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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of Term 5 it is lovely to welcome the warmer weather which is set to last throughout the half-term break. With this in mind it is important to ensure that your child is prepared for the summer months with hats and water. A gentle reminder also about the need for sunscreen and the importance of talking to your child about staying safe in the sun.

New Principal - Mrs Brassington joined us at the school on Monday for a short visit. She enjoyed meeting with pupils and finding out more about systems. Mrs Brassington will return throughout the summer term as we start a handover phase before I retire. She is very much looking forward to starting her new role in September.

The Cube - Our outdoor serving booth is nearing completion and we hope that all seating will be in place ready for pupils to enjoy an outdoor dining space after the break.

Whole School Assemblies - This week we have focused on diversity and the importance of embracing and appreciating each other regardless of our looks, colour, faith or identities. Pupils have been reminded about the impact of our words and the importance of understanding and accepting that there is not place for racism or discrimination.

Miss Hall and Mrs Fravigar have delivered assemblies on safeguarding, ensuring that pupils understand and identify the safeguarding teams.

Year 13 Art Students - Our talented students were welcomed by Holbeach Hospital where they unveiled an array of murals with varying images based on the memories and experiences of residents.

Year 10 Prefects - Congratulations to the Year 10 prefects who were appointed this week and presented with their ties this morning. It was very uplifting to see the joy that some of our pupils have expressed after their selection. We hope they enjoy new responsibilities and opportunities that the role will bring.

Year 11 Prefects - I should like to thank the prefects for their hard work and the commitment that they have shown to the role, turning up diligently for duty each day. I hope that they have enjoyed their experiences which will serve them well in the future.

We wish you all a restful break and hope you enjoy the hot weather.



S. Paige

Theme of the Week
Celebrating Diversity

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." - Ola Joseph

KEY DATES

End of Term
Friday 22nd May

Attendance

Target:

97%

7I – 99.1%

8A – 96.2%

10E – 96.8%

Flower Festival

The Academy was invited to create a display at this year's flower festival at All Saints' Church, Holbeach. The theme for the whole festival is sport and UAH was given Netball.

Given the great success of the Year 10 Netball team, and our own superstar Netball coach Mrs Boothe, it seemed only right that they were invited to create the display and flower arrangement.

The display includes netball bibs, a ball and even a netball hoop and we are proud to include a shirt from Nottingham Forest Netball team, where Mrs Boothe coaches and one of our Year 10 team now plays.

The girls were extremely creative with the display and we would invite lots of you to visit it and the rest of the festival over the next three days.



Flower Festival



Special Tribute



Special Tribute at Long Sutton Horse and Pony Show

Last week, Year 12 Joinery student Jack presented Mrs Clarke, one of our Science teachers and Chair of the Long Sutton Horse Show, with a beautifully crafted base for a very special trophy. The unique award will be presented to the winner of the 'My Best Friend' class, created in memory of Eden Bunn.

Eden was a student at our sister school, University Long Sutton, and a familiar face at the Long Sutton Horse and Pony Show. Over the years, she competed regularly and, more recently, volunteered her time helping in the secretary's tent on show day. Sadly, Eden passed away following a car accident, and her loss has been deeply felt by everyone who knew her.

The horse show committee wanted to honour Eden's life and her love of horses in a meaningful and lasting way. They envisioned a trophy that was more personal and distinctive than a traditional cup, but needed a specially made base to complete it. The school's Joinery Department was proud to help, with Jack creating a high-quality base that perfectly complements the design.

The trophy will soon feature a title plate, and each year the winner of the 'My Best Friend' class will have their name added, creating a lasting tribute to Eden and her passion for the horse show community.

This year's Long Sutton Horse and Pony Show will take place on Sunday 28th June at Cinder Ash Park and promises to be a fantastic day out for all the family. Thanks to this special trophy, Eden's memory will continue to live on for many years to come.

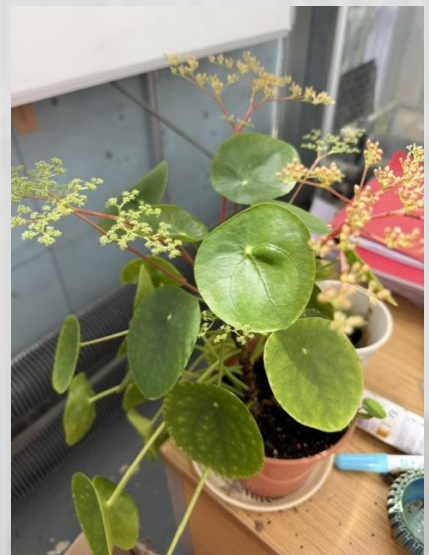
Notes from the Glasshouse

Eco Team

Eco Team has started to dig a hole for a small pond, using a basin donated to us from the Pipework department. The ground was a lot harder than we had anticipated, so we still need to dig a bigger hole, but the pupils were excited to discuss what wildlife might be attracted to it.

