



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

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a great summer break and has come back refreshed and ready for a fantastic year of learning new skills, developing knowledge and participating in a range of cultural and educational experiences.

Excellence

Students have recently taken part in auditions for **SKA Starz** and the annual Pantomime. The standard of audition was excellent and all teachers involved have commented how impressed they were with the performances.

GCSE Maths students achieved a fantastic set of results in August - testament to their hard work and persistence. They have set the standard high for our new **Year 11's**, who are already working hard to top it in 2025. The Maths **Positive Board** continues to be updated, with students keen to make an appearance. Mr Ru is developing the idea by showcasing individual class achievements on the soon to be introduced '**Best in Class**' boards.

Students who unlocked the end of year rewards trip enjoyed visits to The Arcade Warehouse, Alton Towers and Go Ape last. We hope everyone had a great day!

Respect

We have great feedback from **Years 7-9** this term, so far, following the reintroduction of **Technology** lessons. Students are demonstrating excellent attitudes towards health and safety, respecting the rules we have to have in place.

Students in **Year 9** have been continuing to support the Skegness **Poppy Appeal**, painting nearly 500 clay poppies in one week.

The **Maths Team** wish to thank students for continuing to display excellent behaviour in maths lessons and on the corridor. All **Mr Dyers's** classes turn to face the door and welcome staff who visit their lessons with 'good morning' or 'good afternoon' Sir/Miss.

Saturday Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we are opening up our **Library** on a Saturday morning between 10am and 1pm.

We aim to provide:

- Reading skills support
- Books and reading materials.
- A toy library
- Access to the internet and electronic educational resources
- Lego, games, and puzzles
- Free food and drink

Our sessions begin on **Saturday 5 October**. Please watch out on Facebook for further details.

Reminder

Letters will be coming out soon about purchasing **revision guides** for GCSE subjects at a discounted rate. We only have a limited number so get your orders in.

Diary Dates

Isaac Newton STEM Day – SKA are hosting on 9 October. More information to follow soon.

See the following page for important dates relating to Year 10 and 11 Assessments in the Arts & Culture Faculty.

Diary Dates - Arts & Culture

Many year 10 and 11 assessments have started for students in the Arts & Culture faculty. A letter has been sent to parents informing them of when these are taking place but here they are as a reminder.

Subject	Year Group	Component/Unit	Start Date	Deadline Date
BTEC Art and Design Practice	10	Component 1	4 November 2024	17 March 2025
BTEC Art and Design Practice	11	Component 1	9 September 2024	17 January 2025
OCR Creative iMedia	10	RO97	18 November 2024	24 March 2024
OCR Creative iMedia	11	RO97	Started in the last academic year.	20 December 2024
BTEC Dance	11	Component 1	9 September 2024	15 November 2024
BTEC Digital Information Technology	10	Component 1	23 September 2024	15 November 2024
BTEC Digital Information Technology	11	Component 1	23 September 2024	15 November 2024
WJEC Hospitality and Catering	11	Unit 2	16 September 2024	22 November 2024
Practical elements of Hospitality and Catering will take place between 4-8 November 2024.				
BTEC Music Practice	10	Component 1	23 September 2024	15 November 2024
BTEC Music Practice	11	Component 2	23 September 2024	15 November 2024
BTEC Performing Arts	11	Component 1	9 September 2024	15 November 2024
GCSE Textile Design	11	Component 1	Started in the last academic year.	20 December 2024

SEND Hub

The SEND Hub has had a successful start to the new academic year. Here are some pictures of the fantastic facilities available to our students.



New Year 7

The Year 7's have settled in brilliantly into the SKA way! Establishing the daily routine, of line up, finding their way to lessons, and being taught by so many different teachers.

It's been lovely to see so many developing friendship and students establishing their place within the Academy. Mrs Pieniak & Mrs Laws are looking forward to an exciting year, full of first experiences and lasting memories for our students.

The first **Fantastic Friday** for the Year 7 students was a great success, with awards being given to a number of very deserving students over the last week. Well done to all the students on their achievements. Keep up the good work Year 7, you're doing fantastically well!



Sweets have been the theme for the Year 7 students in their first few weeks in **Art**. They have displayed some impressive drawings and are beginning to add the finishing touches to their individual pieces.



Year 7 have been investigating **Laboratory Skills** this week with the **Science** Teachers. One important aspect of science work is safety. Students now understand risks and hazards so made sure goggles were on and had hair tied back, before investigating the difference in flames that can be used with a Bunsen burner. Year 7 were tasked with making accurate measurements of both time and temperature which is an important skill within science practical work. Recording accurately the data gathered on a suitable table. Students will use these skills going forward throughout their science learning journey at SKA!



During **Textiles** this week the students have been designing their chosen Coats of Arms, they will then begin producing these using fabric over the next few lessons, we can't wait to see the end results! The Year 7's have been introduced to isometric drawing in preparation for the next stage of their project development.



Sporting Updates

2024 has got off to a busy start in the **PE Department**. The department has a wide range of **clubs** on offer that students can attend free of charge. To attend a club, you need to do the following things; tell someone at home that you will be staying for the club and bring your full PE kit to change into. You do not need to book onto clubs just turn up! The list of clubs on offer are advertised on our Facebook page and in your Tutor room.



