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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Science

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# Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been nice to welcome pupils back with a celebration of excellent attendance for the previous term.

**Attendance** - Well done to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance. Two pupils from each tutor group were lucky enough to win a £5 voucher each. Rewards will be available again after the Easter break for those who achieve 100% attendance for this term.

**Year 9 Stay Safe Day** - This week, Year 9 participated in our annual Stay Safe Day where they explored personal safety matters such as Fire Safety, Knife Crime, Online Safety and Relationships. Well done on upholding our standards of behaviour and making our visitors feel welcome.

**Year 8 Futsal Tournament** - Congratulations to our Year 8 pupils who participated in the local Futsal competition on Tuesday, finishing a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 11 teams.

**Year 10 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Our teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers online to discuss your child's progress to date, following the start of their GCSE studies. Appointments can be made using our School Cloud system.

**Progress Tests and End of Year Exams** - These important assessment points will take place:

- Year 11: W/C 9<sup>th</sup> March - Progress Tests
- Year 10: W/C 16<sup>th</sup> March - Key Assessment Point
- Years 7, 8 & 9: W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Key Assessment Point

We wish you an enjoyable spring weekend.

*S. Paige*  
**S. Paige**

## Theme of the Week

**Our Beliefs – Ramadan and Lent**

**"Have patience with all things,  
but first of all with yourself." - St.  
Francis de Sales**

## KEY DATES

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Year 10 Parents'  
Evening  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 11 Progress Tests  
**W/C Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 10 Key  
Assessment Point  
**W/C Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 9 Options Evening  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March**

KS3 Key Assessment  
Point  
**W/C Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Attendance  
Target:  
97%**

8D – 95.8%

9E – 99.6%

10E – 97.3%

11H – 95%

# Chinese New Year

## 2026 – The Year of the Fire Horse

Chinese New Year began on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and lasts around 15 days, so the Academy was pleased to mark this interesting festival with themed food in the canteen and a range of activities organised by different departments, including History, Geography, Art and DT. Pupils were also able to enjoy a themed menu in the canteen, which included Satay Chicken and Sweet and Sour Noodles.

We are very grateful to all the staff who took time to organise and run events and are very proud of all the pupils who took part.



# Department News – SEND



This week, some of our Year 8 pupils took part in the Lincolnshire South East School Partnership event at Hollywood Bowl in Peterborough.

We were joined by pupils from other schools, including University Academy Long Sutton and Monkshouse Primary Academy.

Events like this are so much more than just sport. They provide opportunities for our young people to build confidence, develop social connections, experience healthy competition, and, most importantly, have fun in an inclusive and supportive environment. It was fantastic to see the teamwork, encouragement, resilience and smiles throughout the day.

A huge thank you to the organisers and staff who made the event such a success and well done to every pupil who represented their school so brilliantly. Opportunities like these truly demonstrate the power of inclusive sport.

# Department News – Science

Year 8 are doing a topic called "Earth Rocks" which looks at the different materials that we obtain from the Earth. At the start of this topic we look at the composition of the Earth itself and how the movement of tectonic plates causes volcanic eruptions and the production of new types of rock. Our experiment using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar models a volcanic eruption.

Mrs Scotney - Science



# Department News - Library

Year 7 Literacy lessons have been well received, with pupils particularly enjoying the opportunity to spend a part of their lesson reading quietly in our Library.

From next week, we will begin introducing pupils to a wider range of Library collections, encouraging them to explore genres beyond their usual preferences. We will start with Gothic, Horror and Mystery.

These genres offer pupils the chance to immerse themselves in atmospheric stories that blend suspense, romance and intrigue. Through these narratives, pupils can engage with themes such as identity, vulnerability and complex emotions within a safe and guided environment.

They will also have the opportunity to explore supernatural elements and dynamic, often rebellious protagonists, providing a captivating, escapist and emotionally engaging reading experience.



