



# End of Year Edition for 2023/24 THE SKA SPOTLIGHT



'Putting Every Student on the Path to a Happy, Successful, and Fulfilling Life'

## The End of the Academic Year

What an incredible year we have had at SKA. We have dedicated our final SKA Spotlight Newsletter to celebrate all the achievements of our fabulous students. We hope you enjoy reading about year groups and individual subjects and their summaries of the incredible year that has been 2023 to 2024.

We cannot wait to see what happens in 2024 to 2025!

We wish everyone a relaxing summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming all students back at school, fully equipped and in full uniform.

## Results 2024

A Level Results Day: Thursday 15 August 2024 between 9.00am and 12.30pm.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 22 August 2024 between 9.00am and 12.30pm.

## Transition 2024

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and key information about Transition for new Year 7 students. For all enquiries, email the Year 7 Team on [transition@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:transition@skegnessacademy.org)

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<https://www.facebook.com/SkegnessAcademyGAT>

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Academy Office: 01754 879122 or [SKA-admin@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:SKA-admin@skegnessacademy.org)

Please note the Academy Office is closed over the summer holiday so messages will be replied to upon our return on Monday 2 September 2024.

# A Year in Science

The Science Department hosted the **RAF** who came to deliver a **STEM workshop** in which the students were challenged to create the code to operate drones and make them fly. It was open to all students in Years 7 and Year 8 who opted to take part in the day plus we invited in three of our feeder primary schools (Richmond Academy, Beacon Primary Academy and Skegness Junior Academy) who were given 10 places each for their gifted and talented scientists. The day was a great success and our students were brilliant, the session leader and Primary staff commented on how well they conducted themselves. They even managed to not only programme the drones for flight but also to do tricks in the air!



Students in Year 8 took part in the regional **IET Faraday Competition** hosted by SKA. Students worked in groups competing against students from Barnes Wallis Academy, Skegness Grammar School and John Spendluffe Technology College to produce an engineering solution to a brief. Our students performed exceptionally well working with the STEM ambassadors from local industries and giving presentations to the whole group.



**Marco Fusi**, senior lecturer from Newcastle University came to give a talk on the work of a **Marine Biologist** and how measuring the marine environment gives us important information about climate change. The students who put their names forward to take part in the session were very enthusiastic and took this unique opportunity to ask some brilliant questions. Marco commented on how well they engaged and is keen to come back again... look out for future events sponsored by Newcastle University.

The separate science group went on a trip to **Micronclean** where they were dressed up in protective clothing and taken into a 'clean room' to experience what it would be like to work as a product engineer of medical supplies and equipment.



We hope you all enjoyed **Science Week** this year with the theme of Time. We have some fun and exciting lessons designed to make you think and challenged you to investigate Time.... Year 7s had fun designing and making clocks, Year 8 tested pendulums and looked for patterns, Year 9s tried making their own timers out of sand and water and Year 10s designed and tested paper aeroplanes and calculated their speeds.

Year 11 studied the **Human Genome Project**. Here you see our experiment in which we extracted the DNA from peas.

# A Year in Sport

The PE Department have provided five different trips this year to watch elite level live sport. Our trip to Wembley back in December to see the Lionesses play against the Netherlands was a huge success with 100 students attending the trip. Just the experience of visiting our national stadium was incredible but the result also helped to make it extra special with the Lionesses winning 3-2.



In March the Department ran two trips, one to Sheffield to watch the Basketball at Sheffield Sharks and the other to Nottingham to watch Ice Hockey at Nottingham Panthers. The Sharks played the Surrey Scorchers and beat them 71-62. At the end of the match, the students were allowed on court and the players spent almost an hour signing autographs and taking photos. It really made it a special evening. The Ice Hockey was a new experience for most of the students and staff attending. The game was fast and end to end. The Panthers were playing The Fife Flyers and unfortunately lost 3-1. It was still an enjoyable experience for everyone attending.



June saw the Department offering two more trips to watch top class sport. The first was Tennis at the Nottingham Open and the Grand Final of the Netball Super League held in Birmingham. Unfortunately for the tennis, British summer time delivered a day of heavy rain! When the sun did come out, we got to see British player Heather Watson. The students still had a fantastic time participating in the range of tennis activities on offer. The netball held at the NEC arena in Birmingham provided the students with two first class netball games that would decide the top four positions for the Netball Super League for 2024. The first and second place play off was Loughborough Lightning against Manchester Thunder. Loughborough proved too strong and beat Manchester 70 – 54 retaining their title for the third consecutive year.



