



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

Maths Update

The Maths team are delighted with the effort Year 11 have shown in their recent PPEs. As we enter the Final Countdown, please remember that support sessions are available every week: Thursday after school for all students, and Higher Tier support on a Tuesday at lunchtime. Every student has their QLA to help guide and focus their revision.

We are also pleased to confirm that Easter School for Maths will take place on Thursday 9 March 2026, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Miss Clarke and Mr Dyers were incredibly impressed by the mathematical talent on display at this term's Primary event. Students were enthusiastic, engaged, and a credit to the school. Thank you to everyone who took part.

A gentle reminder that Sparx home learning is set each week. Students can earn positive points for completing their tasks, along with certificates and prizes as points are accrued.

Diary Dates

Monday 20 April 2026 – all students return to school.

Tuesday 21 April 2026 – HPV vaccinations.

Monday 4 May 2026 – May Bank Holiday – SKA closed.

Tuesday 5 May 2026 – Year 8 Parents' Evening

School Meals

Here is a link to a letter about price increases on school meals from September 2026.

<https://www.skegnessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=765>

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 -

<https://www.skegnessacademy.org/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=54>

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

Easter Academy – Year 11

The Academy will be open during the Easter break for Year 11 to access intervention and revision sessions to support their independent preparation for their final exams which are not that long away now.

- Wednesday 8 April - Sport
- Thursday 9 April - Maths
- Monday 13 April - English
- Tuesday 14 April - Geography
- Wednesday 15 April - Dance
- Thursday 16 April - History

Here is a link to the letter –

https://www.skegnessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=758&fbclid=IwY2xjawQwmnRleHRuA2FlbQIxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZA81MTQ3NzE1NjkyMjgwNjEAAR6_mKMgwLtW_TpOYhmUib67Sb2RvQZs_a0IUYaOL_V0WNfKpbbtXWJP5p4rwcg_aem_CBOb7qdmVQPoz19qvY9o4A

Here is a link to the consent form – [Easter Academy 2026](#)

Navy Day – Year 9 & 10

This term we welcomed the Navy Outreach Team for two informative and fun days linked to careers in the Navy. It was a great couple of days with Year 9 and 10 students getting involved in lots of activities.



Rainbow Flag Award

Skegness Academy Awarded Prestigious Rainbow Flag Award

The Skegness Academy is proud to announce that it has been awarded the nationally recognised Rainbow Flag Award, celebrating the school's ongoing commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a quality assurance framework for schools, focusing on positive LGBTQ+ inclusion and visibility across all aspects of school life. Achieving this award reflects the Skegness Academy's dedication to fostering a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for every student, regardless of background or identity. It recognises the proactive steps taken to embed inclusive practice within policies, the curriculum and the wider school culture.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and leadership of

Mrs Coates-Metheringham (Senior Assistant Principal and SENDCO), Miss Coddington (English Teacher) and Miss Mitchell (PSHE Teacher), whose passion and commitment have driven this important work forward. Their efforts have helped ensure that inclusion is not simply an aspiration, but a lived experience for students and staff alike.

Principal, Mr Gissendorf said:

"We are incredibly proud to receive the Rainbow Flag Award. This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to our core values of Gratitude, Personal Responsibility, Excellence and Respect. At the Skegness Academy, we believe that every young person deserves to feel seen, valued and supported. By fostering an inclusive and respectful environment, we are truly putting every student on the path to a happy, successful and fulfilling life."

The award further strengthens the Skegness Academy's position as an inclusive and forward thinking school at the heart of the community. By championing equality and celebrating diversity, the Academy continues to create a culture where all students can thrive, achieve excellence and feel confident in who they are.



English Updates

Year 11

Year 11 are working really hard towards their GCSE exams. We have provided them with a wealth of resources.

Please ask your child about the following:

- Knowledge organisers and revision guides.
 - These are available to all year 11 students. Please encourage them to ask for any additional revision resources.
- Examination Boosters.
 - We have also invested in support from examination experts. Many students have and will be lucky enough to be part of these booster sessions with examiners.
- Intervention sessions.
 - These are open to all students. Please encourage attendance.