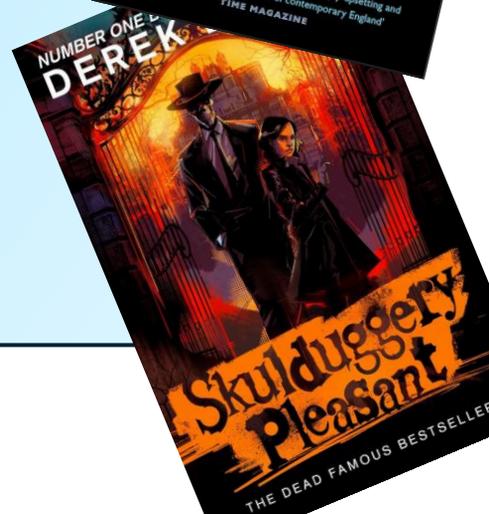
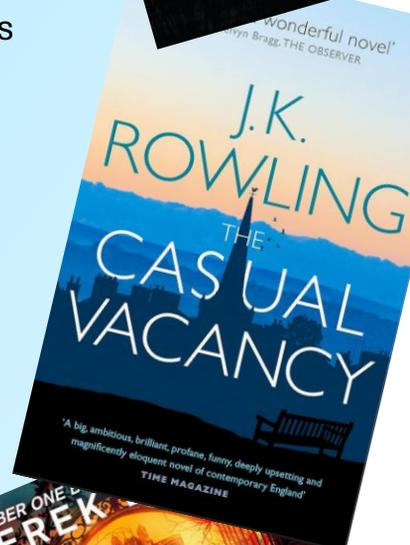
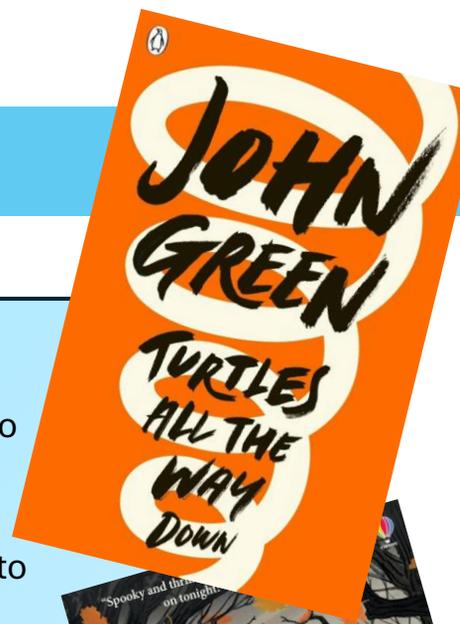
**You can explore the 1,000s of books and magazines online for free using your school login on the SORA app.**

## Library Lunch Opening Times

Year 7 and Year 8 – 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Years 9, 10 and 11- 1.00pm – 1.25pm

**Miss Kettlewell & Mrs Whenman**  
Learning Resource Centre



# Personal Development – Y9 Stay Safe Day

Year 9 were an absolute credit to the school, engaging thoroughly with all the sessions on Wednesday. Our visitors commented on how well pupils behaved and we were extremely proud of how they approached all the sessions with maturity and interest. Well done, Year 9!



*Pupils explore the effects of different drugs using goggles and other props.*



# Department News – English



This week in English, Year 9 have been looking at prose and poetry about different stages of life. Our explorations included a poem about a child leaving home. One pupil asked if he could write one from his perspective, which we are pleased to share with you here.

## **Letting Go**

by Alfie S

Dear Mother,  
Letting go is hard,  
But it's a part of growing up,  
A part of motherly love.

You've watched over me  
Now. For many years,  
Accompanied me through  
all my fears.

Dear Mother,  
Through all those years  
you lovingly watched me grow  
now. Is the time to let go.

I'm now all grown up, in a suit and tie.  
Time to go, fall or fly.

# Notes from the Glasshouse

## Eco Team

Eco Team was excited to look through footage gathered by our new motion camera and were thrilled to be able to watch a video of a muntjac deer, which visited our nature area during Half Term.



## Gardening Club

Gardening Club celebrated Chinese New Year this week, inviting pupils to propagate and plant cuttings from Chinese Money Plants. Pupils learned how to take the cutting, replant it and were given tips on how to care for the plants, which they were then able to take home.

