UNIVERSITY ACADEMY HOLBEACH

UAH Newsletter

Friday 6th November



Upcoming Dates

WB 9th November
Year 9 Checkpoint
Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance
16th November – 27th November
Year 11 Mock Exams
WB 16th November
Anti-Bullying Week
WB 23rd November
UK Parliament Week
Monday 30th November
Careers Fair
Thursday 3rd December
6th Form Parents' Evening
Friday 4th December
Year 7 Christingle
Wednesday 9th December
Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th December
Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 14th December
Presentation Evening
Tuesday 15th December
Christmas Concert at All Saints' Church, Holbeach
Friday 18th December
End of Term
Wednesday 6th January
Term begins
Wednesday 6th January
Year 10 Assessment Week begins
Monday 11th January
KS5 Health Day
Thursday 14th January
Year 9 Stay Safe Day

Key topics...

Update from the Principal

Personal Development

Safeguarding Update

Lunch Menus

Topic headline 5

Principal's Update



Welcome to our updated parent newsletter. We will send these out fortnightly to keep you up to date with UAH news, our work, special events and any changes to what we are doing.

This week we welcomed back our pupils after their well-deserved October half-term break. It has been great to welcome them back into the building looking smart in their clip on ties and blazers. I have enjoyed visiting lessons this week, seeing some outstanding work in Year 11 history lessons and really focused learning in A-level Biology.

We also held our post-16 Open Evening this week and welcomed many of you and external visitors to the school. It is easy to take for granted the high quality and varied Sixth Form curriculum we offer. Thank you for all the positive feedback we received following this event.

This term we welcome Ms Gill to the school. Ms Gill is going to be working with us until January to evaluate our systems and processes for behaviour, attendance and pastoral support. She will be working with our pupils to support them and you might see, meet or talk with her over the course of this half-term.

Next week is an important week at UAH with our Remembrance commemorations next Wednesday. All our pupils will all complete a 2-minute silence in their classrooms and have assemblies to help them understand why we remember. We will have poppies on sale around the Academy next week, we encourage our pupils to bring a small donation so that they can wear their poppy with pride on Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE

This week I had a conversation with a Year 11 pupil who was upset that she had not been able to vote on the location of the Year 11 Prom - because she was absent from school. I also meet pupils on a daily basis who have gaps in their learning and are worried about their progress because they have been absent from school.

Attendance at school is vital for academic and social success. Even missing one day of school can give pupils significant gaps in their knowledge and understanding of key subjects. At UAH we look forward to welcoming our pupils every day.

We know that we all occasionally suffer from illnesses and for some, those illnesses are more severe than for others - 100% attendance might not always be possible. However, if your child has a mild cold, headache, stomach ache (not sickness) please send them to school. We often find that keeping to routine helps pupils and means that they continue with their learning, minimising their stress in the longer term.

If pupils are struggling during the day we can provide medical support and if necessary, contact you to collect them. If you wish for them to have paracetamol or ibuprofen administered to them in school, this can be organised just by dropping in an unopened box of tablets into main reception and completing our medication form.

All pupils should be aiming for a minimum of 97% attendance - we know and evidence tells us that pupils who attend below this level achieve less well in school - and we want all our UAH Graduates to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs J Brassington

Principal

Personal Development

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Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 have all taken part in extra-curricular events over the past term, focused on aspects of our Personal Development curriculum. Year 10, 11 and 12 took part in Stay Safe Days, which are organized by Lincolnshire County Council. Pupils attended workshops on a range of themes, including Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Online Safe, Harmful Behaviours in Relationships, Sexual Abuse and Fire Safety. The sessions are delivered by outside agencies including the Police, Fire Service and Haven Domestic Abuse charity. The pupils always get a lot out of the sessions and it is important for us to tackle these topics with them.

Year 7 enjoyed an afternoon's performance from Smashed! an alcohol awareness charity. The performance includes a play exploring the dangers of alcohol abuse and peer pressure associated with it and then asks pupils to interact with the actors, considering how to make different and better choices.

The pupils were really engaged with the event and lots of them commented on how much they had enjoyed it.





The Humanities Department has organised a number of trips this year already, with a group of Year 11 pupils going to see the Bayeux Tapestry, Year 10 and 11 pupils travelling to Iceland and Year 9 pupils visiting the WWI battlefields of Belgium and Northern France. Giving pupils opportunities to visit different places and experience topics in real life is so important and all the pupils on these trips created memories we are sure will stay with them for a long time.

The Academy was incredibly grateful to the pupils and their families who donated to the Harvest appeal. We received a huge amount of non-perishable items, which are being donated to our local foodbank. Further Harvest celebrations included the Year 7 Wheatsheaf competition and a tutor group quiz. Pupils also attended assemblies and were encouraged to reflect on the plight may children around the world face in getting enough to eat.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Celebrating opportunities and experiences

An extraordinary Sixth Form Open Evening!



On Wednesday 4th November, we held our annual Sixth Form Open Evening, welcoming students from UAH and neighbouring schools to discover the "Extraordinary" Sixth Form we have to offer.
Staff representing our 40+ courses showcased students' work and explained the differences between courses within the same subject areas. With courses ranging from Level 1 to Level 3, there are opportunities to suit all learners.





Guests commented on our unique specialist teaching areas, particularly vocational subjects, and praised enthusiasm and passion of staff promoting their courses.