Reading Enrichment and the Library

This term, we have been investing in our library. Not only have we bought a new library system, we have new books and developed our lunchtime provision. Please encourage your child to use the library. It is a fantastic space which supports many of our students: encouraging the love of reading

We have been investing in new titles to support our 18 by 18 reading list. This investment will extend to us holding a range of newspapers and an audiobook app which your child will be able to access from home.

Here is a link to the 18 by 18 –

<https://www.skegnessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=766>

We have a new booking system. Books can be taken out for a week at a time but can be renewed. If your child is particularly interested in a book which we do not hold, please encourage them to ask us, as we will try to source it.

Lunchtime in the library has become a rich hub of networking and productivity. Everyday we hold a different club. We also now have a piano in there - which students love to play (there is a lot of hidden talent in our school!). Additionally, students can pick up a piece of fruit, take out a book, or have a hot drink (on a Friday) in this wonderful space.

Study Buddy - Year 11

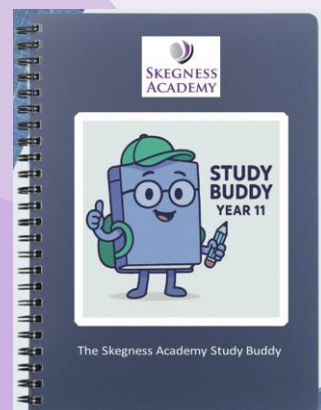
Mrs Willis has handed every Year 11 student their Study Buddy.

This booklet contains all the key facts students need for each subject as they prepare for their exams.

Inside, students will also find helpful guidance on how to plan their revision, manage their time effectively, and create a realistic revision timetable.

We encourage students to make good use of their Study Buddy over the Easter break. Don't forget that Easter Academy sessions are also available for additional support.

And finally, a gentle reminder to make time for rest as well. Balance is essential during exam season.



German Teacher Exchange

In March, SKA had the fantastic opportunity of welcoming a visiting German teacher, Ariane Wolfram, via the UK-German Connection Host A Teacher programme. It is the second year running that we have participated and was again a huge success with our students. Ariane thoroughly enjoyed her time with us and wished to share her experience:

Over the past three weeks, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Skegness Academy as a German exchange teacher. During my stay, I was warmly welcomed by both staff and students, and I am very grateful for the kindness and openness that I experienced throughout my time at the school.

One of the most interesting parts of my visit was the chance to observe many different lessons and subjects. This allowed me to experience the daily school routine from a new perspective and to see how teachers and students work together at Skegness Academy. It was fascinating to learn more about the teaching methods, classroom atmosphere, and the variety of subjects that are offered.

I was also very happy to take part in several lessons myself, where I introduced students to some aspects of the German language and culture. We talked about Germany, daily life, and some similarities and differences between our school systems. The students asked many interesting and thoughtful questions, which made the lessons very enjoyable and engaging for me.

In addition, I had the opportunity to help and support some Spanish lessons. It was interesting to see how another foreign language is taught at the school and to work with students while they were practising their language skills. Being able to support these lessons gave me another valuable insight into language learning at Skegness Academy.

Outside the classroom, I also had the chance to explore the local area. I spent some time in Skegness itself, visited the historic city of Lincoln, and of course enjoyed walks along the beautiful beach. Another highlight was trying some traditional British food during my stay.

Overall, my three weeks at Skegness Academy have been a fantastic experience. I have learned a lot, met many friendly and inspiring people, and gained valuable insights into the British school system.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and students at Skegness Academy for the warm welcome, the interesting conversations, and the memorable time I was able to spend here. I will certainly remember this experience for a long time.

Thank you,

Ariane



Arbor App Launch

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION UPDATE Skegness Academy Parents & Carers

The Arbor Parent App is coming!

We're changing the way we communicate with families and we want to make sure you are ready.

Launch begins straight after Easter

- Years 7 & 11 will be the first to join
- All other year groups will follow during Term 5

Look out for your SMS invite

After Easter, you'll receive a text message with your Arbor registration link.

Please follow the steps to set up your account and password.

How to log in:

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Logging-In-to-the-Parent-Portal-Parent-App#h_01HG8E8G6D2KKRKT5M6C1X1675

Here is a link to useful video explaining how to download the Arbor App:

<https://youtu.be/kFCuC1NyH5U>

This is really important

The Arbor Parent App will become our main way of communicating with parents.