**Please keep an eye on the trip board on the PE corridor to see what trips we will be offering during 2024/2025.**

Extra-Curricular Clubs – The PE Department have offered a wide range of clubs this academic year including netball, football, badminton, basketball, fitness, sports hall athletics, athletics, trampolining and table tennis. This year we have seen an increase on the number of students attending clubs and we hope to see more of you next year. Please check the Facebook page, school website, tutor rooms and the PE Department for the clubs timetable.

There have been a range of competitions, fixtures and events that we have taken part in against the schools in the local area and across the GAT Trust. Some highlights for this year were SKA becoming GAT and District Sports Hall Athletics Champions, making it to the finals of the GAT badminton championships and producing some of the best netball results in the Academies history. Next year we hope we can add to our list of successes.

# A Year in Social Science

## Health & Social Care

Our dedicated students in year 10 and 12 participated in weekly visits to **Skegness Day Centre** actively engaging in activities and participating in the clients' daily routines, fostering meaningful connections and enhancing their communication skills through positive interactions. These visits have not only brought joy and support to the clients in our local community but also provided our students with invaluable real-life, hands-on experiences that are essential for their future careers in the Health Care industry. We couldn't be prouder of their commitment and the incredible impact they are making. Keep up the great work, Year 10 and 12!



**Walnut Care** visited SKA, bringing a wave of enthusiasm and engaging activities to support our students exam preparation! Our students had a fantastic time participating in various tabletop activities designed to deepen their understanding of person-centred values, meeting individual needs, and safeguarding. These interactive sessions not only reinforced their academic knowledge but also provided practical insights into essential Health and Social Care concepts. A highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the escape room activity! Our students had a blast unlocking codes and utilising their cognitive skills to earn exciting rewards. This hands-on experience was not only fun but also a brilliant way to enhance their problem-solving abilities and teamwork. Our students entered exams more motivated and better prepared.

## Child Development

Inspiring **Guest Speakers** our Year 10 childcare students had the privilege of welcoming guest speakers Tiffenie and Steve Wetton to discuss an incredibly important topic: diabetes in children. Tiffenie and Steve captivated our students with their insightful discussion on the signs, symptoms, and prevention of diabetes, highlighting the importance of awareness in managing this condition. Their expertise not only enriched our students' knowledge for their upcoming exams but also provided valuable information for their coursework on handling childhood illnesses and ensuring children's safety. Our students left the session feeling inspired and better equipped to make a difference in their future careers.



**Incredible achievements** by Our Year 13 Child Development students! We are overjoyed to share the phenomenal success of our Year 13 Child Development students, who have collectively gathered an astounding 4,500 work experience hours in various schools and nurseries within our local community! Their hard work, commitment, and dedication have truly paid off. We are thrilled that this year ALL of our students have secured employment in the industry and are now making a significant impact by educating children in our communities. Their efforts are not only shaping the future of the children they teach but also setting a brilliant example of excellence and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of our students' accomplishments and the positive footprints they are leaving in our community. Congratulations to each and every one of you! Keep shining and inspiring!



# A Year in Business

## Enterprise & Marketing

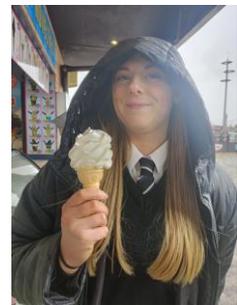
This year students have worked hard to complete all their coursework in readiness for exam preparations to begin in the new academic year. The Y10's have enhanced their understanding of branding and marketing by visiting **Cadbury World** earlier on the year and we also took a walk into Skegness to consider the strengths, weaknesses and USP of a range of Ice-Cream outlets in the area in support of their recent assessment. We said goodbye to our Y11's, celebrating excellence along the way. Thank you again to Lacie and Libby for giving the Y9's an insight into the course from a students perspective, this was a test of nerves and the girls did brilliantly!

## Business Administration

We were lucky to continue our relationship with our colleagues in **Serco** again this year who provide our students with work experience and a memorable insight into the working world within a corporate organisation. As part of their assessments, the Y12 students have developed various vital skills that they can utilise within any workspace, including recently preparing and delivering a training course to their peers. The students have finished the year with some great qualifications, and we wish them all the best with their future career progression.