Gardening Club

This week's major task was watering, as it is such a hot day and because we won't be here next week. Pupils have taken great care with all of our plants and we can't wait to see how much they have grown by the time we get back.





English Stars of the Week

Riley P

Erim A

Archie B

Mia P

Warren G

Brandon C

Willow S

Jack B

Andrei T

Ava H

Max B

Poppy W

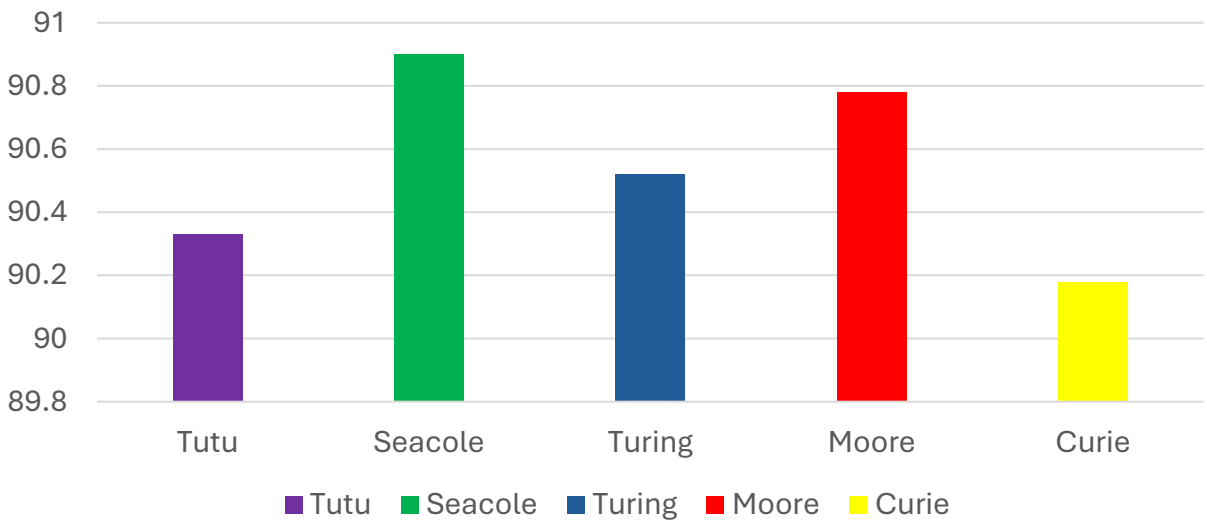
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House News – End of Term Results

House Attendance

Seacole

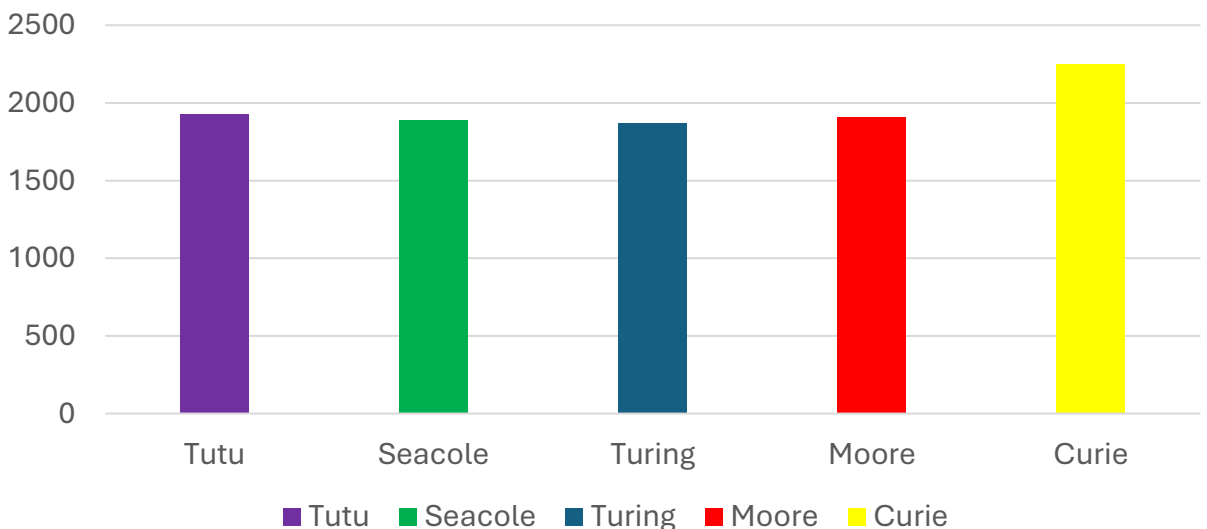
Attendance



House Achievement

Curie

Praise Points





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



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 - Actvics, 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.

