

# UALS Newsletter

15 MAY 2026



## Upcoming Dates

Pupils Depart for Iceland - 17 May 2026

Year 10 Work Experience Week - 18 May 2026

End of Half Term for Years 7 to 10 - 20 May 2026

School Open to Year 11 Only - 21 & 22 May 2026

May Half Term - 25 to 29 May 2026

School Open to Year 11 Only - 1 & 2 June 2026

School Open to Year 11 & 7 Only - 3 June 2026

School Open to Year 11 & 8 Only - 4 June 2026

School Open to Year 11, 10 & 9 Only - 5 June 2026

School Open to all Years - 8 June 2026

Year 10 Mocks (2 weeks) - W/C 15/22 June 2026

Years 7 to 9 Progress Test Week - 22 June 2026

Year 9 Bletchley Park Trip - 23 June 2026

Year 10 CWA Taster Day - 24 June 2026

Year 7 Parents' Evening - 2 July 2026

## Key topics...

Welcome from the  
Acting Principal

Trampolining  
Competition News

Year 11 GCSE Dates

Year 11 May Half Term  
Revision Sessions

Year 10 Mock Exams

New Building Move Dates

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matter?

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# Acting Principal's Welcome



As we move towards the final half-term of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for the continued support you provide to the school. Since stepping into the role of Acting Principal from Vice Principal, I have been incredibly proud of the strong partnership that exists between home and school. When parents/carers work with us to do the right thing and support our expectations, it has a direct and positive impact on pupils' learning, wellbeing and success. We are grateful for the many constructive conversations, the encouragement you give your children each day, and the trust you place in us as a school community.

Our focus remains firmly on ensuring that every pupil is able to learn in a calm, purposeful and ambitious environment. We know that pupils achieve their best when school and home work together with consistency and high expectations. Thank you for continuing to support attendance, behaviour, punctuality and the importance of learning.

Many of you will also be aware that we recently welcomed Ofsted into school. At this stage, we have not yet received the final report. As soon as the report is shared with us, we will ensure that it is communicated with parents and carers promptly.

Looking ahead, after the half-term break we will be exploring opportunities to meet with parents/carers before the end of the academic year through a parent forum. This will provide an opportunity to strengthen communication further, for leaders to share the strategic direction of the Academy and continue building positive relationships across our school community. Further details will follow in due course.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. Together, we can continue to ensure the very best outcomes for all of our pupils.



# TRAMPOLINING

## *Competition News*

Many thanks to Mrs Green for accompanying our pupils to the Trampolining competition, which took place on 30.04.2026 at the Leisure Centre and was hosted by UALS. Our pupils represented the school with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sporting spirit throughout the event. They were understandably delighted with their success, securing a number of well-deserved medals and achieving an impressive second place in the district. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the hard work and commitment shown in training. We are especially proud that the team finished ahead of UAH, rounding off a highly successful competition. Well done to all involved for such a brilliant performance.



# Year 11 GCSE Timetable

9am  
18th May

Triple Science - Chemistry - Paper 1  
Combined Science - Chemistry - Paper 1

1:15pm  
18th May

Media Studies - Component 1  
Engineering

9am  
19th May

English Literature Paper 2

1:15pm  
19th May

Computer Science - Component 2

9am  
20th May

French Listening - Paper 1

9:45am  
20th May

French Listening - Paper 2

9am  
21st May

English Language - Paper 1

May Half Term

# Year 11 May Half Term Revision

	<b>Monday 25th May</b>	<b>Tuesday 26th May</b>	<b>Wednes- day 27th May</b>	<b>Thursday 28th May</b>	<b>Friday 29th May</b>
<b>9am 12pm</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>12:30pm 3:30pm</b>		<b>WJEC Sport</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Please note that all sessions will be held in the Leisure centre using either the main sports hall or the dance studio at the side.

No pupils will be allowed to enter the main part of the school site due to the decanting of furniture.

AM sessions run from 9.00am until 12.00pm

PM sessions run from 12.30pm until 3.30pm

All pupils will need to enter through the Leisure centre reception entrance

Lunch will not be provided for pupils who choose to stay the whole day.