## Finance

All our Finance students across Y10, Y12 & Y13 were given the opportunity to go to London to talk with our colleagues at LIBF, whilst on a walking tour of the finance district in London, finished off with a visit to the Bank of England Museum. Earlier on in the academic year, an ambassador from the Bank of England visited Skegness Academy to deliver a presentation on personal finance, further developing their knowledge of savings accounts, borrowing and inflation in support of assessment and future life skills. Sixth form have finished the year with some outstanding grades, 100% pass rate across the board with a special congratulations to two deserving students achieving A's at Level 3, fantastic effort from all sixth form students, well done!



# Sporting Competitions

We have finished a successful year of sports competitions with athletics. Skegness Academy **Sports Day** kicked off the season. Year's 7 to 10 got the opportunity to take part in a traditional sports day with a range of different track and field events. Friday afternoon saw the whole school come out on the field to compete or spectate and indulge in the range of races. The final event of the day was the staff relay that saw the young team of Miss Furlong, Miss Tyler, Mr Harker and Mr Smith pipping team PE to the post and taking the title. While the relay took place the final scores were calculated. There was an anxious wait for all the teams and students who had competed. In the end it was the yellow team lead by Mr Rayner and Mrs Willis who took the win. Congratulations to all the competitors that took part in Sports Day.



The next competition brought all fifteen schools from the Coastal and Wolds Sports Partnership together to compete in the District Athletics at the King George V Stadium, Grimsby. The schools are split into two divisions with the top school from division 2 promoted to division 1 and the bottom school from division 1 demoted to division 2. The Skegness Academy Team had a huge task this year as it the first time in the school's history that we have been in division 1 gaining our promotion last season. Our aim was to maintain our place in division 1, which we are pleased to report we did! The students represented themselves well throughout the day and have given us a fantastic platform to build on in the preparation for next year. Congratulations to all the students involved.



The final event of this year brought together the nine Secondary Academies that from the Greenwood Academies Trust at the Princess Royal Arena, Boston. Skegness Academy have previously produced some competitive performances, but this year was a new level. Our students broke no less than 24 Trust records, some of which have been in place since 2013! We took first place in the following categories; Year 7 Girls and Boys, Year 8 Girls, Year 9 Girls and Boys, Year 10 Girls and Boys, Girls overall winners, Boys overall winner and overall winners. Mr Gissendorf was there to cheer the students on and it's fair to say he left a very proud Principal.



# School Records 2024

Well done and congratulations to the following students that have broken school records this season:

## Year 7

Noah – 100m – 13:15

Amy – 300m – 52:76

Roman – 800m – 2:45:00

Noah – 1500m 6:03:41

Lucas – Javelin - 26m 93 cm

Noah – Long Jump – 4m 43cm

Summer – High Jump – 1m 18cm

Noah, Bence, Roman and Nimrod – 4 x 100m relay – 1:00:34

## Year 8

Harrison, Jack, Teyen and Leighton – 4 x 100m relay – 57:58

Freya, Lily, Miley and Ellie - 4 x 100m relay – 1:02:58

Lily – Shot Put – 7m 69cm

## Year 9

Daisy – 300m – 49:63

Phoebe – Long Jump – 4m 55cm

## Year 10

Theo – 100m – 11:60

Sophia – 300m – 51:44

Elliot- 400m – 59:53

Theo, Elliot, Neo and Ethan – 4 x 100m relay – 50:45

Theo – Triple Jump – 10m 80cm

Jacob – Discus – 25m 65cm

Penny – Javelin – 20m 67cm

# Dance & Performing Arts

For our Christmas pantomime this year we took across the seas to 'Treasure Island'. Around 40 students from year 7- year 13 took part in this performance and performed three fantastic evening performances. Auditions will take place in September for our pantomime 2024.

Our first ever drama show, showcasing work of KS3 students as well as live assessments for KS4 and KS5 drama students.

Our annual trip to London's, Move It dance event. Students get to participate in professional dance workshops which stretches and challenges them physically and mentally. Students get to go around all the colleges, universities and stage schools to discuss next steps and qualifications for future progression as well as see them perform show pieces on the main stage.

Our annual dance showcase 'The Rhythm of the Night'. Another three successful evenings showcasing work of KS3 dance. Live assessment work of KS4 and KS5 dance students. Dance club and our SKA Starz dance group.

