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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I should like to thank pupils for their efforts this week in supporting the school in administering the GCSE/GCE examinations.

Year 11 We should like to commend the Year 11 pupils for their excellent efforts this week and for ensuring that they are organised for their examinations. They have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. We wish them well as they continue with their assessments.

Year 11 Prom The Prom will take place on Friday June 26th for which tickets will be made available to purchase on ParentPay. Where this is not possible, payment can be made by cheque or cash to the Finance Office.

Attendance Congratulations to all the pupils who have a record of 100% for this half-term. There is one more week to go so let's keep up those excellent efforts and be in with the chance to win a prize after the break.

Safeguarding The week commencing May 18th is Safeguarding Awareness Week. Miss Hall will be leading assemblies for year groups to raise awareness and promote safety.

We wish you well for the weekend and look forward to some brighter weather in the forthcoming week.



S. Paige

Theme of the Week

Wellbeing - Mental Health Awareness

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." - Albus Dumbledore (J.K. Rowling)

KEY DATES

End of Term
Friday 22nd May

Attendance

Target:

97%

8H – 98.3%

9I – 98.3%

10E – 95.5%

Department News - DT

Pupils in Year 9 DT Graphics were given the opportunity to link Music and Art this week. They spent their lesson in the Hall, listening to piano music performed by classmate Gabrielius M. Pupils were tasked with creating images inspired by what they were listening to, with some fantastic results. It is great to see different types of learning taking place around school and also opportunities to celebrate our pupils talents. All the pupils were extremely impressed with Gabrielius's playing and it was a really inspiring lesson.



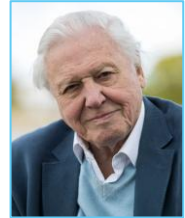
Department News - Library



PECULIAR PET™



The Library has been running a 'Peculiar Pets Competition' to celebrate National Pet Month and the recent 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough.



The task was to create a design that was either realistic or as a superhero pet. Pupils were also asked to write a poem to accompany their designs. We had some beautiful designs which will be displayed and prizes were given to the following:

Year 7 - 8 Category

Joanna J Year 8

Maya L Year 8

Year 9 - 11 Category

Anuthmi E Year 9

Jack B Year 10

Each week, we continue to deliver the Year 7 literacy lessons, which are proving to be highly successful. In addition, the Carnegie Shadowing programme is progressing very well and we are currently organising an event for participating students on Tuesday 23rd June. Two students have already read all eight titles, which is an excellent achievement.

In Book Club, we explore a wide range of themes each week, leading to thoughtful discussions, engaging debates, and meaningful conversations.

Don't forget, there are 1,000s of books and magazines online, available 24/7 on the SORA app. Use your school login for access.



Department News - Library

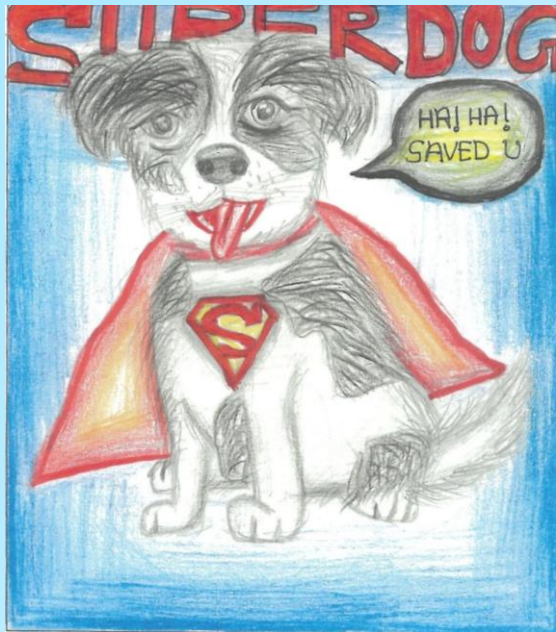


Pet Poem Title:
My Cheerful Cat

my cheerful cat
strange and bright
who turns me happy
darkest day to light

follows me
like a bright light
keeps me company
whenever I like
your happy purr
and sudden leap
then you roll asleep
as a cutie pie

so my cheerful cat
you are the best
friend that I know
makes me laugh with every move



Pet Poem Title:
Caped Guard

His velvet cape defines his noble shape,
Beneath his fur I feel a warmth.

