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# Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

As we approach the final week of term and look forward to the Christmas break, I would like to share some of the wonderful activities and achievements from across our school community this week.

## OAP Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome 28 local older adults into school for our annual OAP Christmas Lunch. Guests enjoyed a festive meal and were treated to a fantastic performance of musical theatre songs by the UALS Choir. A huge thank you to Mrs Stainton for organising such a warm, memorable event and to all staff and pupils who helped make the afternoon so special.

## Pupil Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that our Pupil Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Wednesday 17th December**. Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation, with all proceeds going to Save the Children UK. Further information can be found in this week's bulletin.

## Christmas Assemblies

We are pleased to confirm that our Christmas Assemblies will be held next Wednesday and Thursday for each year group. We look forward to celebrating pupils' achievements and will be sharing the results of our end-of-term rewards in next week's bulletin.

## Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to Mr Wright and our Year 11 pupils for organising this year's Christmas Fayre, which will run on Monday and Tuesday during lunchtimes. There will be a variety of festive games starting from just 50p and all funds raised will go towards the Year 11 Prom. We hope pupils will enjoy supporting this fantastic event.

## Young Carers' Trip to the Pantomime

On Thursday, 46 of our Young Carers enjoyed a wonderful trip to the South Holland Centre to watch the pantomime Rapunzel. The pupils had a fantastic time and we are proud to offer experiences like this to support and celebrate our Young Carer community.

## Year 10 Child Development Visit

Our Year 10 Child Development pupils visited Rainbow Nursery this week, where they were able to watch the children's dress rehearsal of their Nativity play. This valuable experience supported their coursework and gave them an insightful look into early years practice.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a final week of celebration, learning and festive spirit before we head into the Christmas holidays.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Davé  
Principal

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

**15th December**

KS3 Christmas Fair @ Lunchtime (starts from 50p)

**16th December**

KS4 Christmas Fair @ Lunchtime (starts from 50p)

**17th December**

Pupil Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

KS3 Christmas Assemblies

**18th December**

KS4 Christmas Assemblies

**19th December**

End of Term

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**6th January**

Welcome back to all pupils

**9th January**

Year 11 Mock Results Afternoon



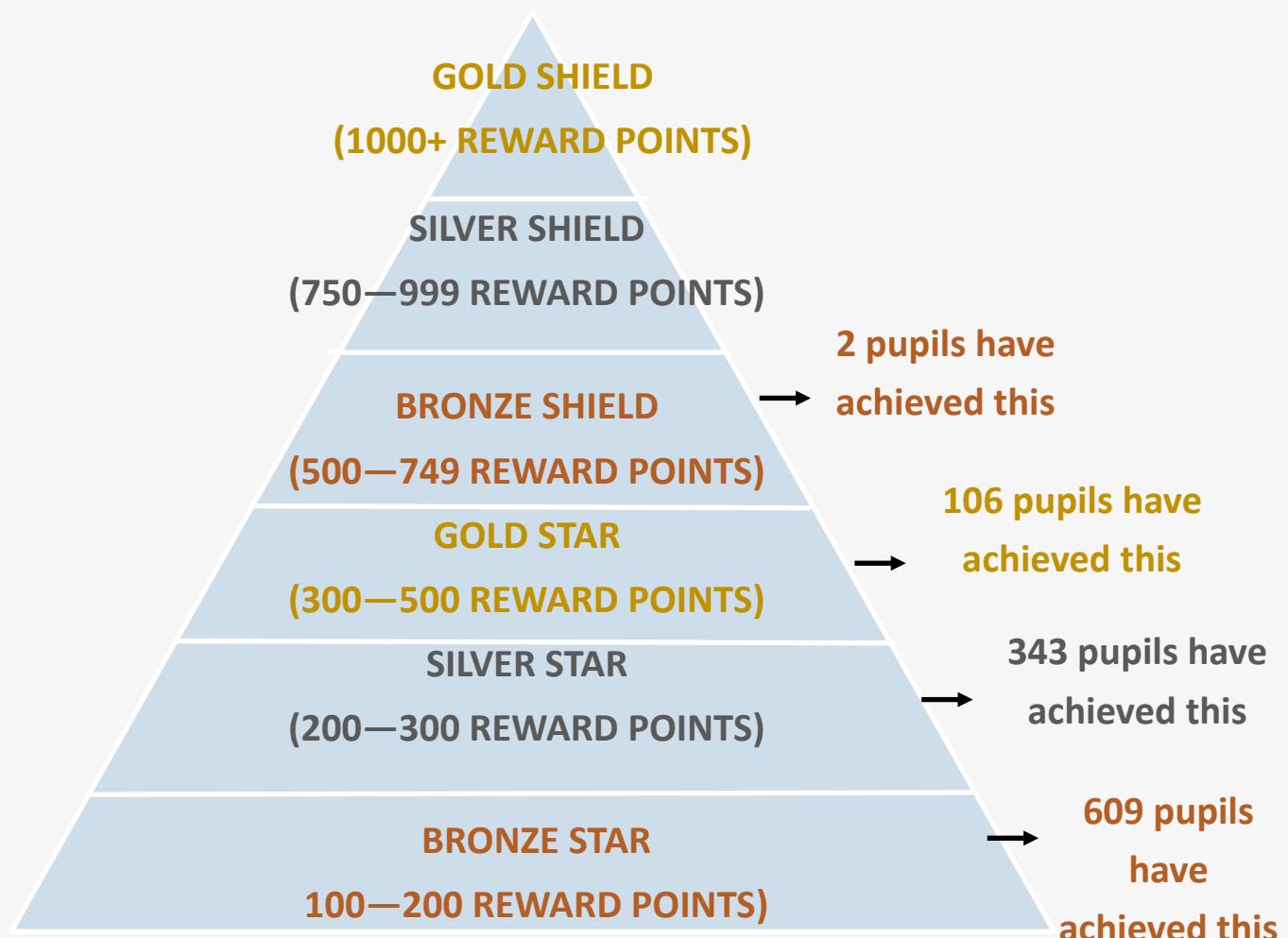
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# Rewards at UALS