We 'made magic' with our amazing summer production of Fame the Musical. Bringing back the 80s classic musical for three successful evenings and we had a blast! 33 students were involved with this production, again from year 7- year 13.

Professional dancer, Dre from London's dance company ZooNation delivered a full day workshop teaching drills of different styles of hip-hop dance. He then finished teaching the students some repertoire from the production of The Mad Hatters Tea Party in which he plays the character of the Cheshire Cat.



# A Year in Art & Culture

This academic year has been nothing short of spectacular for the Arts and Culture Faculty. Our students have embraced every challenge and strived for excellence with admirable ambition, shining brightly both in and out of lessons. We are immensely proud of everyone's achievements, which have woven a vibrant tapestry of success, creativity, and community spirit.

The faculty actively participated in two **open evenings** this year for Year 6 and Sixth Form. The success of these evenings was a testament to the hard work and talent of our students and staff, creating an inspiring environment for both current and prospective students.

In **Performing Arts and Dance**, the auditions for **SKA Starz Dance Troupe** and the 'Treasure Island' pantomime set an early tone, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of our budding performers. These auditions were not merely try-outs but celebrations of our students' potential. Their dedication paid off with standout performances that left audiences spellbound. Our alumni continued to shine brightly, their achievements serving as beacons of inspiration for current students. From professional accolades to personal milestones, their successes were celebrated and cherished by the entire school community. The Dance and Drama showcases were equally riveting, each performance a testament to the hard work and passion poured into every rehearsal. Students were also offered the opportunity to visit the Move It event in London as part of our annual offerings.

In the **Sixth Form and the IC**, food enrichment activities became hotspots of innovation and learning. Students engaged in diverse culinary experiences, learning about creating meals on a budget for their friends and families. Year 10 students mastered skills such as fish filleting and chicken jointing, followed by lessons in food presentation highlighted in our food CPD sessions to support staff. The infamous Tunnock's Teacake Challenge was a delightful addition, pushing students to combine creativity and precision in their culinary endeavours.

In **Art**, the curriculum for Years 7-9 is designed to spark creativity and critical thinking. A significant highlight was the success of the Sketchbooks project, which allowed students to focus on artwork at home, fostering a continuous and personal connection to their artistic journey. These sketchbooks became canvases of self-expression, brimming with the promise of future masterpieces. Our Year 10, 11, and Sixth Form art students reached new heights, with their artwork impressing during school exhibitions and gaining recognition at Open Evenings. We were honoured by the comments from renowned artist Sarah Graham, whose words of encouragement fuelled our students' artistic ambitions.

Across all departments, students benefit from an **enriched curriculum** meticulously crafted to enhance their learning experience. This curriculum is driven by dedicated teachers who are not only experts in their fields but also deeply passionate about imparting their knowledge and inspiring their students. The combination of a well-rounded curriculum and enthusiastic educators ensures that students receive a comprehensive and engaging education.

**Community engagement** was a key theme this year, with our students actively participating in the **Skegness Poppy Appeal** and **Year 5 Days**, strengthening our ties with the local community and fostering a spirit of giving back. The introduction of the **Glee Club** and Knitting Club further diversified our extracurricular offerings, ensuring something for everyone to enjoy and excel in. Additionally, the Construction Club opened exciting avenues for our students, blending creativity with practical skills. The staff band added a melodic layer to our school's cultural fabric, their performances a testament to the unity and talent within our school.

In summary, this year has been a remarkable journey of growth, achievement, and joy. Our students have not only met but exceeded expectations, setting a high bar for the future. The Arts and Culture Faculty stands proud of each and every one of them, looking forward to the continued pursuit of excellence and the creation of even more memorable moments in the years to come.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming year, where excitement is already growing around the potential achievements of our students. We know that technology will be reintegrated into the key stage three curriculum, there will be even more extracurricular opportunities, and our community connections are poised to expand further.

# A Year in English

## Poetry Live trip

Some of our Key Stage 4 students were lucky enough to attend **Poetry Live** in Nottingham. Organised by Mrs Pepper, they were given the opportunity of listening to some of our most celebrated poets: Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Beatrice Garland.

'Hearing our GCSE poems spoken aloud really brought them alive for us' one student commented. Another said that 'it helped put the poems into some context. Hearing them performed made them seem real.'

