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Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parent/Carer

As the weather warms up I should like to give a quick reminder about the importance of pupils attending with a water bottle. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils ill-equipped for the warm weather and complaining of feeling dehydrated and headaches. We have suggested to pupils that they put a bottle in their bag as soon as they return home from school. Refillable bottles can be purchased at the school for £1.50.

Eco-Team Congratulations to the pupils who represented the school at the Lincolnshire Show Schools Challenge with a project that focused on nature, nurture and the weather. We are delighted that their project was highly commended.

Maths Conference Well done to the pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 who were selected to attend the Open Mathematical Enrichment Conference. The pupils were outstanding ambassadors for the school.

Year 10 Exams Year 10 exams start the week commencing June 22nd. These are important exams that will help to prepare pupils for the mock examinations and GCSEs next summer. Pupils will take their exams as per the normal examination procedures. We wish them well for the forthcoming week.

UAH Musicians A huge thank you to Robert and Abigail on behalf of Holbeach Bank and Holbeach Primary for their superb assistance at their summer concerts. The pupils and staff enjoyed their excellent performances on the drums and the guitar.

Girls' Cricket Thank you to all the girls who supported the school this week when we hosted the softball cricket tournament. The event was hugely enjoyed and it is so pleasing to see more and more girls taking part in this sport.

Attendance Congratulations to the 394 pupils who achieved 100% attendance in the last half-term. Today we reminded pupils of the importance of being in school everyday. For the remainder of the term pupils with 100% attendance will be entered into a weekly prize draw and will be rewarded with a treat at the end of each week.

Please enjoy a fabulous sunny weekend.



S. Paige

Theme of the Week

Local Heritage – Flag Fen

"The enduring value of the past is, one might say, the very basis of civilization." - John Jay Chapman

KEY DATES

**Year 10 Exams
- WB 22nd June**

**Attendance
Target:**

97%

8B – 95%

10E – 95.2%

Notes from the Glasshouse

Success at The Lincolnshire Show

Following on from a year of hard work developing the Nature Area next to the glasshouse, members of Eco Team travelled to Lincoln on Wednesday and Thursday to take part in The Lincolnshire Show Schools' Challenge.

Pupils had created a display showing all of the different projects they had been involved in and for two days they spoke to members of the public, enthusiastically describing everything they have learned.

On Thursday, the pupils gave a presentation to the judges and we were so proud of them when it was announced that they were awarded Highly Commended in their category.

Taking part in the project develops many different skills and knowledge of nature and the environment. However, when pupils are then expected to speak publicly, it can feel very daunting to some. All the pupils met this challenge with enthusiasm and so many members of the public spoke to the staff accompanying them about how brilliant they were.

Pupils also had opportunities to look round the show and all the pupils said that they had had a great time. It is a key date in Eco Team's calendar and we can't wait for next year!



Notes from the Glasshouse



The Lincolnshire Show – Year 9

48 Year 9 pupils travelled to The Lincolnshire Show on Thursday, with the opportunity to look round and enjoy all the different exhibitions and displays.

Pupils were brilliantly behaved and managed to see lots of different things, including parachutists, pigs and promotions from different companies. There are a huge number of farm vehicles and machinery on display and the military also has a whole area in which they have stands.

The show provides lots of careers opportunities, with so many different businesses and charities exhibiting and pupils are able to talk to people and find out about many different career possibilities.

We hope to take more pupils next year, as this year was such a success.



On Thursday, The Maths Department took 8 pupils to the Open Mathematical Enrichment Conference at Thomas Deacon Academy. These pupils were selected because they are some of the best mathematicians in school. They were able to take part in a range of maths-based activities, including designing robot arms. Taking pupils to such events provides opportunities for pupils to stretch themselves and meet pupils from different schools. All the pupils were extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school.

Sports News



Cricket

The Academy hosted a softball Cricket tournament on Tuesday, which involved a number of other schools as well. Our team played well, winning one game and gaining valuable experience.