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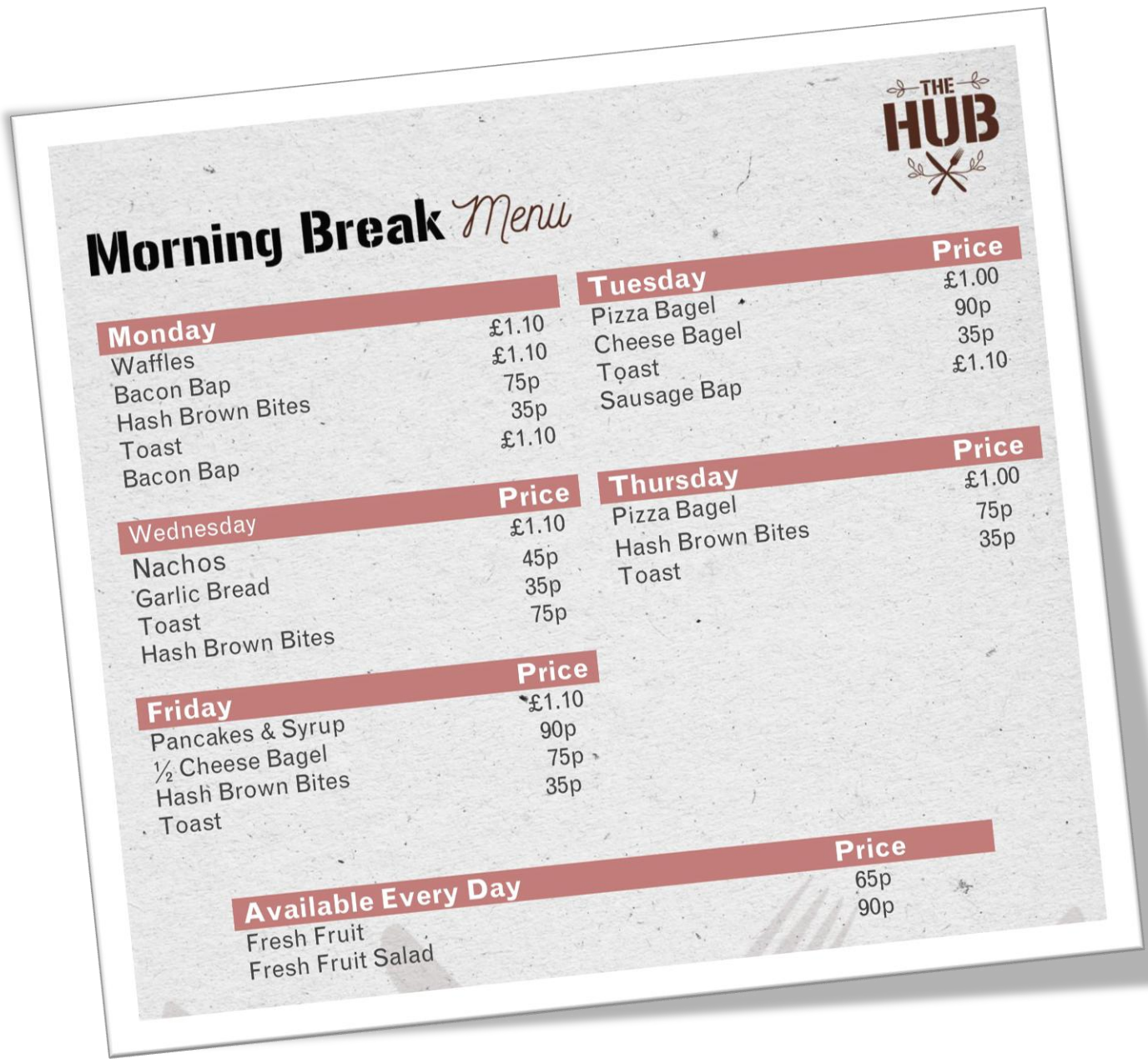
If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