We are hoping to take some more students again in the future.



## Year 11 Exam Support

### Revision Sessions

We really looked at our year 11 **revision sessions** this year, making them more accessible and interactive than previous years. We opened the library over the Easter holidays and on Sunday mornings, to support our students through their GCSE examinations.

### Poetry Evening for Year 11

Furthermore, we held a year 11 **poetry evening** at the beginning of May. Students were treated to staff performing and discussing all of the fifteen poems, alongside a lovely buffet. Not only did we have a wonderful educational evening, we also helped alleviate some pre-exam nerves.

## The Royal Shakespeare Company's Performance of Macbeth

Five hundred years ago, **Shakespeare** wrote his plays to be enjoyed by large audiences. They were written to be performed, not read in a classroom. As part of our initiative to bring plays alive, we linked up with the RSC for a live rehearsal. Students and staff were able to join a live workshop of **Macbeth** in the Autumn. This unique workshop was delivered live from the Globe. Students were provided the unique opportunity to see behind the scenes – being apart of the director's choices and the craft of the acting profession.

## Our Award Winning Debate Team!

Skegness Academy's Debate Club has gone from strength to strength this year, competing in the **Cambridge Schools** and **ICYD (International Competition for Young Debaters)** regional rounds and taking home a first-place victory in the Novice category of the St Andrews Schools tournament, seeing off opposition from state and private schools across the country, including some with full-time debate coaches!

Debate Club will take place after school from 3:30pm-5:00pm on Thursday afternoons upon our return to the Academy in September.



## Literacy Intervention

Gaps in learning are still prevalent since the pandemic. This year we invested in two brilliant **literacy catch up programmes** – Lexia and Lexonik. These two programmes have supported our students with their literacy, helping reading ages and outcomes improve for all. We shall be capitalising on our students' successes and hoping to support more next year.

## Future Projects

**Years 8 and 9** will be going to the Embassy Theatre to see the West End production of **Blood Brothers**.

We are going to be opening up our **library** as a **family hub** on Saturday mornings from October – keep your eye on Facebook for details.

# A Year in SEND

SEND want to tell you about some of the fantastic work that has been going on during this academic year to support the students and their learning.

Many SEND students have completed the **Lego Therapy** program this year, which helps to develop their communication and social skills, whilst enjoying building with Lego.

Learning Mentors have held **Literacy and Numeracy Intervention** sessions in both small groups and on a 1:1 basis. Dyslexia and handwriting intervention have also taken place.

Afterschool **Homework Club** was provided by experienced teaching assistants. This was useful to provide additional support not only to students who have difficulty accessing technology at home, but also for students to catch up on their coursework.

There have been many trips, but one trip to **'Wild Pines'** was specifically targeted for SEND students. This was an amazing day where the students overcame anxieties and challenged themselves in an outdoor environment. It gave them a sense of achievement and they all grew in confidence.

For advice and support about SEND students visit the following website:  
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-education/identifying-supporting-send>



# Unicef Steering Group

It has been a very busy term for the **UNICEF steering group!** Our focus this term has been raising funds for the very important work UNICEF do around the world.

On Friday 5th July, we **walked** from the academy to Chapel Point. 12.7 miles in total! The reason behind the walk was that in some countries where UNICEF work, student walk this far each day just to get to school. We wanted to see what it was like to walk in their shoes. Students and staff worked brilliantly as a team and have raised over £500!

We are excited to continue working on our **Silver Rights Respecting School Award** that we hope to achieve next year.



# A Year in Maths

**Junior** in Year 10 excelled in the latest round of **maths assessments**, achieving unprecedented scores on both papers.

This year in Maths, we have seen lots of GCSE Resit students in the Sixth Form pass their exams, well done to everyone!



Thank you to **all students** who continue to arrive to lessons ready to learn! The department have been really excited to be able to give out so many awards of recognition of hard work. In particular, the **Maths Homework Award!**



Thank you to **Year 7, 8 and 9** students who revised hard for their recent end of term maths assessments, with some excellent scores achieved!

Thank you to **Miss Furlong** and **Mr Afonso** for all of your hard work and dedication during your time at the Skegness Academy.



Finally, a big thank you to all those students who have attended additional revision, intervention and weekend sessions to support their learning and help prepare them for their examinations.

# A Year in Humanities

## Geography

This year in Geography we have seen lots of progress made throughout the curriculum as well as different opportunities for all key stages.