He stands firm like a silent guard,
Keeping the world safe, one barb at a time.

He has never been known to fail,
The world outside is a chaos of noise.

But here, beneath his warmth,
The heavy world feels light.

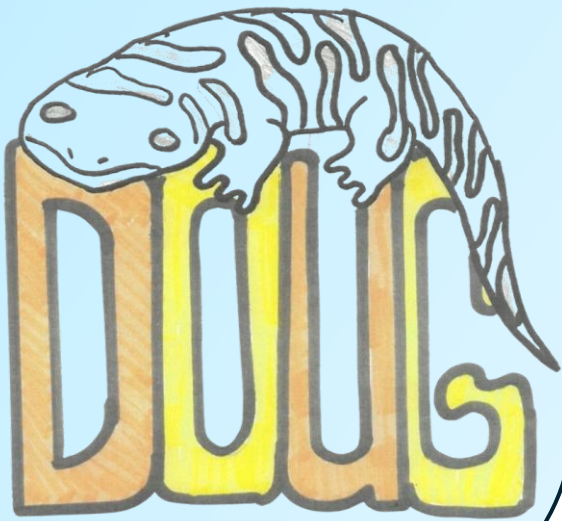
Pet Poem Title:
Dog Digs

Dog dgs,
not much else
I Dait the pigs
they make too many snells,
im not lean on dogs,
nor am I a fan of warhogs
I just like Dog.

But what is Dog?
a snail? or a slug?
a snake, a toad
or some funky toad?

well hes a tiger skin wonder
(I know, make his word not good)
But what dog does is dig,
and sleep and eat.

But we see Dog man dig hard by
I guess he just cant be beat!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance during one school year	Equal days	Approx. weeks absent	Lessons missed	Approx absence over five school years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	5 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	57 days	11½ weeks	288 lessons	1¼ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2½ years

Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

This week's session was run by 6th Form Student, Millie Osborne, and allowed pupils to explore and learn about the life cycles of different animals, including Robins and Hedgehogs. Pupils also had the opportunity to look at a sample taken from Miss Graper's pond and discussed where they would like to build our own pond in the Nature Area



Gardening Club

Last week's sunflowers are already beginning to appear and pupils also planted more rows of radishes, beetroot, pumpkin and Poached Egg Plants. There's always lots of watering and plant care also to take care of, with lots of excitement as pupils look at everything that is growing.



English Stars of the Week

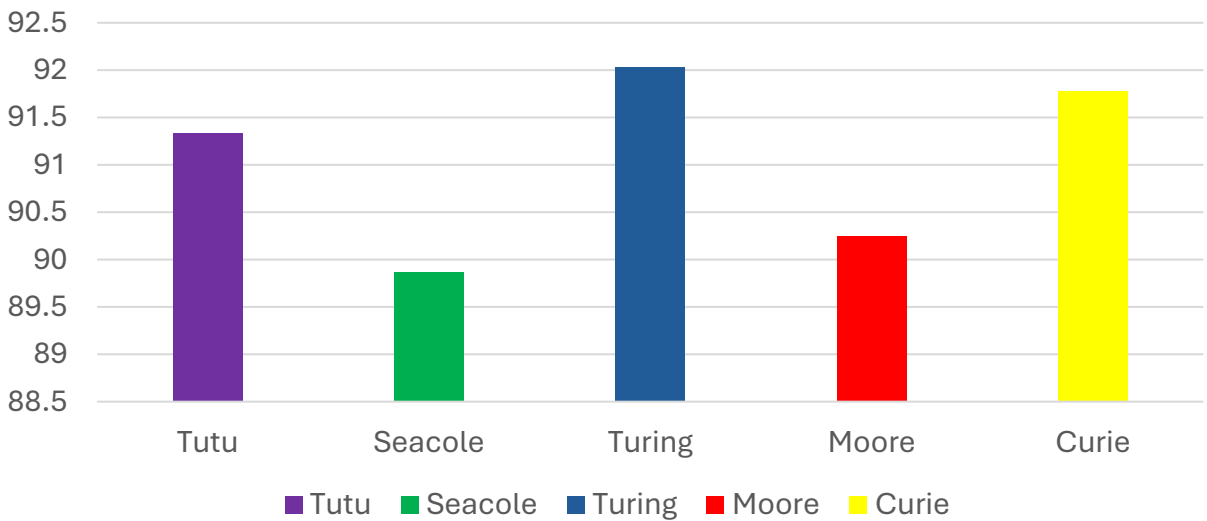
Isabella L
Grace H
Rishi N
Abbie W
Abel J
Kadee G
Zofia N
Ollie G
Martha S
Thomas M
Robbie S
Toby A

