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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin a new academic year, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school tomorrow, refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

To ensure a smooth and successful start, please take a moment to read through the important reminders and updates below:

Uniform Expectations

Wearing the correct uniform supports our school values and promotes pride and readiness for learning. Please ensure your child returns in full uniform tomorrow.

ClassCharts App – Pupil and Parent Access

Pupils were given their login details, along with a parental access code, at the end of last year. ClassCharts is used to track attendance, behaviour, homework and school updates. For login support, please email enquiries@uals.org.uk

New School Day – Important Reminder

From tomorrow, we will implement the new structure to the school day. Start and finish times remain the same, but tutor time will now take place at the beginning of the day. In the afternoon, the order of tutor time and Period 5 has been reversed. A full breakdown is available in the bulletin.

Reporting Absence – Studybugs App

UALS uses the Studybugs app for reporting pupil absences. It's free to use – simply download the app and sign up. The app provides NHS-backed health advice if your child is unwell and also sends attendance-related updates.

Refocus and Out of Lesson Letters – Behaviour Expectations

As part of our continued focus on high standards and a calm learning environment, we are re-sharing key information about our Refocus and Out of Lesson systems. These procedures are in place to ensure that pupils are where they need to be and engaged in their learning. These expectations come into effect from tomorrow, and the letters can be found in this bulletin.

We are excited about the opportunities this year holds and are committed to working closely with you to support every pupil's success. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Davé
Principal

UPCOMING KEY DATES

4th September

Pupils return to school

W/C 22nd September

Year 11 Progress Tests

24th September

Year 10 Engineering trip to
Gutteridge Engineering in
Spalding invite only.

25th September

Year 5/6 Open Evening

26th September

CWA Year 11 Assembly

8th October

Whole School Photo Day

14th October

Year 5/6 Mixed Football
Competition UALS



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If you have any specific
questions or queries, please
email

enquiries@uals.org.uk

UALS Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform throughout the entire academic year, unless uniform rules are relaxed due to adverse weather. Full details of the Academy uniform are available on our school website. Uniform items can be purchased from Rob Horspool, Design and Embroidery. Please ensure that trousers are tailored and skirts are no more than three inches above the knee.

Leggings, short skirts and trainers are not permitted. Further information can be found at: <https://www.designandembroidery.co.uk/collections/uals>

We also wish to remind you that black leather shoes are required and trainer-style shoes, such as Nike Air Force, are not acceptable.

Please be informed that staff will address any pupils wearing non-compliant uniform items, which may result in sanctions.

Additionally, any pupils with facial piercings, false nails, or eyelash extensions may also be approached by staff.



Introducing



ClassCharts



Please contact
enquiries@uals.org.uk
if you need support
with login details



View your child's
homework and
lesson notes



View your child's
attendance,
positives and
negatives points



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The New School Day

Based on parental feedback and our own review of procedures, we will be implementing changes to the structure of the school day. While start and finish times will remain unchanged, we will introduce a morning registration period and reverse the order of registration and period 5 in the afternoon. This adjustment aims to ensure pupils are prepared for their lessons, while allowing for key messages to be effectively communicated. The amended school day will be structured as follows:

Form Time: 08:50 - 09:00

Period 1: 09:00 - 10:00

Period 2: 10:00 - 11:00

Break: 11:00 - 11:20

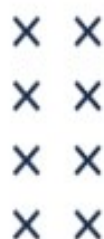
Period 3: 11:20 - 12:20

Period 4: 12:20 - 13:20

Lunch: 13:20 - 14:00

Period 5: 14:00 - 15:00

Form Time: 15:00 - 15:20





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22nd July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Changes to Behaviour Management Procedures – September 2025

I am writing to inform you of an important update to our behaviour management system that will take effect from the start of the new academic year in September.

As part of our ongoing efforts to create a calm, supportive, and focused learning environment, we will be making changes to the way we manage low-level disruptions and behaviour concerns in the classroom.

From September, pupils who need support to refocus will now do so **within the classroom**. This may involve a change of seating or a short period of reflective time at an alternative desk in the room. This approach aims to minimise disruption to learning while helping pupils to regulate their behaviour in a calm, familiar setting.

We have made this decision following a review of our current practices and evidence showing that removing pupils from the classroom can sometimes lead to further dysregulation. By keeping pupils in the room, we are better able to support them in re-engaging with their learning quickly and positively.

Our staff will receive appropriate training to ensure this approach is implemented consistently and with sensitivity to individual needs. As always, we will continue to work closely with parents and carers to support positive behaviour and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about this change or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Important Update: Out-of-Lesson and Toilet Pass Policy from September, 2025

We are writing to inform you of an important change to our school policy regarding pupil movement during lesson time. From **September 2025**, we will no longer be issuing general **out-of-lesson passes**, and **toilet passes will only be granted with appropriate medical evidence**. Out of lesson passes include: Time Out Pass, Early Lesson Exit Pass, Link Room Pass, Movement Break Pass, Trusted Adult Pass, etc. Rest assured, pupils with a Link Room Pass provision in their care plan will have this provision honoured.

This decision has been made following a review of current practices and their impact on learning. We have found that an increasing number of pupils are using these passes to **avoid lessons** or engage in **unnecessary movement around the school**, which disrupts their own education as well as that of others.

To support a calm, focused learning environment for all pupils, the new policy will be as follows:

- **Out-of-lesson passes will no longer be routinely issued.** Pupils will be expected to remain in class unless there is a specific, pre-arranged reason that has been approved by a member of staff.
- **Toilet passes will only be issued to pupils with a diagnosed medical condition** that requires frequent or urgent use of the toilet. In these cases, we ask that you provide supporting medical documentation for our records.

We understand that genuine needs may arise, and staff will continue to use their discretion in exceptional circumstances. However, we ask for your support in reinforcing to your child the importance of remaining in lessons and making use of break and lunchtime facilities wherever possible.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a productive learning environment for all pupils.

Yours faithfully

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If you haven't yet registered, please use the link below to download and sign up as soon as possible.

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

We've also included a link to the UALS Attendance Policy, which outlines our expectations around attendance, term-time holidays and the Penalty Notice process.

<https://www.uals.org.uk/Policies/#gswModal7>

Studybugs



**A better, safer way to report when
your child is sick and off school.**

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ONLY NOW 2 PLACES REMAINING



Geography ICELAND

TRIP 2026 (for current Years 7, 8 & 9)

We are pleased to announce that 2 spaces are still available for next year's Iceland trip.

Full trip details: https://www.uals.org.uk/docs/letters/Geography_Trip_to_Iceland_May_2026.pdf

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
Payments can be made via ParentPay.

SCHOOL REBUILDING PROGRAMME

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that the much-anticipated building works for our school have now officially started and are progressing with remarkable speed!

This marks an incredible step forward for our community, as we work towards creating enhanced facilities that will benefit our pupils, staff and families for years to come.

Below is the link to our Facebook page. Here, you will be able to see a short video of how our new building is developing.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574125806882>