At UALS, we believe in the power of positive reinforcement to motivate and inspire our pupils. Rewards play a vital role in celebrating their hard work, effort and achievements, whether academic, personal, or extracurricular.



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>REWARD POINTS</b>	35,034	33,592	23,427	28,760	20,877
<b>12/12/2025</b>					

	7ET	8RM	9FG	10FS	11SH
<b>REWARD POINTS</b>	6,518	6,151	5,253	6,959	5,719
<b>TOP FORMS</b>					

# Year 10 Child Development Visit to Rainbow Nursery

Year 10 Child Development pupils recently visited Rainbow Nursery to watch the pre-school children's dress rehearsal of their Nativity play. The purpose of the visit was to support the nursery children by giving them the opportunity to build confidence ahead of performing in front of their parents and carers.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching the children sing their renditions of classic Christmas carols, alongside some new songs set to familiar tunes. It was a pleasure to see how much enthusiasm the children showed and how their confidence grew as the performance progressed.

This visit was a valuable experience for our Year 10 pupils, who particularly enjoyed observing the children's development and confidence in a real-life early years setting. It was a lovely opportunity to support the nursery children while gaining insight into early childhood development in practice.

For more information about careers in childcare, Unifrog highlights a range of roles linked to childcare. Further details can also be found on the website below.

<https://earlyyears-careers.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers/job-sector/education-and-early-years/view-all-sector-careers>



# OAPs Christmas Lunch – A Wonderful Community Celebration

On Wednesday, our school was delighted to welcome visitors from the local community to our annual OAPs Christmas Lunch. Many of our guests were former pupils, making the occasion especially meaningful as they returned to familiar surroundings to celebrate the festive season with us. This year's lunch was particularly momentous, as it will be the final OAP Christmas Lunch hosted in this school building, adding an extra layer of reflection and celebration to the occasion.

Our visitors enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal, expertly cooked by Taylor Shaw, and beautifully served by our Year 11 Pupil Leaders, who did a wonderful job showcasing excellent hospitality, maturity, and care throughout lunchtime. The festive atmosphere was brought to life by the school choir, who truly rocked the hall with their Christmas songs, filling the room with cheer and seasonal spirit. Their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all and added something very special to the afternoon.

Guests were full of praise for the experience and commented on how polite and kind our pupils were, describing them as a real credit to the school. It was a lovely reminder of the strong sense of community and pride that runs through our school.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a memorable and heart-warming celebration.



# Panto Trip for our Young Carers

On Thursday 11th December, all 46 pupils visited the South Holland Centre to watch the pantomime Rapunzel. The children set off at 9:00am and returned by 12:45pm, full of excitement and chatter about the show.

The performance was lively and engaging and the pupils loved joining in with the songs and humour. Their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent and they represented the school brilliantly.

The visit was fully funded by the school, with pupils attending in full uniform and each provided with a bottle of water. Many also brought a small snack for the interval.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning and the children had a wonderful time.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Lincolnshire Autistic Society's Christmas Celebration

# CHRISTMAS PARTY



20  
DEC

£6 PER  
PERSON  
DISCOUNT  
FOR FAMILIES

3PM  
UNTIL  
5PM

Grandstand, Carholme Road, Lincoln,  
LN1 1SE



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PAACT/LAS OR [ENQUIRIES@LINCOLNSHIREAUTISTICSOCIETY.ORG.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@LINCOLNSHIREAUTISTICSOCIETY.ORG.UK)

JOINED BY  
CAPTAIN  
FANTASTIC AND  
A SPECIAL  
GUEST!



# UALS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Location - Main Hall

- ★ Human Fruit Machines
- ★ Naughty or Nice
- ★ Treasure Map
- ★ Raffles - £1 per strip
- ★ Lucky Dip
- ★ ..... and many more!