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

Day	Item	Price	
Monday	Waffles	£1.10	
	Bacon Bap	£1.10	
	Hash Brown Bites	75p	
	Toast	35p	
	Bacon Bap	£1.10	
Tuesday	Pizza Bagel	£1.00	
	Cheese Bagel	90p	
	Toast	35p	
	Sausage Bap	£1.10	
Wednesday	Nachos	£1.10	
	Garlic Bread	45p	
	Toast	35p	
	Hash Brown Bites	75p	
Thursday	Pizza Bagel	£1.00	
	Hash Brown Bites	75p	
	Toast	35p	
Friday	Pancakes & Syrup	£1.10	
	½ Cheese Bagel	90p	
	Hash Brown Bites	75p	
	Toast	35p	
Available Every Day	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 ONE – SPRING/SUMMER

(Ve) Vegan option
(V) Vegetarian Option



Sides

	Green Earth Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STAR DISH	Mediterranean Vegetable Ragu with Gnocchi (V)	Chicken in Arrabbiata Sauce with Pasta	Roast Chicken with Gravy & Roasties & Veg	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potato	Fish & Chips Southern Fried Chicken Burger
MEAT FREE	Mac & Cheese (V)	Chilli Sin Carne with Rice	Veggie Sausage & Tomato Turnover	Loaded Potato Skins with Cheese & Spring Onion	Pizza & Chips
Sides	Veg, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Mixed Veg, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Peas, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad

Portion(s) of fruit or veg



Source of Wholegrain



Contains plant-based proteins



Spotlight on Sixth Form



T Level Digital Support Services

After studying Computer Science at GCSE, Aleks chose to continue his studies at UAH by enrolling on the T Level in Digital Support Services. Having already built strong relationships with both staff and fellow students, as well as having a keen interest in the course content, UAH felt like the perfect place for him to continue his education. The T Level in Digital Support Services provides students with the knowledge, practical skills, and industry experience needed for a career in the fast-growing digital sector. The course covers areas such as IT support, networking, cyber security, software, and digital systems, helping students develop the technical and problem-solving skills highly valued by employers. Alongside classroom learning, students also complete an industry placement, giving them valuable real-world experience and preparing them for employment, apprenticeships, or further study. Aleks particularly enjoys developing and playing online games, which has inspired his future career ambitions. Although he may choose to progress to university, his ultimate goal is to build a successful career as a games designer.

To enrol for this course in September, you will need: **5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 including English and Maths**

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

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

Department News – Sixth Form

It continues to be a busy and stressful time for our Sixth Form students as they balance exams and coursework, and we are incredibly proud of their ongoing hard work, resilience, and achievements both in and out of school.

Here are just some of the exciting things our Sixth Form students have been involved in over the last week...

The Year 13 Art students went to Holbeach Hospital yesterday to see the wonderful mural they had created revealed to very excited and grateful residents.

Our Level 3 Health and Social Care students were recently featured in *The Voice* newspaper, highlighting their experience during Insight Week at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust.

The students were invited to spend time at the hospital, gaining valuable insight into the healthcare environment while also developing important teamwork and communication skills through a range of activities and experiences.



Department News – Sixth Form



Year 13 UAH construction student, Brodie, showcasing the outstanding quality and craftsmanship of his work.



Cancer is happening right now, which is why one of our students, Ava, is taking part in the Lincoln 5K Race For Life Pretty Muddy on 11th July, raising money for Cancer Research UK.

If you would like to give Ava some encouragement and help reach her target, please click on the link below:

Ava's Pretty Muddy Race for Life

Department News – Sixth Form



One of our A Level students, JJ, recently gained a prestigious Gliding Scholarship designed for RAF Air Cadets aged 16 and over.

The scholarship offers the opportunity to complete intensive flight training with a Volunteer Gliding Squadron (VGS), working towards the highly sought-after Silver Wings qualification.

