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THE SKA SPOTLIGHT

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

Excellence

Teachers in the **Arts and Culture Faculty** would like to pass on their congratulations to **Year 11** students who have recently completed their final external assessments for art, dance, performing arts and textiles.

Miss Thompson and Miss Langdale are celebrating the achievements of **Year 10** art students who have successfully completed their first assessment based on Landmarks.

The **Science Department** have been focusing on **handwriting skills** recently and have been trialing using finger training to warm up students before scientific writing tasks. Mrs Vernon's 9A4 group have been warming up with a 'crocodile walk' ready to redraft some extended writing questions on sex chromosomes and genetic probabilities.



The **UNICEF Student Steering Group** have worked really hard to achieve the Bronze Award for our school. Well done to everyone involved!



Respect

Students in **Year 7** were given the opportunity to visit **Skegness Junior Academy** recently to watch a performance of **Romeo and Juliet** by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Students are commended on their respectful behaviour throughout the visit.

The Skegness Branch of the **Royal British Legion** have organised a community remembrance project which you may have seen advertised around Skegness. In June, as part of our **Sky Arts Week** celebrations, students will be invited to our art, design and technology department to contribute to the project.

As part of **Moments Matter**, some of our fabulous students wanted to recognise staff members who have made a difference in their lives. **Joshua** in **Year 10** said 'having Mr Hodosi for History is important to me because since I have been in his class, I have made lots of progress in the subject'. **Liam** in **Year 7** said 'being in Mr Latimer-Russell's tutor is important to me as he is so nice and helpful'. Finally, a **Year 11** student said 'when I had a new LA was important to me because she spends time talking to me and supports me with my work, which helps me to make progress'.

Well done to all those students who unlocked the **End of Term Reward** last term. Students enjoyed pizza, McDonalds, fish and chips and visits to Butlin's and mini golf. We look forward to sharing the End of Term Rewards for Term 5 soon...

Reminders...

- Letters for the **Netball Super League Grand Final** and the **Nottingham Tennis Open** can be collected from the PE Office.
- **Production Rehearsals** continue for all those involved in the end of year production of **Fame the Musical**.
- **Year 10 Speaking and Listening Exams** are to take place over the coming weeks. Students will be allocated a group and time for their assessment. It is imperative that students attend at their given time.

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 May 2024: Year 11 Art students Pizza Lunch.

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

Well done to **Jaydon W** in Year 12 who has earned a place at Nottingham University's summer school, offering him a deep dive into university life and invaluable skills for his future academic journey. He has also been selected for the IN2STEM Programme, where he'll engage in mentoring sessions, delve into fascinating STEM subjects through online research courses, attend virtual skills workshops, and participate in thrilling online competitions.

Mrs Platts is proud to share that six **Sixth Form** students have secured employment as a result of their hard work, commitment and dedication on their **work placements** completed as part of their Level 3 Child Development course.

Students have continued to discuss their most **Memorable Moments** from their time at the Academy. The focus this week has been on **Year 7** with **Jackson** saying that his 'most memorable moment so far was when I saw my name on the school football team sheet. This is importance because it is the first time I have been in a team'.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

A huge well done to **Jasmin** and **Zak** in **Year 7** who successfully entered the **Lewis Hamilton Helmet competition**. Both students are commended on their entries where the theme inclusion had to play an important part of influencing their designs.

Year 9 students who opted for dance, performing arts or music for **Key Stage 4** study will get information about their auditions this term and we cannot wait to see the performance pieces they put together. For more information, please see the Performing Arts Department.

Gratitude

Thank you and well done to **Miss Joines, Miss Morris** and **Miss O'Neil** who have recently gained their Level 1 certificate in Makaton. Also, well done to **Mrs Howe** who has completed an Art Therapy course and will be delivery intervention to our students soon.



The **SKA Prom Shop** has had another successful year, this year. Thank you to Mrs Platts for organising it for the fourth year. We are proud to have supported over 25 students with dresses, suits and accessories for the **Year 11 Prom 2024**.

Auditions for **Fame the Musical** have taken place, and we are extremely excited about show, planned for 2 - 4 July 2024.