Prices start  
from 50p



KS3 Only: Monday 15th December @ Lunchtime

KS4 Only: Tuesday 16th December @ Lunchtime



UALS PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

WEDNESDAY  
17TH  
DECEMBER  
2025

DONATIONS OF £1 WITH  
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO  
SAVE THE CHILDREN UK







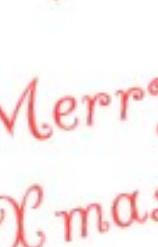
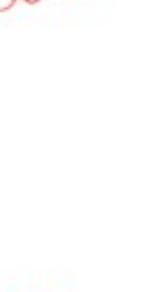






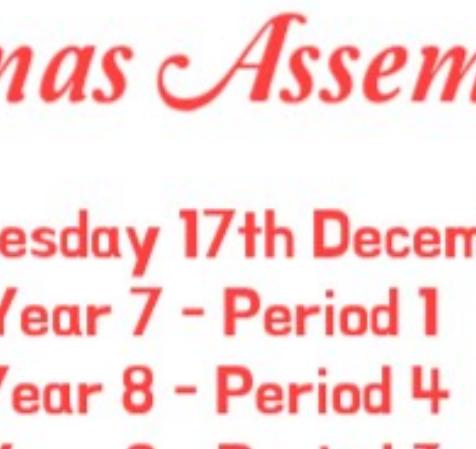










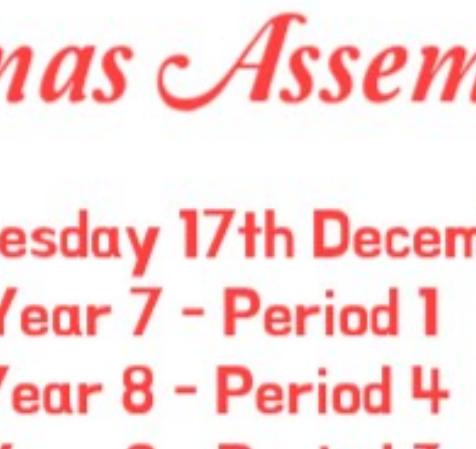












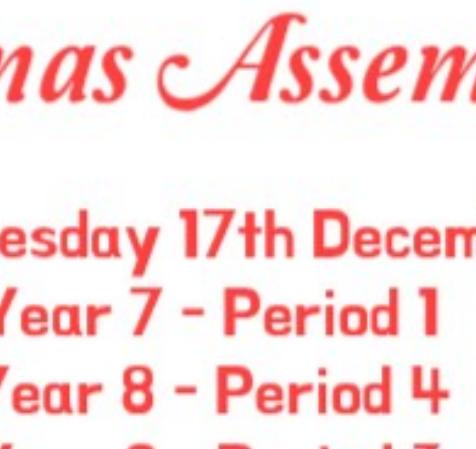












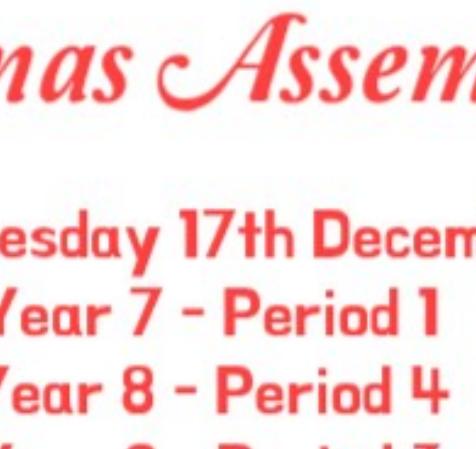












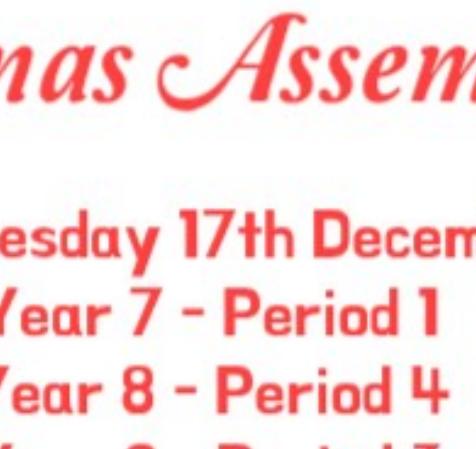












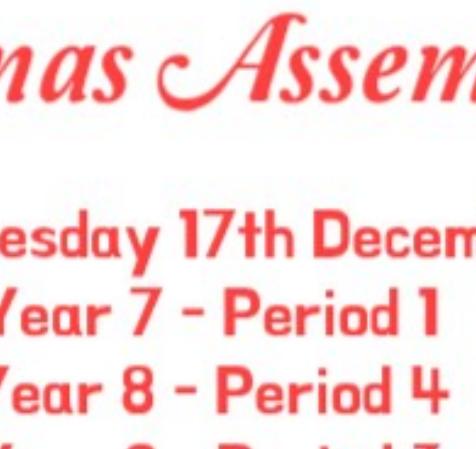












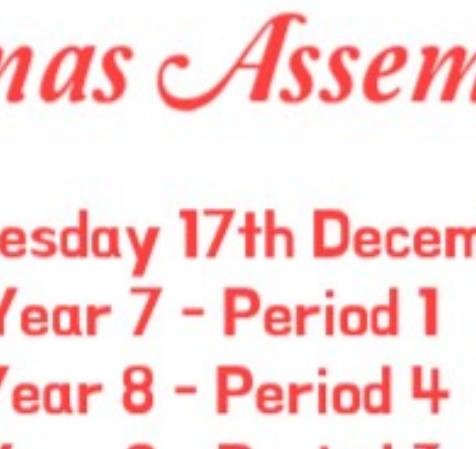












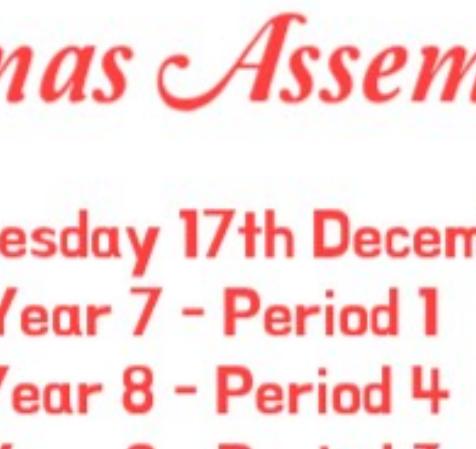