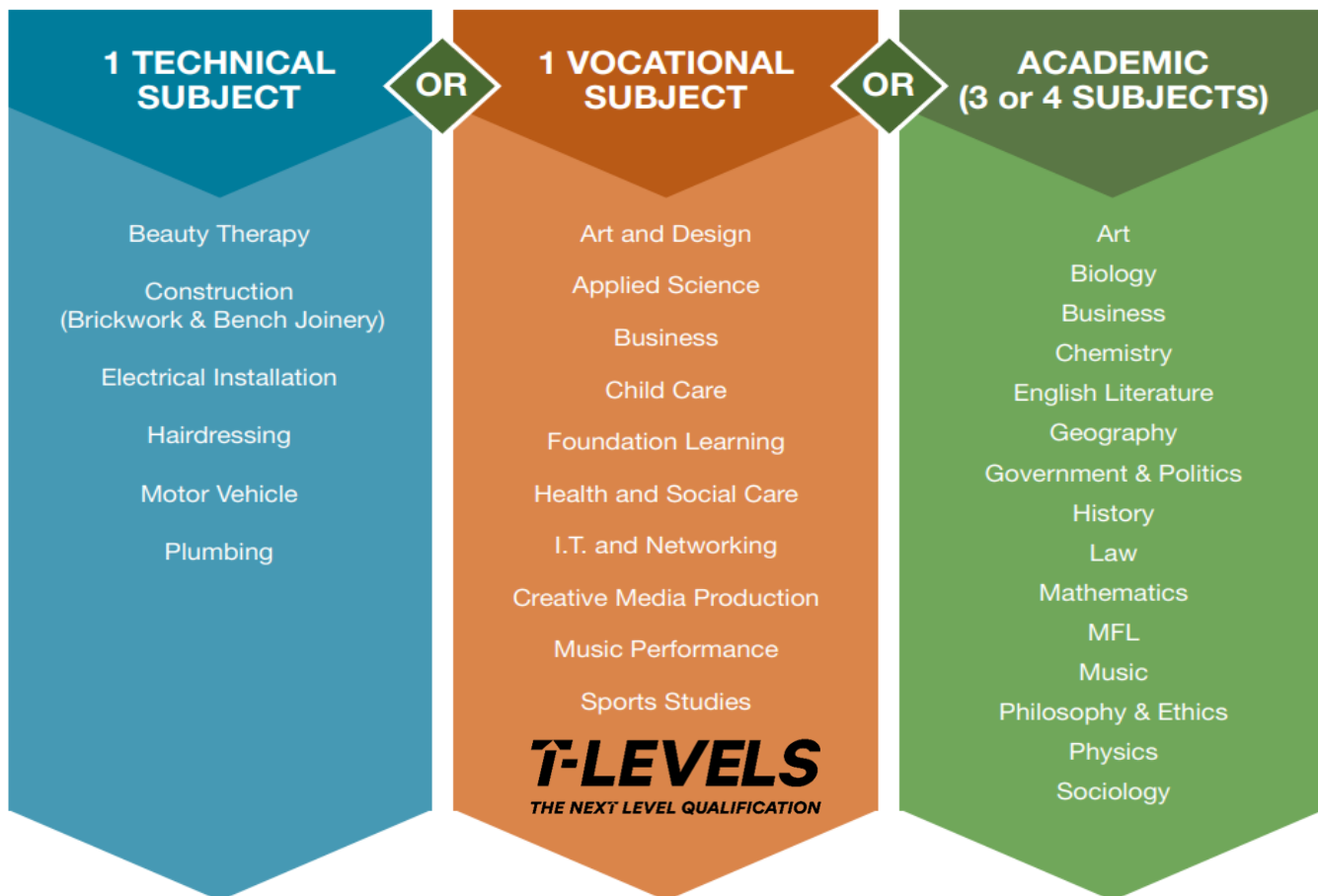
This is an exceptionally rare opportunity, with a lengthy and highly competitive selection process.

Applications must be approved at a very high level within the Air Cadets, and the course itself only runs once or twice each year.

The programme provides up to eight hours of flight time or 40 launches, with the ultimate aim of achieving a solo flight — flying the glider independently without an instructor on board.

After nearly six weeks of training, JJ successfully completed his solo flight this weekend, an outstanding and highly commendable achievement.

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



WORLD CUP STICKERS

SWAP CLUB



**SWAP.
CONNECT.
COMPLETE.**

BRING YOUR DUPLICATES.
FIND THE ONES YOU NEED.



MEET. SWAP. SCORE!
BE PART OF THE COLLECTION.

**EVERY
STICKER
TELLS A
STORY.**

TOGETHER, LET'S COMPLETE THE WORLD!

Tuesday 12.30pm - 13.15pm

T4



Keeping Safe Survey 2026



Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for a better future



YOUR ONLINE WORLD. YOUR VOICE.

You know better than anyone what happens online.

Tell us about:

The apps you use
Online harms you see or experience
What support actually helps

Your honest answers will help change education resources and support the adults who support you.

Anonymous

Quick to complete

Your voice = real change

Have your say today.

Scan the QR code or follow the link



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