



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

As another successful term at the Skegness Academy comes to a close, I am writing to provide you with some updates.

First and foremost, I would like to commend all our students for fully embodying our core values of excellence, respect, personal responsibility, and gratitude. During my visits to various lessons, I have been impressed with the students' attitude towards learning, the effort they put into completing their work, and the resilience they show when faced with challenging subject content. Similar positive observations were made by several external visitors who came to the Skegness Academy in the Spring term, including Wayne Norrie, the CEO of Greenwood Academies Trust, who visited our school yesterday.

In addition, I would like to express my gratitude to our incredible staff for their tremendous hard work and effort each day in supporting every student to get on the path to a happy, successful, and fulfilling life.

Opportunities beyond the classroom

In addition to work that is going on in the classroom, we believe it is important for students to have opportunities outside the classroom to develop their knowledge and skills in various aspects of life. I am thankful that our staff have organised a wide range of opportunities for our students. Here are just a few examples:

- Our Unicef steering group has worked incredibly hard on the 'Rights Respecting Schools Award' and their efforts have paid off, resulting in us being awarded the Bronze Award.
- Our annual dance showcase was a tremendous success, with stunning performances by our dancers.
- Our Sixth Form leadership team organised a Fundraising Week for Prostate Cancer, raising well over £1,000 – a massive success.
- Students had the opportunity to watch live basketball and ice hockey matches in Sheffield and Nottingham, respectively.
- A group of Year 10 students visited Lincoln to explore the history of Lincoln Castle.
- A group of students participated in a Drone Workshop delivered by the RAF and Hyett Education.
- We have begun working with Luke Staton, a former professional footballer, who is working with students in Year 8, 9, and 10 to improve their behaviour. All students will benefit from Luke Staton's 'Inspiring the Next Generation' programme to develop their motivation, resilience, and self-confidence.

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These are just a few examples of the fantastic opportunities our students have had this term. After the Easter holidays, we will begin publishing a newsletter, 'The SKA Spotlight,' every fortnight to keep you updated on all the great work happening at Skegness Academy. A copy of our first ever edition is enclosed with this letter.

Mental Health Support

Many of our students currently experience mental health issues, with the demand for support growing. Therefore, we have established the school's 'Pathway' provision, led by Mrs Wale, where individual support, guidance, and signposting are provided. Students who have accessed the provision since its establishment have found it incredibly helpful and supportive.

Year 11 Easter Intervention

Over the Easter holidays, we will be offering a variety of sessions to support Year 11 in the lead up to their exams. I strongly encourage students to attend these sessions as they will not only provide students with the opportunity to revise and practise exam-relevant content, but also give students the chance to ask their teachers for support with any topics they may need further explanation on.

Here is the timetable:

Year 11 Easter Intervention Sessions				
Week 1	Session 1 9am - 12pm		Session 2 12.30pm - 3.30pm	
	Subject	Room / Staff	Subject	Room / Staff
Monday 1st April	No sessions bank Holiday			
Tuesday 2nd April	History	B56 - NHO Library - EWO	Dance	Studio/ICT room JWA
Wednesday 3rd April	MATHS	Library - PWE/LBI	Geography	Library - CDU
Thursday 4th April	Science	B25 - MTH/RFR		
Friday 5th April	No sessions - day off			
Week 2	Session 1 9am - 12pm		Session 2 12.30pm - 3.30pm	
	Subject	Room / Staff	Subject	Room / Staff
Monday 8th April	Textiles Digital IT (exam prep) (9.30am)	B36 - HRO B10 RTA	Textiles Digital IT (finishes at 2pm)	B36 - HRO B10 - RTA
Tuesday 9th April	Sport Creative iMedia (9.30am)	Sportshall / B54 B10 - RTA	Sport Creative iMedia (finishes at 2pm)	Sportshall / B54 B10 - RTA
Wednesday 10th April	English	Library - NWI/HPE	English	Library NWI/HPE
Thursday 11th April	No sessions - day off			
Friday 12th April	Drama	Studio - auditorium OSC	Drama	Studio - auditorium OSC

Uniform and Personal Presentation

We expect students to return to school after the Easter holidays in full uniform, including plain, low-heeled black leather or leather-type school shoes (not trainers, trainer-style shoes, mules, boots, canvas, or plimsolls) and blazer. If a student fails to return to school in full uniform, they will be educated in the school's Reflection room until the issue has been rectified. If you require support with buying any items of uniform, please contact us at adminsk@skegnessacademy.org.

In addition to full uniform, all students are required to have a clear pencil case containing a pen (black or blue), a red pen, a pencil, an eraser, and a ruler, as well as a rucksack.

While students may want to experiment with their hair over the Easter holidays, they should still meet our high expectations upon returning to school. Please note that extreme hairstyles, such as extremely short hair, shaves, emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes, or extreme differences in length, are not allowed.

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In addition, eyebrows must not be shaved or have any markings in them.

Students may wear a simple watch (no smartwatches) and up to one pair of small ear studs. No other jewellery is permitted. In addition, false eyelashes, nail varnish, and acrylic nails are not allowed.

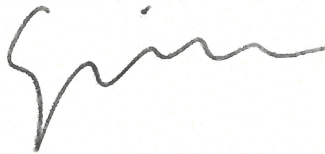
Please make sure that your child meets our uniform, personal presentation, and equipment expectations for a successful start to the summer term.