The pupils were also pleased to see that lots of the bulbs they had planted earlier in the year are now blooming in our nature area, making it a really beautiful sight.





## **English Stars of the Week**

Lacie M  
Archie M  
Ano M  
Georgia G  
Charlie C  
Jasmine F  
Sunny-Jim C-E  
Lily C  
Jayden E  
Phoebe H

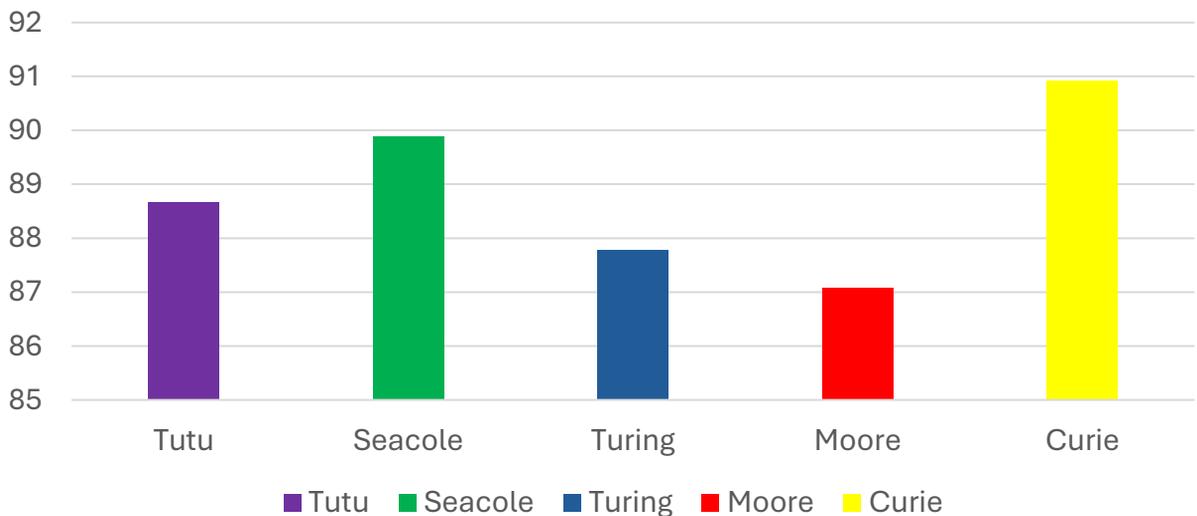
## **Mathematician of the Week**

Joshua H  
Millie L  
Aimee-Rose B  
Kingsley B  
Joanna J  
Amelia T  
Sintija Z

