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Dear Parent/Carer

Contact Details, Year 9 Parents Evening, Lost Property, County Lines Webinar, Ask Dan Anything – Online Safet Q&A, Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Programme, Community Value – St Barnabas Fun Run, DfE Case Study

Welcome to my end of the week update letter.

In the week where the Chancellor announced his Autumn statement, it has been a busy week and one where those of us in education have contemplated the impact of the financial announcements on our industry sector. There was little to no new news about education in the statement which was surprising at a national level given the age of the school estate across the country and RAAC. It remains to be seen if we receive any good news in the March budget which allows me to frontload new funding into the estate or into quality of teaching.

In other news, I had the distinct pleasure of talking to Year 13 in their weekly assembly on the themes of perseverance, motivation and confidence. I always enjoy these experiences as our youngsters are so receptive, albeit they were very quiet at the end after the story I had shared with them!

Contact Details

Years 10 - 13 should have now received their login details and a link to update contact details over the past few weeks. However, less than half of parents/carers have taken up this opportunity. Please see the link to our login page below in order for you to update your details. Please be good enough to do this as soon as possible if you have not done so already. Please contact lkeogh@srpa.co.uk if you would like to be resent your personal login details. Thank you.

<https://sirrobertpattinson.applicaa.com/>

Lost Property

As we are now eleven weeks into the new academic year, we have seen our lost property stores become quite full with unnamed items, including football boots and expensive coats. Students can collect any lost items from student reception during breaks 1 or 2.

At home, please be good enough to add your child's name to any school equipment. It is hard to return items to students without names being clear. Thank you.

Parent Webinar about County Lines in Lincolnshire - 7 December 2023 7pm - 8:30pm

Lincolnshire Police have linked up with PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) to offer a free webinar for parents and carers around County Lines within Lincolnshire.

This webinar will take place on 7 December 2023 from 7pm - 8:30pm. During the TEAMS session specialist workers will discuss:

- What county lines and child exploitation is.
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved.
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children.
- Understand what is happening in your local area.

Sign up is required <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-in-lincolnshire-free-parent-webinar-tickets-759660403717?aff=oddtcreator>

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q&A for Secondary Parents 13 December 6pm - 7:30pm

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023, Lincolnshire children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online. Effective supervision of a child's online activity reduces the risk of being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, our resident online guru, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnshirecountycouncil/1053896>

Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Programme

Our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Programme was launched this week. This is a huge part of our Personal Development programme and supports our students in developing their confidence and independence, amongst other life skills and values.

Please see the attached information and costings if you would like your child to be involved. Please visit ParentPay to sign up as per all trips we advertise.

Community Value – St Barnabas Fun Run

At the time of writing, we have raised £4,351 with more donations coming in. We have broken through the £5k barrier within eleven weeks! This will be amazing news for the charity and is a fantastic total! Well done everyone!

DfE Case Study

We are delighted to inform you that we are one of five new case studies that the DfE have published in relation to our exemplary work with early career teachers.



"This is a calm, happy and caring school."



This is an educational publication and therefore, I will not be attaching it to this update letter, but feel it shows our significant strength in depth and our raised profile in an area where we have been judged exemplary. Mr Parkinson deserves incredible thanks and praise for his work on this once we were invited to submit a paper by the LEAD Teaching School Hub. He is an outstanding leader and practitioner.

In light of this excellent news, I will sign off this week with the words of American writer and poet Herman Melville, who said “Better to fail in imagination than to succeed in limitation.”

A wise set of words for all who aspire.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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Would you like to understand more about county lines in Lincolnshire?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Lincolnshire
Police

Free webinar for parents & carers

7th December, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.



Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is



Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved



Learn how offenders groom and exploit children



Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [Lincolnshire-pace-webinar.eventbrite.co.uk](https://lincolnshire-pace-webinar.eventbrite.co.uk)

Pace

Parents against
child exploitation



Welcome to the Duke of Edinburgh Award at SRPA!

This page has all the important details you'll need to know when you're thinking about, starting, and completing your Duke of Edinburgh Award at Silver level. If you have any questions, feel free to shoot Mr. White an email at jwhite@srpa.co.uk. He's here to help you out!

To be successful in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, you'll need to complete four important sections:

1. Volunteering Section
2. Physical Section
3. Skills Section
4. Expedition Time for an exciting adventure! We'll help you plan and carry out a memorable expedition.

Don't fret! You'll have lots of support for each of these activities, so you won't have to go it alone. More details about each section are available at the bottom of this page.

The Cost of the Duke of Edinburgh Award:

Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award costs £150, and here's what that covers:

- **Support:** Your fee includes all the help and guidance you'll receive to successfully complete the award.
- **Expedition Costs:** It also takes care of the expenses related to the expeditions such as campsites and transport
- **Registration Fee:** The £150 covers the cost to sign up for the award.

There may be some other kit you will need on the expeditions and you can find a full kit list on the SRPA website under Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Expedition: A Big Part of Your Silver Award!

Your expedition is a major part of completing your Silver award. While most of your other sections happen outside of school, the expedition is different. We'll handle it right here at SRPA.

Here's how it works:

- The expedition spans over two weekends. One is for practice, and the other is the real deal, where you'll be assessed.
- During the expedition, you'll explore the beautiful Lincolnshire landscapes in small groups, working together to achieve a common goal.
- You'll also have the exciting opportunity to camp with your friends and learn how to cook your own food in the great outdoors.

It's a fantastic adventure, and we'll guide you every step of the way.

Provisional Dates for the Expedition (these may change):

Practice weekends: 1—3 March **or** 26—28 April

Assessed weekends: 22—24 March **or** 12—14 July

1. Volunteering

***6 months**

Whether it's giving time to a local charity or helping or organise activities for your youth club, get out there and make a difference in your community by helping others, the environment or your local charity.

Ideas to get you started: Help in a charity shop, fund-raise for a local cause, conservation work, campaigning, mentoring.

2. Physical

***6 or months**

From skateboarding to scuba-diving, wheelchair basketball to ballet, choose your own way to get active. You'll track your progress and get fitter, happier and healthier while you're at it.

Ideas to get you started: swimming, netball, fitness classes, dance, hockey, football, wheelchair tennis.

3. Skills

***6 or 3 months**

Learn something you've always wanted to or maybe get better at something you already do. From filmmaking to a musical instrument, cooking to animal care, what will you choose?

Ideas to get you started: photography, playing a musical instrument, drawing, first aid, cooking, singing.

4. Expedition

***3 days, 2 nights**

As part of a small team you'll have an unforgettable experience getting to grips with the great outdoors, and improving your communication and leadership skills along the way.

* one section needs to be extended to 6 months