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# Principal's Weekly Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We are looking forward to another busy and productive term, with many opportunities for our pupils to learn, achieve and take part in the wider life of the school.

**Mobile Phones**—Thank you for your continued support in relation to mobile phones. Following the letter emailed home before half-term, and in line with the latest guidance from the Government, we are very pleased with how positively pupils have responded to our expectations. The impact on focus in lessons and during social times has been noticeable, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing this at home.

**Year 7–10 Progress Tests** — Good luck to all our Year 7–10 pupils as they complete their progress tests this week. We are extremely proud of the maturity, focus, and determination they have shown in preparing for these assessments. Thank you to families for your continued encouragement and support.

**Maths Sparx Homework**—A message from our Maths Department: we are now using Sparx Maths for homework. Pupils can log in using their school email address and password. This platform provides personalised homework designed to support progress and build confidence. Please encourage your child to complete their tasks.

**Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY Vaccination Mop-Ups**—A reminder that the Year 9 Td/IPV and Men ACWY vaccination mop-up session will take place next Friday morning. Please ensure that any pupils who missed their initial appointment are in school to receive their vaccination.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a successful and positive term ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mr L Davé  
Principal

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

11th March

College of West Anglia Year 9  
Assembly

13th March

Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY  
Vaccinations Mop Ups

20th March

Red Nose Day  
Christ College Visit Year 10  
Invited Pupils Only

W/C 23rd March

Year 11 Progress Tests

27th March

Wembley Football Trip

W/C 30th March

Easter End of Term  
Assemblies

2nd April

Last Day of Term



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questions or queries, please  
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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> 27/02/2026	51,217	52,930	34,987	41,656	31,254

	7GE	8RS	9FG	10FS	11SH
<b>REWARD POINTS</b> TOP FORMS	9,433	10,040	7,778	10,122	8,477



# 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 star!



# Girls Football News

On Wednesday, a group of Year 7 and 8 girls were selected to represent UALS at the Lincolnshire School Games Futsal Tournament held at Havan High Academy in Boston.

From the very first whistle, the girls demonstrated resilience, teamwork and remarkable adaptability throughout the tournament. Their opening match proved incredibly challenging, as they faced a well-practised and experienced team who ultimately went on to win the tournament. Despite the tough start, the girls worked tirelessly and gave 100% effort in every single game.

Match after match, the team grew in confidence, steadily improving and truly finding their “football feet.” With just a few more games, they would undoubtedly have been able to fully showcase the progress they were making.

Throughout the tournament, every player displayed outstanding sportsmanship and should feel incredibly proud of their contribution. They represented both themselves and UALS with pride and determination.

It's difficult to single out individual performances, as each player had their own star moment — from powerful strikes on goal, to an incredible slide tackle, to excellent use of space on the court. However, special recognition goes to Holly, who bravely stepped into the goalkeeper position, and to Marcie, who led the team from defence with unwavering energy and determination.

Girls who represented UALS:

Victoria, Lilly, Kaitlyn, Evalyn, Liv, Shya, Lilla, Amelia, Marcie, Anna, Holly and Betty.

We now look forward to the next tournament on March 5th, where our Year 10 girls will compete, followed by the Year 7 and 8 Trampolining Competition in April.

Well done to everyone involved — a fantastic display of effort, growth, team spirit and singing on the bus!



# Bowling Event

This week some of our pupils went to Hollywood bowl in Peterborough. They competed in a Panathlon UK ten pin bowling event. Our pupils represented the Academy incredibly well and had a fantastic time. We are delighted to announce they finished 1st and 2nd out of 6 teams and came away with some wonderful medals, certificates and a trophy. Well done all!



