	Toast	35p
Hash Brown Bites	75p		
Friday		Available Every Day	
	Price		Price
Pancakes & Syrup	£1.10	Fresh Fruit	65p
½ Cheese Bagel	90p	Fresh Fruit Salad	90p
Hash Brown Bites	75p		
Toast	35p		

The Hub



Grab & Go Menu

Monday

Tomato Pasta	£1.95*
Tugo Pizza Slice	£1.60*
BBQ Chicken Wrap	£2.00*

Tuesday

Tomato Pasta	£1.95*
Sausage Roll	£1.65*
French Bread Pizza	£1.65*

Wednesday

Tomato Pasta	£1.95*
Chicken Flatbread	£2.00*
Pannini Cheese, Cheese & Ham or Tuna & Cheese	£2.00*

Thursday

Tomato Pasta	£1.95*
Fishfinger in a wrap	£1.65*
Mayo Chicken Wrap	£2.00*
Pizza	£1.60*

Friday

Tugo Pizza Slice	£1.60*
Pizza & Chips	£2.00*
Southern Fried Chicken Burger	£2.00*

JACKET POTATOES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

*In Meal Deal

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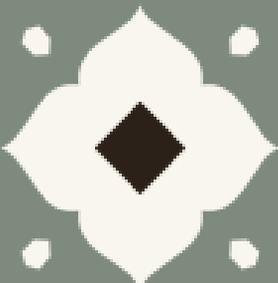
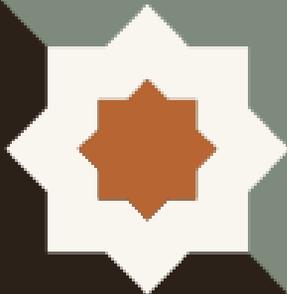
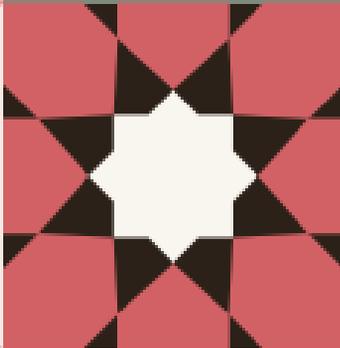
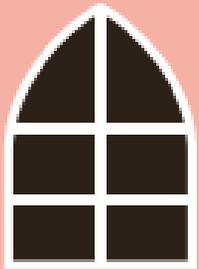
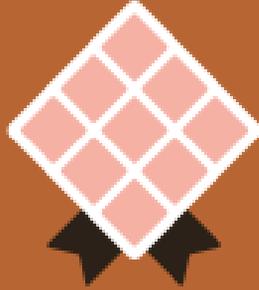
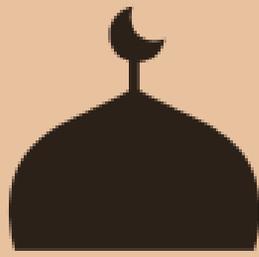
Lunch Menu

WEEK TWO – AUTUMN/WINTER

(V) veg option



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STAR DISH	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
MEAT FREE	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
HOT PUDS		Iced Sponge with Custard	Treacle Sponge with Custard	Marble Sponge with Custard	



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CATERING TEAM FOR
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WELCOMING THE MONTH OF
RAMADAN

Stay Safe Day

Year 9

Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership - Preventative Education in Collaboration



Lincolnshire
Road
Safety
Partnership



The 'Stay Safe Days' programme aims to improve personal safety by making pupils aware of the consequences of their actions on themselves, their families, and the community.

All sessions are evidence based and aligned to the national PSHE and RSE curriculum.

Some of the information in the sessions is hard hitting, content is age appropriate, however, we recognise that some pupils may be sensitive to subject areas due to personal experience or circumstances.

If you have any concerns about the subjects discussed in the programme or about the suitability for your child, please contact your school, who will be able to discuss this with you.

Online Safety



Delivered by Lincolnshire County Council Stay Safe Team.