**Key Stage 3** has seen the launch of a new curriculum which now focusses on key geographical topics throughout the national curriculum. Students have had the opportunity to answer the big Geographical questions such as in year 9 deciding "How do we prevent Climate change?" and in year 8 "Should we avoid living near hazard risk zones?"

**Key Stage 4** students have made significant progress through the content this year and during drop down days have conducted Fieldwork within the school environment as well as completing Physical and Human Geographical enquiries along the Skegness coastline. Students have had the opportunity to use a range of different primary and secondary data collection techniques which will be essential for Paper 3 next year.



## History

In History, **Year 9** have recently completed a **UCL Holocaust Education Centre** survey. We had reflected our great curriculum and students proved to have a very extensive knowledge on the topic.

Also **Year 9** students have been working on the very **first Project Based Learning task** of SKA. They have been conducting research on certain segments of the **Holocaust**.

**Year 11 and 10** both took part a Lincoln educational trip to **Lincoln Castle**, which helped to gain understanding on our GCSE unit: King Richard and John. Students were able to get better understanding and knowledge on the features of medieval towns and had an insight of the events of the Second Battle of Lincoln of 1217, and they also saw the Magna Carta and Forest Charter.



In January, we hosted a **WWI workshop** in History where students could get a great insight of WWI medicine on the western front. It was a great opportunity for them to extend their knowledge on the GCSE unit.

## PSHE

As part of **Neurodiversity Week 2024**, Miss Mitchell delivered insightful assemblies to raise awareness.



# Year 7

We would like to start by saying a massive well done to **Finley**, who has signed a one year sponsorship deal for **darts** with 'Target Darts'. A great achievement, well done!

Year 7 have had a great first year at the Skegness Academy which has resulted in a mammoth number of students unlocking rewards. Lots of students got to visit **Butlin's**, go to the **Skegness Pier** for bowling and ice skating and also had fun on the bouncy castles in the SKA Sports Hall.



Year 7 have also excelled in the world of sport this year.

**Year 7 Trust Champions for Indoor athletics.**

**Year 7 boys and girls champions for outdoor athletics.**

# Year 8

Year 8 have gone from strength to strength this year, with successes across football, netball and athletics competitions and fantastic engagement in cross curricular opportunities on their **Stay Safe Day, Let's Pitch It!** competition and **drone building workshops** - massive thanks to Miss Tyler and Mr Freeman for coordinating these.

They are rapidly maturing into fine young adults and we cannot wait to see what they achieve in Year 9.



# Year 9

Year 9 have had a fabulous year this year with lots of exciting speakers, events and work insight opportunities taking place to complement what they learn through their National Curriculum.

## Year 6 Transition Days and Year 5 Curriculum Days

It was lovely to have so many students supporting these events and be ambassadors for the Academy. They showed amazing leading skills and showed great initiative.



## Ambition Day

Students had a great Ambition Day with local emergency services coming to showcase what they do and promote how to progress into these as careers.



## Individual Achievements

Tianna has secured a place on a Cheer Competition trip to Orlando with her cheerleading group. Well done, Tianna!

JJ and Mia's participation in the poppy appeal was outstanding and a great example of community engagement. Well done, JJ and Mia!

Jake spent a work insight day at Butlins working with the Sound and Lighting specialists to support him in making a decision over his future career aspirations. Well done, Jake!



**Every Student**

**Every Lesson**

**Every Day**

**Be present - Be engaged - Be excellent**



# Year 10

Year 10 have enjoyed celebrating **Fantastic Friday** rewards every week with the competition strong between the tutor groups of who was going to come out on top. Each week 9 students and 2 tutors each week getting rewarded for their attendance, high number of positives and students of the week.

**Luke Staton** has supported Year 10 through his programme to inspire the next generation of students around different areas that they might want to further themselves in.

Students sat their first ever **Mock GCSE Exams** in the sports hall – Mr Harker and Miss Parker were very impressed with how successful students were with their attitude and conduct throughout.

Students have developed their **footballing skills** further each year, pushing themselves higher in the league each year.

There have been a number of **career development** and **work insight trips** that have gone out this year for students to be given the opportunity to be inspired further and open wider options for them in the future. One of the trips that received positive feedback from the students was the England golf trip to Woodhall Spa, where students were given the opportunity to understanding the specifics of working opportunities around golf.