On Thursday, UAH's Girls' U15 Cricket team travelled to Thomas Middlecott Academy to take part in a tournament. All the pupils played very well and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and came third overall.



Stars of the Week

Isabelle P

Enya B

Agata P

Lola S

Alex W

Ruby G

Freyah B

Paige B

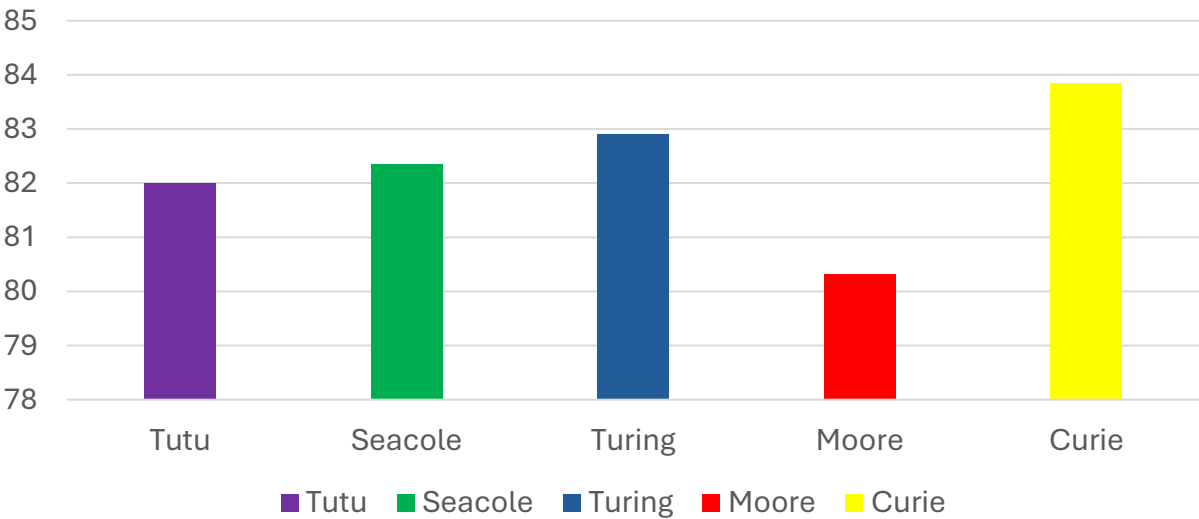
Isaac G

House News – End of Term Results

House Attendance

Curie

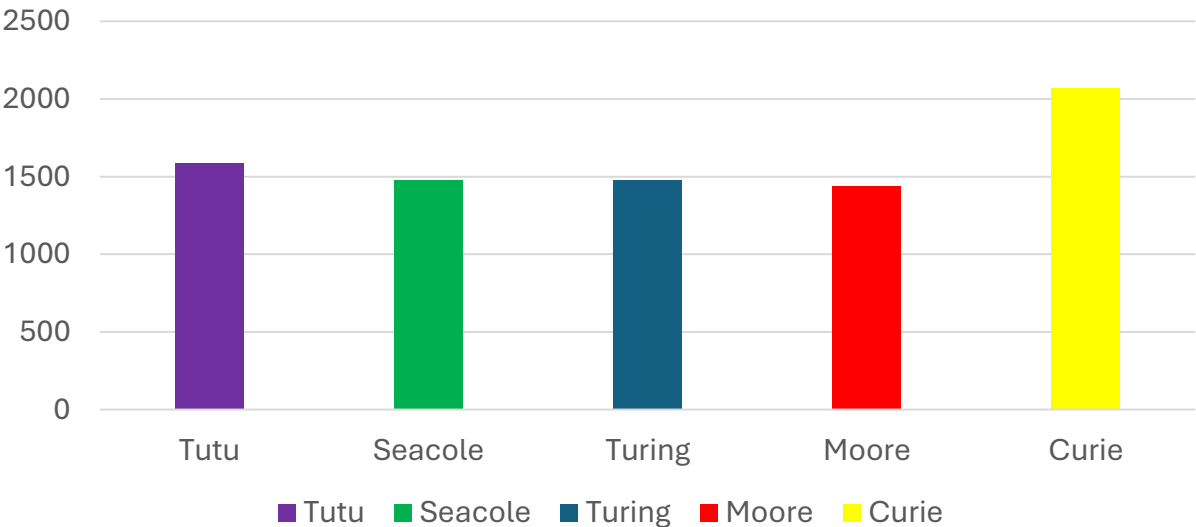
Attendance



House Achievement

Curie

Praise Points





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

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.

