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Newsletter Issue 117

December 2019

Welcome

The festive period is always a fantastic time to recharge the batteries, spend time with family and think about the goals of a New Year.

For me this Christmas period will be a little more relaxed after Ofsted inspectors completed their report on the Academy and came back with a glowing assessment.

I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised the “many improvements” made at the school and even more delighted that they regard the school as “calm, happy and caring”.

For me the goal has always been to create a safe and positive environment in which our pupils can focus on achieving their potential – where they can be happy and successful.

I have felt, for some time, that we have made great progress in our journey to create a school community of which pupils, parents, staff and governors can be proud.

The inspectors have seen that progress.

What is particularly pleasing is the fact that their report makes it clear our pupils see the progress too and welcome it.

The assessment said: “Pupils flourish as a result of the good quality of education and the opportunities open to them. They know that their teachers want them to be successful and enjoy their learning.

“Pupils told us that there have been many improvements since the Head Teacher joined the school. Pupils agreed that this change was for the better. They said that behaviour has improved and that pupils get on well with each other.”

I want to thank all staff, parents, governors and, of course, our students for their hard work, commitment, passion and dedication – all qualities which have helped us on the journey so far.

But while such a positive endorsement is very welcome we will not be resting on our laurels. A good grading is just that. Our goal is to be outstanding.

As writer and novelist Michael Korda said: “One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals.”

This Christmas I will relax, enjoy spending time with loved ones and perhaps even raise a glass. But I will also reflect on the new and greater goals for 2020.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr D Hardy, Head Teacher



Staff Changes

New teaching staff

Emily Burridge	Science Teacher
Rebecca Martini	Lead Practitioner – English
Hannah Hought	Maths Teacher/ Deputy Head of York

New support staff

Amy Beech	HR/Administration Assistant
Liz Heath	Finance Assistant

Leavers

Geoff Bowker	Teacher of Maths
William Crawford	Teacher of Science
Lucinda Preston	Teacher of English



Term Dates

January 2020

Tuesday 7	Start of Spring term
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February 2020

Monday 17 - Friday 21	Half Term
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April 2020

Thursday 2	Last day of term
Monday 20	Start of Summer term

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**





Forthcoming Events

January 2020

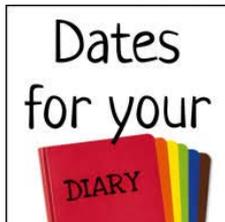
Tuesday 7 - Friday 17	Year 13 Mock examinations
Thursday 9	Year 11 Mock results day
Wednesday 15	Year 11 Parents' evening
Monday 27 - Friday 31	Year 9 Options Week
Wednesday 29	Year 9 Options evening

February 2020

Monday 3 - Friday 7 week	Year 12 Work experience
Tuesday 4	KS3 Parents' E-Safety evening
Thursday 6	Years 9 -11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Friday 7	Year 13 Mock results day
Wednesday 26	Year 11 Parents' Examination preparation evening

March 2020

Wednesday 4 - Friday 6	School Production
Thursday 5	World Book day
Monday 16 - Friday 27	Year 11 Easter Mock Examinations
Wednesday 18	Year 8 Parents' evening
Thursday 19	John Alexander concert
Tuesday 31	KS4 Parent Engagement-Stress Awareness



World Challenge training

In preparation for their expedition to Swaziland, the newest recruits to World Challenge took part in their training expedition over the weekend of November 16-17 with a visit to the Peak District. The team



worked on their communication, planning, first aid, team working, cooking and leadership skills, as well as braving some atrocious weather conditions and challenging terrain. Well done to the team, who all successfully completed this part of their training.



Restart a Heart



On 16 October all Year 9 students participated in a 'Restart a Heart' workshop at the Academy. The Restart a Heart Campaign is an annual initiative led by the Resuscitation Council UK, in partnership with The British Red Cross, St Johns Ambulance and Yorkshire Ambulance which aims to improve the low numbers of people surviving out of hospital cardiac arrest.



The Great Big Languages House Quiz

To mark the end of a successful Languages week in school, a quiz was held for Year 7 in the hall.

With the snappy title of “The Great Big Languages Week House Quiz”, students answered questions based on all of the information they had been given in assemblies, Aspire and R2L. (Ready to Learn)

The principle of the quiz is that students answer questions with 2 possible answers by putting their left or right hand up. If they are incorrect they sit down and are out. The house with the most still standing at the end wins. Everyone got 10 House Points for just taking part!



Heartfelt congratulations to **Stuart House** for a resounding win!



Qualified Teacher Status



Hannah Monds, Zoe Saunders and Amy Parker receiving their Qualified Teacher Status from St George's Academy partnership after completing their training with us.



Movember

The academy has been supporting 'Movember' to raise awareness of men's health, in particular prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's mental health. Our sixth form, with help from Mr Cogan and Mr Palethorpe raised £200!



Career Mark - Platinum



There were celebrations at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy as we received confirmation of a successful revalidation of our Quality in Careers Standards award provided by Career Mark.

The Academy has held the award since 2008 with the recent revalidation achieving the Platinum standard.



A letter of congratulations was received from Lead Director at Complete Careers John Ambrose who are the licensing body for Career Mark.

The revalidation assessment required the Academy to provide a portfolio of evidence that demonstrated delivery of a successful high quality careers programme that meets the needs of our learners. This was followed by an onsite visit from the assessor who spoke to a group of students from each Key Stage to get a student's perspective on the programme.



