



Head of School UPDATE

Friday 15th May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

As the examination season gets fully underway, I would like to thank all of our students for the respect and courtesy they have shown around the examination halls this week. This is such an important stage in the educational journey of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, and it is heartening to see our wider school community supporting them during what can be an anxious time.

A reminder to our Year 11 and Year 13 students to continue working hard, stay focused, and make full use of the resources available to them. They have conducted themselves with great maturity and professionalism, and we are very proud of them!

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 9th May and Sunday 10th 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 had the pleasure of attending the Art Exhibition at The Sessions House in Spalding, where our talented student artists showcased their exceptional work. It was a truly inspiring event. Thank you to Mr Andrew and the Art department for their continued commitment to providing such enriching opportunities.

This week also saw our Staff vs Sixth Form 'Bake Off' - a thoroughly enjoyable event! There were many excellent entries, and I was delighted to take part myself alongside Mr Bryan as we attempted to create Battenberg cake (I hasten to see with limited baking experience). I was incredibly impressed with the creativity and skill on display. A special well done to Lydia Goodbun and Ellie-Jo Wilson who were our standout Sixth Form bakers, and to Miss Sanderson and Miss English leading the way for staff. Many thanks to Mrs Roche and Mrs Warren for organising such a fantastic event. Congratulations to the overall winners who were the Sixth Form students!

On Thursday afternoon, we hosted a Young Carers afternoon tea. This provided an opportunity for students who take on caring responsibilities at home to enjoy some time together, socialise, take part in activities, and relax with refreshments. It was wonderful to see such positive engagement. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this meaningful event.

Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers who attended the Parents' Evening last night. It was very well attended, and we hope it proved both informative and supportive, particularly 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 29th June to Friday 3rd 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 th 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 th 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 st 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 nd 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 rd 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)

Finally, 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.

I hope you all have a restful weekend ahead as we approach the final week of Term 5.

Kindest regards,



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