# **MOVE DATES NEW SCHOOL**

**Please be reminded of the upcoming school move dates and arrangements for pupil attendance:**

**End of Half Term for Years 7–10:  
Wednesday 20 May 2026**

**School Open to Year 11 Only:  
Thursday 21 May & Friday 22 May 2026**

**May Half Term:  
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026**

**School Open to Year 11 Only:  
Monday 1 June & Tuesday 2 June 2026**

**School Open as Follows:**

**Wednesday 3 June – Year 11 & Year 7 only  
Thursday 4 June – Year 11 & Year 8 only  
Friday 5 June – Year 11, Year 10 & Year 9 only**

**Please note the days on which your child is expected to attend school, and ensure arrangements are made accordingly.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

# New School Pictures...



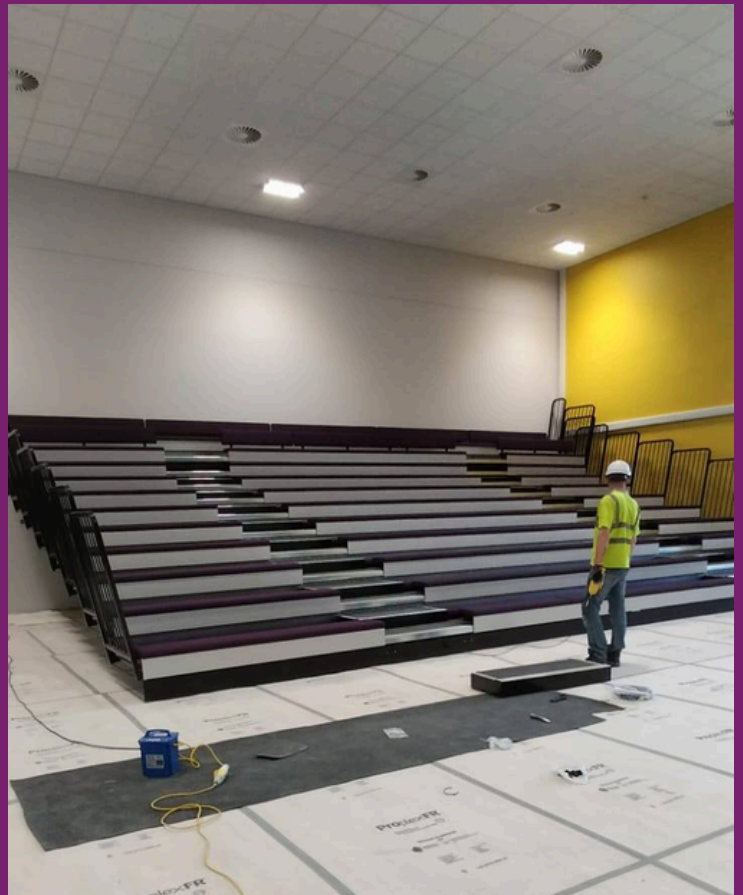
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Art

Science

Main Hall



# New School Pictures...

Classroom



Activity Studio

Outdoor Eating Area

# Why Attendance Matters...

We would like to remind parents and carers that excellent attendance is key to pupil success. As highlighted in our Attend and Achieve guidance, even small amounts of absence can quickly add up. For example, 95% attendance equates to around 10 days missed (approximately 50 lessons), while attendance at 90% means around 20 days absent (about four weeks of school). When attendance drops to 80% or below, the impact on learning becomes significant, with large numbers of lessons missed. Every school day counts, and regular attendance gives pupils the best opportunity to make progress, achieve their potential and stay fully engaged in their learning. Success starts with showing up — every day.

## ATTEND AND ACHIEVE

UNIVERSITY ACADEMY  
LONG SUTTON



**100%**  
**Attendance**  
0 absent days

**95%**  
**Attendance**  
10 Absent Days  
(2 weeks)  
50 Missed Lessons

**90%**  
**Attendance**  
20 Absent Days  
(4 weeks)  
95 Missed Lessons

**80%**  
**Attendance**  
39 Absent Days  
(8 weeks)  
195 Missed Lessons

**70%**  
**Attendance**  
58 Absent Days  
(12 weeks)  
290 Missed Lessons

**50%**  
**Attendance**  
97 Absent Days  
(19.5 weeks)  
485 Missed Lessons

**Success Starts with Showing Up. Every Day**

Excellent attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time or at least