The **Year 8 and 10 Netball and Football Leagues** are underway with Skegness Grammar visiting for our first fixture of the year. Unfortunately, both netball teams lost but there were many positives to take forward into the games ahead. The boys' football teams had two fantastic games with the Year 8 football team involved in an end-to-end thriller drawing 4 – 4. The Year 10 boys had the performance of the evening winning 7 – 1, which is their biggest ever victory. Our next games we host Bannovallum from Horncastle and play QEGS Horncastle away. The league runs every week up until October Half term.



We are pleased to announce that we have got an additional **indoor space** within the PE department. In addition to the Sports Hall and Fitness Suite we will also be using V1 to teach Table Tennis, Gymnastics and Fitness. The new space means we can offer a wider range of activities within our curriculum and extracurricular offer. Thank you for the **fantastic start** to PE lessons with ensuring you have the correct kit. It is fantastic to see so many of you engaging with lessons. Please remember that Skegness Academy PE consists of a black SKA polo shirt, a black SKA hooded sweatshirt, a black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and suitable trainers or other PE footwear.



Personal Responsibility

On Monday, **Year 8** students participated in their **Stay Safe Day**. We welcomed various organisations including the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Lincolnshire Police, South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue and Horizon. Students were fantastic and approached the day with intrigue and maturity.



Students have started with a fantastic attitude towards **attendance** with hundreds of students maintaining 100% attendance so far and **Year 7** are our top attending year group! Well done to the top attending tutor groups - 7JCA, 8SDY, 9LSP, 10ASM and 11RTH. We are also really proud to share that attendance is 4.9% higher than the same point last academic year!

It was great to see students in **Year 11 Hospitality and Catering** take responsibility for their assessment materials, creating their own resources that they feel confident will support them in the next few weeks.



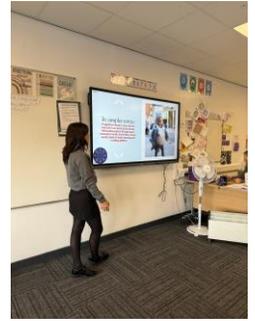
Maths continue to encourage students to complete **homework** regularly. Students are rewarded with chocolate bars for dedication to Sparx homework tasks and maths equipment kits for those who have gone the extra mile.

Gratitude

Miss Thompson would like to send her thanks to all **Year 11 and 10** students who have recently started assessments in the **Arts and Culture Faculty**. Your approach towards these assessments is exemplary.

The **Maths Faculty** welcome **Mr Thompson** who has joined us as a higher maths teacher and **Mr Ru**, who has now become a permanent member of the Maths Team. Thank you to all the students who have welcomed them into our school.

In their first week back, **Sixth Form** students dove into brain development, focusing on myelination and the "serve and return" interaction in **Child Development**. Tasked with researching and presenting these topics, they not only honed their knowledge but also boosted their confidence through class presentations. By explaining these complex concepts, they explored new techniques for retaining information, making the start of term both challenging and rewarding as they sharpened their communication and learning strategies.



A group of students recently enjoyed the opportunity of watching the musical **Blood Brothers** at the Embassy Theatre, Skegens. Many thanks to Mr Fenwick-Rogers for organising this fantastic trip! Students were impeccably behaved and everyone had a wonderful time.



Follow SKA on **Facebook** to see more updates, important information and student successes.

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

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](#).

