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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I hope this message finds you well. Please find below some key highlights and important information from this week.

Super Learning Day

This Wednesday we enjoyed a fantastic Super Learning Day. It was a lovely day of learning, with a wide range of engaging sessions delivered by local companies and representatives from the Local Authority. Our pupils gained valuable insights into future pathways and opportunities. Further information and highlights from the day can be found in this bulletin.

Year 9 Options Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 9 pupils to our Options Evening next Thursday, starting at 5:00pm. This event is an important opportunity to discuss subject choices and next steps, and we encourage all families to attend.

Wembley Football Trip – 27 March 2026

We are pleased to announce another Wembley Football Trip taking place on 27.03.2026. Please be aware that ParentPay will go live at 3:45pm on Monday 9 February. This trip is extremely popular and places sell out very quickly, so we advise parents and carers to be prepared to book promptly.

Pupil Achievement

We are delighted to announce that Lilla has once again been successful in her speed stacking, competing in the Belfast Winter Open Competition. This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to her dedication and talent. Further details about her success can be found in this bulletin.

Kin-Ball Event

This week, UALS were proud to host a Kin-Ball event. Thank you to all the pupils who participated with enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship, and to the staff who worked hard to organise and deliver the event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Davé
Principal

UPCOMING KEY DATES

3rd February

College of West Anglia
Assembly to Year 8

4th February

College of West Anglia
Assembly to Year 9

5th February

Year 9 Options Evening

W/C 9th February

Years 7 to 11 Reward Assem-
bly Week

11th February

Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY
Vaccinations

February half term

Ski Trip



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questions or queries, please
email

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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
REWARD POINTS 30/01/2026	45,343	45,974	30,558	36,707	26,970

	7ET	8RM/8RS	9FG	10FS	11SH
REWARD POINTS TOP FORMS	8,538	8,489	6,853	8,981	7,433



Hot Chocolate Friday!



We are excited to announce Hot Chocolate Friday, a special reward for pupils who have gone above and beyond this week!

Selected pupils will have the opportunity to spend tutor time with the Principal, enjoying a well-deserved treat of hot chocolate and recognition for their hard work, kindness, or exceptional contributions.

This is our way of celebrating the amazing things you do every day and encouraging everyone to continue striving for excellence.

Please see below picture of this week's stars!



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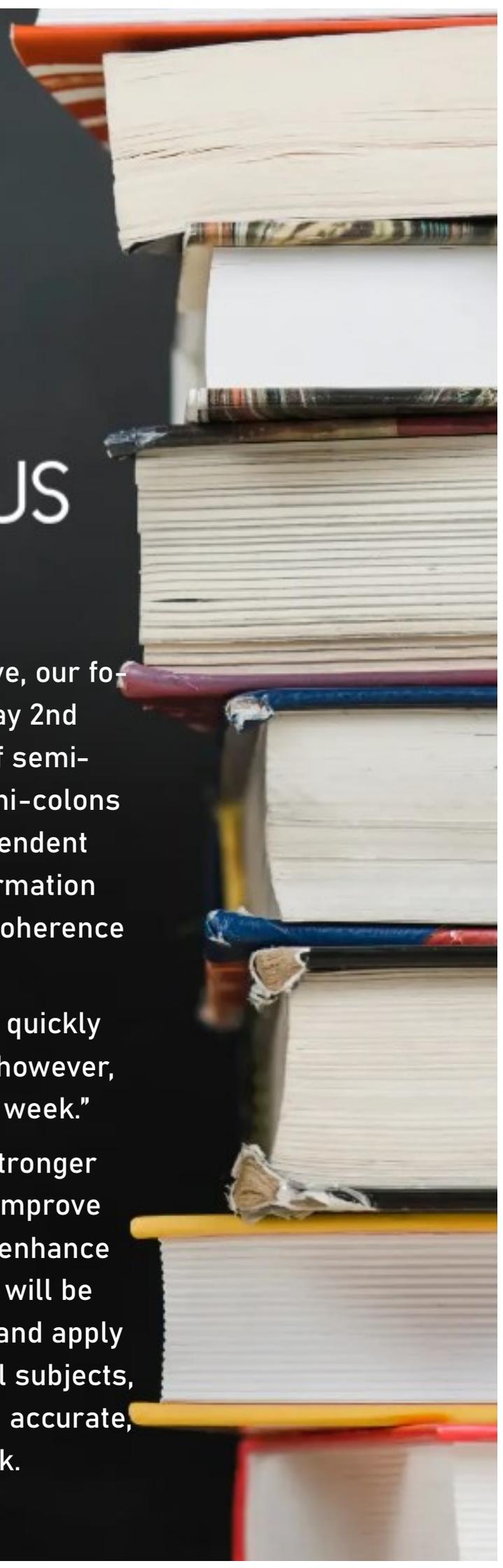
LITERACY FOCUS

Semi-colons

As part of our whole-school literacy drive, our focus for the week commencing Monday 2nd February will be on the correct use of semi-colons. Pupils will be revisiting how semi-colons are used to link closely related independent clauses and to organise complex information clearly, helping to improve fluency and coherence in their writing.