House News – End of Term Results

House Attendance

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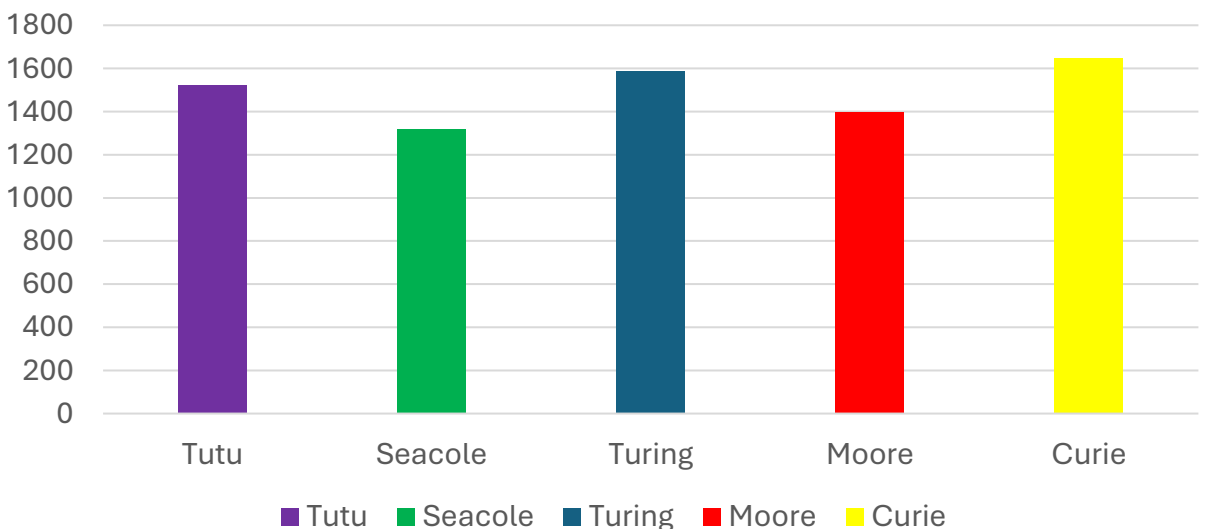
Attendance



House Achievement

Curie

Praise Points



Department News – Exams Office

As we head into exam season, this is reminder to stay focused, organised, and prepared

When revising, try to break your study into manageable chunks, use a variety of techniques like flashcards or practice questions, and give yourself **regular short breaks** to stay fresh.

Equipment


Bring all necessary equipment each day: pens, pencils, calculator, ruler, in a clear pencil case. Bring revision tools and anything else required to **start every exam with confidence**

It's also completely normal to feel some stress at this time, so **take care of yourself**: get enough sleep, eat well, and talk to someone if you're feeling overwhelmed.


Do your best, **stay positive**, and remember that effort and preparation really do make a difference

Department News – Exams Office

DON'T RISK YOUR QUALIFICATIONS




Last summer (2025), Ofqual recorded **5,025** malpractice cases across GCSE, AS and A Level exams. That's 4,735 **students** receiving at least one penalty. 

MOBILE PHONES ARE THE BIGGEST OFFENDER:

-  2,225 cases involved mobile phones or smart devices – that's 44.3% of all **cheating** cases.
-  This is up from 2,140 cases (41.5%) the year before.
-  **Phones** have been the most common cheating method every year since 2018.