# Uniform Expectations...

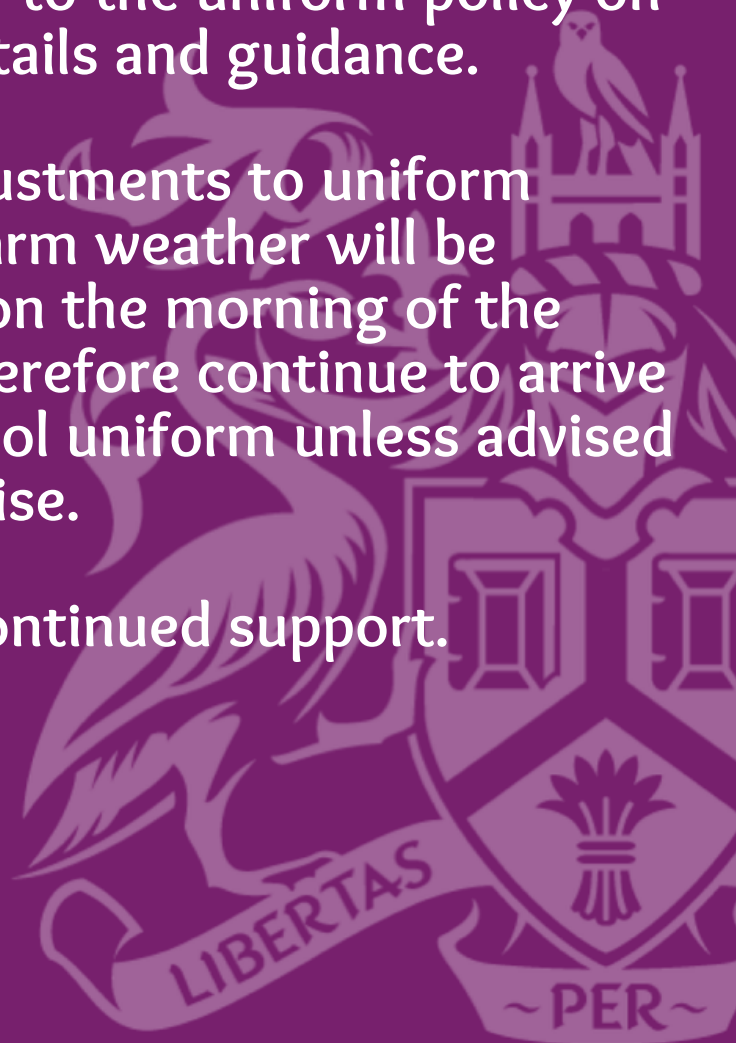
We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of pupils attending school in the correct uniform each day. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of pride, belonging, and readiness to learn across our school community.

In particular, please note that branded or non-black jumpers are not permitted and should not be worn instead of the school uniform jumper. This includes hoodies, sportswear, and fashion-branded items.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes to school dressed appropriately and in line with our expectations. Please refer to the uniform policy on our website for full details and guidance.

Please note that any adjustments to uniform expectations during warm weather will be communicated to pupils on the morning of the relevant day. Pupils should therefore continue to arrive at school each day in full school uniform unless advised otherwise.

Thank you for your continued support.



# Pupil Achievement...

We are delighted to share some wonderful news following Lilla's recent participation at the European Championship in Spain for Speed Stacking.

Lilla achieved an excellent result, winning two individual medals — a bronze medal in the 3-3-3 event and a silver medal in the 3-6-3 event. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects great dedication, commitment and hard work.

In addition to the competition, the trip also provided the opportunity to enjoy time together as a family and experience some of the local culture and attractions, including visits to Torrevieja market, the Pink Lake and flamingos, traditional sea salt production, the Cave of the Skulls, Elche waterfall and dam, the historic old town of Altea, La Casa de las Conchas, the Roman Theatre and port of Cartagena, and La Mata beach.

We are extremely proud of this achievement and would like to congratulate Lilla on this outstanding success.





# IRONMAN VICHY CHALLENGE

2.4M | 112M | 26.2M

SWIM, BIKE & RUN

DATE: 23 AUGUST 2026

LOCATION: FRANCE

**DONATE NOW**

## Vichy Training Update.

Halfway there, 3 months until race day! 🎉  
I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported my fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support so far, we have officially reached 50% of the target!

Since signing up for the Ironman Challenge, I've now completed 3,717.78 km (2310.1 Miles) within training. Every training session is driven by the motivation to support such an important cause and to push myself further than ever before.

To keep the momentum and motivation high leading into race day, I've also signed up for two additional races as part of my preparation which is Outlaw Nottingham Half and Dambuster Standard Distance.