Academy Office: 01754 879122 or SKA-admin@skegnessacademy.org

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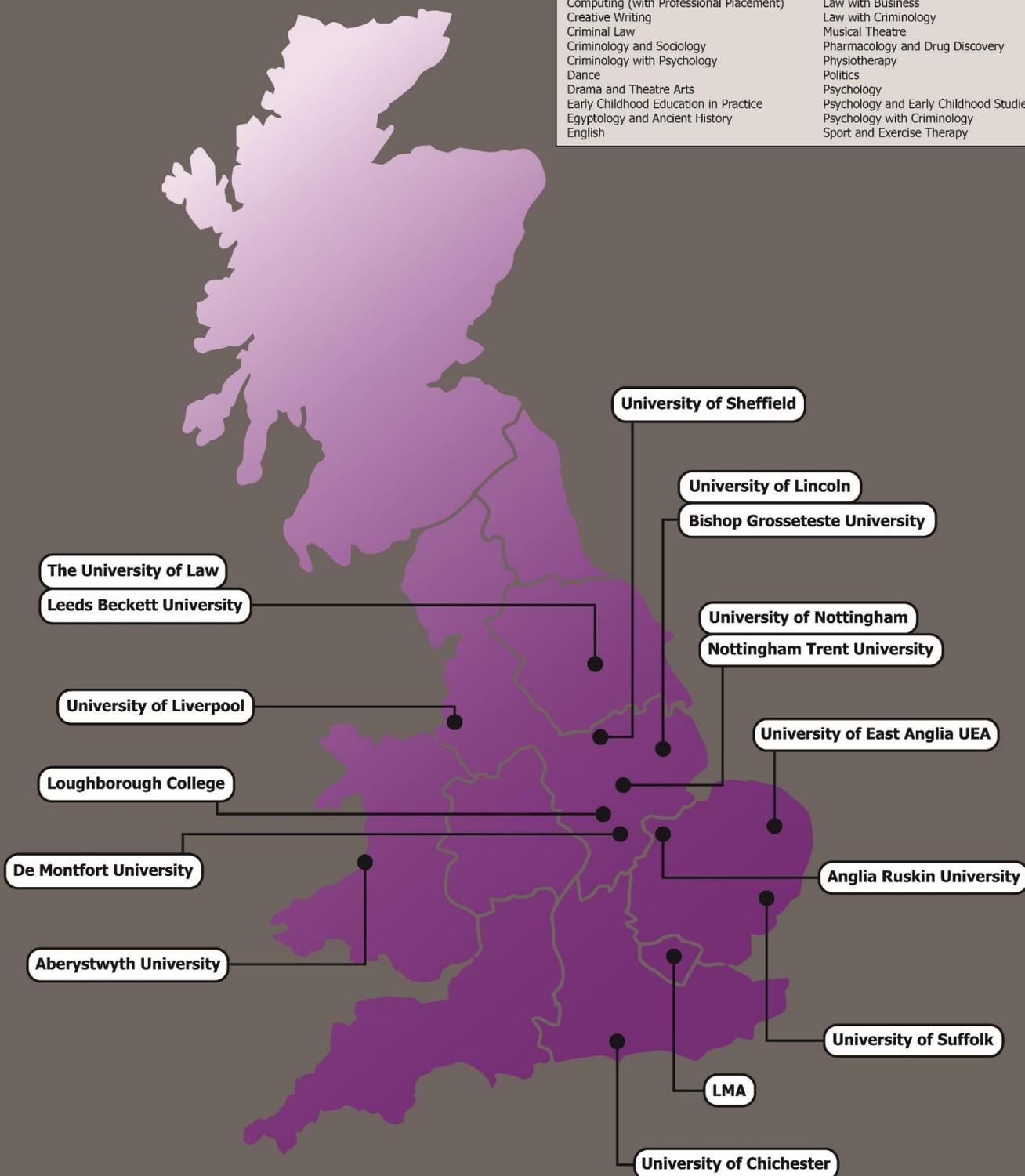
Where can your Sixth Form take you?



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Recent Courses Include:

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| Architecture | English Literature |
| Biomedical Science | Graphic Design |
| Business and Management | Health and Social Care |
| Business Management, Accounting & Finance | Health, Exercise and Nutrition |
| Childhood Studies | Law |
| Classical Studies | Law and Criminology |
| Computing (with Professional Placement) | Law with Business |
| Creative Writing | Law with Criminology |
| Criminal Law | Musical Theatre |
| Criminology and Sociology | Pharmacology and Drug Discovery |
| Criminology with Psychology | Physiotherapy |
| Dance | Politics |
| Drama and Theatre Arts | Psychology |
| Early Childhood Education in Practice | Psychology and Early Childhood Studies |
| Egyptology and Ancient History | Psychology with Criminology |
| English | Sport and Exercise Therapy |



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Sixth Form

Celebrating Our Sixth Form Success!

We are thrilled that all of our **Sixth Form** students from last year secured places at their **first-choice universities!** This remarkable achievement reflects not only the hard work and dedication of our students but also the support from our staff.

We are proud of each student for their commitment and perseverance throughout their studies, and we look forward to seeing the incredible contributions they will make in their chosen fields. We wish them all the best of luck in their next steps!

Year 12 students have made a fantastic start

Year 12 students have had a fantastic start to their Sixth Form journey. They attended a **welcome assembly** with Nick from the **University of Lincoln**, who discussed Post-16 opportunities and how to make the most of them. This initiative aims to support students in achieving excellent grades for their Post-18 destinations.

Year 13 students

Year 13 students have begun working on their **UCAS Personal Statements** with guidance from Nick from the University of Lincoln. They are now exploring their university options and have started booking Open Days for prospective universities.

Among our students, many are interested in pursuing degrees in various fields, including law, journalism, game design, interior design, sport, performing arts, nursing, early years education, illustration, architecture, criminology, sport science, and dance. We're excited to see where your journey will take you!

All students have settled into their chosen courses and working towards a happy and successful and filling life.



UNICEF Update

The next term ahead is looking exciting for the **UNICEF steering group!** **Macaulay** in year 11 is continuing to lead our steering group with **Ayva-Rose** supporting as deputy. Our meetings are starting again this week, the first item on the agenda being our link with our partner school in Kenya. We are going to be creating 'A day in the life' videos to share with their students and staff. We will also be sharing these videos with the local community in the near future. We are starting at the beginning with the Articles from the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**, each week we are focusing on an Article and asking staff and students to consider the meaning. We are also preparing to display 45 articles around the academy to allow staff and students to become even more familiar with them.

We look forward to updating you again soon,
The UNICEF Steering Group