



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

What an extraordinary year it has been full of challenges but so much success and celebration. It has been wonderful to be able to go out on trips, sporting fixtures and to enjoy things like the Prom and Sports Day once again. This letter will set out a few key points for the new academic year but before we focus on that, we wanted to highlight some of the extraordinary things that have happened this year which deserve to be celebrated.

Students attended an industry workshop and the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre following a year of work with Talent 1st. Some of these students had already impressed us during the Christmas Pantomime and we are sure they will again. Our #GoGreen club planted trees on our field and kept us all on our toes in terms of ensuring we are as environmentally sustainable as possible. Next year we will be encouraging everyone to recycle more to earn an investment into extra-curricular activities. We have seen lots of trips take place including one to see the England women's team in their opening match at Old Trafford and another to Suffolk University and who can forget our first residential since the pandemic. We celebrated our talented young people at the Best of British performance at the Embassy, and students "smashed it" at the District Athletics event in Grimsby. Staff competed in a charity football match against a team from the Grammar school to raise funds to support people in the Ukraine. Staff have dressed up as Tigers, characters from Harry Potter, Charlotte's Web and Alice in Wonderland - oh and Unicorns on Sports Day!

We've been visited by BBC Radio Lincolnshire, Look North, our MP Matt Warman, Luke Staton and Richter, Magna Vitae, The Message Trust and OTC. Our most important visitors, however, were pupils from years 5&6 from our local primary schools who spent a couple of days with us in the summer term.

Many individual students have achieved success this year, here are just a few!

Eden came third in a logo competition for Alford's Windmill Trust and Faith won a county competition to design a classroom for the new TEC College. Jess has read so many books this year Mrs Cussons had to create an award just for her! Joe was awarded "Sports person of the Competition" an accolade voted by the young people who attended the Athletics event. Thomas won a competition with the Siddiqui family from Channel 4's Gogglebox.

The Youth Sport Trust recognised our girls active leaders for their work they have been doing whilst supporting local primary events and leading events at Skegness Academy, this included being asked to be young leaders at the County finals of a Primary event.

Sports Day returned to the Skegness Academy following a two year absence due to the pandemic, a great two days of competition saw students taking part in a range of athletic events from year 7 to year 10.

Across the athletic season the following records have been broken (well done for some amazing performances)

Alex – Year 9 boys 800m 2.29.16min
Frankie – Year 7 boys High Jump 1.42m Year 7 boys Long Jump 4.25m
Thomas – Year 7 boys Triple Jump 9.07m
Kenzie– Year 9 boys Triple Jump 11.40m
Joseph – Year 10 boys 400m 1.00.72min

Teegan – Year 10 girls Javelin 18.75m
Summer -Year 8 girls Triple Jump 8.83m Year 8 Girls 300m 52.89 sec
Sophie– Year 9 Girls Triple Jump 8.57m
Caitlyn– Year 10 Girls Triple Jump 8.88m
Sofia – Year 8 Girls 1500m 6.47.97min
Phoebe – Year 7 Girls Long Jump 3.90m
Freya– Year 9 Girls Long Jump 3.80m
4x100m Year 8 Girls Relay 1.03.34 min Penny, Sofia, Summer, Nicole

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Below is contact information for the pastoral teams at the Skegness Academy.

Pastoral Teams for September

Year	Head of Year	Deputy Head of Year
Year 7	Miss Rees irees@skegnessacademy.org	Miss Jones cjones@skegnessacademy.org
Year 8	Mrs Matson imatson@skegnessacademy.org	Mrs Heywood heywood@skegnessacademy.org
Year 9	Mr Harker charker@skegnessacademy.org	Mrs Lyons ilyons@skegnessacademy.org
Head of KS3	Miss Bloodworth kbloodworth@skegnessacademy.org	
Year 10	Miss Furlong efurlong@skegnessacademy.org	Miss Jones gjones@skegnessacademy.org (w.e.f. 1 Sept)
Year 11	Mrs Willis hwillis@skegnessacademy.org	Mrs Laws klaws@skegnessacademy.org
Sixth Form	Miss Langdale klangdale@skegnessacademy.org	Mrs Hunt jhunt@skegnessacademy.org
Head of KS4	Mrs Ferrier sferrier@skegnessacademy.org	

Rewards and Behaviour

It has been magical to be able to return to rewarding our students. This year we have seen students unlock a movie afternoon, a trip to bowling, hot chocolate and cookies with their year team, Fish and Chip Fridays, tea and cake with the Principal, vouchers for Jump Warriors and Botton's Pleasure Beach and not to forget the termly reward assemblies. We are incredibly excited to see what the next year of rewards will bring!

Please can we encourage parents to view our Behaviour Policy :-

<https://www.skegnessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=747&type=pdf>

The aim of the Behaviour Policy is to ensure that all students learn in a safe and secure environment where high standards of behaviour support learning. Positive behaviour choices are promoted, recognised and rewarded whilst negative behaviours are identified, recorded and sanctioned. We would like to draw your attention to page 21 of the policy regarding After School Detentions (ASD); Depending on the nature of the offence or repeated behaviours a student may receive an extended ASD. An extended ASD can finish anywhere between 16:00 and 18:00. This will be communicated to parent via a phone call and may well take place on the same day as the ASD is issued.