The journey continues, and I'm more determined than ever to cross that Ironman finish line while raising as much as possible for Macmillan.

Thank you again to everyone who has donated, shared, encouraged, and supported me along the way; it genuinely means a lot.

If you'd still like to contribute or share the fundraiser, every bit of support helps  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/university-academy-long-sutton-2>

## Dyslexia Outreach

Is your child transferring from **Primary to Secondary** school in September 2026?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support your child to make this transfer as exciting and happy as possible?



## Transition Workshop

Join us for a **free, online workshop**, sharing strategies for support and an opportunity to ask questions. Open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting your child attends, or is transferring to.

Your child does not have to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this information to be relevant and useful!

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

To attend on this date, please register at with LPCF at: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>  
Once registered with the Forum, you can visit their Events page to sign up for this event.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

If you would like to attend on this date, please email [DyslexiaOutreach@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:DyslexiaOutreach@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Please note, both sessions have the same content, so please sign up to the most convenient date for you.

If you are unable to attend either workshop but would like some advice about your child's learning or transition, you can contact us directly:

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07825024084

**Helena Shaman:**

[helena.shaman@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:helena.shaman@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

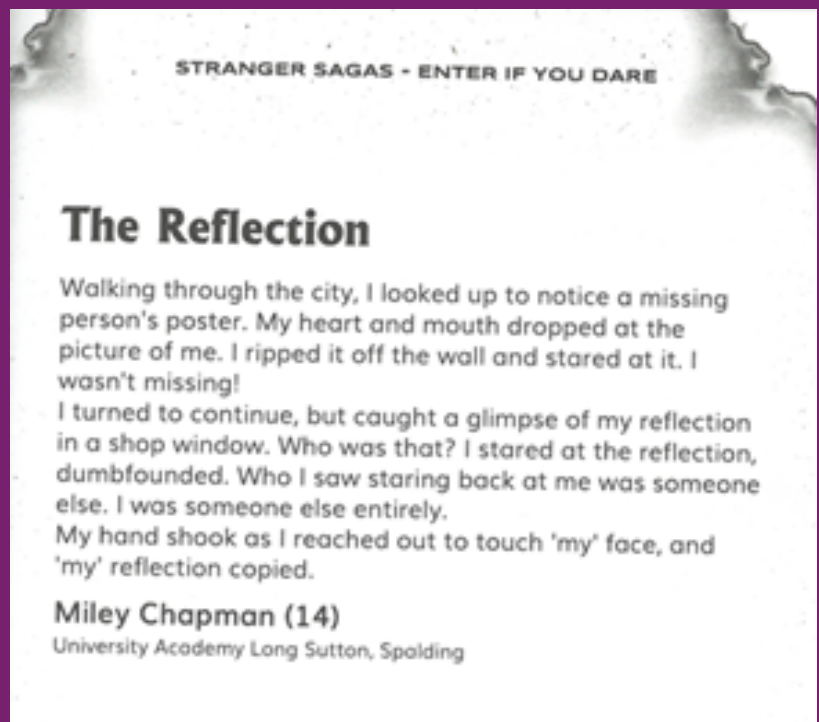
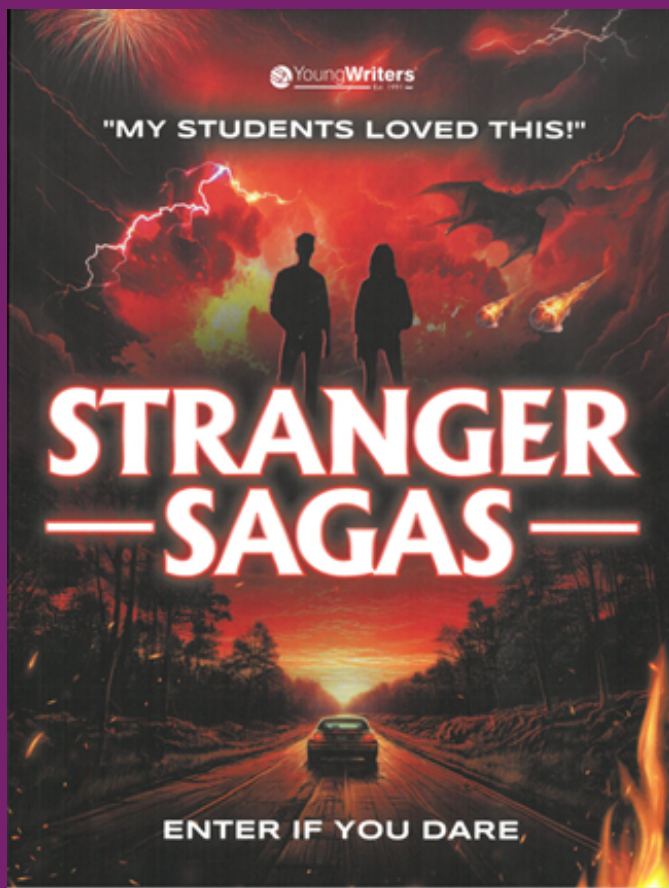
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# English Department Success Young Writers Competition