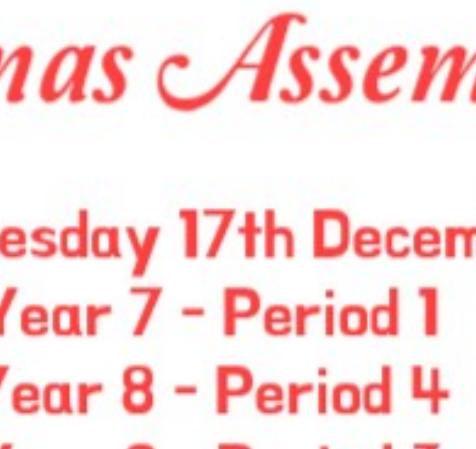












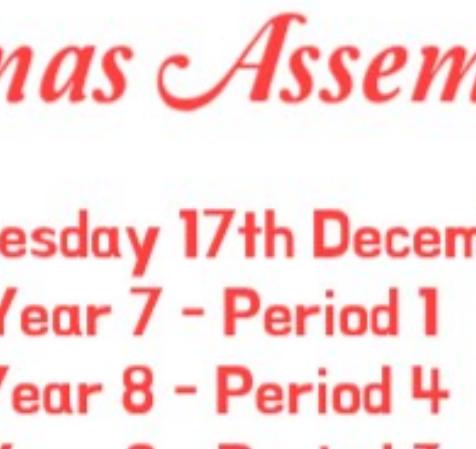












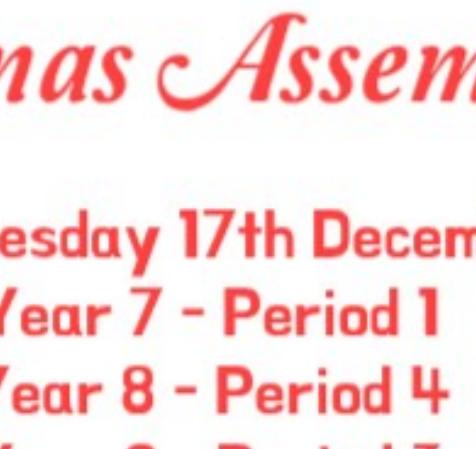












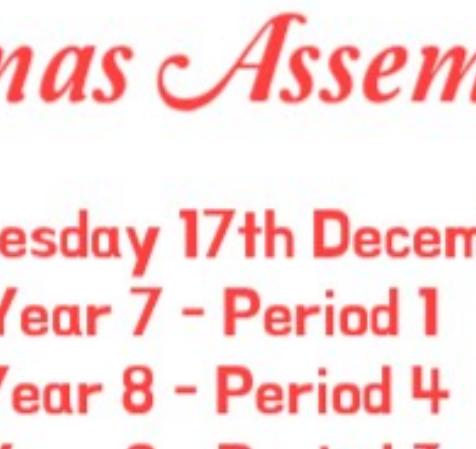












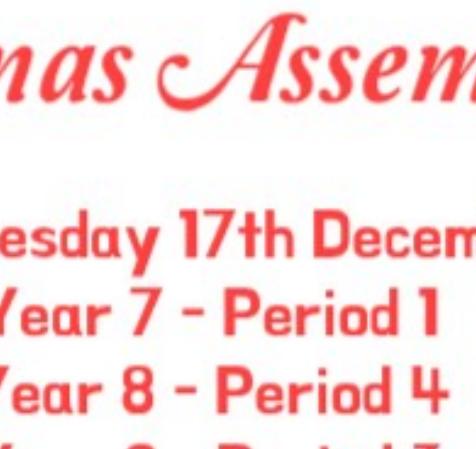












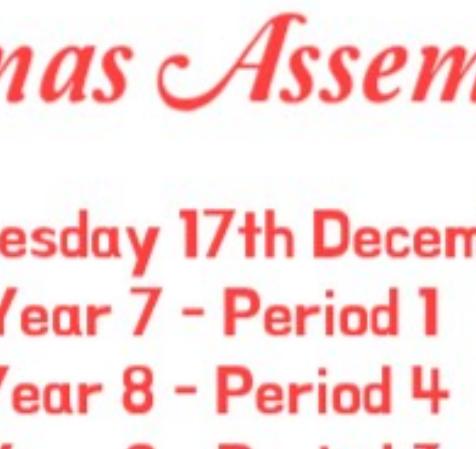












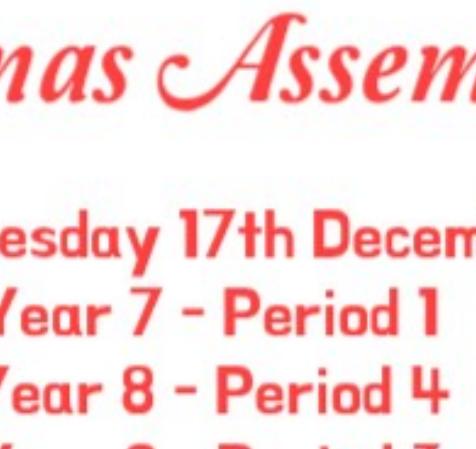












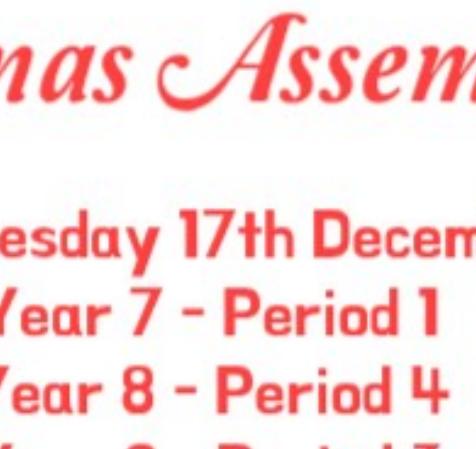












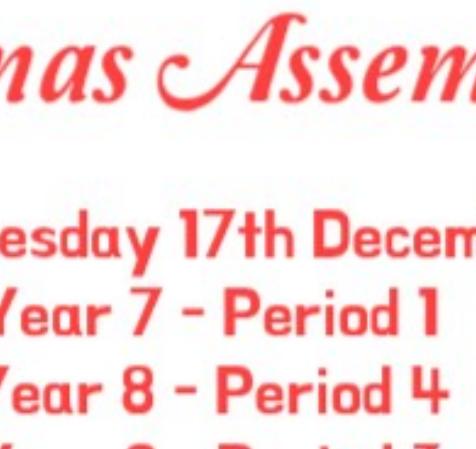












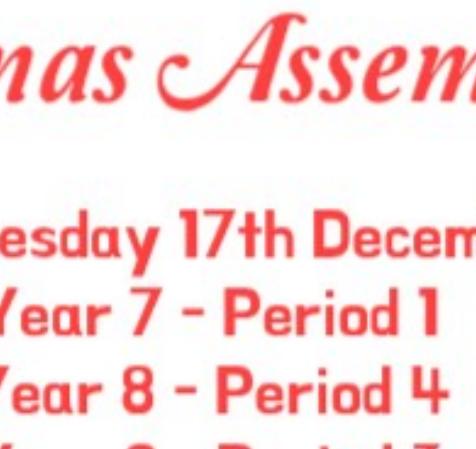












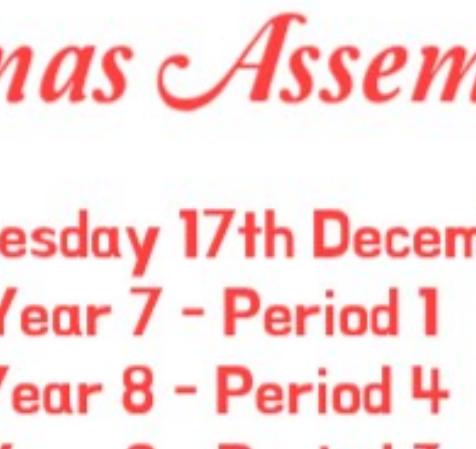












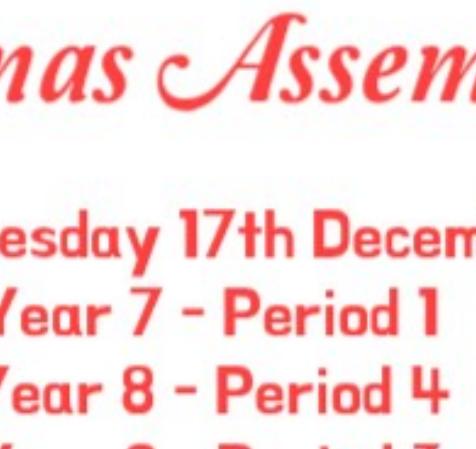












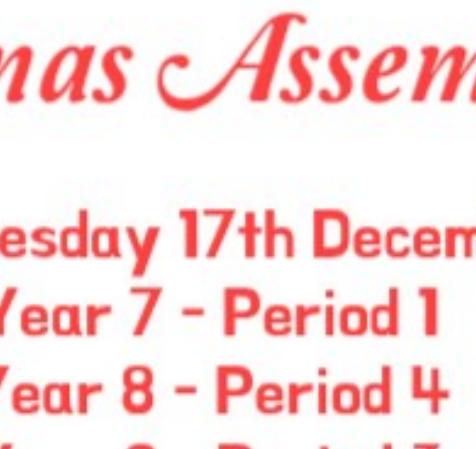












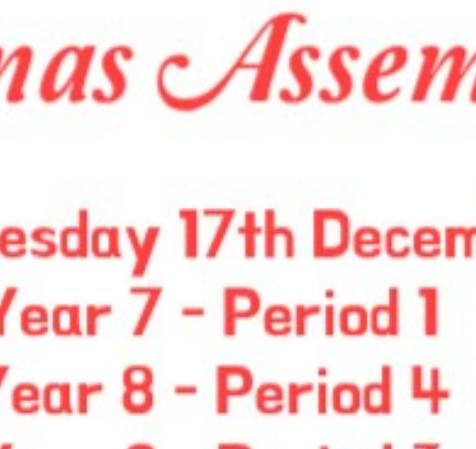












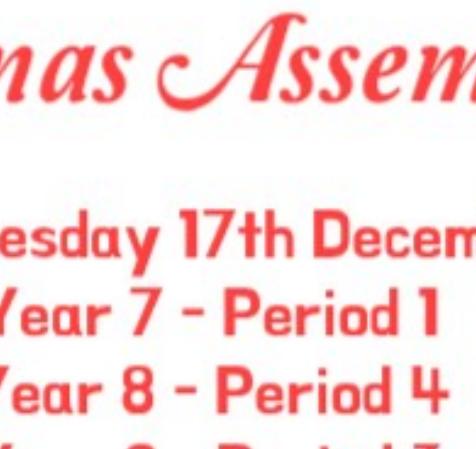












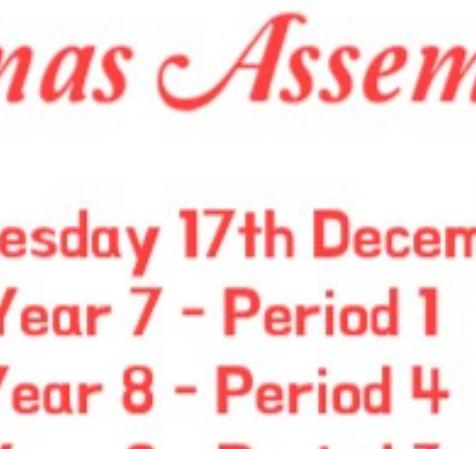