## House Attendance

### Curie

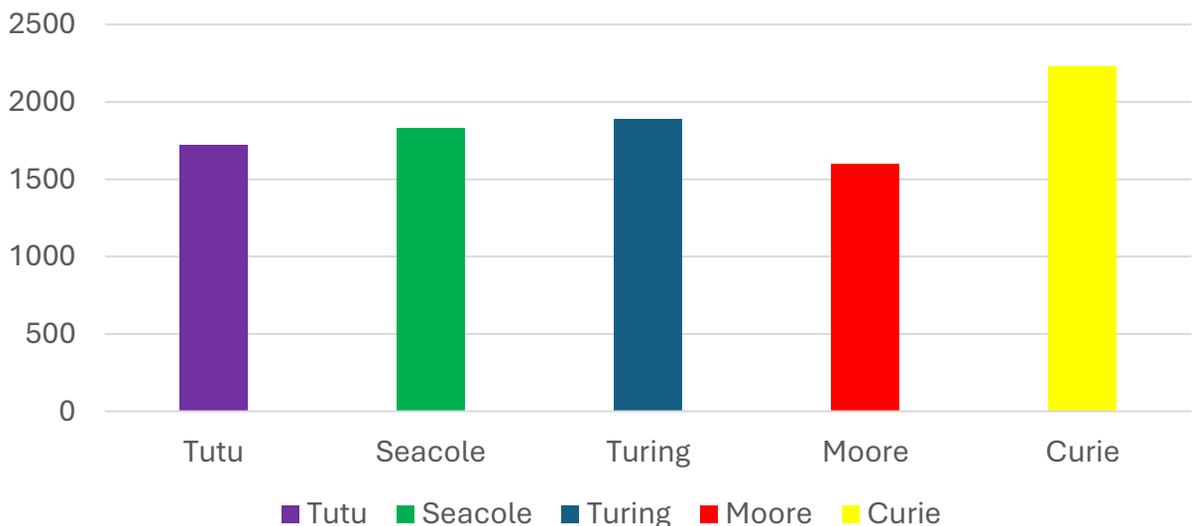
Attendance



## House Achievement

### Curie

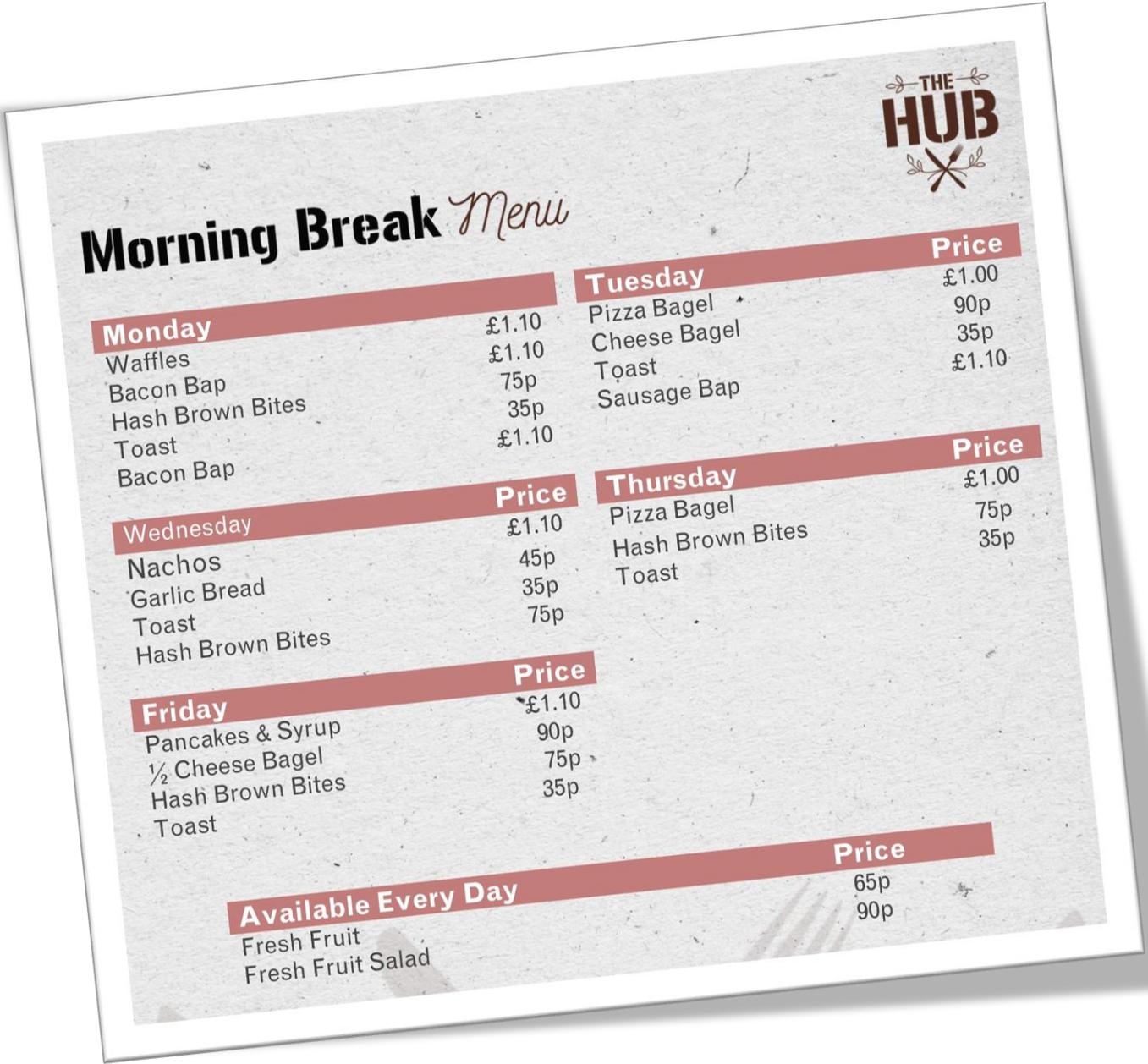
Praise Points



# The Hub

## Breakfast Menu

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



The poster features the 'THE HUB' logo in the top right corner, which includes a stylized fork and knife. 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 clean, sans-serif 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
- 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

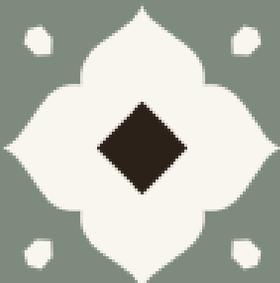
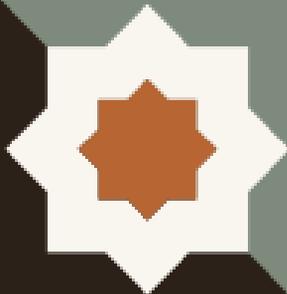
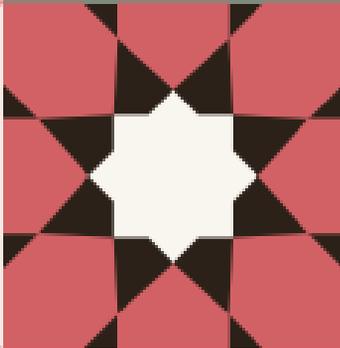
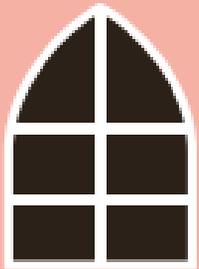
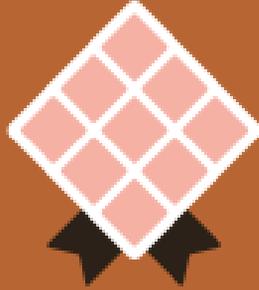
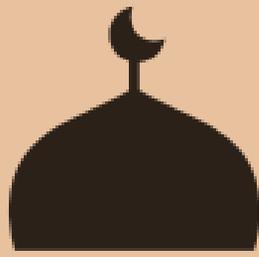


|           | Green Earth<br>Monday                | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                               | Friday  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| STAR DISH | Homemade Macaroni Cheese (V)         | Chicken Korma with Rice                               | Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & veg   | Greek Style Layered Beef & Pasta Bake  | Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish & Chips<br>Chicken Burger |
| MEAT FREE | 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                              |
| HOT PUDDS |                                      | Treacle Sponge with Custard                           | Jam Sponge with Custard                    | Chocolate Sponge with Custard          |   |

### Cold Food Pre-Ordering Trial

The Canteen is pleased to announce that they will be trialling a new system for pupils to order cold food items. Pupils will need to come to the Canteen at breaktime to order and pay for cold food items. These can then be collected at lunchtime, when they queue to come in.

Please note, this is a trial and we will be reviewing and amending the process over the next few weeks.



# IFTAR

## TAKE-HOME OPTIONS

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CATERING TEAM FOR  
TAKE-HOME OPTIONS  
FOR IFTAR

WELCOMING THE MONTH OF  
RAMADAN

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## SUBJECT DISCOVERY FAIR

From finance to nursing, law to creative arts, and engineering to teaching, get all your questions answered by the experts!

**Wednesday 18 March, 4pm - 6:30pm**



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sign up



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# Spotlight on 6th Form



## BTEC Level 3 Sport

Charlotte and Tyler chose to continue their Post-16 studies at UAH, valuing the familiarity of the school environment and the staff delivering the course. Both students share similar future ambitions, hoping to pursue a career in teaching Physical Education following their university studies.