Students also got to go to **Boston United Community Academy**, which again providing opportunities for students to progress their skills and knowledge further about option in the future. Opening doors for those around football and development around football.

Recently, students attended **Boston College and Riseholme College** to gain a further insight of further opportunities when they have finished Year 11 and the additional options that are available to them in further education.

During pastoral time this year and through **tutor activities**, students have also been understanding different study skills in which they are learning and developing their skills and knowledge around different revision types and techniques to what they can use, some students have also been then learning these and delivering to the class as recap with what they have personally been doing.



# Sixth Form

As the academic year comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible hard work and dedication demonstrated by our Sixth Form students. Their unwavering commitment to both their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities has made this year truly exceptional.

This year has been filled with countless highlights, making it nearly impossible to choose just a few. The hard work and dedication of our Sixth Form students have truly shone through, creating an exceptional and memorable academic year.

Our Student Leadership Team has also been a shining example of dedication and responsibility. They have supported various school duties at lunchtimes, parents' evenings, open evenings, and Remembrance Sunday, representing the school with pride. Their efforts in promoting our school values—excellence, respect, personal responsibility, and gratitude—have made a lasting impact, showcasing the exemplary character and leadership qualities of our Sixth Form students.

Academically, our students have excelled, achieving fantastic exam results throughout the year. Beyond their own success, they have given back to the school community by participating in peer mentoring, supporting Year 7 students as they navigate the challenges of secondary school.

The invaluable support Nick from the University of Lincoln. He assisted our Year 13 students with their personal statements for UCAS and delivered an inspiring "Making the Most of Post 16" assembly to our Year 12s. This guidance was instrumental in helping our students prepare for their future endeavours.

Our students have demonstrated incredible compassion and community spirit. Their fundraising efforts, supported through a range of events such as baking cakes and cake bakes, Teacher in the Stocks, Win the Sweet Jar, Christmas Jumper Day, Win Kevin the Carrot, and the Colour Fun Run, raised an impressive £454.74 for the local Food Bank, making a significant impact on families during the festive period. Additionally, they showed outstanding dedication by raising £3,006.61 for prostate cancer awareness, highlighting their commitment to important causes.

The Sixth Form students have been active participants in numerous assemblies and workshops, addressing critical issues that young people face today. These sessions covered essential topics such as the dangers of binge drinking, risks associated with drug use, the threat of drink spiking, understanding STIs and their prevention, the importance of consent, and how to seek help for themselves or friends in trouble. These informative sessions have equipped our students with the knowledge to make informed and responsible decisions.

Our "Fantastic Friday" rewards have been a weekly highlight, celebrating students of the week, attendance, and class achievements. Similarly, "Attendance Monday" has recognised and encouraged positive attendance, reinforcing the importance of consistency and commitment.

The Sixth Form students have also played a pivotal role in supporting various school events, including Year 7 and Year 9 drop-down days, a Year 5 day, and a Year 6 transition day. Their involvement extended to trust and district sporting events, the school pantomime "Treasure Island", and the end-of-year production, "Fame." Additionally, they attended the UCAS Exhibition at the University of Hull, participated in a University of Lincoln talk and Open Day, all while beginning the UCAS process, completing work experience, and enjoying an end-of-term reward trip.

It has been an absolute pleasure to support and guide our Sixth Form students this academic year. We have watched them grow and mature into responsible young adults, ready to take on the world as they prepare for employment, university, or college. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and can't wait to see you on results day to celebrate!

Miss Langdale & Mrs Hunt

# Sixth Form



# The Bistro

The Bistro celebrated Windrush Day by serving a range of Caribbean dishes. These were really popular and lots of students tried something new!

Students enjoyed Jerk chicken, Caribbean chicken curry, Jamaican curried tofu, Jamaican Jerk tofu and beef patties. For pudding it was banana pancakes with Chantilly cream and fruit compote.

Thank you to Mr Savage and the Bistro Team for putting on the special event and providing such delicious food!