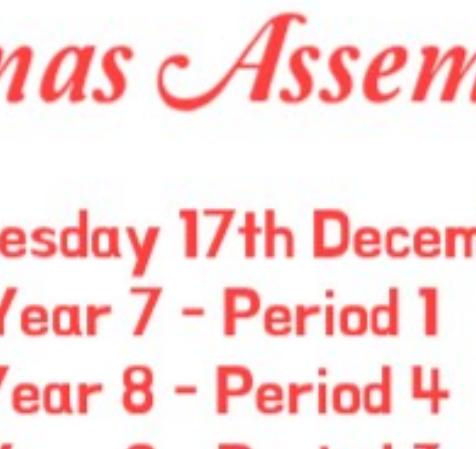












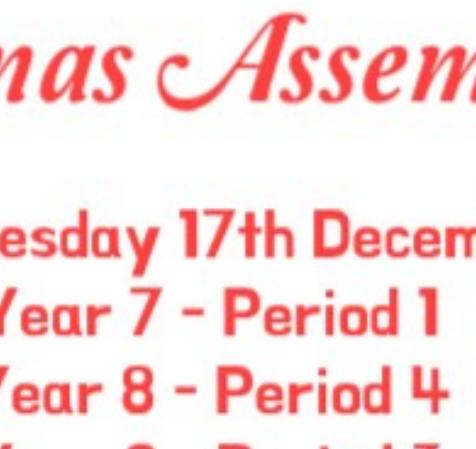












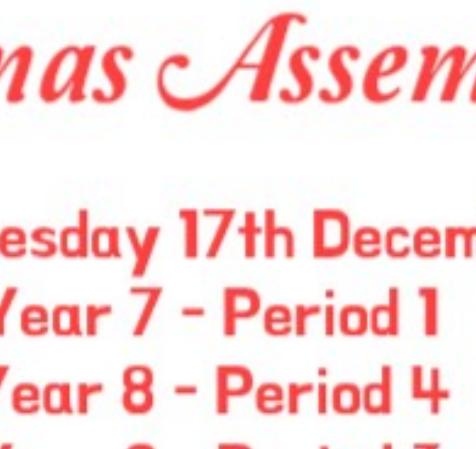












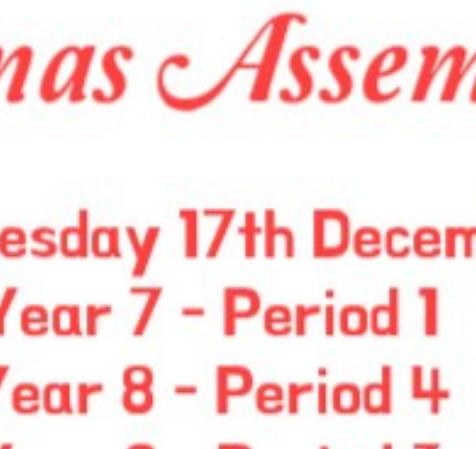












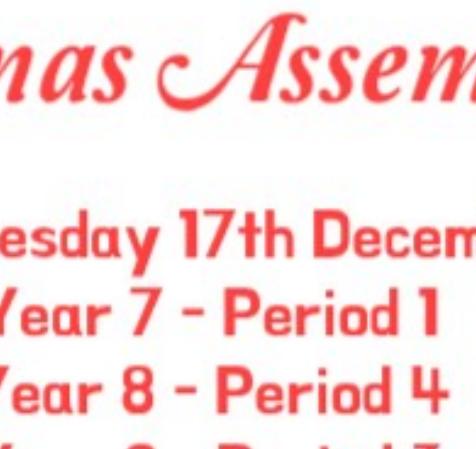












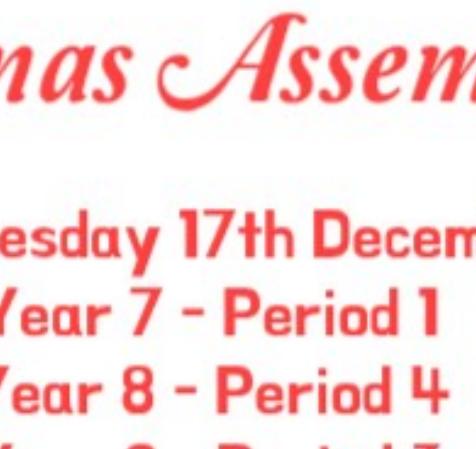














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# WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 3



EVERY  
TUESDAY

Asian inspired noodles  
with a selection of  
protein and vegetables



EVERY  
WEDNESDAY

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



EVERY  
THURSDAY

Drumsticks 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

**MON**

Sausage & Homebaked Potato  
Wedges (VG)

**TUE**

Mild Chicken Korma with Sweet  
Potato and Lentils & Mixed Rice  