Student Success

Following on from last term's newsletter, Kristin Burgess, a year 9 student, is now working every Saturday morning for Lisa Hurst Dance as a assistant dance teacher at Bishop Grosseteste University with children age 2+. Kristin is now teaching 8 hours a week and loves seeing how the children are progressing.



Alumni

My name is Matthew Bishop and I attended the Sir Robert Pattinson Academy from 2011 - 2018.

Recently, I received a certificate that had been found for me in your offices and I wanted to thank you for sending it!

I'm currently in my 2nd Year of university at Birmingham studying Russian, Chinese and Catalan. I wanted to thank the academy for setting me on this path and for supporting me while I attended.

I hope this message can reach those teachers who taught me and that they realise what an important part they played in my life. They have allowed me to reach the stage that I am and I am happy to say that at the end of my 1st year at university received two awards, the Sonnenschein Prize and the Elizabeth Koutaissoff award.

Thank you for my secondary and sixth form education and I wish the Academy all the best for the future!

Matt Bishop



World Challenge Expedition 2019

Meeting on a rather sunny July day in the UK seemed a little strange; as we knew, the next 16 days of our summer holiday would be spent in Southern India during the monsoon season. As I conducted a full kit check, I took great care in overseeing the umbrella competition I had set the team during our build up day, designed to ensure the team are fully prepared for their World Challenge adventure. After successfully squeezing personal and team kit into rucksacks, we then spent time recapping elements of our training on how to facilitate an expedition predominately lead by the students. The next morning extremely early for anyone, never mind teenagers, we headed for Manchester airport and after a race through Abu Dhabi airport some 12 hours later, we arrived as the



sun was rising in Kochi. Our first three days consisted of planning our time in India and seeing some of the local cultural sites around the small fishing town of Fort Kochi. From spice processing factories, a traditional India laundry, to a masked stage show, alongside visiting temples and churches, it was full on from the word go; that's without mentioning the public bus journeys, and tuk tuk rides.

Feeling slightly more settled into the chaos we took a 5 hour bus journey into the Western Ghats, a long ridge of mountains that run along the west coast of southern India, consisting of a large variation of spice



plantations and tea growing farms. Our 5 day trek from camp to camp took us through small villages where we were able to see how the locals worked together farming the spices, then to the summits of some local peaks, through lake basins unusually empty due to a lack of monsoon rainfall and following the footsteps of Elephants. Each night's camp was different, from luxury tents with en-suite bathrooms, to fishing in a local lake for some dinner and traditional bucket baths. The local guides demonstrated their expert knowledge of the flora and fauna and were keen to join in with our team games of 'who could pack the throwline the quickest' and they watched over our 'design your leech socks fashion' competition. Our final trek day ended with a very windy ascent of a local peak, involving an exciting

rope descent and a hour trekking very quietly through the trees, as our Elephant tracker was convinced the magnificent animals could be close, sadly the closest we came was looking at very fresh Elephant poo!

After testing our physical strength, we headed to our community phase, working in a very small primary school built in the 1800s, but with very little money to pay for building improvements. Our arrival at the school was very humbling with the children dressed in their smart uniforms and the parents in their traditional Kerala saree's holding a sign aiming to spell out 'welcome', if at times the little ones not knowing where they should stand to form the correct spelling. We were immersed into their lives and culture for 4 days arriving every day to the school on tuk tuk's, eating curry three times a day alongside some of the team members learning Malayalam the local language.





World Challenge Expedition 2019

Our work at the school was just as physical as the trek, just in a different way, carrying sand and cement, digging up floors and laying tiles in the school office and in the classroom, all whilst surrounded by very small children wanting to play games - practicing the crazy moose or crashing into one another when singing the hokey cokey! We organised for lockable shutters to be fixed to the windows in the office and even a plug socket to be wired into the school cook's shed at the back of the school. She was so pleased it brought a tear to my eye.

On our final day, the wider community arrived to give us a leaving ceremony, showcasing traditional dancing, singing and awards given to us for our hard work. Many of the team were encouraged to dress in traditional outfits with females in Sarees and men in a Mundu. We were all sad to leave, but also happy to be heading for our last two days of relaxation at a villa on the Indian ocean coast and a day floating around the backwaters on a traditional Kerala houseboat. We were also lucky to witness the local snake boat racing, consisting of over 100 men rapidly padding down the waterways hoping to take the trophy.



Sitting on the tarmac at Kochi airport, waiting to take off, we looked out of the windows on Kerala and saw the first major downpour of monsoon, our umbrellas had not been needed after all. It was a very bumpy take-off and a rather cold arrival back in the UK many hours later.

Once again our students taking part from Sir Robert Pattinson Academy embraced the challenge, took themselves out of their comfort zone in various different ways, laughed, cried, fell out and hugged becoming a close knit group and possibly family. Described by one of our team members as 'a dysfunctional family', but one she couldn't have done it without.

Thanks again team for being awesome, with a huge thank you to Mr Chetwynd, tiler extraordinaire. It has been a pleasure and a privilege and a huge thank you to Mr Cogan, our UK mini bus driver, without you we would not have even made it to the airport.

On return to the UK we were all very upset to see on the news that the beautiful area we had just visited had yet again, for the second year, been hit by extreme monsoon rains, causing wide spread flooding and in some areas loss of life. Our thoughts are with the beautiful people who made us all feel so welcome in their country and their lives.

Miss Earnshaw



Sport Updates 2019 - 2020

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football team made a strong start to the season with a 7-0 victory over local rivals North Kesteven playing some excellent football. Unfortunately, the second game did not go our way, despite many positives, the game against Branston Community Academy ended with a 5-3 defeat.

Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Branston Community Academy	3	3	0	0	17	3	14	9
Queen Elizabeth's High School	1	1	0	0	9	1	8	3
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	1	0	1	10	5	5	3
Lincoln Castle Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
William Farr C of E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0
North Kesteven School	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0
Priory Witham Academy	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0
Priory LSST	1	0	0	1	1	9	-8	0

Year 7 5-a-side football tournament

The Year 7 5-a-side tournament started extremely well with two comfortable victories for SRPA before a draw in the third game. A narrow defeat followed setting up a game against leaders Branston in the final game. SRPA had to push forward to secure victory and were unfortunately caught on the break losing their second game. Final position 3rd with some great football played. Well played boys!



Year 8 Football

The Year 8s have had two very conflicting games. The first a comfortable 9-0 victory over The Gainsborough Academy followed by a 3-0 defeat against Queen Elizabeth High School.



Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Queen Elizabeth's High School	4	3	1	0	20	7	13	10
Branston Community Academy	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	6
William Farr C of E	3	1	1	1	13	7	6	4
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	1	0	1	7	3	4	3
North Kesteven School	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Lincoln Castle Academy	2	0	0	2	5	14	-9	0
The Gainsborough Academy	2	0	0	2	1	16	-15	0

Year 9 Football

It has been a difficult start to the season for the Year 9 football team. It started with a 4-0 defeat to a strong North Kesteven Academy side, but despite the score line there were many positives and the game was extremely close until the final 5 minutes. This was followed by a 6-2 victory against The Gainsborough Academy with goals from Thomas N x3, Ritchie, Leo and Tyler. Injuries and absences left the team short for the visit of Branston, with top scorer Tom having to put on the gloves and play in goal. The ten men of SRPA held firm until just before half time when the opposition managed to break through. Ritchie immediately replied, burst through the opposition defence to draw the scores level at the break. The score remained 1-1 for a large part of the second half. The opposition pressure finally telling on a resolute SRPA defence and scoring 3 late goals. The 4th game again saw a number of changes to the team and on this occasion, we were unable to match the opposition losing 4-0. Hopefully the second half of the season will bring about a change in fortune.



Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Queen Elizabeth's High School	3	3	0	0	12	8	4	9
William Farr C of E	2	2	0	0	12	0	12	6
Branston Community Academy	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
North Kesteven School	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	4	1	0	3	7	16	-9	3
Lincoln Castle Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priory LSST	1	0	0	1	4	5	-1	0
The Gainsborough Academy	2	0	0	2	3	9	-6	0
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	2	0	0	2	3	11	-8	0



Year 10 Football

The Year 10s have only played one game so far following a cancellation. This was a narrow 2-1 defeat against Queen Elisabeth High School away in Gainsborough with Ethan netting for SRPA. Joseph D was moved into midfield part way through the match and made an excellent contribution. Man of the Match was Jobey E in goal making a string of brilliant saves and showing great resilience. More fixtures and victories will hopefully follow in the second half of the season.

Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Queen Elisabeth's High School	3	3	0	0	6	3	3	9
William Farr C of E	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
Branston Community Academy	2	1	0	1	7	1	6	3
Priory Lincoln Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Lincoln Castle Academy	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
Priory Witham Academy	1	0	0	1	0	7	-7	0

Year 11 Football

Another difficult start to the season has seen the Year 11s lose narrowly in both of their games so far. 3-1, 4-2 versus Branston and versus William Farr. The boys showed real promise in their first two games of the season. Despite being overcome by strong opponents in both fixtures, they played some fantastic football and dominated periods of both games. As always, the boys conducted themselves superbly when they could have quite easily lost their focus. Well done boys, a really strong start to the season despite the results!



Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Branston Community Academy	3	2	0	1	11	7	4	6
Priory Lincoln Academy	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
William Farr C of E	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Queen Elisabeth's High School	2	1	0	1	6	5	1	3
Priory LSST	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Priory Witham Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0
North Kesteven School	2	0	0	2	3	10	-7	0

Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 netball team have eventually made a start to their fixtures for the year. Starting with a match against Priory LSST, the girls used this match to confirm their playing positions and roles within the team and great developments within game play was seen over the duration of the match. Unfortunately, the opposition was too strong and we were defeated 17-3. The second game for the girls was against Lincoln Christs Hospital School, the girls were up against a very strong and physically tall side and again, despite lots of positive play, it did not go our way ending in a 16-5 defeat.

Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Priory LSST	2	2	0	0	32	3	29	6
Branston Community Academy	1	1	0	0	15	0	15	3
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	1	1	0	0	16	5	11	3
William Farr C of E	2	1	0	1	4	17	-13	3
Lincoln Minster School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priory Lincoln Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Queen Elisabeth's High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Castle Academy	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
Priory Witham Academy	1	0	0	1	0	15	-15	0
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	0	0	2	8	33	-25	0

Year 8 Netball

The year 8 netball team played their second game of the year against Lincoln Christs Hospital school last week. The girls played a fantastic game with the two teams being neck and neck in the scores up until the end of the 3rd quarter. Unfortunately, in the final quarter, fatigue was a factor and LCHS drew away from us ending in a 13- 7 defeat for us.

Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Branston Community Academy	3	3	0	0	46	10	36	9
Queen Elisabeth's High School	2	2	0	0	41	19	22	6
William Farr C of E	3	1	0	2	37	46	-9	3
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	3	1	0	2	18	42	-24	3
Priory Lincoln Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priory LSST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Minster School	1	0	0	1	4	16	-12	0
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	0	0	2	15	28	-13	0

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Sport Updates 2019 - 2020

Year 10 &11 Netball

The year 10 and 11 team are new team this year with some great new additions. I am so proud that some of the girls are extending their Netball knowledge and being involved in netball outside of school as well as in school. The girls are developing as a team and working on their key skills. We have had three fixtures so far this term and progressing in each one as a team. I look forward to the continued season after Christmas.



Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Branston Community Academy	6	6	0	0	101	11	90	18
Queen Elizabeth's High School	5	5	0	0	95	22	73	15
Lincoln Minster School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priory Witham Academy	1	0	0	1	0	15	-15	0
Priory LSST	2	0	0	2	8	35	-27	0
William Farr C of E	2	0	0	2	5	35	-30	0
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy	2	0	0	2	3	33	-30	0
Lincoln Castle Academy	2	0	0	2	2	32	-30	0
Priory Lincoln Academy	2	0	0	2	15	46	-31	0

Tilly and Lauren Owens, both Year 13 students, competed at the English Schools Combined events finals in Exeter. They formed the Lincolnshire team in a pool of 29 competitors finishing in 24th and 25th position after getting a few Personal Bests along the way. Tilly managed 2551 points and Lauren 2021, both were in the Ladies Heptathlon.

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Lincoln and Gainsborough School Sports Zone District Cross-country Championships 5 December 2019

This years' district cross country championships was held at Lincoln Rugby Club on Thursday 5 December 2019. Conditions were extremely cold and as predicted, the course was particularly wet and muddy in patches. Fortythree students from Sir Robert Pattinson Academy were selected and braved the conditions with some extremely strong performances.



Performances of particular note were Tilly and Lauren Owens, who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively again ensuring qualification for the County event in January. This was their last District Cross Country

Championships having represented the Academy in each of the previous seven years.

The following students also secured top 20 places:

Elsie Gill – Y7 – 11th

Kyla Rose-Dunthorne – Y7 – 12th

Emily Kent – Y8 – 15th

Joseph Davies – Y10 – 18th

Lucy Jo Patten – Y10 – 19th

Josh Mackender – Y7 – 20th

Well done to all who competed!



Erasmus adventures in Poland

In November, eight students from our Academy participated in the last of four exchange visits as part of our Erasmus+ 'Rhythms of success' project. The students were an absolute credit to the Academy during the exchange, in which they were welcomed into the homes of host families in Elblag, in North East Poland. They all embraced the opportunity and immersed themselves in numerous activities with students and staff from our two partner schools.



Erasmus adventures in Poland

This trip was the final part of a two year project. Our students were accompanied by Mrs Fields and Mr Richardson. The main aim of the week was for us all to participate in a concert and our Academy were tasked to narrate the storyline in the show as well as preparing props and decorations. We had a very early start and as we boarded the plane at 6:15 at Stansted airport to embark upon our adventure, little did we know what wonderful talents Mr Richardson was hiding! Having spent Sunday with hosts families, we met as a group again on Monday morning. As the students were shown around the school by their hosts, Mr Richardson was asked if he would play the starring role ... our own little mermaid was created.



After many hours of rehearsals, the show on Wednesday evening was a great success. We had an audience of over 300 people (all captivated by the spectacle). Our students were a credit, they showed little signs of being nervous which was truly amazing.

Following the success of the show, we were free to explore. We visited Frombork, a small Cathedral city on the Baltic coast, where we climbed a tower to take in the magnificent views and we had the privilege of seeing a Foucault Pendulum in operation. We had built up an appetite and after completing some journalistic work, we were treated to a Polish food tasting session.



In the blink of an eye, Friday had arrived. We enjoyed a marvelous day in Gdansk and Sopot. We visited the Solidarity Museum where Lech Walesa led the demonstrations, which ultimately led to the fall of the Berlin Wall. As Walesa himself once said 'The fall of the Berlin Wall makes for good pictures. But it all started in the shipyards.' Students had free time in Sopot with some of them braving the freezing temperatures on the beach and pier.



Before we knew it, we were boarding the plane to return. Some had bought a little baltic amber but all of us bought back fond memories of our time in Poland.



Diana Award

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy hosted a very special workshop funded by Facebook - The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training. Several guests attended this event from other schools along with our own Anti-bullying ambassadors. This event was incredibly successful; once again, our students were wonderful advocates of the academy ethos. Not only will this benefit the academy immensely, it also strengthens our ethos regarding bullying and will only make it stronger. Congratulations to the students shown below for their efforts. Thanks also go to the Pastoral Leaders who supported this event.



National Construction Week

As part of our personal development programme the whole of our Year 8 cohort along with staff attended the National Construction Week event at the Lincolnshire Showground. The event was organised by the Lincoln Group Training Association and supported by The Education Business Partnership and The Construction Industry Training Board.

A vast array of employers offered the students an opportunity to try their hand at block paving with Lincoln Cathedral Training, mini digger driving with Lindum Group, surveying with Triangle Engineering, plumbing, painting and decorating, with Lincoln College, wood straw bale construction, reciprocal roof construction with of Hill Holt Wood, and ICE bridge building.

Students and staff embraced the opportunity to learn from employers about their work and the skills needed for them to be successful in the work place.



Mind the Language Gap

Eleven students studying GCSE languages were selected by the MFL teachers to join them on a trip to Doncaster High Speed Rail College to attend a Business Language Champions event on Friday 11th October. These students took part in a competition to design a trade stand for international businessmen and women at Innotrans, the global Railway trade fair, which takes place in Berlin.



