

As we step into December, the festive spirit is certainly in the air as preparations are underway for those celebrating the holidays at this time of year.

I'm pleased to report that our Key Stage 3 examinations have gone very well, with students demonstrating excellent focus and determination throughout their assessments. It's been wonderful to see their hard work paying off.

Preparations for our Learning Awards ceremony are now in full swing, with teachers finalising their nominations for students who have truly shone this term. We're looking forward to celebrating these achievements with you all very soon.

A particular highlight was we hosted a celebration event for last year's Year 11 students. It was absolutely lovely to see so many familiar faces returning to share their experiences and successes since leaving us. Their warmth and enthusiasm reminded us all of the strong community we build here, and we were delighted to hear about the wonderful paths they're now following.

We have Christmas movie happening for some of our students as a nice reward and some students planning and practicing ready for their Christmas talent show at Tollfield. This will be a fun opportunity for the staff and students to get into the Christmas spirit together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Mrs Sanderson – Assistant headteacher

Term 2 - Dates for the Diary



Its Exam Time

Monday 3 rd November	<u>Start of Term 2</u>	
Mon 10 th – Fri 21 st November	Year 11 Trial Exams	
Thursday 20 th November	Year 8 Students' Progress Evenings with parents	3:30pm-6pm
Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th December	Key Stage 3 Assessment	
Thursday 4 th December	Year 11 Graduation and Rewards Evening	6pm-8pm
Thursday 11 th December	Year 11 Students' Progress Evening with parents	3:30pm-6pm
Friday 19 th December	<u>End of Term 2</u>	

Attendance Matters

HELPING YOU UNDERSTAND ATTENDANCE FINES

Penalty notice fines will be considered when a student has:

10 SESSIONS OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN 10 SCHOOL WEEKS

One session = half a day, 10 sessions = 5 full days. Applies to term-time leave, or unauthorised absences, or a combination, and can be consecutive or not.

FIRST OFFENCE

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- ▶ £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 0-21 days.
- ▶ £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 22-28 days.
- ▶ If unpaid after 28 days, the case will progress directly to Magistrates' Court, see third offence below.

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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- ▶ £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 0-28 days.
- ▶ No option to pay a reduced amount if paid early
- ▶ If unpaid after 28 days, the case will progress directly to Magistrates' Court, see third offence below.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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- ▶ The case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court for legal prosecution.
- ▶ Magistrates can issue fines up to £2500 per parent, per child.
- ▶ Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

A Penalty Notice can be issued under the following legislation:

- **Section 7 of the Education Act 1996** places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under **Section 444 of the Education Act**
- In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled **Section 444B of the Education Act** empowers the Local Authority to issue a Penalty

A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of a suspension or exclusion from their school.

- **Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006** makes it a duty for parents in relation to pupils subject to a fixed period or permanent exclusion to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during school hours, without reasonable justification, during the first five days of any such exclusion. If a child is present in a public place during the first five days of an exclusion during school hours the parent may be guilty of an offence for which they can be prosecuted by the LA before a Magistrates' Court or issued with a Penalty Notice.

Notices

BRILLIANT BASIC WEEKLY FOCUS

WEAR FULL
& CORRECT
UNIFORM



"AMBITIOUS TOGETHER"

Next weeks Focus for Brilliant Basics is to wear full and correct uniform. Remember that 20+ positives will get you a reward!!!

The FREE [Craft&Making](#) Saturday Club starting on 22nd December until 20th June 2026. Each Saturday the Club runs from 10am - 3pm.

students aged between 13-16 years old a FREE opportunity in hands-on **metalworking & forge blacksmithing** in Spalding. This is such a great opportunity to learn a skill and craft for a lifelong business in Lincolnshire. The National Saturday Club is an established UK-wide network, that gives 13—16-year-olds the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for FREE, on a Saturday at their local university, college or cultural institution. The Club provides a welcoming space for young people to build their skills, develop their confidence, and discover pathways to further study and future creative careers.

For more information and to apply to join a club please visit this link: [Join a Saturday Club - National Saturday Club](#)

Cooking Ingredients

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you and your family well as we approach the end of term.

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers of students in Years 7–9 that, for those not entitled to Free School Meals, the payment for Food Technology lessons is due by 1st January. After this date, if you have not opted into the school's ingredient-provision scheme, we will assume that you prefer to provide your child with the required ingredients. Students will then be expected to bring the correct ingredients every fortnight on their allocated cooking day.

For students in years 10 & 11 who have chosen Food as an option subject, the same deadline applies. Families must either have paid in full or signed up for the staggered-payment plan by 1st January. If payment arrangements are not in place by this date, we will again assume that you wish to supply the necessary ingredients for each cooking session.

We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring lessons run smoothly and your child is fully prepared for their practical work. Should you have any questions or need assistance with payment options, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,
Food Technology Department



Whats Been Happening.....

On Thursday 11 December, 30 of our year 7 students competed in a STEM Challenge workshop in school. The event was organised and run by Outer Dowsing who work and operate within the energy sector. An opportunity to learn more about careers & life in the sciences and develop skills, build confidence and learn directly from employers.

