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Dear Parent/Carer

**Personal Development Day, School Age Immunisation Service Information, Year 12 Parents' Evening – 3 June 2026, Year 12 UCAS Evening – 9 June 2026, Year 5 Open Evening – 1 July 2026, Library News, Tips to Help Students Handle Examination Stress**

Welcome to my end of week update letter. This week's letter is a little longer with some important updates and events on the horizon.

## **Personal Development Day**

Wednesday 20 May marks our fifth Personal Development Day this year.

Our values focus for this term is Environment. To celebrate this, students in Years 7 - 10 will be participating in a range of environmentally-focused activities, from parachute building to calculating carbon footprints.

We will also be celebrating Numeracy Day with our Year 7 - 10 students, who will be learning about the value of mathematics in finance and business.

In Year 7, students will also be exploring creativity in the workplace, the British value of the Rule of Law as well as how retention of knowledge can improve their learning journey.

In Year 8, students will learn about the power of root words and how to capitalise on this across their subjects, how to manage their finances to excel in the future as well as exploring the importance of diversity during the Suffragette movement.

In Year 9, students will learn how to prepare food safely both at home and in a professional kitchen as well as partake in an enterprise challenge around designing their own festival.

In Year 10, students will learn about fundamental domestic skills to improve their resilience at home and in school as well as receiving workshops on a range of different religious festivals.

Year 11 students will be receiving vital revision workshops throughout the day in English, Mathematics, Science and some options subjects.

In Year 12, students will undertake their annual 'Fakeaway Challenge' with our Hospitality and Catering Team. They will also undertake a workshop to improve their oracy skills in school and in the world of work.

In Year 13, students will also be invited to bespoke intervention sessions across a range of subjects throughout the day.

## **School Age Immunisation Service Information**

From August, the SAIS will contact parents and carers directly to ask for consent. This is a change to their systems for the administration of vaccinations.

You will receive an email or text message from the NHS with a link to an online consent form.

You can use the online form to:

- give consent for your child to be vaccinated
- say you do not want your child to be vaccinated
- update your contact details if needed

Filling in the form will be quick and easy. It is important to respond, even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, as the Academy will have no agency in this new system.

To allow the NHS immunisation team to contact you, we will give them:

- your child's name, date of birth, postcode and school class
- your email address and mobile phone number

These details will only be used to send messages about your child's vaccinations. For further details about how we use and share your data, please see our published privacy notice on our website.

You can find more information about the school age vaccination schedule on the NHS website.

### **Year 12 Parents' Evening – 3 June 2026**

Year 12 Parents' Evening will be held at the Academy on Wednesday 3 June. The booking system will open on Monday 18 May where you will be able to book appointments with your child's class teachers. The booking system will close on Tuesday 2 June.

We are making some timetable changes across several subjects from the beginning of term 6. As a result, you will be able to meet your child's existing and new teachers on the evening.

### **Year 12 UCAS Evening – 9 June 2026 from 5pm – 6pm**

In preparation for university applications and students' next steps, we would like to extend an invitation to the Academy to hear more about the process of applying to university through UCAS (University and Colleges Admission Services) from a representative from the University of Lincoln.

On the evening, we will explain what is required, the deadlines for each stage of the process and what steps will be taken by the sixth form team prior to sending an application. Your support with their application is vital, which is why we feel the evening will be of great value.

You will also have the opportunity to ask questions, while hearing about the process and the mandatory timelines.

You will also hear from Mrs Mather, our Director of Careers and Work-Related Learning, who will provide further information on career destinations other than university at the end of Year 13.

Please confirm your attendance by following this link: [Year 12 UCAS and Careers Parent Information Evening 2026 – Fill in form](#)



## Year 5 Open Evening – 1 July 2026

We are changing the way we host our open evening events for primary aged pupils.

Our open evenings are so popular now that we struggle to accommodate the footfall in one evening when several primary year groups attend at the same time. This has an obvious impact on our neighbours and the surrounding roads. In addition, holding open week and open evening in the same week in September is remarkably challenging on a number of fronts. As usual, we will still hold open week in the third week in September where tours can be booked. However, from next half term, we are moving to one annual open evening for Year 5 pupils in July. This will be a ticketed event via Eventbrite to allow us to manage numbers on the evening more successfully than in previous years. All of our local primaries have been contacted with the booking details and the QR code to book your tickets, which will be limited to two adults for each eligible Year 5 pupil.

## Library News

The Library continues to be one of the busiest spaces in the Academy at social times. Recently, our Librarians have taken a look in the 'student requests' box and have purchased some new titles for our keenest readers to enjoy.

We would love to be able to do this more often and, as part of the National Year of Reading, National Book Tokens have a competition for school libraries to win £1,000 to spend on new books for students. The QR code needed to nominate our Library is included on the attached flyer – please take a minute to scan the code and support us to continue to improve our reading resources for all our students.

## Tips to Help Students Handle Examination Stress

Examination season can be a stressful time for many students, with pressure to perform potentially taking a toll on their wellbeing. While encouraging students to work hard remains important, it is equally important that they feel supported throughout the process.

The NHS has put together a helpful guide for parents on supporting their children during exams, with practical advice on building healthy routines, spotting signs of stress and creating a positive environment at home: [Help your child beat exam stress - NHS](#)

With one week to go until the half-term break and a well-deserved bank holiday for everyone, I am reminded of the need for self-care at our most busy times. With this in mind, I remember the words of the American novelist, Anne Lamott, who wisely said, “Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes – including you.”

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.



Yours faithfully



**Mr D Hardy**  
**Headmaster**



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