Within this session we will explore misinformation online and how this can spread quickly. We look at echo chambers and the importance of looking for reliable sources to fact check information before we share. We also explore the potential legal implications. Finally support services and next steps are discussed with students



DOMESTIC
ABUSE
PARTNERSHIP



Harmful Behaviours in Relationships

Delivered by Lincolnshire County Council Stay Safe DA officer or Haven Domestic Abuse Services.

Within this session both agencies will discuss Domestic Abuse and coercive control looking at how to spot the signs a relationship may be unhealthy.

In addition LCC staff will explore the use of harmful language and how it can negatively impact our relationships. We also explore how to safely end a relationship.

In addition Haven staff will explore the topic of consent.

Finally both agencies will discuss where to find help and support.

Fire Safety



Delivered by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. Within this session Fire safety at home is discussed including what to do within an emergency. Fires outside the home are also discussed. Scenarios are used to explore the impact of fires on individuals and local community. Finally signposting to help and support.

Knife Crime



Delivered by Lincolnshire Police.

Within this session the knife crime definition is discussed with students. To enhance understanding students will then explore topics of self defence, joint enterprise and stop and search. Potential legal implications are discussed. Finally students will be signposted to services who can help and support.

Drug Awareness



Delivered by Horizon.

Within this session risks associated with using any type of drug or alcohol are explained. Laws around drugs are explained including that some drugs are illegal to own, use or give to others. Discussion around how drugs can affect people in different ways. Finally support services available to help are discussed and where to report any concerns students may have.

Learn more about Stay Safe Partnership: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership>

Department News – 6th Form

It has been a busy week in Sixth Form as students have been completing their mock examinations. All students have demonstrated impressive resilience during what can be a particularly demanding and stressful time.

In Joinery, Level 2 students have been focusing on practical work involving the construction of stairs. Alongside this, their theory lessons have covered the principles of building construction, information, and communication.



In Beauty, our Level 1 students have been developing their practical skills through facials, manicures, and pedicures, applying the theory they have been learning in lessons. They have also showcased excellent creativity through face painting, working to specific themes such as animals or Disney characters, producing some truly inspiring work.

Our Level 3 Beauty students have now begun their studies in full body massage, Indian Head Massage, aromatherapy, and hot stone massage, building the specialist skills needed for their qualification.



We wish all our students, parents and carers a restful and restorative half term.

Sixth Form Team

Department News - Construction

Love is in the air...and in the brickwork!



Our bricklaying students have been working diligently and have showcased exceptional skill this Valentine's Day. As part of their practical training, they meticulously planned and constructed a heart-shaped feature within a brick wall — a project that highlights their precision, creativity, and craftsmanship. From initial setting out, to the final joint finishes, this task demonstrates the high level of ability they continue to develop in our workshop.

We are incredibly proud of their attention to detail, teamwork, and commitment to mastering their trade. It's not just about building walls — it's about building futures!

Great work Brodie & Alfie!

Spotlight on 6th Form



T Level in Education and Early Years

Anya selected Hairdressing and Childcare as her option subjects in Year 10, but chose to continue her post-16 education specialising in Childcare.

“I have spent a lot of time around my younger siblings and family members, which I really enjoy, so it felt like a natural progression”.

Anya decided to remain at UAH because she was already familiar with the staff, the facilities, and the structure of the course.

With support from school, Anya secured a placement at Small Saints Pre-School in Holbeach. She has attended her placement one day a week in the first year of her course and two days a week during her second year. The programme also includes Employer Set Projects (ESPs), where students are given a case study and asked to develop a Support Strategy and Activity Plan, present their project, and receive feedback from their peers.

