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# Principal's Weekly Update

## Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

As we approach the final week of term before the Easter holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to share some recent highlights and important reminders with you.

It has been a busy and rewarding time across the school. On Friday 20th March, a group of our Year 10 pupils who study Science visited Christ College. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to further explore their subject interests beyond the classroom. Pupils had an enjoyable and engaging day, and we are pleased to see their enthusiasm for learning continue to grow. Further details and photographs can be found in this week's bulletin.

We were also delighted to welcome Joel Foster, who appeared on The Voice UK, to deliver a special assembly to our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils on Wednesday. Joel shared his personal journey and spoke about resilience, confidence, and pursuing your passions. It was an inspiring experience for our pupils, and we are very proud to have hosted such a motivational speaker. More information is available in the bulletin.

Looking ahead, a reminder that the Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place during the first week back after the Easter break, on 23rd April 2026. Appointments are held online and can still be booked via SchoolCloud. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Our final day of term, Thursday 2nd April 2026, will be a Non-Uniform Day in support of our Year 11 Prom. Pupils may attend in non-uniform (normal expectations apply) in exchange for a £1 donation. Thank you in advance for your support with this event.

For our Year 11 pupils, preparations for GCSE examinations are now a key priority. Easter School will be taking place over the holiday period, and it is vital that all Year 11 pupils attend. These sessions will provide essential support and guidance in the lead-up to exams, which begin on 7th May. Please ensure that reply slips are returned to Mr Wright, Year 11 Learning Coordinator, as soon as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Davé  
Principal