THE REAL PRICE OF BEING CAUGHT:

Of those 2,225 students:




-  545 were **disqualified** from some or all of their qualifications
-  1,240 **lost** marks on their exams
-  The rest faced other **serious** penalties

THE CHIEF REGULATOR SAYS:

"Please leave your phone at home, or hand it in before you go into the exam hall. Do not become one of those statistics and risk your qualification and your future prospects."

– **Sir Ian Bauckham, Ofqual**

YOUR ACTION PLAN:

-  Leave your phone at **home** entirely
-  If you bring it, **hand** it in before entering the hall
-  Don't risk 2+ years of work for one **careless** moment

These are the rules of the JCQ (Exam Board Governing Body) and upheld by the school to ensure fairness to all students in exams. **Failure to adhere to these, will result in disqualification from ALL exams.**

EXAMS THIS WEEK*

Mon 18 May	SOCIOLOGY - ADV Paper 1
Mon 18 May	SCIENCE - CHEMISTRY Paper Two
Tue 19 May	ENGLISH LITERATURE - Paper 2
Tue 19 May	BUSINESS - Activs, Decision & Strats.
Tue 19 May	COMPUTER SCIENCE: Comp Thnk Algrthm Prgm Wtn
Tue 19 May	HISTORY A: Civil Rights Usa Wrtn
Tue 19 May	CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Hlth Wll-Bng Chld Dev Wtn
Wed 20 May	FRENCH - Listening
Wed 20 May	RELIGIOUS STUDIES A P2A Excl Text
Thu 21 May	POLITICS - ADV Paper 1
Thu 21 May	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1
Thu 21 May	LAW - ADV Paper 1
Thu 21 May	BUSINESS - Building A Business
Fri 22 May	PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Paper 1

* Please check EdulinkOne for your individual timetable

Warning to candidates



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The **Warning to candidates** must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.


The Hub

Breakfast Menu

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

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

The Hub



Grab & Go Menu

Monday	
Tomato Pasta	1.95 *
Tugo Pizza Slice	1.60 *
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	2.00*
Tuesday	
Tomato Pasta	1.95 *
Hot Dog	1.90*
French Bread Pizza	1.65*
Wednesday	
Tomato Pasta	1.95 *
BBQ Chicken Wrap	2.00*
Pizza	1.60 *
Loaded Wedges	1.50
Thursday	
Tomato Pasta	1.95 *
Pannini, Cheese, Ham n Cheese or Tuna n Cheese	2.00*
Sausage Roll	1.65*
Friday	
Pizza	1.60 *
Pizza & Chips	2.00 *
Southern Fried Chicken Burger	2.00*

JACKET POTATOES ON EVERY DAY

*Means in Meal Deal

Water Bottles

Please note we are once again selling water bottles. These new bottles are available from Pupil Reception for £1.50. Pupils can pay electronically and these are also available to order on ParentPay. If you purchase one via ParentPay, pupils should then go to Pupil Reception to collect them.

The Hub



LUNCH Menu

WEEK THREE – SPRING/SUMMER

(Ve) Vegan option
(V) Vegetarian Option



Green Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Sweet Chilli Chicken with Noodles	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Veg	Beef & Lentil Ragu with Gnocchi	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish
Butternut, Aubergine, Feta & Spinach Lasagne	Thai Red Sweet Potato Curry & rice	Vegetarian Mince Keema Slice	Cheese Flan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza And Chips
Veg, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad, Baked Beans	Mixed Salad, Baked Beans, Mixed Veg	Vegetables, Mixed Salad, Baked Beans	Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Salad

Portion(s) of fruit or veg
 Source of Wholegrain
 Contains plant-based proteins

Spotlight on Sixth Form



Level 2 Certificate in Light Vehicle Maintenance

Finley chose to continue studying Motor Vehicle in Sixth Form because he enjoyed the course in Years 10 and 11 and valued working with the tutors.

He says the course teaches valuable practical skills that are increasingly important in today's 'throwaway society.' As a hands-on learner, Finley particularly enjoys stripping down engines, repairing components, and developing his practical mechanical skills.