Students used their French and Spanish skills to create and promote their trade stands and even made a presentation in those languages to a group of employers. This was the most nerve-wracking part, they confided, but all were immensely proud of themselves once they had finished! It gave them confidence in their speaking skills and was excellent practice for their GCSE speaking examinations next



year! In addition to the tasks given, students listened to a talk by Lucy Prior MBE, who has used her language qualifications throughout her career in the rail industry and she inspired students to consider new ways in which their language skills could be useful to them in their future careers. Students also enjoyed a Japanese language taster session and are practising their newly-acquired language knowledge! The students were an absolute credit to the academy, both in terms of their linguistic skills and in the way they threw themselves into each and every task!



Geography trip

The Y12 Geographers braved wet and windy conditions to complete their coastal fieldwork at Hornsea beach. Despite the conditions they successfully collected data about beach sediment transfer and accumulation, learning useful skills for use in their Non-Examined Assessments later this year.



The Y12 Travel and Tourism group visited Lincoln COOP Travel Agency to interview the manager Stacey, to compile a case study for use in their examination in the summer term.





Official Opening of the RP Hub and Specialist Learning Centre

NEW facilities dedicated to specialist learning have been opened at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy by TV personality Radzi Chinyanganya. The former Blue Peter presenter unveiled two new learning suites designed to help students.



The RP-Hub and Specialist Learning Centre have both been transformed in the past few months to better support students who need extra help educationally or with their mental health. The school team working out of the RP-HUB have given professional counselling to hundreds of people from the school community in the last 12 months. Staff have provided sessions dedicated to helping pupils deal with anxiety and panic attacks, depression, anger management, phobias, self harm, sleep problems and stress.

Radzi, who has also co-presented ITV gameshow Cannonball, spent the day at our academy meeting staff and pupils and opening the new facility. "I was really impressed by the commitment and resources the school has committed to supporting students who need extra help,"



he said. "The HUB is excellent and offers fantastic support for young people whose challenges go beyond the academic and that is a really positive development to see."

Headteacher Dale Hardy said it was a validation of the school's commitment to helping every child achieve their potential. "As a school we have always been committed to helping our students prepare for a successful and happy life and not just in relation to academic studies. The mental health of our school community is vitally important to both the school and the students and I am delighted we have been able to launch this great facility.

It will be crucial as the school continues to improve."

The Specialised Learning Centre (SLC) was opened on Wednesday 17 July 2019 by Radzi Chinyanganya (Television and Film) along with academy staff and visitors from the local disability charity, Umbrellas.

The SLC offers our students support throughout their learning journey with us. Students have the opportunity to access a range of interventions programmes, including those designed to support their confidence in reading and mathematics. The SLC also provides our students a place to come for additional nurture support; this may range from friendship circles, additional time with their trusted adults or just a place to come at social times with their friends.

The SLC offers a layer of support to help students access a wider curriculum, and to ensure they have the best possible chance to achieve success in the classroom.

Mr A Adlington
Executive SENDCo





A CHARITY, which is raising money to provide a meeting place for children, young people and adults with additional needs in Lincolnshire is getting support from Sir Robert Pattinson Academy. The school has agreed to support Umbrellas by organizing fundraising events throughout the year. In return, the charity has agreed to provide important disability workshops at the school.

Umbrellas was established in 2014 by a group of parents, led by Charlotte Owen, who all have children with additional needs - including autism, Down's syndrome, epilepsy, and global developmental delay. Their aim is to create a recreational facility in Lincoln that has the appropriate equipment and set-up to allow all children and adults with additional needs to play and socialise. This has been successfully achieved in other parts of the country but, unfortunately, such resources do not exist in the Lincoln area.

The name Umbrellas reflects the founders' inclusive attitude, and their desire to create a safe, sheltered space for those with additional needs to play and relax on their own terms. Already, the school has raised nearly £1,000 and has plans for fund raising events throughout the academic year.

The partnership between the school and the charity began after Charlotte's daughter, Lily, a pupil at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, was awarded a "special recognition tie" for the work she was doing for the charity.

Soon after, Head Teacher Dale Hardy contacted Umbrellas to find out more and was so impressed he decided the academy should help. Charity founder Charlotte said: "My son Harry has very complex needs, all related to his autism, and we have found it very difficult to find places to go as a family. We want to provide a safe, supportive environment for the whole network of people surrounding the person with additional needs, where families don't have to go off in separate directions to access the help and support they need. There is a centre in Staffordshire which provides this and his visits there completely revolutionised our family time. There is nothing like this in Lincolnshire currently."

"I shared photos of a visit to the centre in Staffordshire with friends on social media and some other parents of children with disabilities got together with me, we formed a committee and went from there. That was in June 2014."

The charity has already raised £100,000 but Charlotte believes the support of the school will be crucial in reaching its fundraising target – and importantly raising the profile of the issue as a whole.

"To have the support of such a prominent school and to know that they are approaching additional needs and disability in a positive and inclusive manner will hopefully help to raise the profile of additional needs in the local community and increase understanding for people with disabilities and their families.

"As a committee, we hope that our involvement with the school will help young people to recognise some of the daily challenges faced by young people with disabilities and how the local community might be able to support them."

Head, Mr Hardy, said the work of the charity really struck a chord in the way its aims matched those of the school and he was delighted the school community could help Umbrellas.