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

W/C 30th March

Easter End of Term  
Assemblies

**2nd April**

Last Day of Term

**21st April**

Start of Term 5

**23rd April**

Year 8 Parents'  
Evening

Year 11 Mock Art  
Exam

**5th May**

HPV Year 8  
Vaccinations

**7th May**

UKMT Junior Maths  
Challenge

W/C 11th May

Reward Assemblies

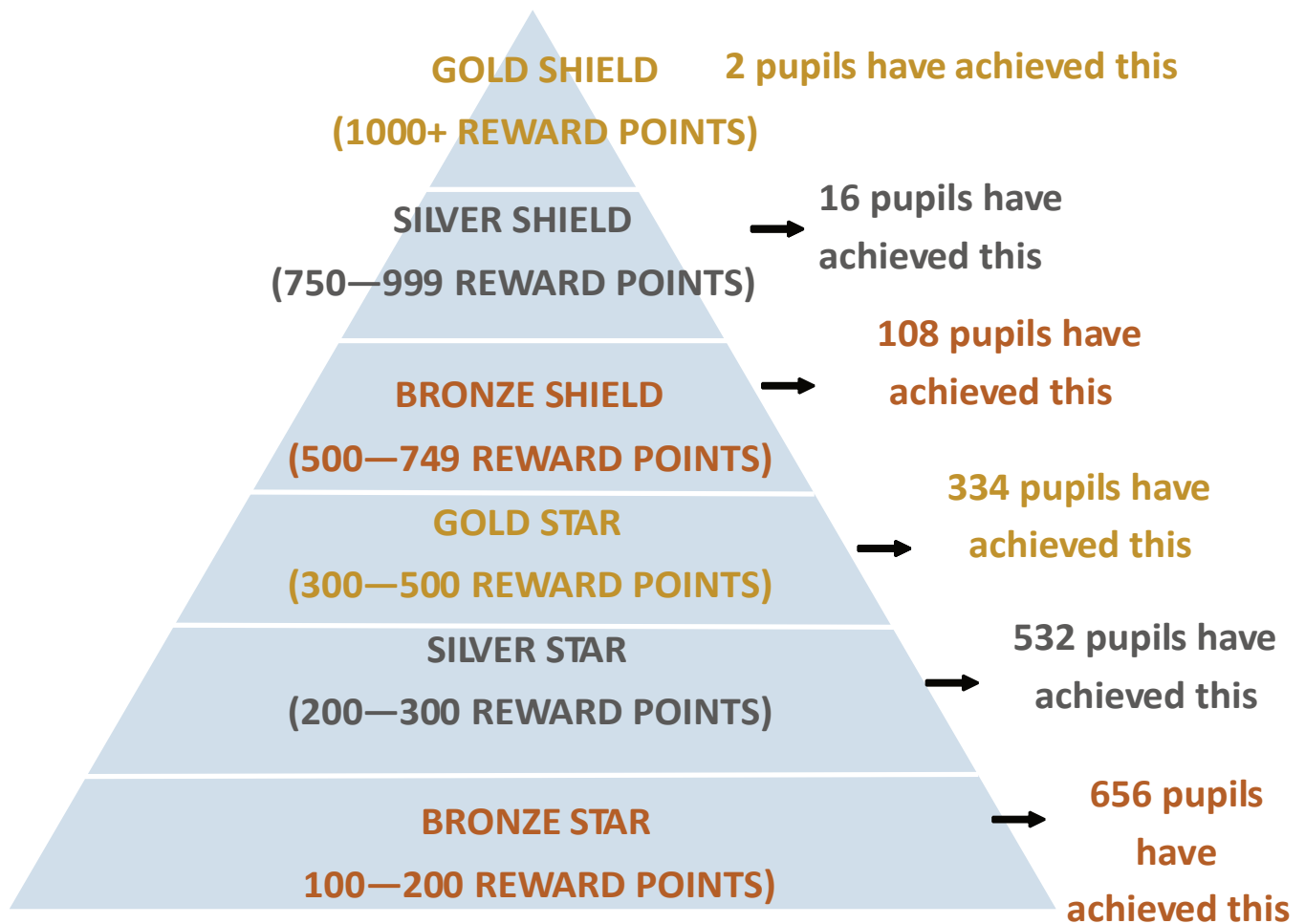


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# Rewards at UALS

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> 27/03/2026	60,209	60,964	40,874	47,766	35,645

	7ET	8RS	9FG	10FS	11SH
<b>REWARD POINTS</b> TOP FORMS	11,331	12,232	9,364	11,729	10,069



# 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!



# UALS

# YEAR 11

# Easter

# SCHOOL

DATE	AM 9:00am – 12:00pm	PM 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April BH	<b>English/ Geography</b>	English/ Geography
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April BH	Performing Arts/ Sports Coaching/ History/ Geography	Performing Arts/ History
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April LD	Maths / Art/ Design Technology/ Media <b>(component 1)</b>	Art/ Design Technolo- gy/ Media <b>(component 1)</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April SG	Retail Business/ Music	Retail Business/ Music
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April BH	Science	Science
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April JS	Science/ Art/ DIT/ Computer Science	Science/ Art/ DIT/ Computer Science
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April LD	Maths <b>(Mr Morrow only)</b> / Art/ Geogra- phy/ Engineering	Maths Higher <b>(Mr Mor- row only)</b> / Art/ Engineering
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April BH	Maths/ Media <b>(component 2)</b> / Art/ History	Media <b>(component 2)</b> / Art/ Citizenship



# Year 10 Scientists Explore Cambridge: A Day at Christ's College

Twelve Year 10 Triple Science pupils recently enjoyed an inspiring and memorable trip to Christ's College, Cambridge, where they were given a taste of life at one of the world's most prestigious universities.

The visit was designed to broaden students' horizons and deepen their understanding of future academic pathways. Throughout the day, pupils took part in two engaging workshops that focused on studying at university and the importance of Post-16 choices when applying to highly competitive institutions. These sessions highlighted how subject selection, academic performance, and extracurricular interests can all play a crucial role in securing a place at leading universities.

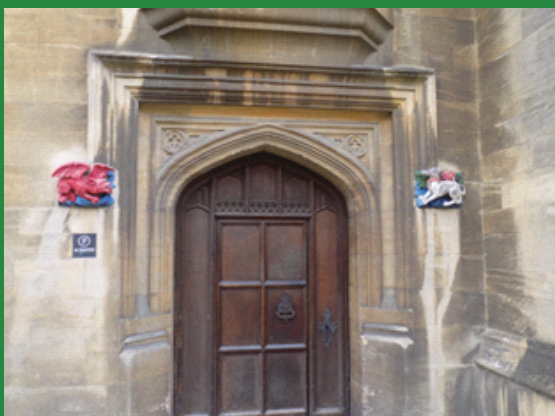
One of the highlights of the trip was a Q&A session with current university students. Our pupils had the opportunity to ask questions about everything from application tips and course demands to student life and accommodation. The university students provided honest and insightful answers, helping to demystify the application process and reassure pupils that a place at a top university is achievable with dedication and passion.