Outside of Sixth Form, Finley maintains his neighbour's collection of tractors and also working on a friend's traction engine. He is currently restoring the engine of a grey Fergie tractor and has experience working on the engines of older International tractors.

Although this is a course in Light Vehicle Maintenance, Finley hopes to use his transferable skills to secure an apprenticeship working on much larger machinery. He is keen to build a career repairing and maintaining the wide range of agricultural equipment used across the local area.

To enrol for this course in September, you will need: **5 GCSEs Grade 9-3**

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

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

Department News - Sixth Form

It has been a busy time in Sixth Form for assessments.

L3 T-Level have completed this Employer Set Projects assessments.

In Electrical, Year 12 students have been completing synoptic assessments, where they get a task or tasks such as a risk assessment or safe isolations (how to safely lock something off).

In Joinery, Year 13 students have been finishing their stair assessments and have begun working on their theory and their door assessments; Year 12 students have been completing some very impressive bespoke items.

Motor Vehicle L1 have been learning about compression ignition systems and L2 have been learning about vehicle suspension systems layout and maintenance.

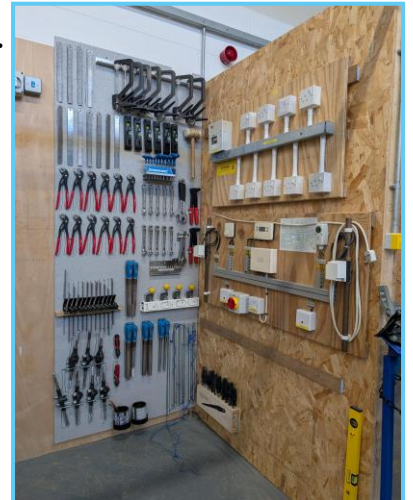
Childcare have had a guest speaker from Gosberton House to talk about Apprenticeships and L2 have been working on individual open courses to help with their progression.

Beauty L3 have been learning stone massage techniques and L1 have been completing different types of fantasy make-up and photographic and day make-up.

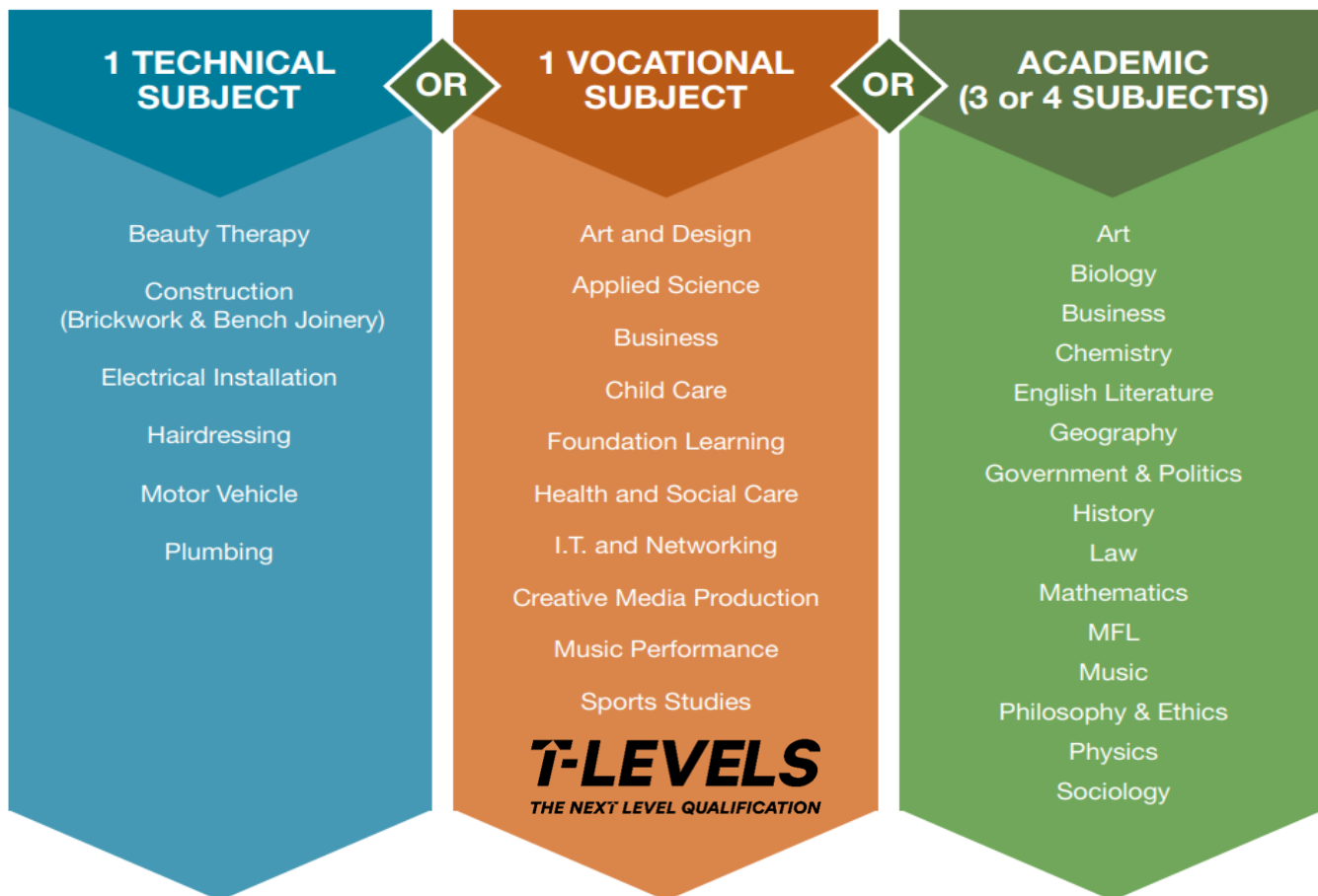
L3 Hair have been completing colour work with L2 also completing some colour work and working on their cutting techniques.