SEPTEMBER 2027
APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!



Y12 – Stay Safe Day

On Monday 2nd October, our Year 12 students participated in a Stay Safe Day as part of our enrichment programme.

Students focused on important topics including sextortion, online dating, sexual violence and harmful relationships. We welcomed visitors from the Police and council outreach services, who helped deliver sessions and raise awareness.

One of the most enlightening activities explored how AI can be used to clone people's identities and scam victims, using real-life examples from our local area.

With technology advancing so quickly, it is vital that we equip our learners with the knowledge to recognise risks and remain vigilant of impersonators. Although online safety is already at the forefront of conversations, these activities in a safe environment demonstrated just how easily someone can fall into a trap

Keeping our students safe, informed and prepared for the future

KEEPING IN TOUCH
Contacting Your Child's Year Team

Contact the right team directly

Dedicated email addresses for every year group

Year 7
year7team@uah.org.uk

Year 8
year8team@uah.org.uk

Year 9
year9team@uah.org.uk

Year 10
year10team@uah.org.uk

Year 11
year11team@uah.org.uk

Sixth Form
6thformteam@uah.org.uk

A little reminder
Please include your child's full name and tutor group in all emails to help us direct your enquiry quickly

Working together, keeping connected.

Safeguarding

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Six important reminders to help keep our children safe, supported and ready to learn.

01 YOUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms E Hall is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mrs L Fravigar is Deputy DSL. Our safeguarding and pastoral teams work with families and other services to protect pupils.

- **CONTACT UAHSafeguarding@uolat.co.uk — monitored during academy working hours.**

02 ONLINE SAFETY & GAMING

With interest in GTA and other adult-rated games, check age ratings, online chat, privacy and spending controls. GTA games carry an 18 rating and contain mature themes.

- **AT HOME Talk openly about what your child plays, watches and shares online.**

03 SAFE JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

As evenings become darker, encourage well-lit walking routes, safe crossings and reflective clothing. Cyclists need working front and rear lights after dark; helmets are strongly recommended.

- **REMEMBER Put phones away when crossing roads and stay alert to traffic.**

04 MOBILE PHONES AT UAH

Mobile phones must not be seen or used during the school day. They should be switched off and kept securely out of sight in pupils' bags or lockers.

- **PLEASE Reinforce this expectation at home; contact reception for urgent messages.**

05 MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Changes in mood, sleep, attendance or behaviour may mean a young person needs support. Listening without judgement and asking how they are feeling can make a difference.

- **SUPPORT Speak to your child's year team if you have concerns.**

06 HOW PUPILS CAN REPORT WORRIES

Children can speak to any member of staff: everyone has safeguarding training and a responsibility to help. They can also visit their year team office, pupil reception or the safeguarding office.

- **ALSO Pupils can use the worry box at pupil reception to share a concern.**

LOCAL HELP FOR LINCOLNSHIRE FAMILIES

Here4You (Lincolnshire mental health): 0800 234 6342 • Kooth: kooth.com

Lincolnshire Family Services Directory: lincolnshire.gov.uk/family-services-directory • Childline: 0800 1111

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For urgent safeguarding concerns outside school hours, contact Lincolnshire Children's Services.

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 2

WOK MY WAY — EVERY TUESDAY

Asian inspired noodles with a selection of protein and vegetables

flat breadz — EVERY WEDNESDAY

Authentic Greek flatbreads topped with marinated chicken or plant-based protein

EVERY THURSDAY — CHICK N' RUN

Chicken served with a range of signature marinades and seasoned rice

Switch it up with our street food favourites! Ask the team for this week's flavours

PLANT FORWARD MON	Louisiana-Style Sausage, Bean & Vegetable Stew with Rice, Sweetcorn and Green Beans or Mixed Salad (VG)	Roasted Gnocchi with Butternut & Lentil Ragu with Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad (VG)
TUE	Korma Style Chicken & Lentil Curry & Rice with Seasonal Vegetables	Spaghetti with Roasted Vegetables in a Herby Tomato Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad (V)
WED	Roast of The Day, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy served with Seasonal Vegetables	Smokey Cheese & Butternut Quiche, Roast Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad (V)
THU	Sausage, Mash & Caramelised Onion Gravy served with Seasonal Vegetables	Thai Style Nut-Free Satay & Rice served with Stir Fried Seasonal Vegetables (VG)
FRI	Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish or Jumbo Sausage & Chips served with Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad	Margherita Pizza & Chips served with Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad (V)

POT & TASTY

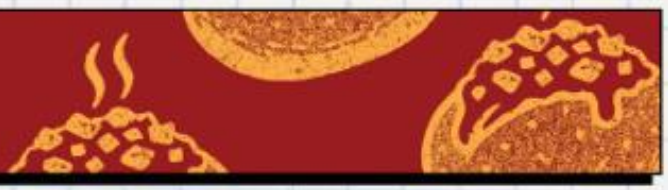
Daily range of ready to go pots including pastas, salads and rice bowls

DESSERTS

Enjoy our chef's choice of sweet treats, served every day

SPUD STOP — TOPPED & LOADED

Hot loaded spuds with a daily range of tasty toppings to fill you up



14th Sep, 5th & 26th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st & 22nd Feb, 15th March

V - VEGETARIAN
VG - VEGAN