



29 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations, PD Day 2, Reading Award – Gold, Fun Run Results, ESU Debate Competition, Umbrellas Christmas Fair – 30 November 2024

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

We held a successful and well-attended Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday which is really encouraging. We look forward to seeing the same set of parents soon into the new calendar year as Year 9 choose their Key Stage 4 options.

At the time of writing, our Year 7 footballers are in county cup competition at home v King Edward VII grammar school. I will report on the result next week as they only kicked off at 2pm.

The weather is wintery now and we have received a few queries from parents with regard to which parts of the building are open as warm spaces before school and through the day. The library is open from 8am every day and the canteen is open from the same time with free porridge available for all students. At break 1 and 2, the canteen and library remain open and the main hall is also open for food service and for sitting in to remain warm. In addition, there are interventions and clubs running too. This has been our policy for a few years now so it has worried me a bit that students are not reporting this at home.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

The examination series begins in full on Monday. All students have their individual timetables and an overview timetable too. Please ensure that your youngster attends with a transparent pencil case and the correct equipment for each examination. Mrs Keogh is available for any questions or queries as usual. She can be contacted via lkeogh@srpa.co.uk.

PD Day 2

On the second Personal Development Day of the academic year we have a wide range of activities available for all students, focusing on the Academy's core value of respect.

In addition, Year 7 students will be exploring what rights are, and what rights are available to them. They will also be receiving vital information on personal hygiene and the importance of proper hygiene through puberty. Students will also be exploring the psychology of learning, how the UK voting system operates, as well as exploring different career options that are available to them.

In Year 8, some of our students will be visiting the YMCA in Lincoln, to take part in an array of team building activities, including parkour and climbing.

Students will also be exploring the differences between wants and needs, and how this distinction is important to maintaining a respectful relationship with their peers. Students will also explore the physical changes that occur during puberty, and how to manage these changes in a positive and constructive manner. Students will also explore how to adapt their approach to different tasks to learn from them, as well as taking on the 'Tyre Challenge', where they will design and pitch innovative creations made from old tyres.

Students in Year 9 will be exploring the GCSE options available to them across two periods. They will also explore the basic human rights that provide security to them on a daily basis. Students will also have an afternoon of sexual education, learning about the physical changes that occur during puberty, contraception and prioritising respect in a romantic relationship.

In Year 10, students will be investigating the rights of citizens with diverse cultures in the UK. They will also be exploring the effects of unplanned pregnancies and how to access support when dealing with such a vital issue. Students will also begin to explore how certain subjects can complement each other and how to utilise this effectively when examination season comes around. Students will also take part in an enterprise activity known as the 'Food Challenge', where they must produce and pitch a concept to help reduce food wastage across the UK.

In Year 11, students will be undertaking physics and business mock examinations, but will utilise the rest of the day for mathematics and English revision.

Year 12 students will be introduced to work experience health and safety prior to their placements in term 3, as well as a session on sexual harassment and how to keep themselves safe now they are becoming more independent. In the afternoon, they will be taking part in an RP6th Stress Buster activity at Carousel in Lincoln city centre.

Finally, our students in Year 13 will learn a range of key interview skills which will be tested in a range of mock interviews across the day with our HR team and the senior team. Students will also have opportunities for independent revision, as well as an opportunity to take part in a revision workshop, run by colleagues from the University of Lincoln.

Reading Award – Gold

We were delighted to receive confirmation at the beginning of the week that the Academy has been awarded Gold at our first accreditation for the One Education Reading Award. Providing and nurturing a reading culture in a large secondary school is a difficult task which takes perseverance and collaboration from everyone so the receipt of this award is testament to the combined efforts of all our staff and students. The award shows that we have focused on and prioritised providing students with the skills, passion and enthusiasm needed for reading and this is just the beginning! We look forward to continuing to embed reading in all that we do, in all areas of the curriculum, and to sharing all the fun we've had with reading since September with parents and carers in our Reading Bulletin which will be published at the end of this term.



Fun Run Results

Following our Fun Run held on Tuesday 8 October 2024, I can confirm the winning House is Tudor. The top three forms were 7W/JW, 7L/SI and 9T/SW. Well done to everyone who took part. I imagine this result will greatly influence who has proved victorious in lifting this term's Governors' Cup....

ESU Debate Competition

Following fierce competition at the Nationwide ESU Debate Competition on Wednesday 27 November 2024, I am delighted to announce that Carter K, Rhys K and Jamie S have all advanced to the next round following their win. Well done.

Umbrellas Christmas Fair – Saturday 30 November 2024

Umbrellas are hosting their annual Christmas Fair from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 30 November 2024 at the Hykeham Memorial Hall. The event will feature food, crafts, games and raffles.

It is only right and proper to sign off this week with a quotation about the importance of reading so I will end with the words of the French author and poet Victor Hugo, who said “To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.”

Have a good weekend when it comes.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024



CHRISTMAS

FAIR

11AM - 3PM

THIS YEAR
WE'RE RAISING
FUNDS FOR OUR
**SENSORY
ROOM**

- SAVOURY FOOD TRUCKS • CRAFTS & GIFTS
- HOMEMADE CAKES
- HAND CRAFTED JEWELLERY
- CARDS • CHILDREN'S GAMES
- WINE & WATER
- CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA • RAFFLE



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Civil Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship - Lincoln (Communities)	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000279442	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000279442	WSP UK LIMITED (Lincoln)	LN2 1BD
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RAF Sports/Physical and Training Instructor (PTI) - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship	Advanced Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000273999	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000273999	Royal Air Force (Lincoln)	LN4 4SY
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RAF Driver - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000272941	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000272941	Royal Air Force (Lincoln)	LN4 4SY
RAF Mover - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000273456	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000273456	Royal Air Force (Lincoln)	LN4 4SY
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RAF Supplier - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000272888	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000272888	Royal Air Force (Lincoln)	LN4 4SY
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Apprentice Property Maintenance Operative	Intermediate Level Apprenticeship	VAC1000280957	https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/p/1000280957	The Pilgrim School (Lincoln)	LN6 0DE
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