"I am passionate about ensuring every single pupil is supported and provided with a safe and positive environment to help them reach their potential," he said.



"We have already put extra resources into helping pupils with additional needs and the aims of Umbrellas fits perfectly with our own ethos.

"But it is also crucial that the whole school community understands and supports our pupils who need extra help and raising awareness is an important part of that process.

"I am excited about the partnership with Umbrellas and the positive difference we can make together."



Annual Achievement Awards Presentation

Pupils at a Sir Robert Pattinson Academy were rewarded for their achievements at our Annual Awards Presentations. This year we held two presentations on 15 July 2019; KS3 during the afternoon and KS4 and KS5 in the evening. The events were attended by both parents and students, when awards and trophies were presented for a range of accomplishments together with subject progress and/or achievement certificates and 100% attendance certificates with three new awards donated by our Head Teacher, Mr Hardy.

The students' achievements were praised by keynote speaker Mr Phil Sidebottom, Director at Lindum Group, Lincoln. Musical interludes were performed by Caleb Clayton, Daniel Robinson, Elise Sutton, Regan Good, Emma Holt and Kirsty Ward, students at the Academy.



Trophies presented as follows:

GOVERNORS CITIZENSHIP SHIELD - Jenna Welsh

JARVIS AMBASSADOR TROPHY - Jasmine Machell

KS3 HEAD TEACHER LEADERSHIP AWARD - Daniel Wall

KS4 HEAD TEACHER LEADERSHIP AWARD - Grace Bacon

KS5 HEAD TEACHER LEADERSHIP AWARD - Charlotte Martin

WELLS TROPHY FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY - Joanna Humphrey

CATHERINE RASDALL MEMORIAL TROPHY - Charlotte Mason, Alex Morley & Lauren Robinson

The Academy Newsletter

Compiling each term's newsletter is a big but exciting job. It is really important that we celebrate all the good that goes on at the Academy and would like feedback on our newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us; we welcome your thoughts. Please address to enquiries@srpa.co.uk

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Academic Awards Presentation

Our Annual Academic Awards Presentation was held on the evening of Tuesday 17 September 2019, to celebrate our students' achievements. The evening was attended by parents, students, academy staff and governors. The students' achievements were praised by keynote speaker Mr Luke Staton. Musical interludes were performed by Caleb Clayton, Charlotte Martin, Regan Good and Emma Holt, students at the Academy.



Trophies that were presented are as follows:

Adrian Spinner Memorial Trophy - Awardor MFL: Lily Clark

Le Prix Marianne - Excellence in A-Level French: Thomas Welch

The Burrows Award for Russian - Award for Russian: Ieuan Phillips

Language College Award - Outstanding Achievement/Performance in MFL: Lewis Osborne

Art and Design Award - Achievement in A-Level Art: Charlotte Mason

Davis Photography Award - Outstanding creativity in KS4/5 Photography: Charlotte Hugo

Lincoln University Excellence in Product Design - Highest achievement Year 13 Product Design: Shae O'Connor

Brown-Jones Award for Physics - Exceptional Aptitude in Physics: Owen Green

Harry Johnson Memorial Cup - Best Performance in A-Level Biology: Charlie Attard

NKDC Science Cup - Best GCSE results in Maths and Science: Fraser Mosley

Lincolnshire Co-op Excellence in Business/Economics Award - Demonstrating best all round ability/flair in business at the end of KS5: Lewis Osborne

Lindum Group Award - Best results in a vocational course at the end of KS5: Lauren Robinson

NKDC Humanities Cup - Best GCSE results in humanities at the end of KS4: Ellie-Anne Botham

Psychology (A level) Award - Best Performance in A-Level Psychology: Sophie Alexander

Renard Mathematics Award - Outstanding Performance in A-Level Mathematics: Osiris Yang

Morley Drama Award - Examination Level or Performance in Drama: Bethany Jenkinson

Sandra Hardman Music Trophy - Outstanding Performance in Music at the end of KS4: Eugenie Reid

Reynolds Music Trophy - Examination Level or Performance in Music: Lily Clark

Sir Robert Pattinson Award for English - Outstanding performance in English: Sophie Wynne

Laura Cox Memorial Trophy: Awarded for outstanding poetry: Bethany Jenkinson

Governors' Cup for Exceptional Progress - Exceptional Progress from KS2 to KS5: Eugenie Reid

MacFarlane Award for A Level Studies - Highest achiever in A-Level Results at KS5: Daniel Robinson

Reynolds Cup for Best Academic Performance - Best academic performance at the end of KS4: Tom Cawthra

Pauline Harley Memorial Trophy - SEN Progress in KS3: Jasmine Machell

Simpson Shield for Sporting Excellence - Best performance in school based sport: Raul Christer



A message from Mr Smith – Head of House

Term 1 DONE! BIG TICK EVERYONE!

Once again we have had an amazing term as a house. We have faced obstacles and have had many successes. Once again even though we are the smallest house - the mighty, reliable Lancaster are moving forward and succeeding.

This term has brought a new tradition: The Smith Challenges! So far the kids have found themselves making me do some strange things. Ranging from Burpees (I should have found out what they were) to eating 5 large tomatoes in exchange for the kids getting house points. In the New Year we have a Talent Show planned in which the challenge is to raise enough money for 'Shave the Smith'. I'm willing to shave my beard and hair if the challenge is successful.

We have also introduced our new student council, who have taken on a mighty challenge of fundraising for our House Charity – Umbrellas Lincoln. This charity supports youngsters with Autism, and it was the charity selected by our student council members.