# Moments Matter

At the Skegness Academy we are so very proud of the **purposeful learning** and **amazing opportunities** our students have experienced this academic year. Each and every student has been able to share not just one, but numerous moments that have been important to them. Here are just a snippet of the most memorable moments for some of our students:

**Summer** - The consistency of rules and standards has really improved. This makes coming to school really enjoyable (Year 10)

**Thomas** - Mr Gissendorf has changed the school for the better which has made this year fantastic. Also there has been an increase in rewards (Year 10)

**Ruby** - Teachers have been working so hard to make sure we get a good education. I have also made some new friends (Year 10)

**Amanda** - All the help I have received from Mrs Parvin and Mrs Toyne has been really important to me and helped me a lot (Year 7)

**Aaron** - The Wembley trip was a memorable moment for me and a great opportunity that I haven't experienced before (Year 9)

**Alesha** - Mrs Bloodworth has really supported me this year and helped me when I have needed her (Year 8)

We understand that academic success is very important but also the foundations to build strong and meaningful relationships, **connect with the community** and experience opportunities that strengthen understanding of the wider world.

We look forward to our next academic year where students will continue to participate in many more enriching and exciting moments.

# Attendance

There have been some excellent improvements in Attendance this academic year. This year's **best attending year group** was Year 7. Well done to Year 7! Will you hold on to it next year? The runners up was Year 8.

With an SKA expectation of 97% attendance, we had 151 students across year groups 7-11 who exceeded this target and 31 students who achieved 100% for the year. That's 31 students who attended all 190 school days.

The competition between year groups has been strong with battles fought hard throughout the academic year. Here are our **overall tutor group winners** for the year:

Year 7 – 7EPI - Miss Pilcher

Year 8 – 8BBA - Miss Baker

Year 9- 9VCL - Miss Clarke

Year 10 – 10VRU - Mr Ru

Year 11 – 11PWE - Mr Webster

Year 12 – 12JWA - Mrs Wattam

Year 13 – 13KVA - Mrs Vacey

We also have some **individual student achievements** we would like to celebrate. The following have achieved the most improved attendance throughout Term 1 to 6:

Year 7 – Malikah B, Chloe B, Ellie May B, Jasmine C.

Year 8 – Alfie B, Airen McG, Ruby M, Alesha KS.

Year 9 – Breeze A, Gracie H, Caitlyn S.

Year 10 – Maia C, Morgan W.

Year 11 – Tyler McC, Jakob R, Kiera T.

It has been a pleasure to celebrate good attendance with our fabulous students this year through Fantastic Friday's!

We look forward to celebrating more attendance successes next year!

# The New Academic Year

We are looking forward to welcoming students back from Tuesday 3 September 2024.

## Return to School

Year 7, year 12 and year 13 UCAS students will be joining the Skegness Academy on Tuesday 3 September.

Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and the remainder of year 13 will return to school on Wednesday 4 September.

For our Term Dates 2024/25, [click here](#).

## Careers & Employability

Skegness Academy is committed to helping students reach their full potential. We offer a **comprehensive careers** program designed to **raise aspirations** and prepare students for their next steps.

Highlights from this year:

Students participated in various career-focused events, including **guest speakers**, **visits to colleges and universities**, and even exploration of the **military** as a career option.

**Year 10** students gained valuable work insight days aligned with their chosen career paths.

**Year 9** began exploring further education options at the Boston College Future Fest.

All **Year 11** students successfully applied for their post-16 education, ensuring a seamless transition.

**Sixth Formers** participated in university visits, UCAS workshops, and employment talks, preparing them for life after Skegness Academy.

We are proud to have received a **"good"** rating for **careers and personal development** in our latest **Ofsted** inspection.

Looking Ahead:

**Unifrog Platform:** We're excited to launch Unifrog for all Key Stage 3 students. This platform allows them to track their career journeys throughout their time at Skegness Academy.

**New Partnership:** We're building a new partnership with McDonald's, opening up further opportunities for students.

Skegness Academy is dedicated to empowering students to make informed decisions about their future. Our comprehensive careers program equips them with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to put them on a happy, successful and fulfilling pathway to succeed.

# Celebration Of Achievement Evening 2024

On Wednesday 17 July 2024, SKA celebrated the **fabulous achievements**, perseverance and attendance of so many of our students. It was a great evening and brought together the students, staff, families, friends and the local community to celebrate a year of outstanding success.

Well done to all those prize winners and thank you to **Mr Chris Baron**, Chair of the Academy Advisory Council, **Joshua Stoud** (SKA Alumni) for coming back to talk about his experiences since leaving SKA and to **Alisha Morris** for sending in her speech for Mrs Oldfield to share even though she was unable to attend the evening.