The **SKA Go Green Club** have been busy raising awareness around the use of single plastics as part of their engagement in **Earth Day 2024**.

The **Year 7** and **9** football and netball teams played their final matches of the year recently. The **Netball Team** claimed a win against the Skegness Grammar School.

Thank you to the **Science Department** for providing enrichment opportunities as part of **Science Week 2024**. Students were challenged with making their own sundial as part of ancient timekeeping. Well done to **Leon** in Year 8 for making the winning sundial!

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

Year 11 - The Final Push!

The Year 11 Team are on the countdown! It is 2 weeks today until the first GCSE exam (9.00am, Friday 10 May 2024 - Biology). Additionally, we have just over 2 weeks until the first English and Maths exams. Year 11 have all now received their exam timetables and booklets. Students are expected to arrive promptly by 8.30am on the morning of exams.

It is not too late for Year 11 to start making the most of the **intervention sessions** on offer. We have many intervention sessions on offer after school and at lunch time. After school we have: Monday - Science; Wednesday - English; Thursday - Maths.

Any students making great progress and regularly attending intervention sessions also have the added incentive of **the End of Year 11 Trip to Alton Towers** on the 20 June 2024. The Year 11 Team would love to be able to invite as many students as possible who have met the criteria to this Rewards Trip.

You've not got long now Year 11 - let's make these last few weeks count!

Sporting Update - GAT Academy Shield



Students in Year 7,8 and 9 travelled to Weston Favell Academy to compete in the **GAT Academy Shield** event this week. The competition consisted of Cross Country, Netball and Dodgeball, involving over 350 students from 9 Academies. Overall Skegness Academy finished in **5th place**. Well done to all those who took part.



Our **Dodgeball** team finished in 3rd place, only narrowly missing out on a position in the top 2. Outstanding performances from **Aleks** and **Kian** in year 9 helped the team develop throughout the day.

The **Netball** team displayed some excellent team work and fast paced attacking play as they won 4 and lost 3 of their games. This resulted in a 4th place position overall with stand out performances from **Lily** and **Ellie** in year 8.

The **Cross Country** team consisted of a boys and girls team in year 7 and year 8. All 20 runners displayed excellent effort and determination to complete the course both individually and as part of a relay team. Top performers were – Roman and **Constanca** in year 7 and **Summer** and **Harrison** in year 8.



Sixth Form Fundraising Week

Prostate Cancer

It's been truly inspiring to witness students sharing their personal experiences with cancer and rallying behind this event. We have raised a grand total of...

£2780.96

Teacher in the Stocks

A huge thanks to Mrs Matson and Mr Wells for their courage in stepping up to the challenge. Your enthusiasm truly made all the difference! Our students were absolute stars, showing fantastic spirit and involvement throughout. Their energy not only made the event incredibly fun but also highlighted our amazing school community coming together for a good cause. And the best part? We raised an impressive £87.

Cake Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Cake Bake event! We're overwhelmed by the incredible generosity shown by both students and staff. Together, we raised an impressive total of £253.42.

Staff Cake Raffle

A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor for generously baking a cake for the Staff Cake Raffle. Your cake was not only a feast for the eyes but also a delight to the senses with its wonderful aroma! Thanks to everyone's contributions, we managed to raise an impressive sum of £132.

Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took part in the raffle. A massive thank you to all the companies that supported our Raffle Fundraiser for Prostate Cancer, without your generous contributions, this would not have been possible. We raised an impressive sum of £100.

Colour Fun Run

The Colour Fun Run was an incredible success! A big shoutout to all the students who participated, running or walking the 2-mile course while getting splashed with vibrant colours. Your enthusiasm and support truly made a difference, and it was heartwarming to witness our school community come together in such a colourful way! Thank you to all staff who supported throughout the event. Your hard work and dedication made everything possible, and we couldn't have done it without you. We managed to raise an impressive sum of £2208.54.

Congratulations to our top finishers:

First place: Kian G

Second place: Korey H

Joint third place: Alfie L and Harrison S

Top fundraisers

Alfie L, with £330

Archie C with £210

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this worthy cause. Let's keep making a positive impact together! We cannot wait for the next fundraising event.

Miss Langdale, Mrs Hunt and the Sixth Form students.