For example: "The bell rang; the pupils quickly lined up," and "The trip was postponed; however, arrangements will be confirmed next week."

This focus will help pupils develop a stronger understanding of sentence structure, improve clarity and control in their writing, and enhance the overall quality of their work. Staff will be encouraging pupils to identify, practise, and apply the correct use of semi-colons across all subjects, supporting the development of confident, accurate, and well-structured written work.



Kinball Event

This week, UALS hosted a Kin-Ball festival alongside our local School Games Coordinator. The event was enjoyed by ten of our Year 7 pupils, who demonstrated great resilience, teamwork, and communication skills. They met pupils from other local schools and had great fun!

Eight of our Year 10 Sports and Coaching pupils also represented UALS as sports leaders at the event. They worked extremely hard supporting pupils from a range of different schools and were a real credit to us.

Well done to everyone who represented UALS – you were all fantastic!





Pupil Success Spotlight!



We are delighted to share the fantastic achievements of Lilla, who recently travelled to Belfast to compete in the Belfast Winter Open.

The competition was larger than expected, with 58 competitors from 7 different nations, making Lilla's results even more impressive. She achieved outstanding success across several events:

- Gold Medal in her age division
 - Silver Medal as part of her relay team
 - Bronze Medal in the doubles event, competing alongside her brother
- In addition to her medal successes, Lilla also improved on her personal best performances during the tournament.

Lilla is now preparing for the Spanish European Championships in April, with the possibility of an additional one-day competition beforehand.



UALS TRIP TO WEMBLEY STADIUM

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

Pupils are invited to attend a trip to Wembley Stadium to watch England vs Uruguay on Friday 27th March 2026. The cost is £70, including coach travel and match ticket. Departure will be between 1:00pm–1:30pm, with return at approximately 1:15am on Saturday 28th March. Pupils may wear non-uniform, including football shirts.

Pupils should bring food and drink for the journey. Bags are not permitted inside Wembley Stadium and must remain on the coach, and the stadium is cashless. A stop will be made at Baldock Services for an evening meal (recommended spending money: £15).

Payment must be made in full via ParentPay from Monday 9th February 2026 at 3:45pm. A minimum of 49 pupils is required, all payments are non-refundable, and medical or allergy information must be provided. Parents/carers must collect pupils on return, with an updated arrival time sent during the journey.



ENGLAND



URUGUAY

Super Learning Day!

On Wednesday, the school hosted Super Learning Day, a vibrant and inspiring day designed to broaden pupils' horizons, develop essential life skills and provide meaningful insight into future careers, safety and personal development. Pupils across all year groups took part in a wide range of interactive workshops and hands-on experiences delivered by a variety of external partners and staff.

Year 7 pupils enjoyed an exciting introduction to real-world learning. Willmott Dixon worked with pupils to design and build towers, encouraging teamwork and problem-solving skills. K9 Deployment visited with their drugs search dogs, giving pupils a fascinating insight into how search dogs are trained and used. First Aid sessions led by Mrs Herbert and Mrs Thorpe allowed pupils to practise resuscitation techniques. Channel 4 delivered an engaging Know Your Skills session and introduced pupils to careers in media, while the Royal Navy and Sea Cadets from Wisbech ran a rocket-building activity and discussed opportunities within the services.

Year 8 pupils took part in a highly engaging Forensics Day, attempting to identify the culprit behind the fictional murder of Mr Dave. Pupils analysed fingerprints, examined hair samples and used analytical thinking, problem-solving, patience and communication skills to reach their conclusions. This day was organised and made possible by Miss Jay and the Science Department.