We abide by these rules for **all mock exams**

MOCK EXAMS

Monday 22nd June	Science Maths
Tuesday 23rd June	English
Wednesday 24th June	Science Geography History

Why are your Mocks important?

Mock exams are an important part of preparing for your final exams. They give you the opportunity to experience real exam conditions, practise managing your time effectively, identify gaps in your knowledge, and improve your revision strategies without the pressure of the results counting towards your final grades. Mock exams also help teachers determine predicted grades, which are often used for Post-16 applications. Their importance was highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic, when mock exam results were used as evidence in place of GCSE grades for many students.



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations. If you need to use the toilet, you must do so **BEFORE** you enter the exam hall

2

Possession of a mobile phone, watch, earbuds, smart glasses, other wearable technology 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.

Breakfast Menu

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

Morning Break Menu		THE HUB	
Monday		Tuesday	
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	
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	
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 *
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

STAR DISH

MEAT FREE

Portion(s) of fruit or veg



Source of Wholegrain



Contains plant-based proteins



Department News - Sixth Form

Whilst many of the external exams and internal assessment are coming to an end, Year 13 is being supported with next steps, whether that be job applications or University finance. Year 12 students have also been continuing to write their CVs or working on personal statements for University.

The BTEC Sport students attended the University of Lincoln which provides for virtual and in-person outreach masterclasses for prospective students, covering specialized fields like biomechanics, performance analysis, and strength & conditioning.

An exciting opportunity for the T-Level students, they are working with the IT support staff to update and refurbish the sixth form IT suites.

Health Students have continued to make regular visits to Holbeach Hospital to speak with the residents about their lives, with a view to creating poems. This is such a wonderful activity for all involved, providing much needed company to the residents of the Hospital and excellent experience for the students.

With many recent sad reports in the news, Sixth form attended an assembly in aid of Drowning Prevention Week, which is the UK and Ireland's largest water safety campaign, deliberately timed just before the summer school holidays to teach children and young adults crucial lifesaving skills and safety advice.