Summer Holidays

Please note that the last day of the summer term is Friday, 19 July 2024, when we break up for the summer holidays at 1.00 pm.

I wish everyone a relaxing Easter holiday and look forward to seeing all students fully equipped and in proper uniform, returning to school on Monday, 15 April 2024.

Yours sincerely



Mr Claudio Gissendorf
Principal

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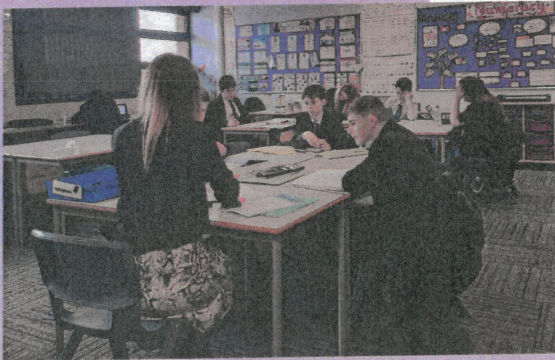
'Putting Every Student on the Path to a Happy, Successful, and Fulfilling Life'

Excellence

Mrs McGarry, Miss Watson and Miss Thompson would like to pass on their congratulations to **the Food Preparation & Nutrition** Year 11 students who have completed their final cooks for the GCSE course. Students worked diligently and in a specific timeframe to ensure they were presented three dishes for their chosen scenario. Well done to all involved!

The Year 10 **Music** students have completed their first assessment and Mr Latimer-Russell, Mrs Wattam and Miss Thompson are exceptionally proud of their achievements.

The **SEN Intervention Room** has been busy this term with lots of personalised support and bespoke teaching and learning being delivered to meet individual needs.



Sixth Form students received exam results this term, well done to everyone on your achievements.

Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 competed in the **GAT Sports Festival** finishing third out of nine Academies, with a noticeable performance from **Kian** and **Harper** who made the badminton final and only lost out by three points.

Respect

SKA welcomed pupils from The Richmond Primary Academy, The Beacon Primary Academy and Skegness Junior Academy to take part in a **Drone Workshop** delivered by the RAF and Hyett Education.



The **SKA Go Green Club** have been taking part in the Great Big School Clean helping to keep SKA clean and tidy.



Well done to the **UNICEF Steering Group** who have successfully made SKA a RRSA Bronze: Rights Committed School.

Reminders...

Miss Tyler would like to remind all **Year 11's** that if their plans for September 2024 change or if they would like to speak to her about their options for next year, to see her at lunch time in B41.

Mrs Platts is busy getting the **Prom Shop** ready for opening after Easter, keep an eye on our Facebook page for the opening date.

Diary Dates

Monday 15 April 2024: Production rehearsals begin for Fame the Musical.

Monday 6 May 2024: Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 21 May 2024: Year 10 Parents' Evening.

Sky Arts Week takes place between 17-21 June and the Arts and Culture Faculty are organising some extra-curricular activities for you to take part in. More information to come soon.

Personal Responsibility

Bence Gyurovski in Year 7 is the first student to have achieved his gold home learning certificate for the **Arts and Culture Faculty**.

A huge Well Done to **Henry Howis**, Year 13, for his achievements with his most recent **Performing Arts** external assessment.

Jake Flemington in Year 9 was given the opportunity to take part in work experience at **Butlin's** as part of his aspiration to become a sound engineer.



Students have been discussing their most **Memorable Moments** from their time at the Academy. Students were happy to share these moments with us, as this reminded them of their daily achievements, and just how amazing they are!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Gratitude

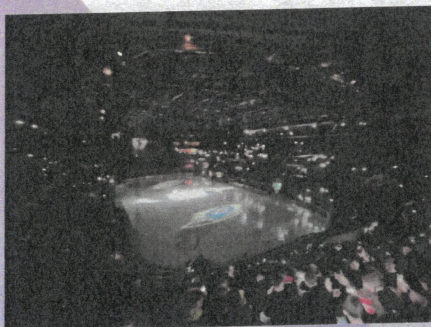
A huge thank you to the **Performing Arts Team** and the students who took part in the Drama and Dance showcases in term 4. Both shows were amazing, demonstrating the incredible talent, resilience and determination students could show in front of a live audience.

Travel and Tourism and **Applied Law** students are celebrating excellent external assessment results, from their first attempts in the January window.

Coming up in Term 5, the next **STEM Project** will be a Eco Challenge. The Club meets on a Monday from 3.15-4.00pm and all Year 7-9 students are welcome.

It has been a busy term of **sport** with all year groups taking part in events, trips and fixtures. We are currently competing in the **Year 7 and 9 Coastal League** for netball and football and our teams are looking to make a positive end to the season. A special mention must go to the Year 7 netball team who have played incredibly in their first season at the Academy picking up three wins out of a possible five so far.

Students in all year groups had the opportunity to visit two live sporting events this term. With Miss Hunt leading a trip to watch the **Sheffield Sharks Basketball** team and Mrs Willis organising a trip to watch the **Nottingham Panthers Ice Hockey** team.



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Safeguarding and Contacting the Academy

Anyone can and should report a safeguarding concern if they believe a child or adult may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty. To report a safeguarding concern within school hours please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs C Pilkington Smith via the school office. Click here to access the Safeguarding page on the Academy's website - [Skegness Academy - Safeguarding](#).
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