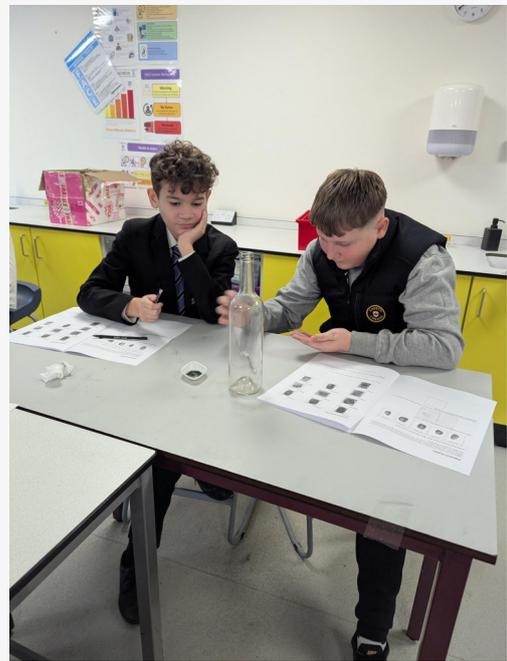
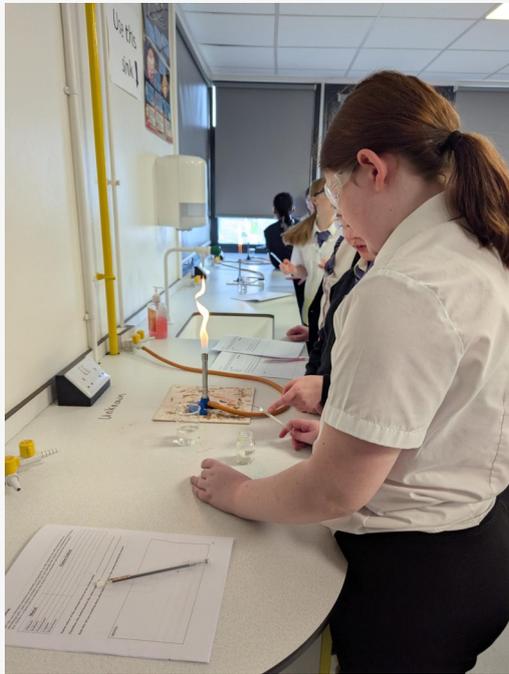
Year 9 participated in a Stay Safe Day, covering a range of vital topics including Online Safety, Harmful Behaviour in Relationships, Fire Safety, Knife Crime and Drugs Awareness. These sessions supported pupils in making informed and responsible choices both in and out of school.

Year 10 began the day with a presentation from the Army, learning about the wide range of careers available. Pupils then took part in practical activities focusing on teamwork, reflexes and fitness. The College of West Anglia brought along their Animal Care, Hair and Beauty and Media departments, allowing pupils to handle insects, practise hand massage and hair curling techniques, and film a TV broadcast. LincHigher delivered a session on presentation skills to help pupils develop confidence and communication skills for future interviews. Bowmer + Kirkland also spoke to pupils about the construction of the new school and the importance of health and safety within the industry.

Year 11 spent the day with the Stay Safe Team, covering important topics such as Cyber Stalking, Online Safety, Fire Safety and Emotions into Violence, providing pupils with valuable guidance as they prepare for life beyond school.

In addition, Skills Supply worked with Year 10 and Year 11 Computer Science pupils, programming and building robots, while Giles Abban from Sharp Edged delivered a motivational workshop focusing on resilience and personal development in small group sessions.

Super Learning Day was a huge success and provided pupils with memorable experiences, practical skills and valuable insight into future pathways. We would like to thank all our visitors, partners and staff who helped make the day so impactful and inspiring for our pupils.





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YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

We are excited to announce that the Year 9 Options Evening will take place on Thursday 5th February 2026 (5pm—7pm). This is a key opportunity for you and your child to learn more about the GCSE options available and the pathways they can pursue.

This event is essential for making informed decisions about your child's future studies and we encourage all parents/carers and pupils to attend. Please refer to the letter emailed home on Tuesday 20th January 2026.

YEAR 9 ACTIVATE YOUR IMMUNITY IT ONLY TAKES TWO MINUTES



**Wednesday
11th February
2026**

The MenACWY jab is highly effective at defending you against the 4 strains of disease which cause Meningitis and Blood Poisoning.

The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 vaccine boosts your child's protection against three separate diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and polio.

Don't forget to return your consent form to the Lincolnshire Community Health Services <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP> (please note this is for Year 9 pupils only).

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)

FRI

Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish &
Chips with Beans or Gravy

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



KS3 HOMEWORK TIMETABLES

Spring Term 1 - Year 7

06/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	26/01/26	02/02/26	09/02/26
English	English	English	English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Art	French	Music	Art	French	Music
History	Geography	DT	History	Geography	DT

Spring Term 1 - Year 8

06/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	26/01/26	02/02/26	09/02/26
English	English	English	English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Art	French	Music	Art	French	Music
History	Geography	DT	History	Geography	DT

Spring Term 1 - Year 9

06/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	26/01/26	02/02/26	09/02/26
English	English	English	English	English	English
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Art	French	Music	Art	French	Music
History	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>



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.

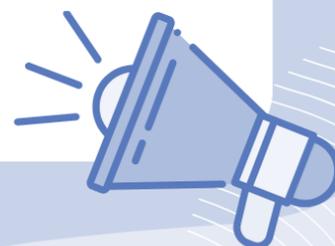
To support the move, the school will be closed to all pupils except Year 11 on:

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
Year 11 Sports Coaching Mr Wheeler LAB7

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
Years 7 & 8 Trampolining Club - Mrs Green Leisure Centre
Year 11 Sports Coaching Mr Wheeler LAB7

Science Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool
All Years 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 11 Art Intervention @ Lunchtime - ART

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

Year 10 Fustal - Mr Meehan Sports Hall

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 all years 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 Wheeler @ Lunchtime - Leisure Centre

KS3 Maths Club with Miss Thompson - MA3

Lego Builders with Miss Pelka - HU3

All Years Basketball Club Sports Hall

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

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SWIM, BIKE & RUN

DATE: 23 AUGUST 2026

LOCATION: FRANCE

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