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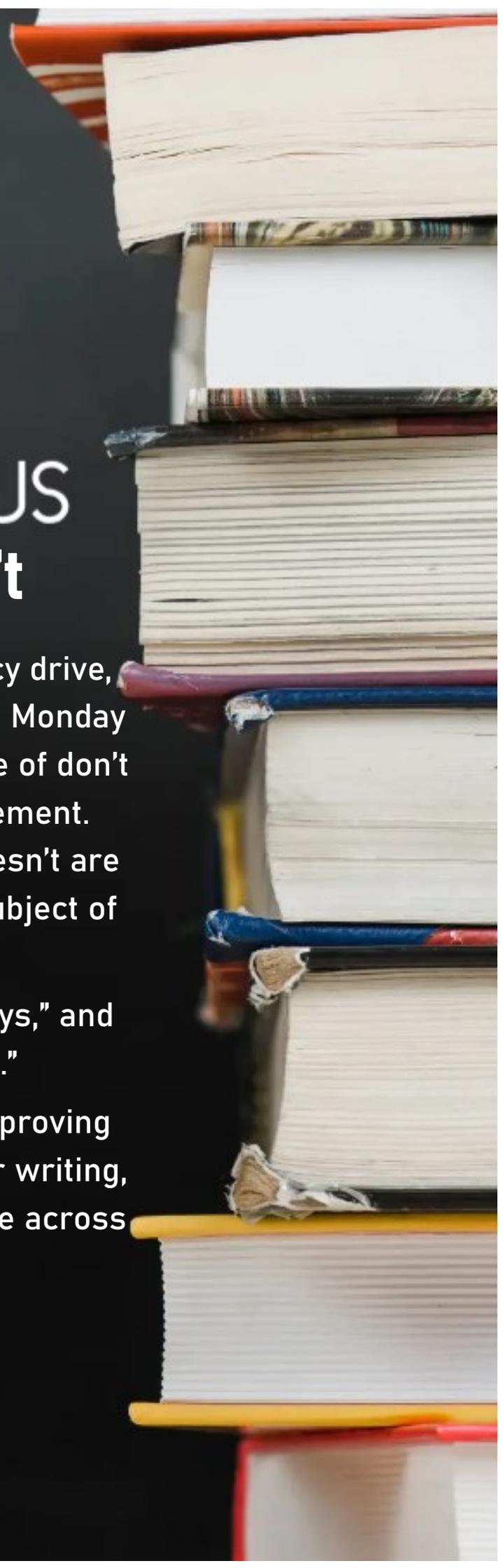
# LITERACY FOCUS

## Don't vs Doesn't

As part of our whole-school literacy drive, our focus for the week commencing Monday 2nd March will be on the correct use of don't and doesn't in subject-verb agreement. Pupils will revisit how don't and doesn't are used accurately according to the subject of the sentence.

For example: "I don't enjoy rainy days," and  
"She doesn't like loud noises."

This focus will support pupils in improving accuracy, clarity, and control in their writing, with staff encouraging correct usage across all subjects.



# WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1



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**

Thai Yellow Chicken Curry, Broccoli,  
Salad & Mixed Rice (VG)

**TUE**

BBQ Beef & Bean Chilli with Penne  
and Mixed Salad (Halal available)

**WED**

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

**THU**

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with  
Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower (Halal  
available)

**FRI**

Sustainably Sourced Battered Fish &  
Chips with Beans or Gravy

Mac & Cheese with Crispy Onions  
with Garlic Bread & Mixed Salad (V)

WOK MY WAY: Oriental Chicken &  
Vegetable Noodles

FLAT BREADZ; Tikka Chicken with  
salad & Tzatziki Dressing

CHICK N' RUN: BBQ Chicken & Jollof  
Rice

Jumbo Sausage & Chips, with Beans  
or Gravy

## POT & TASTY

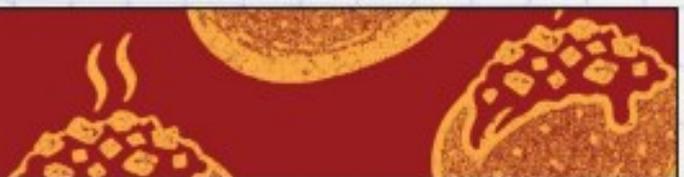
Daily range of ready to go pots including  
pastas, salads and rice bowls

## 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



10th Nov, 1st & 22nd Dec, 19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd & 23rd March

V - VEGETARIAN  
VG - VEGAN



# KS3 HOMEWORK TIMETABLES

## Spring Term 2 - Year 7

23/02/26	02/03/26	09/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26	30/03/26
Revision Week	Progress Test Week	English	English	English	English
		Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
		Science	Science	Science	Science
		Art	French	Music	Art
		History	Geography	DT	History

## Spring Term 2 - Year 8

23/02/26	02/03/26	09/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26	30/03/26
Revision Week	Progress Test Week	English	English	English	English
		Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
		Science	Science	Science	Science
		Art	French	Music	Art
		History	Geography	DT	History

## Spring Term 2 - Year 9

23/02/26	02/03/26	09/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26	30/03/26
Revision Week	Progress Test Week	English	English	English	English
		Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
		Science	Science	Science	Science
		Art	French	Music	Art
		History	Geography	DT	History

# 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

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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**

**2.4M | 112M | 26.2M**

**SWIM, BIKE & RUN**

**DATE: 23 AUGUST 2026**

**LOCATION: FRANCE**

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