The BTEC programme is predominantly theoretical, with units including Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being and Professional Development in the Sports Industry.

Although an academically demanding course, both students appreciate the advantages of working within a small class. They also benefit from regular practical sessions in badminton, netball and the fitness suite whilst also actively contributing to the organisation and delivery of sporting activities across the school.

Outside of their academic commitments, Charlotte and Tyler both maintain an active lifestyle. Charlotte competes in national hip-hop dance competitions, while Tyler participates in six-a-side football and basketball.

**To enrol for this subject, you will need:** 5 GCSEs, Grades 9-4 including Maths and English Language

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**External candidates, apply here:** [www.uah.applicaa.com](http://www.uah.applicaa.com)

## Department News – Sixth form

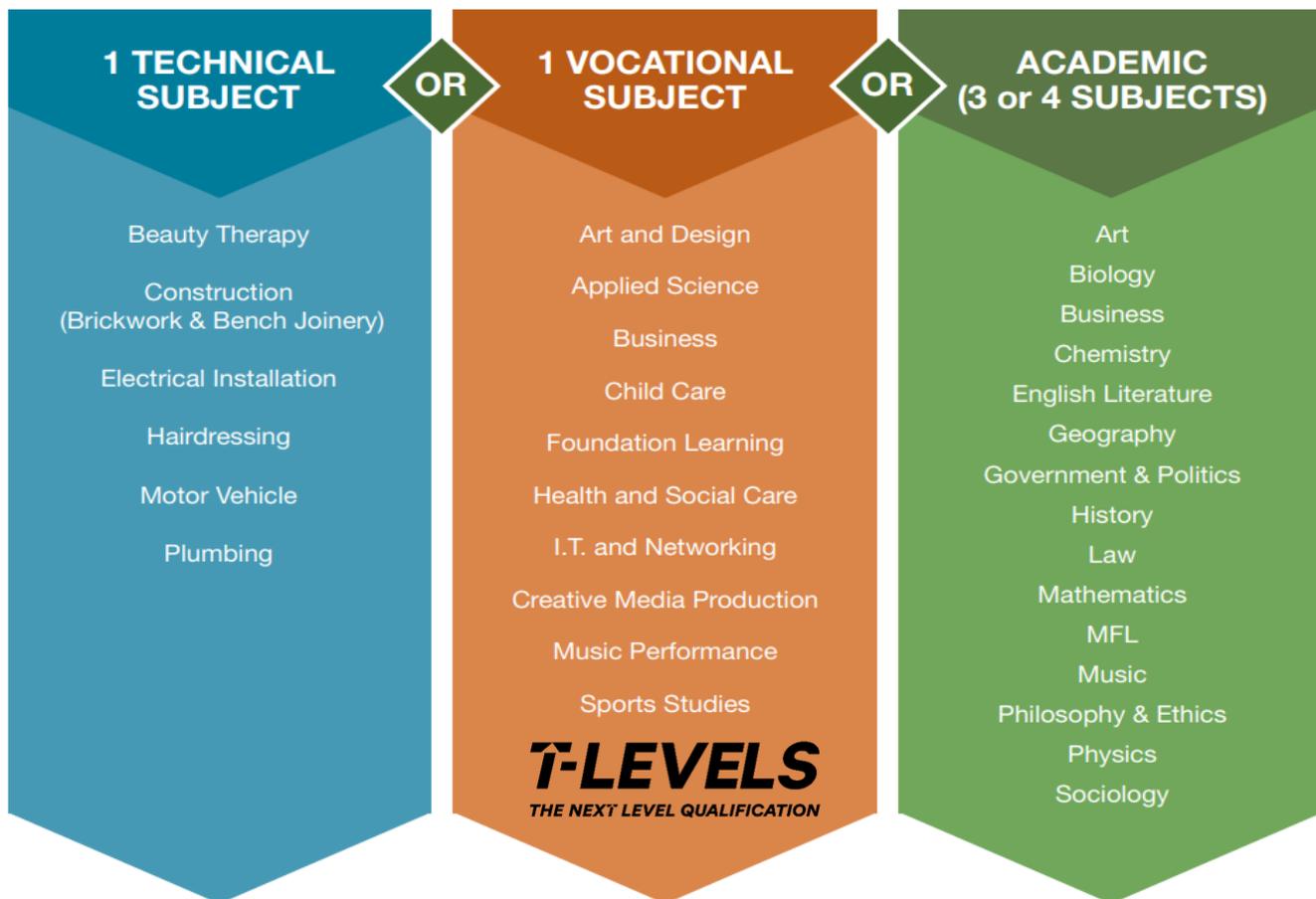
Whilst year 12 have been working on their individual learning plans, Year 13 this week have been using tutor time to work on their relaxation techniques in order to help them in their exams.