Recently, the English Department organised a short story writing competition in partnership with Young Writers. The initiative encouraged pupils to develop their creativity, imagination and writing skills through the creation of original short stories.

We are delighted to share that several of our Key Stage 3 pupils had their entries selected for publication in the latest Young Writers anthology, *Stranger Sagas – Enter If You Dare*. Their work has been officially printed alongside entries from other schools, which is a fantastic achievement.

This is a wonderful recognition of our pupils' talent and enthusiasm for writing, and we are incredibly proud of their success.



# APRIL

## LEADERBOARD



**Educake Science**  
Online Homework and Revision

**Dexter (Y7)**

**Senudi (Y8)**

**Brooke (Y9)**

**Max (Y10)**

**Oscar (Y11)**

**Most questions  
answered KS4:**

**Oscar (Y11)**



**UALS PRESENTS**



*It's a night to celebrate and make  
unforgettable memories with friends.*

**FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026**

**Prom tickets are now on sale via ParentPay. Pupils who wish to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Further details regarding the event will be shared in due course, and we look forward to celebrating with our pupils at what promises to be a memorable occasion.**



**GREENDOG MUSIC SERVICES**

A black silhouette of a person playing an electric guitar, set against a background of colorful bokeh lights in shades of purple, blue, and pink.

# GUITAR LESSONS AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL

- ⦿ Weekly guitar lessons given in school-time at the school
- ⦿ All ability levels catered for- complete beginners welcome
- ⦿ Electric, acoustic & bass-guitar tuition available
- ⦿ Grades and BTEC / GCSE assistance offered
- ⦿ Learn YOUR favourite songs
- ⦿ Electric guitars available to use during lessons

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TRAIN TO TEACH WITH  
LINCOLNSHIRE ITT

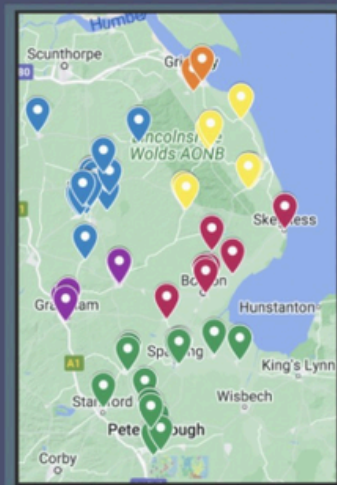
# TRAIN TO TEACH IN LINCOLNSHIRE

THERE ARE STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT ON OUR OUTSTANDING TEACHER TRAINING COURSE, FOR A SEPTEMBER 2026 START!

**Lincolnshire Initial Teacher Training** offers school centred, **secondary**, initial teacher training across Lincolnshire and Greater Lincolnshire. **The practical and school-based nature of the training programme ensures that all trainees will become career ready, confident teachers.**

Trainees build their teaching commitment gradually, as their confidence grows, supported by an expert mentor, who models, demonstrates and deconstructs high quality practice.

**On application, trainees choose a local placement school, as part of our commitment to work life balance.**



*"Trainees are overwhelmingly positive about the quality of training and support they receive. An ethos of consistently high expectations, high-quality training and professional care seamlessly permeates all aspects of the programme across the centre and schools." (Ofsted Jan 2024)*



Find out more about training to teach with Lincolnshire ITT and the [financial incentives available](#), at an information event:

**Monday 18th May 4-5pm - online**

**Monday 1st June in Sleaford, 4.30-6pm**

**Tuesday 2nd June in Lincoln, 5-6pm**

**Wednesday 3rd June 6-7pm online**

Feel free to contact our friendly team for more information or to book a place at one of our remaining events: 01522 889297 or email: [scitthenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:scitthenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk)