

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We are delighted to announce that plans are now in place to begin construction of our new Performing Arts Studio. Please find the architectural drawings attached below. This forms part of our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality facilities for our students. The project is planned to commence at the end of this month, and we will continue to provide updates over the next 12 months.



On Monday, as part of our robust PSHE provision, our Year 10 students took part in a Multi-Agency Day. This provided the opportunity for external visitors to deliver key workshops on Online Safety, Emotions into Violence, Drug Awareness, Fire Safety and Harmful Behaviours. Thank you to Miss Fuller for leading this important event.

As the examination season gets fully underway, I would like to thank all of our students for their respect and courtesy around the examination halls this week. This is such an important part of our Year 11 students' educational journey, and it is heartwarming to see our school community supporting them during this potentially anxious time. A reminder to our Year 11 students to continue working hard, stay focused, and make full use of all the resources provided.

I am delighted to share that a group of our amazing students successfully completed their The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award training expedition on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026. They practised their camping and navigation skills at Sacrewell Farm, near Peterborough. This is a fantastic award that requires dedication and determination to complete. I am very pleased that the weather remained sunny for both our students and staff!

Last Saturday I attended the Art Exhibition at The Sessions House in Spalding where our talented student artists showcased their work. It was an incredible event and thank you to Mrs Wilson and the Art department for your commitment to providing these opportunities.

Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening last night. The event was well attended and, we hope, informative following the recent sharing of PPE results and AOL data earlier this week

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership will be running a Safeguarding Children Week from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 where there will be a series of free one-hour webinars on a variety of topics, which are either targeted towards either parents/carers/families or professionals.

For more information about each of the following webinars and how to book you free place, please visit <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/HSAIF6u0rNITsMiX>

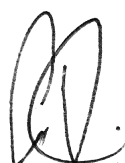
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am to 10.30am	Difficult Conversations - Everyone has a Closet
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Do you speak dog? Safe interactions between children, adults, and dogs
	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Navigating Teen Relationships
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am to 10.30am	Trauma Informed Practice
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	How to Support Children Experiencing Low Mood
	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Talking to Children about Drugs and Alcohol (Parents Session)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.30am to 10.30am	Re-engaging Disengaged Children and their Families
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	From the Margins to the Room. Engaging Fathers in Child Safeguarding Practice
	6.30pm to 7.30pm	AI - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.30am to 10.30am	Responding to Self-Harm
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Supporting children when a family member is in prison
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30am to 10.30am	Child Neglect and Home Conditions
	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Talking to Children about Drugs and Alcohol (Professional Session)

Making Maths Manageable is a new termly feature in this update designed to help families bring maths into everyday life in simple, practical ways. The aim is not to 'teach' maths at home, but to encourage positive conversations, build confidence, and show how maths is used beyond the classroom. Each term we will include a short activity, a real-life connection, and discussion prompts that can be completed in just a few minutes. One of the biggest barriers to confidence in maths is hearing phrases such as "Maths is hard." Instead, try saying, "This might take a bit of thinking, but we can work it out together." Positive language helps young people see challenge as part of learning rather than something to avoid.

This month, try a quick maths conversation during a car journey or walk by asking: ***"If we leave at 4.15pm and the journey takes 35 minutes, what time will we arrive?"*** Encourage your child to explain their thinking with questions like ***"How did you work that out?"*** to develop reasoning over just getting the 'right' answer. This type of maths is also used every day in careers such as transport, logistics and sports.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

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