This means SMS and email updates will be phased out.

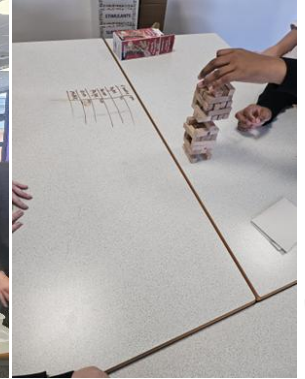
To keep receiving key information about your child, you'll need to be registered on the app.

Thank you for supporting this move to a faster, clearer, and more reliable communication.

Sport Updates

Year 11 OCR Sport

It has been a busy term with preparations for the year 11 Sport Exam. Team PE have been working hard to make sure the students are ready to sit their exams with a range of intervention and afterschool revision sessions. We wish all the students good luck and look forward to celebrating with you on results day.



Year 10 OCR Sport

While the year 11 have prepared for their exams the year 10 Sport groups have designed and delivered a range of different fitness tests for their chosen sports. They had to set up and explain to a group of their peers how to do the testing and then record the data which they will analyse and make a training programme to improve any weaknesses in their performance. They have shown real maturity when delivering g their own tests and respect when completing their peers' tests. Well done to them all.



Year 12 & 13 Sport – Level 3

Some of the younger students have had their PE lessons taught by some of the Sixth Form Sport students over the past term. As part of their course, they must plan and deliver six lessons, demonstrating that they are progressive and they are able to adapt the lessons based on the feedback they are given from the member of staff observing them, the students and their own reflections. There have been some brilliant lessons delivered and we are certainly seeing some future PE teachers and Sports coaches in the making.



Sport Updates

Academy Shield

We travelled to Weston Favell Academy, Northampton went to take part in the GAT Academy Shield. The events involved in the shield are year 9 boys dodgeball, year 9 girls netball and year 7 & 8 boys and girls cross country. The students put in some fantastic performances despite experiencing nearly every weather condition imaginable. The standout performance of the day goes to the year 9 netball team who came overall in 2nd place and we finished in 5th place overall.



Basketball Nottingham Academy

Some of our year 8 & 9 students participated in the GAT Inter Academy Basketball. The event brings together all 9 secondary academies in the Greenwood Academies Trust. The students who attended the event represented the Academy really well. Well done to all those who participated.



Inclusive Sports Festival

Some of our students went over to the Skegness Grammar School to take part in an inclusive sports festival. They participated in a range of different sports including football, table cricket, badminton and volleyball. The students had a brilliant time, and we are looking to investing in some of the table cricket equipment.



Primary Engagement

This term we have hosted lots of primary school pupils here at the Skegness Academy as part of our Primary Engagement Programme.

Textiles and Art

We were excited to host a primary engagement event for year 4 and 5 students from Skegness Junior Academy. The students got to participate in a Textiles and Art workshop all based around the theme of nature.

In textiles, students used weaving techniques with fabrics and wools to create their own interpretation of strata in rock formations. In Art students used Andy Warhol to influence their own bug-based pieces all produced on acetate.

The students were exemplary in how they approached each session and created beautiful work.



Sports Hall Athletics

Year 1/2 and year 5/6 pupils took part in a range of running, jumping and throwing events to earn points for their team. All children left with smiles and medals. Congratulations to...

Year 1/2 Champions

Skegness Infant Academy

Year 5/6 Boys Champions

Mablethorpe Academy

Year 5/6 Girls Champions

Mablethorpe Academy



Primary Engagement

Oreintearing Competition

We were delighted to welcome 100 primary school students for an Orienteering competition. Students took part in challenges which worked on map reading, fitness and teamwork. Well done to all the students involved. Teams from Skegness Juniors finished 1st and 3rd with Huttoft finishing in 2nd.

Thank you to our fantastic Sports Leaders for supporting the event!



Unicef Update

Another busy term for the UNICEF team as we continue on our journey to Gold!

We had a great time celebrating Chinese new year with delicious food from the Bistro and by handing out red envelopes that contained proverbs and small gifts.

We are now in the planning stage of a community event that will take place on 1 July. More information to follow.

Happy Easter!

The UNICEF Team



**Skegness Academy reopens to staff
and students on
Monday 20 April 2026.**