In Social studies, students are starting a series of sessions on finance, looking at how to calculate take home pay, how to budget, learning about savings accounts and investments and insurances in more detail over the forthcoming weeks.

Interviews are continuing to take place for respective students, any problems using the Applica system then please contact the Sixth Form Team.



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  |
| Y7, Y8 & Y9 Football        | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Field         | KS3  |
| KS3 Girls T1 Rugby          | 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  |
| Indoor Cricket              | 12:55 – 1:20pm  | Sports Hall   | 11   |
| Talent Show Rehearsals      | 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  |
| Trampolining         | 3:45 - 4:45pm | Sports Hall | All  |
| Darts – Group 2      | 3:45 - 4:45pm | Gym         | 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    | Glasshouse   | 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  |
| KS3 Boys Rugby (Contact)         | 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  |
| Badminton            | 3:45 - 4:45pm | Sports Hall | All  |

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# Extra Curricular Clubs

## Wednesday

| <b>Club</b>                              | <b>Time</b>     | <b>Room</b>   | <b>Year</b> |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Silent reading and craft                 | Break and Lunch | LRC           | All         |
| Homework Club                            | Lunch           | Language Lab  | All         |
| Eco Team                                 | 12:30 – 1:00pm  | Glasshouse    | 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         |
| Y7&8 Basketball                          | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Sports Hall   | 7-8         |
| Geography Club                           | 12:30 – 12:55pm | 15            | 7-9         |
| Blooket Club                             | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Language Lab  | KS3         |
| Y10 Football                             | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Field         | 10          |
| Bronze Duke of Edinburgh                 | 12:30 – 1:20pm  | 16            | 10          |
| All Years Netball                        | 12:55 – 1:20pm  | Sports Hall   | All         |
| 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         |

| <b>Club</b>          | <b>Time</b>   | <b>Room</b> | <b>Year</b> |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Independent practice | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Music 2     | All         |
| GCSE Trampolining    | 3:45 – 4:45pm | Sports Hall | KS4         |
| Chamber Choir        | 3:45 – 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  |
| UAH Community Champions  | 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  |
| Girls Football           | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Field         | All  |
| Y10 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  |
| Darts – Group 1          | 12:30 – 1:20pm  | Gym           | All  |
| Entrepreneur Club        | 12:30 – 1:20pm  | T2            | All  |

| Club                      | Time          | Room          | Year  |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Independent practice      | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Music 2       | All   |
| KS4/5 Fitness Suite       | 3:45 – 4:45pm | Fitness Suite | KS4/5 |
| Y9/10 Indoor Cricket Nets | 3:45 – 4:45pm | Sports Hall   | Y9/10 |

## FRIDAY

| Club                     | Time            | Room          | Year |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| Silent reading and craft | Break and Lunch | LRC           | All  |
| Homework Club            | Lunch           | Language Lab  | All  |
| Y11 Football             | 12:55 – 1:20pm  | Field         | 11   |
| Netball                  | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Sports Hall   | 7/8  |
| Table Tennis             | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Sports Hall   | All  |
| Book Buddies (SEN)       | 12:30 – 12:55pm | 5             | 7    |
| Badminton                | 12:55 – 1:20pm  | Sports Hall   | All  |
| Fitness Suite            | 12:30 – 12:55pm | Fitness Suite | All  |
| 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](http://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**