Department News - Joinery

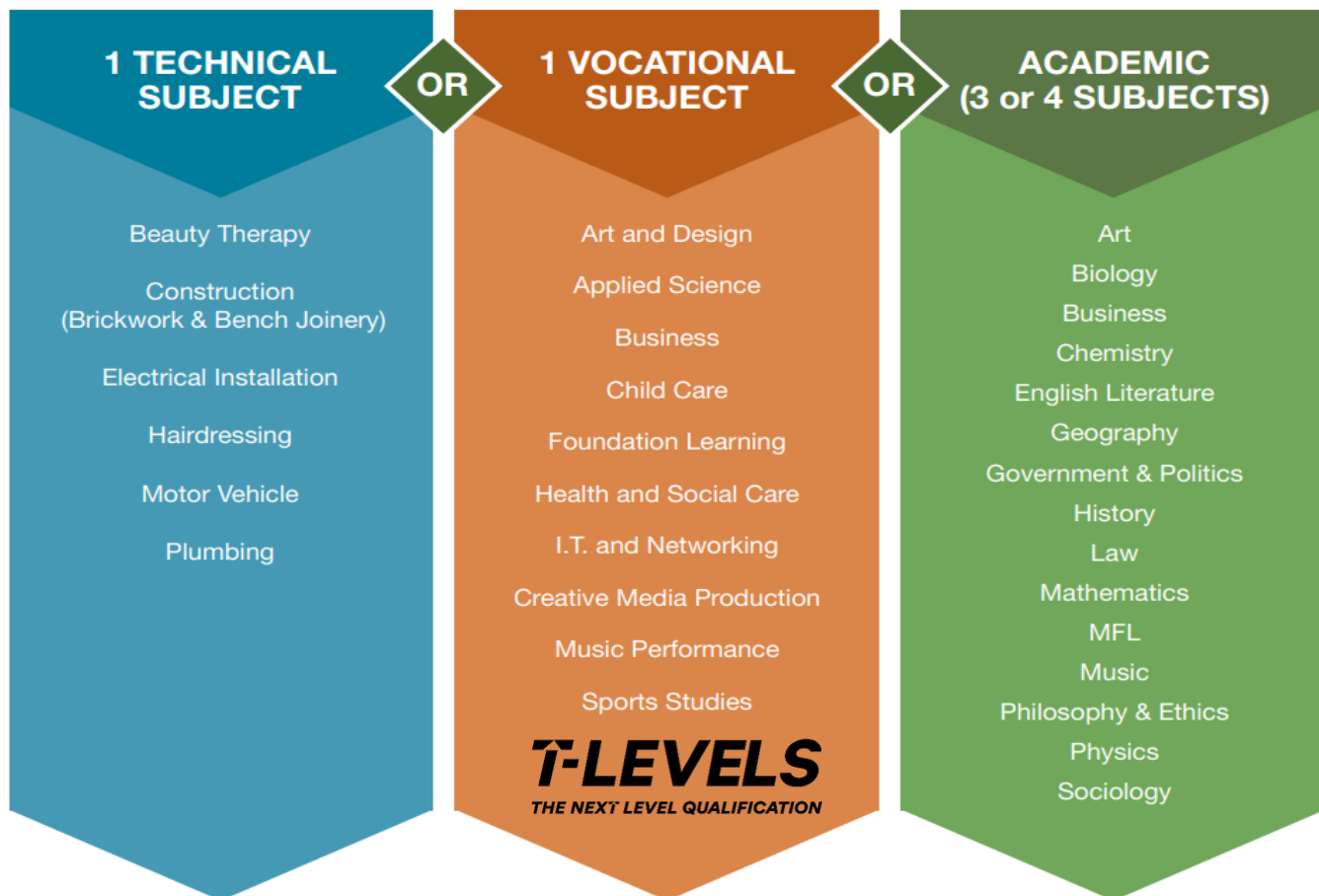


Level 1 Joinery student Hayden Slipper decided to challenge himself to further develop his joinery skills in preparation for Level 2 next year.

Having successfully completed the practical assessments for the Level 1 qualification, he chose to use his spare time to produce these high-quality plant pot boxes as a gift for his mother.

These were made out of scrap wood and offcuts from the workshop. He learnt new techniques and how to use tools that are not usually implemented until Level 2, broadening his skillset and woodworking knowledge. His mum is happy too!

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

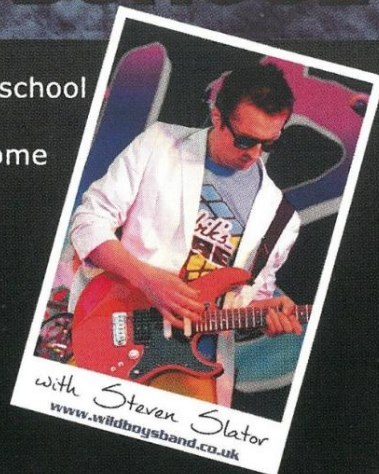
FRIDAY

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

Department News - Music

GUITAR LESSONS AVAILABLE IN YOUR SCHOOL

- ⦿ weekly guitar lessons given during school-time in the school
- ⦿ all ability levels catered for- complete beginners welcome
- ⦿ electric, acoustic & bass-guitar tuition available
- ⦿ grades and music GCSE assistance offered
- ⦿ learn YOUR favourite songs
- ⦿ electric guitars available to use during lessons



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