Brickwork have been working on arches, with some very impression work, one such pictures is a segmental arch, capped with a dog toothing feature.

Plumbing have been also completing synoptic assessments with L3 completing their occupational specialisms in plumbing and heating.



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
KS4 Cricket Nets	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	KS4
KS3 Girls T1 Rugby	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	KS3
All Years' Cricket	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Athletics Throws	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Tennis	12:30 – 12:55pm	PE	All
Spanish Club	12:30 – 12:55	Language Lab	All
Girls' Fitness Suite	12:55 – 1:20pm	Fitness Suite	All
Talent Show Rehearsals	12:55 – 1:20pm	Sports Hall	All
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
Athletics Track	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
GCSE PE Intervention	12:30pm – 12:55pm	Science 12	11
Athletics Throws – Discuss	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
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

Club	Time	Room	Year
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
Athletics Throws – Shot	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Fitness Suite	12:30 – 12:55pm	Fitness Suite	All
Geography Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	15	7-9
Blooket Club	12:30 – 12:55pm	Language Lab	KS3
All Years' Cricket	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh	12:30 – 1:20pm	16	10
Tennis	12:30 – 12:55pm	PE	All
KS3 Cricket Nets	12:30 – 12:55pm	Nets	All
Y9-11 Rounders	12:55 – 1:20pm	Field	9-11
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
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
Athletics Jumps – Long & Triple	12:30 – 12:55pm	PE	All
All Years' Cricket	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Fitness Suite	12:30 – 12:55pm	Fitness Suite	All
Athletics Throws – Javelin	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
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

Extra Curricular Clubs

FRIDAY

Club	Time	Room	Year
Silent reading and craft	Break and Lunch	LRC	All
Homework Club	Lunch	Language Lab	All
All Years' Cricket	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	All
Year 7/8 Rounders	12:30 – 12:55pm	Field	7/8
Table Tennis	12:30 – 12:55pm	Sports Hall	All
Book Buddies (SEN)	12:30 – 12:55pm	5	7
Fitness Suite	12:30 – 12:55pm	Fitness Suite	All
Gardening Club	12:30 – 1:00pm	Glasshouse	7