The challenge brief was to design and build a wind turbine which would generate the most energy from the wind. Students worked in small teams designing the best size blades, building a suitable tower to connect the turbine to and then having to understand angles to measure the energy output. Each team were named after a country, a very tight competition with at times nothing much between the teams of UK, Belgium and Sweden. In the final round, Sweden won and took the prize. Congratulations to **Harry** and **Arnold** who won, and to all those who took part.



Curriculum Plan

	Year	This week students have learnt	Next week students will learn
Maths	Year 7	Revision for End of term test	Recap and End of term test
	Year 8	Scale Diagrams	Revision for and End of term test
	Year 9	Finding surface area and volume of cylinders	Revision for and End of term test
	Year 10	F/ converting measures and scale diagrams H/ Finding surface are and volume of 3D shapes	Revision for and End of term test
	Year 11	F/Drawing and interpreting Pie charts H/ Histograms	F/Drawing and interpreting scatter graphs H/ Recap of bespoke topics from trial exams
English	Year 7	Different Lives- Language analysis	Different Lives- Language analysis
	Year 8	Tempest- Characterisation	Tempest- Characterisation
	Year 9	Conflict Texts- language analysis	Conflict Texts- language analysis
	Year 10	Act 4 Macbeth	Act 5 Macbeth
	Year 11	Lit P1 Revision Macbeth/A Christmas Carol	Lit P1 Revision Macbeth/A Christmas Carol
Religious Studies	Year 7	Feedback	Beliefs about God
	Year 8	Buddhism	Buddhism
	Year 9	Feedback	Gender Equality
	Year 10	Feedback	Abortion
	Year 11	The Messiah	Life after Death
PSHE	Year 7	Assessment	Careers
	Year 8	Elections and campaigning	Assessment
	Year 9	The female anatomy	FGM & the law
	Year 10	Assessment	Careers - In person, hybrid and remote
	Year 11	Love, Respect & Abuse	Alcohol, festivals and drugs
PE	Year 7	Rugby - Attacking Tactics Basketball - Defensive Principles	Rugby - Attacking Tactics Basketball - Defensive Principles
	Year 8	What are Motte and Bailey Castles?	Castle design over time
History	Year 7	How did enslaved people resist?	The underground railroad
	Year 9	Jewish Reistance	Liberation/Nuremburg
	Year 10	WWI Exam Technique	WWI Exam Technique
	Year 11	How did Islam affect Medieval medicine? +Exam Question	How good was Medieval surgery?
	Geography	Year 7	What types of landscapes do we have in the UK?
Year 8		USA	USA
Year 9		Japan	Japan
Year 10		Effects of climate change	Migration of climate change
Year 11		Colonialism, trade, natural resources	Aid and its impact
Art	Year 7	Fundamental Art skills -	Drawing and Colour theory
	Year 8	Fundamentals of Portraiture; the human head	Final 2 weeks assessment
	Year 9	Complex Human Head portrait	Assessments
	Year 10	Ceramics; completion. Abstraction from collage	Final two weeks (6 lessons) to complete ceramic and abstract painting
	Year 11	Final 2 weeks of portfolio	Completing component 1 of GCSE prior to Jan
Food	Year 7	Why do we need a balance of nutrients?	Carbohydrates
	Year 8	Pastry Experiments	Cheese Straws
	Year 9	Practical, Egg Fried Rice	Food waste
	Year 10	food transportation mini christmas cake	connect task and Food processing
	Year 11	Task 3A NEA	Task 3A NEA
Technology	Year 7	MAKE stage of the Toy Maze Unit	MAKE stage of the Toy Maze Unit cont'd
	Year 8	MAKE stage of the Stationery Organiser Unit	MAKE stage of the Stationery Organiser Unit cont'd
	Year 9	MAKE stage of the Mobile Phone Holder Unit	MAKE stage of the Mobile Phone Holder Unit cont'd
Spanish	Year 7		
	Year 8	Using 1st person plural form of verbs	Say what your plans are for your christmas holiday
	Year 9	Say what you are going to do to stay fit.	Use present, past and future tense together.
	Year 10	Extended writing	Asses writing skills
	Year 11	Talk about future careers	Talk about the importance of learning languages
ICT	Year 7	Unit 7.2 Networking	Unit 7.2 Networking cont'd
	Year 8	Sharing Content	Assessment
	Year 9	Lights, Camera, Action	Project
Health & Social care	Year 10	End of unit 2 test, then moving onto Unit 3	What is parliament
	Year 11	Close inspection of a case study - atten	How to complete care plans - the care plan cycle
Salon	Year 10	1950's work	1960's work
	Year 11	Coursework last week- submission time	Practical begins and coursework hand in.
Construction	Year 10	Amounts of materials and costs	Amounts of materials and costs
	Year 11	Planning pemission/ start second assessment	Planning pemission Brown & Greenfield sites/ start second assessment
CNAT Sport science	Year 10	Devising a second skill based fitness test	Analysing data and creating a normative data table for both skill based fitness tests
	Year 11	Explain	
ESOL	Year 11	Free time activities (revision)	Festivals
Motor Vehicles	Year 11	Practical workshop revision/rotation	Practical workshop revision/rotation/Synoptic
Business	Year 11	Revision	Assessment
Polish	Year 11	Healthy lifestyle	Healthy eating (Polish food revision)