(Halal available)

**WED**

Roast Chicken, Gravy & Roasties with  
Seasonal Greens and Carrots (Halal  
available)

**THU**

Beef Pasta Bake (Halal available)

Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish &  
Chips with Beans or Gravy

**FRI**

Pasta with choice of Plain, BBQ,  
Cheese or Tomato & Basil with Garlic  
Bread (V)

Wok my Way : Shanghai Pork,

Flat Breadz: Chicken Tikka with  
Tzatziki Dressing & Salad

Chick n Run: BBQ Chicken with  
Vegetable Rice

Sausage, Chips with Beans or gravy

## 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



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



3rd & 24th Nov, 15th Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd & 23rd Feb, 16th March

V - VEGETARIAN  
VG - VEGAN



# Literacy Focus w/c 15.12.2025

## Wandering vs Wondering

As part of our ongoing whole-school literacy drive, the focus for the week commencing 15th December will be on the commonly confused words wandering

and wondering. Pupils will be revisiting the difference between these homophones—wandering, meaning to move about without a fixed course, and wondering, meaning to think or be curious about something.

For example: “While she was wondering what to read next, her brother was wandering around the library looking for his favourite section.”

This focus will support pupils in improving accuracy, strengthening vocabulary choices, and enhancing clarity in their writing. Staff are encouraged to provide regular opportunities for pupils to identify, practise, and apply this understanding across the curriculum, helping to develop confident, precise and well-structured written work.



### KS3 Homework Timetables

Autumn Term 2 - Year 7						
03/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25	01/12/25	08/12/25	15/12/25
English	English	Revision week	Progress Tests	English	English	English
Maths	Maths			Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science			Science	Science	Science
French	Music			Art	French	Music
Geography	DT			History	Geography	DT

Autumn Term 2 - Year 8						
03/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25	01/12/25	08/12/25	15/12/25
English	English	Revision week	Progress Tests	English	English	English
Maths	Maths			Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science			Science	Science	Science
French	Music			Art	French	Music
Geography	DT			History	Geography	DT

Autumn Term 2 - Year 9						
03/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25	01/12/25	08/12/25	15/12/25
English	English	Revision week	Progress Tests	English	English	English
Maths	Maths			Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science			Science	Science	Science
French	Music			Art	French	Music
Geography	DT			History	Geography	DT

# 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>



# School Rebuilding Programme (this week's photos)



# EXCITING NEWS SCHOOL REBUILDING PROGRAMME



Exciting progress is underway on our new school building, with interior walls now taking shape! We're thrilled to announce our official move date: 1st June 2026 – marking a major step toward our vision of a modern learning environment.

To support the move, the school will be closed to all pupils except Year 11 on:

Thursday 21st May, Friday 22nd May, Monday 1st June,  
and Tuesday 2nd June.

Phased return schedule:

- Wed 3rd June: Year 11 & Year 7
- Thu 4th June: Year 11 & Year 8
- Fri 5th June: Year 11, Year 9 & Year 10
- Mon 8th June: All pupils return

We appreciate your understanding as we prepare for this exciting new chapter. Our priority remains the well-being and success of all pupils – especially our Year 11 learners during exam season.



# UALS CLUBS & EXTRA CURRICULAR

Our club offerings are subject to change throughout the academic year.

## MONDAY

- Library break and lunchtime - Silent Reading
- Drama Club with Miss Sharples @ Lunchtime - Main Hall
- Year 11 Geography Club @ Lunchtime - HU2 and HU3
- Badminton Club KS4 with Mrs Leeper @ Lunchtime - Leisure Centre

English Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool

## TUESDAY

- Library break and lunchtime - Silent Reading
- KS4 Statistics Revision with Mrs Buckle @ Lunchtime - Maths Dept
- Years 7/8 Science Club with Mrs Stone @ Lunchtime - LAB5
- KS4 Geography Homework Club @ Lunchtime - HU2 and HU3
- Years 8/9 Translation Bee Club @ Lunchtime - FR1
- Year 11 Art Intervention @ Lunchtime - ART
- KS4 Netball Club with Mrs Green @ Lunchtime - Sports Hall

Science Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool  
Years 7/8 Netball Club with Mrs Frost - Afterschool

# UALS CLUBS & EXTRA CURRICULAR

Our club offerings are subject to change throughout the academic year.

## WEDNESDAY

Library break and lunchtime - Silent Reading

Careers Drop in with Mrs Gilman @ Lunchtime - Library

UNO Club all year groups with Mrs Swain @ Lunchtime - HU1

Musical Singing Club all year groups with Mrs English @ Lunchtime - Music

Year 9 Language Leaders Club @ Lunchtime - FR2

KS4 NEA/DT Club with Miss Pickworth/Mrs Moate @ Lunchtime - DT1

Year 1 Art Intervention @ Lunchtime - ART

Basketball Club all year groups with Mr Stewart @ Lunchtime - Leisure Centre

Maths Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool

## THURSDAY

Library break and lunchtime - Silent Reading

Chess Club all year groups with Mrs Cotton @ Lunchtime - Library

KS4 French Clinic @ Lunchtime - FR2

KS3 Lego Club with Mr Edwards/Miss Pickworth @ Lunchtime - DT1

Year 7 Puzzle Club with Mrs Harper @ Lunchtime - LAB3

Badminton Club KS3 with Mrs Leeper @ Lunchtime - Leisure Centre

History Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool

# UALS CLUBS & EXTRA CURRICULAR

Our club offerings are subject to change throughout the academic year.

## FRIDAY

Library break and lunchtime - Silent Reading

KS4 Football Club with Mr Smith @ Lunchtime - Leisure Centre

KS3 Maths Club with Miss Thompson - MA3

Lego Builders with Miss Pelka - HU3

Art Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool

We are proud to offer a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular activities for all pupils, designed to support their interests, develop new skills, and help them reach their full potential. From sports and creative arts to academic support and special interest groups, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



# IRONMAN VICHY CHALLENGE

2.4M | 112M | 26.2M

**SWIM, BIKE & RUN**

**DATE: 23 AUGUST 2026**

**LOCATION: FRANCE**

**DONATE NOW**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

For more information or to make a donation in support of Mr Smith, please visit:  
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