I am proud of your participation - there wasn't a single house event this term that we did not participate in. From Language quizzes, to newsletters, trench warfare and table-tennis. We even got a little festive with the Christmas tree competition. And once again, the extra-curricular activities were filled with Lancaster students, including democracy day and safety day.

We continue to grow as a house and it is absolutely amazing to be a part of this, watching how our kids transition.

I would also like to welcome the new members to our team. Ms Purdy, Mrs Rogers, Ms Kemp and Mr Sparshott, who have joined Mr Fell and Ms Earnshaw to make up our tutor team. I know that whenever I go into a Ready to Learn session, students will be engaged and actively participating with our activities.

Finally I would like to thank our elected members of our student leadership team. These students meet once a week to promote and develop the ideas that their Ready to Learn group wish to be discussed. They are the voice of their groups and have so far done a fantastic job!

7L/SP Tori Mason Aiden Nixon 7L/RO Jared Bailey Kyla-Rose Dunthorne

8L/EA Amelia Bell Grace Dawson 8L/KE Ella Muir Grace Wilcox

9L/PU Finley Harrison Charlee White 9L/FE Bradley Turner Shannon McMahon

Well, with that all said, have a wonderful holiday and please make sure you come back rested and excited, as we have even bigger ideas moving forward!

Happy Holidays and don't forget to be awesome!

A message from Mr Turner – Pastoral Lead

I just want to start by echoing what Mr Smith has said. It's been a great term but not without difficulties. As a House we make sure the positives are celebrated and we are very proud of all the children that have either gained numerous house points or have taken part in the House competitions.



As this is my first full term at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, I want to thank all of Lancaster house for making me feel welcome. Not only them, but all the parents that I've been in contact with. Your support is crucial and makes my job a lot easier.

I would also like to bang the drum regarding the 'Smith Challenge'! It has been a great success so far and who doesn't want to see Mr Smith shave his beard and hair off? Not only will the children's house points work towards this, it also means the Lancaster house will stand loud and proud at the top of the charts.

One final issue from me, and it's attendance. I fully appreciate that this time of the year brings on lots of bugs and colds, but please make sure you make every effort to get into school. Good attendance at school will benefit you in the future and also whilst working towards those GCSEs. Thank you, and have yourself a very merry Christmas.





A message from Mr Skaley – Head of House

The first term is nearly done and Stuart House, I am incredibly proud of you! Every day I have the pleasure of working with a group of pupils who show resilience, determination and kindness. There has developed a real sense of belonging among our pupils and our Stuart community now feels very much like a family.

Our peer mentors have begun to make an impact this term and the support they are giving some of our pupils is invaluable. They wear their badges with pride, have developed themselves as individuals and now regularly offer support to members of their house. To see them in action is such a pleasure and as a house, we hold you all in such high regard. Well done and thank you to all our peer mentors and thank you also to Miss Taylor who works so hard to coordinate the process.

The school council is now also in full swing and Stuart's members have been incredibly active in driving the school forward and giving pupils a voice. Well done to all those that sat in the Stuart office bagging up popcorn, who baked cakes and helped out over a number of lunchtimes to raise money for Children in Need. Your hard work and dedication helped to raise £307.18; a fantastic achievement, well done! Stuart House's resolution for the New Year will be to push on and raise some big money for our chosen charity, The Teenage Cancer Trust. We have big plans and will need the support of our amazing students to make the biggest impact possible!



This term has given opportunity to get involved with a number of house competitions and as always pupils from Stuart House have given up their time to take part and represent the house. Well done and thank you to those who wrote letters from the trenches, made safety posters, played table tennis and helped decorate our Christmas Tree.



It would only be right to mention the amazing Stuart Team and say thank you, firstly to the R2L Tutors for all their hard work and dedication this term. To Miss Taylor who has driven forward key aspects of the house this term and continues to make a huge impact. And finally, to Mr Spence who works tirelessly and keeps Stuart House ticking over.

Have a fantastic Christmas break Stuart House. Come back refreshed and ready to attack the new term and the challenges it may face. Be strong, be kind, be bold, be humble, be proud to be Stuart!

Mr Skaley

Head of Stuart House





A message from Mr Lloyd-Richards – Head of House

And just like that, another term goes by!

It seems like only a matter of weeks ago that we all came back in September to fresh starts, new routines and with grand ideas for what this year was going to bring. From day 1 this year, the members of Tudor house have shone (at least in our House colour!) all around school. As groups and individuals, we have got stuck into and performed well in all manner of competitions; poster making, letter writing, decoration making, as well as in the on-going table tennis competition. Special mention needs to be given to those that won the Black History Month competition for us. In our first assembly, I asked all of Tudor house to contribute and consider what they are able to do for the cause, rather than ask what someone else is going to do. The success of this term is testament to this positive approach.

In the classroom, we have also shone with amazing numbers of Star of the Lesson and House Points on a daily basis. That, in addition to the impressive amounts of Highly Effective and Expert Learners evident in the recent review, we have a great deal to be proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Tutors for their continued commitment to supporting our students and for their positive approach, no matter what has been thrown at them!

Finally, I will pass to Miss Addlesee who since joining us in September, has thrown herself into all things Tudor and approached everything with a smile on her face.

