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Dear Parent/Carer

RP6th Applications, Year 9 Options, National Attendance Award, LTA County School of the Year, Parent Trustee Vacancy, Free Parent/Carer Webinars on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation from Ivison Trust

Welcome to my final weekly update letter before the half-term break.

Last Friday saw us host the first constituency debate competition since 2017 on behalf of Dr Caroline Johnson MP. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 10 and 12 debate teams to compete against other schools across the Sleaford & North Hykeham parliamentary constituency. Dr Johnson was in attendance and took part in judging the teams, along with me and representatives from all other schools. Both teams came third with some passionate debating techniques on really topical and emotional subjects. Dr Johnson has promised to share the topics and submissions with the Prime Minister because she was so impressed. All of our young debaters were excellent representatives on the day. Well done!

RP6th Applications

We have received a large number of applications from both internal and external candidates. Mr Griffiths and his team are now working through them. Conditional offer letters will be shared early in term 4 once all applicants have met the RP6th team.

Year 9 Options

This week, I met with Mr Ward to review the options position. Subject to some minor re-counselling with a very small number of students, all courses look likely to run. Mr Ward and his team will now work through the option blocks to confirm courses and will liaise with students and their families in due course.

National Attendance Award

The Academy has been awarded two FFT Aspire Attendance Awards for September to December 2025. The Academy placed in the top 25% of all schools nationally for cumulative attendance as well as in the top 25% of similar schools. This is an excellent achievement and is testament to all of the hard work of our families in ensuring their children attend school properly, as well as my fantastic attendance team who go above and beyond each and every day.

LTA County School of the Year

For the second year running, the Academy has been awarded the Lawn Tennis Association County School of the Year award. Mr Whitley deserves real credit for his undying love of the sport and his infectious enthusiasm which constantly rubs off on our youngsters. Although the whole PE team deserve credit, he spearheads this initiative every year and brings real success to our offer.

Free Parent/Carer Webinars on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation from Ivison Trust

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents and carers understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Parent Trustee vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on our Full Board of Trustees for the above. This is a volunteer position which comes with a large commitment to specialist training, approximately ten evening meetings which begin at 5:30pm on a Monday (mixture of in person and online) and six further engagement visits during the working day across each academic year. Further information is available from my PA, Miss Timbrell, via ltimbrell@srsa.co.uk. Should you wish to apply, please be good enough to send her a written expression of interest, which is no longer than two sides of A4, detailing the skills and experience you can bring to the Board. It is the intention of the Board to hold an election when we return from the half term break, with more information to follow at that time.

As half term begins, our building projects gather pace again so access to the full building is more limited next week. I hope all of our families make time for a little rest. I intend to do plenty of work, but I will also find the time to relax a little with a good book. After all, and in the words of Napoleon Bonaparte, "Show me a family of readers and I will show you the people who move the world."

Have a restful half term.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