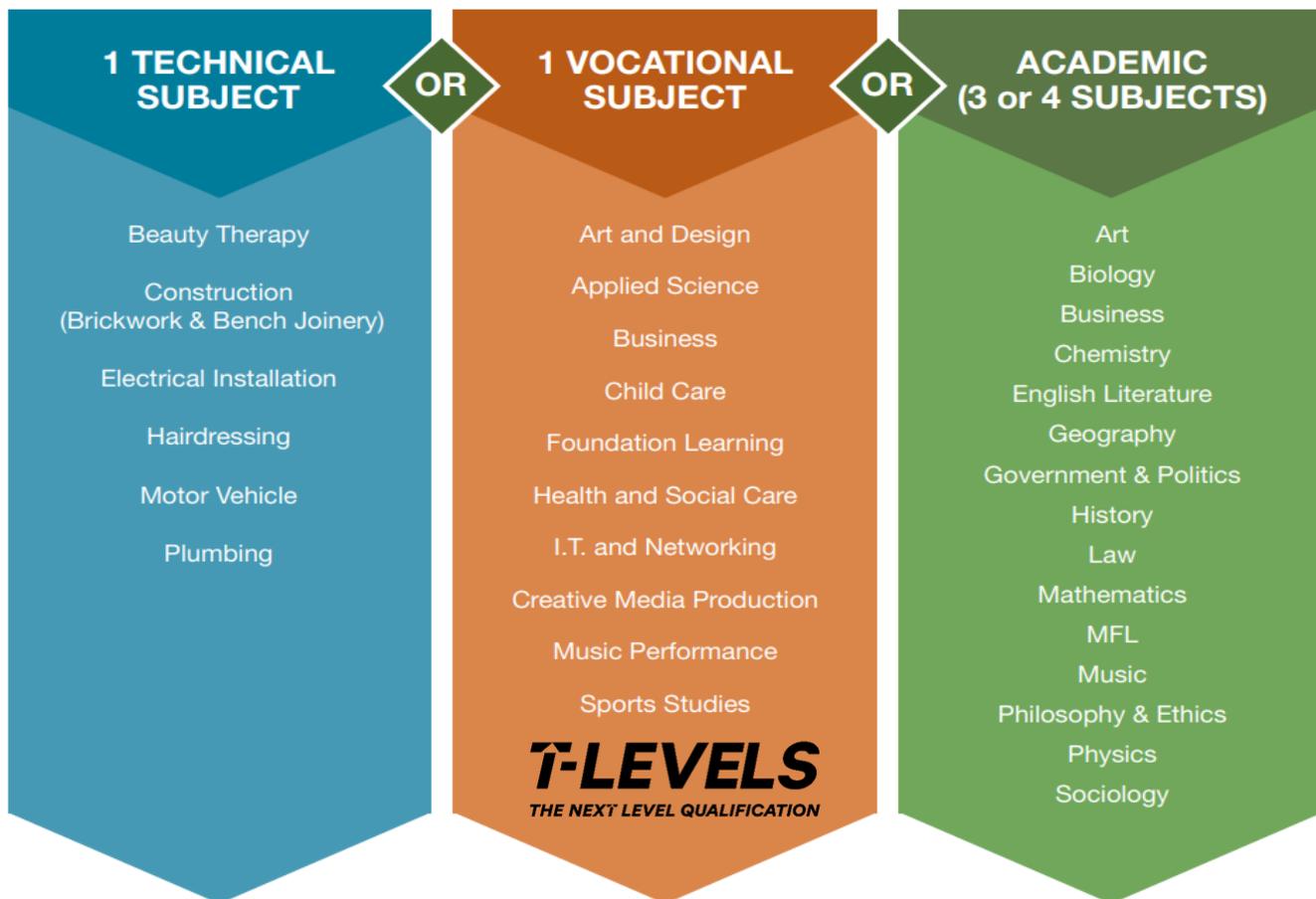
Now in Year 13, Anya is preparing for life beyond the school gates and plans to take a gap year. Her long-term ambition is to teach primary-aged children, and she has applied to work as an au pair in the USA after leaving UAH. This opportunity will allow her to travel, gain valuable experience, and earn money before returning to her studies to pursue a teaching degree.

To enrol for these subjects, you will need: 5 GCSEs, Grades 9-4 including Maths and English.

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	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:

Rebecca.Daw@uolat.co.uk