I hope you all enjoy a well-earned Christmas break

A message from Miss Addlesee – Deputy Head of House

We have had an extremely busy term and much of my time has been spent supporting key students and working with the House Student Leadership Team. I have been so impressed by their willingness to give up their time on a weekly basis and take the lead on a range of initiatives. As a result of this, Student Council members have had input into changes to the planners, proposed and voted on our house charity (Cancer Research), discussed and implemented ways to raise money for other charities and gave up additional time to promote fundraising around school. As a group they have flourished this term and I look forward to seeing their plans come into fruition in the new year as they become more independent.

We also have a group of Peer Mentors who are fully trained up and ready to support their peers with any concerns they may have.

Special thanks also goes to the Prefects, who have been stationed around school on Mondays, helping keep everyone in check!

Merry Christmas to you all!





A message from Miss Howick – Head of House

What a privilege it is to be Head of Windsor House. I have really enjoyed getting to know an amazing group of young people full of potential and talent over the last term.

Windsor house has really made me proud: The dedication of the students never fails to impress, especially those who have put themselves forward for additional leadership opportunities.

Many students have represented our house in competitions such as the trench letter, table tennis and charity days. We also have some very talented Windsor house students representing the school and achieving great success beyond our Academy walls including: participation in sporting events, musical productions, charity events, the local pantomime, Duke of Edinburgh award, World Challenge and many more.

I am proud to say our house is top on attendance. However, we do have some work to do improving our house point total in comparison to other houses. Make this your New Year resolution!

To all Windsor students, continue to work hard and enjoy every moment.

You've got this! #teamwindsor



Message from Mrs Smith - Deputy Head of House

It's been such an honour to be Deputy Head of Windsor and it's been lovely to get to know some of the amazing pupils we have in our house. I have to put a special dedication to the student council who have been fantastic! As a council, we narrowed down some charities and as a House, we have chosen Mind.

Mind is a fantastic charity and with mental health such a prominent issue with young people, I can't think of a better charity to fundraise for.

Windsor Council have helped to raise £307.13 over just two lunchtimes. They have also contributed and have worked really hard to sort out arrangements for Christmas dinner at the Academy. We have some great ideas coming up, so please keep an eye out and support wherever possible.

I look forward to continue the work with you all and can't wait to see all the exciting things you will achieve in the New Year.





A message from Mrs Fields - Head of House

What a wonderful start to the year! We are nearly at the end of two of our longest terms of the year and I am truly proud of all that we have achieved so far this year. Our students put the R in York by consistently being: resourceful, respectful and resilient. We have settled into our new area and it is wonderful to be able to pop in and see all of the York House students during Ready to Learn and Personal Development sessions. I would like to thank the York Tutors for all of their efforts this Academic year. They work tirelessly to support the students in our House to be the best they can be and are often the unsung heroes of the pastoral teams. I would like to wish them a happy and restful break on behalf of all of their students and the wider York team.

As you are aware our local community had to deal with the events of a tragic accident in October. I would like to take this opportunity to express my pride in the remarkable way in which our students responded and would like to thank Mrs Empson for the incredible amount of support she has provided her form.

I continue to feel privileged to lead the best House in the Academy. We continue in our united drive to knock the other houses from their dominance within the Governor's cup competition. We have competed in a variety of competitions in the knowledge that PARTICIPATION is the key to success. We have had many successes and we have faced the challenge of defeat with unswerving passion and drive – the rankings show that it's working!

Our not-so-new Year 7 students have settled in really well into all aspects of Academy life. When speaking to one student last week about his transition to secondary school he said 'This is so much better than my old school, I have ten times more friends now!' This sense of belonging and friendship is what gives us our identity.

This term, our Student Council members voted for Shelter to become our house charity. The plight of the homeless is an increasing concern and they felt that this would be an appropriate choice. The money raised by our students will be donated at the end of the academic year. This week, each house had to decorate a Christmas tree using their chosen charity as a theme. Our students kindly donated socks and gloves which were placed in clear baubles to decorate the tree and these will be handed out to the homeless during the Christmas break to the homeless in Lincoln. The tree was also decorated with miniature woollen hats produced by sixth form students to represent the warmth that Shelter provides those who are in need.

The York team is really looking forward to January when our new Deputy Head of House, Mrs Hought, will be joining us. I have no doubt that all of our students will make her feel welcome and I am sure she will be a fantastic addition to our team.

My final thanks of the year must go to Mr West. He has been the most wonderful support to all of our students and to me personally over the last two terms.

To all York Students: I hope that you all enjoy your well-earned break, stay safe and come back ready to shine. I truly believe that this will be York's year!



A message from Mr West – Pastoral Lead

I cannot believe it's already December and the festive season is upon us (I have hardly bought anything!) It has been an incredibly successful term at SRPA but it has not gone without its challenges. I have been proud and impressed to see young people in York personally contribute, step up, care and support each other during the many challenges they have met since September.

It has been great to see York House students participating this term, whether you are settling into Year 7 or entering your final Year at SRPA. A particular highlight has been our lead at the top of the House Point table! (Long may that last) I would like to thank the York Tutors for their wonderful support this term. I would also like to thank Mrs Fields as she is the heart of what is York House! I will only ever say this when I am talking about York House, but 'Go Blue!'

Please stay safe over this well-earned break, I hope all students continue this success and support through your festivities at home with your families and into the New Year when we return in January and 2020! Remember that the little things count this time of year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all staff and students

YORK HOUSE ACHIEVEMENTS

- First place in the Road Safety Initiative. (The whole of Mrs Empson's form)
- First place in the Trench Letter competition. Lillie Keetley-Parker (7Y/RS)
- Third place in the Trench Letter competition – Taya Garrard (7Y/KP)
- Helping to raise over £300 in charity events.

