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Head of School UPDATE

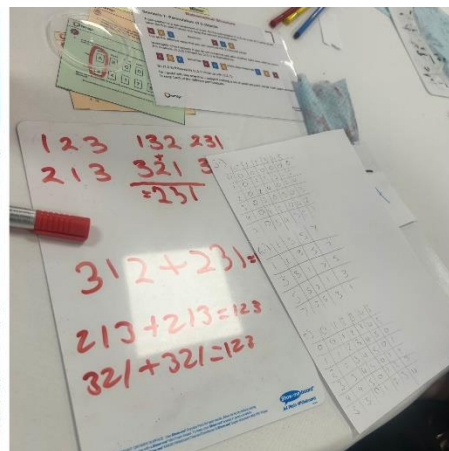
Friday 8th May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a slightly shorter week due to the bank holiday break and I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend.

On Wednesday, ten Year 10 students have the opportunity to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester. The event was run by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme and its main aim was to show students the career opportunities studying Maths at a higher level can bring. The focus was also on rebalancing the gender gap and increasing female participation in continuing to study Mathematics at A-level and Degree Level. They experienced first-hand how to work out a Cayley table for a variety of different scenarios and successfully identified how to set out this table without being shown. They had the opportunity to interact with students from other schools to work through many different Mathematical scenarios to build a wider understanding of group theory. Being in the National Space Centre they got the chance to watch the planetarium show which is designed to show all of the different aspects that need to come together to eventually get humans to Mars. The guest speaker Suzie Imber, was a highlight of the day having worked her way up from 'not being very good at maths' to taking part in a programme on the BBC to become an astronaut - her talk allowed the students to see that from hard work and determination they could achieve their goals. The final part of the day had a career panel where women from different backgrounds who all have a career in Mathematics came together to tell the students what Maths they have to do and how they have managed to get into their roles, showing our students that they can take multiple different pathways into different careers. The entire day provided an insight into how useful studying Mathematics can be in progressing further in their careers. Thank you to Mrs Green, Head of Maths for organising this educational and inspiring visit.



The summer examination season has continued this week for Year 11, with students who take Health & Social Care completing their final exam. The full examination period for the entire Year 11 cohort begins on Monday, with English Literature being the first of many exams next week. I am pleased to see how professionally our Year 11 students are conducting themselves around the school, attending additional lunchtime and after-school revision sessions to ensure they are as well prepared as possible.

On Tuesday this week our Year 11 students took part in the first round of the summer SLAT Games. It was a great evening of competitiveness as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. Our boys took second place in the Cricket whilst our girls came third in the Rounders. These results mean we are equal on points so far with the other schools in our Trust.

On Thursday, we held our annual PHSE collapsed day for all our Year 10 students. Students attended a range of workshops conducted by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. This was an engaging day where students learnt about making informed choices regarding local and national issues. The five areas topic covered on the day were: Fire Safety, Online Safety, Emotions into Violence, Domestic Abuse and Drug Awareness. Our external agencies commented how receptive and engaging our students were.

Today, students in Years 7 to 10 took part in DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read). This initiative highlighted the importance of reading with students engaging in a variety of materials across different subject areas.

This week, you will have received a letter from Mrs Curson, Chief Executive Officer, regarding the Trust-wide consultation on the use of mobile phones in school. Strengthening how we listen to and work with parents and carers remains a key priority, and this consultation provides an important opportunity for you to share your views. We would appreciate your feedback on the short survey send via ParentMail.

For Year 7 parents and carers, information was shared last week regarding the upcoming Mosque and Cathedral trip. We kindly ask that you complete the medical consent form to allow your child to attend.

A reminder for Year 10 parents and carers that you will have received a link to book appointments for the Year 10 Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 14th May 2026. This is an important opportunity to meet with your child's teachers remotely to discuss their progress, attendance, and behaviour. Please take time to read the information provided and ensure you secure your appointments.

Please remember that this weekend, our Art Department has secured a large space at a public art exhibition to showcase work from our talented student artists across the Trust. The exhibition will take place this weekend (Saturday and Sunday) at The Sessions House in Spalding - an impressive historic venue that will provide a fantastic backdrop for the display. Further details are opposite and we hope you are able to attend.

Finally, this weekend, a group of our Year 10 students will be taking part in the first of their two weekend expeditions for their The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. I hope the weather is kind to them and I wish them every success.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

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