Medication in school

If your child is prescribed medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure you have contacted the main reception and completed the required consent forms. Prescription medication needs to be in the original container with the pharmacy label clearly displayed. We are allowing the administration of some non-prescription medications for students with ongoing conditions requiring occasional pain relief for example. Again, a consent form needs completing on site with the staff in our main reception. Please contact main reception to arrange an appointment.

Uniform

Please look through our uniform policy:- <https://www.skegnessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=863>

We expect all students to be wearing the correct uniform in September. Skirts should carry the SKA logo and no jeans or leggings are permitted. Students should also bring in a bag large enough to carry an A4 folder and a pencil case with equipment. If you would like to discuss financial support for uniform please contact Mrs Albelda, Head of School on kalbelda@skegnessacademy.org.

PE

kit

From September, we will be reverting to students changing for their PE lessons. Students will need to bring their kit into school and get changed for the lesson as they did before the pandemic.

Important Attendance Information for September 2022

Due to the severe impact of Covid 19, the Government have raised expectations of what constitutes full-time education by regular attendance at school. An attendance rate of 97% is required, unless the absence is due to medical reason or otherwise. 95% attendance means that your child will have missed 10 school days over the year, which is a significant amount. In the Supreme Court case of R v Platt, regular attendance is defined as attending on time, and on the days that school has designated, and that even a minute late is an offence. This applies to all children enrolled at school and there is no exception for Sixth Form students.

Please be aware of the following:

Minor illnesses will not be authorised. These are headaches, tiredness, period pains, general aches and pains and minor colds. Public Health England guidelines will be followed, which can be found at: https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Absences over two days will need to be supported by medical evidence. This can be a copy of the prescription, a doctor's note or NHS text.

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Unauthorised absences will be forwarded to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty, as at Section 7 below.

Family holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. What are not exceptional circumstances are: seasonal work, holidays previously cancelled by Covid, family weddings abroad or being unable to take holidays during term time due to work. It is the Principal's decision as to what constitutes an exceptional circumstance. Multiple holidays in a school year will be referred to the Local Authority for consideration of prosecution before a Magistrates Court.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 have removed the reference to holidays during term time and now provides that a leave of absence during term time will only be granted where an application is made in advance to the school and the school consider that the leave of absence should be granted due to exceptional circumstances relating to that application.

Should you fail to apply in advance for absence due to family holiday or other circumstance then this will be recorded as unauthorised absence. If it has been decided that any holiday applied for does not constitute 'exceptional circumstance' then your child's absence will also be recorded as unauthorised.

Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure their child receives suitable efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or education otherwise. Section 444 (1)(a) of the same Act states that where a parent of a child who knowingly and without reasonable Justification fails to ensure regular attendance of a registered pupil at that school, the parent of the child shall be guilty of an offence against that Section. The Local Authority may, where necessary, institute legal proceedings in the Magistrates Court under this section of the Education Act 1996 against those parents concerned. Alternatively, Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Education Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty of up to £120.00 per parent, per child. In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty of up to £120.00 per parent, per child. This letter is a formal Fixed Penalty Warning should you cause your child to be absent from the Skegness Academy without authorisation.

Social Media

Our Academy uses social media (Facebook and Twitter) to celebrate student success and share updates and important information. Recently, on our Facebook page we have seen an increase in the number of negative comments aimed at either the Academy or other users of the page. In September we will be issuing an Acceptable Use Policy, however, in the meantime we would like to remind you that negative, abusive or comments that could be deemed to bring the Academy into disrepute will be deleted with the follower risking being removed from our page and from being able to see and/or interact with our page.

Results Days - Reminder

- Thursday 18 August 2022 - A Level Results Day – Level 3 and AS/A Levels – Year 12, 13 and 14.
- Thursday 25 August 2022 – GCSE Results Day – GCSE, Level 2 and Post 16 Level 2s and GCSE Retakes – Year 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Your child will be allowed on site from approximately 9.30am until 12.30pm. When they arrive at school they need to go to Main Reception where they can collect their results.

If your child is unable to collect their results then they can be collected by their parents /family member, but they will need to bring in written authority from the child. If you are away on holiday and would like the results posting, please make the relevant Year Team aware by emailing them. Their details are below:

- Year 10 results – kbloodworth@skegnessacademy.org and cleary@skegnessacademy.org
- Year 11 results – sferrier@skegnessacademy.org and klaws@skegnessacademy.org
- Sixth Form results - SKA-allpost16@skegnessacademy.org

Student Return Dates for September

Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Monday 5 September 2022 and all students will be in school from Tuesday 6 September 2022.

Also attached with this letter are the term dates for the academic year 2022-2023.

Finally, we wish you and your family a summer full of sunshine and fun. Please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours sincerely



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Term Dates


2022/2023

	August 2022					September 2022					October 2022					
M	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
F	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
S	7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30


	November 2022					December 2022					January 2023					
M		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
F	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
S	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

	February 2023					March 2023					April 2023					
M		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
T		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
W	1	8	15	22			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
T	2	9	16	23			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
F	3	10	17	24			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	4	11	18	25			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
S	5	12	19	26			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

	May 2023					June 2023					July 2023					
M	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
F	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
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 School Holiday

 Bank Holiday

 Staff Training Days

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