In addition to the academic sessions, pupils were able to explore the historic college grounds. Walking through the beautiful courts and gardens gave students a real sense of the university's rich heritage. A particularly exciting moment was seeing the window that once belonged to Charles Darwin's accommodation during his time at the university—bringing history and science together in a truly tangible way.

Christ's College has a long and distinguished list of alumni, including influential figures in science, literature, and politics. Learning about these individuals helped pupils appreciate the legacy of the college and the impact its students have had on the world.

Overall, the trip was both educational and inspiring. It encouraged pupils to think seriously about their futures and the opportunities available to them. The experience has undoubtedly motivated many to aim high and consider applying to top universities in the years to come.

# Year 10 Scientists Explore Cambridge: A Day at Christ's College



# Recording Artist Joel Foster Inspires Year 7 & 8 Pupils

On Wednesday, our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils had the exciting opportunity to welcome Joel Foster a 23-year-old recording artist from Burton-upon-Trent, to school.

Joel, who blends Classic Rock, Indie and Alternative influences in his music, first appeared on The Voice Kids UK in 2017. Since then, he has gone on to perform at over 250 live shows, building an impressive career as a young musician.

During the visit, Joel spoke to students about his musical journey, sharing how he developed his passion for music and turned it into a career. He also gave a powerful and honest account of his personal experiences with bullying and mental health challenges. His talk encouraged pupils to reflect on the importance of kindness, resilience, and speaking up when they are struggling.

Pupils were fully engaged throughout, and many found Joel's story both inspiring and relatable. His message about staying positive and believing in yourself clearly resonated with the audience.

The session was a fantastic mix of music and meaningful discussion, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Watch Joel in action by using the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8R1LdwYP8Y&scrllybrkr=Ob644d31>





# NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Thursday 2nd April

Ditch the uniform and wear your own clothes!

Donation: **£1**

(All funds raised will go towards PROM!)

**EASTER GAMES!**

50p per play

Prizes to be won!

Bring your £1 donation and extra change for games!

Let's raise lots of money and have an egg-stra fun day!



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Parents Evening

Parents' evenings, simplified

# YEAR 8

# PARENTS'

# EVENING

**Thursday 23rd April 2026**

**4:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Online via SchoolCloud**

**A chance for you to find out about your child's progress and ask questions about how you can support them. A letter will be emailed home in due course in relation to booking appointments.**

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# LITERACY FOCUS

## Articles and Vowels

As part of our whole-school literacy focus, the week commencing Monday 30th March concentrated on developing pupils' understanding of articles and vowels. Pupils will revisit how to use the correct article ("a" or "an") depending on whether a word begins with a consonant or a vowel sound, supporting greater accuracy in both spoken and written language.

For example: "a book" and "an apple."

This focus supports pupils in recognising how vowel sounds influence article choice and reinforces correct usage, helping to improve fluency, precision, and confidence in their writing across all subjects.



Tuesday 5th May 2026 at UALS



# HPV

## vaccination

Protecting you from HPV cancers  
Everyone should have it in year 8

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/Forms/HPV](https://www.lincolnshireimmuni-sations.co.uk/Forms/HPV)



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HPV  
materials



Are you up to date on all  
your immunisations?





# 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
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		Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
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		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

# 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.

For further information, please refer to the letter emailed home this week.



# 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 LAB 7

Knitting and Crochet Club @ Lunchtime - Link Room

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

Knitting and Crochet Club @ Lunchtime - Link Room

Science Intervention for Year 11 - Afterschool

All Years Netball Club with Mrs Frost - Afterschool

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## 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

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## 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.

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# ***IRONMAN VICHY CHALLENGE***

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***SWIM, BIKE & RUN***

**DATE: 23 AUGUST 2026**

**LOCATION: FRANCE**

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