



WGSA Newsletter - Spring Term 2025

END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term, and to wish you a safe and happy Easter break.

Our students are thriving and continue to be amazing advocates for the school and its community. We have a greater number of clubs and enrichment to offer, alongside wonderful new staff to teach and support students as the school grows in size.

I hope you all have a brilliant and safe Easter, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 22 April at the normal start time.

Many thanks and kind regards

Clare Barber

Executive Principal

Clubs, Enrichment and Sporting Fixtures

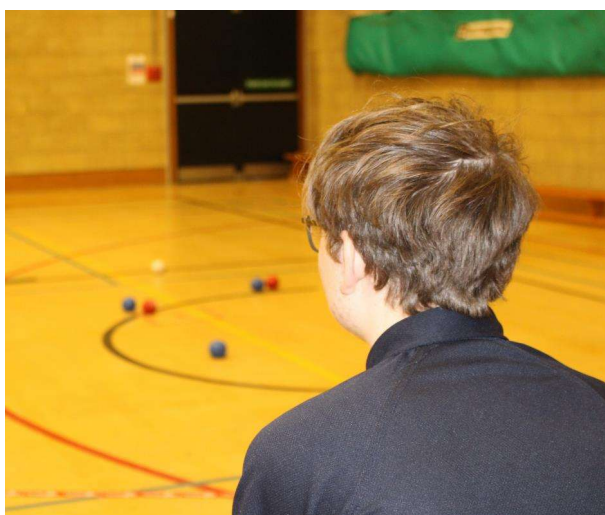
March saw the football season draw to a close. The teams have played some fantastic games and we look forward to good results next year as the teams have still been very busy practising their skills. Moving into the summer term, we look forward to students taking part in the English Schools Athletics Association competitions and will keep you updated of their training and successes.

Congratulations to Dillon Crawley on winning a number of medals this term in the field of gymnastics.

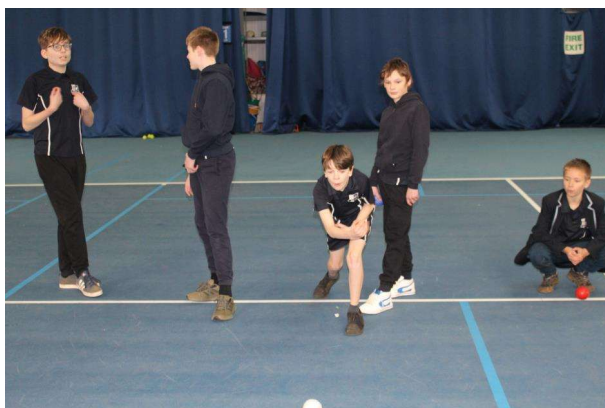
Science club continues to offer a variety of experiments and this term invited students to dissect hearts! Learning is more sedate at Debate Club, Christian Union Club and Gardening but no less interesting with students debating the meaning of life and busy planting produce to harvest during the summer term.

Makaton sign language was added to the growing list of activities on offer during our Friday enrichment. The students in this group are already showing great skill in communicating with each other in sign language.





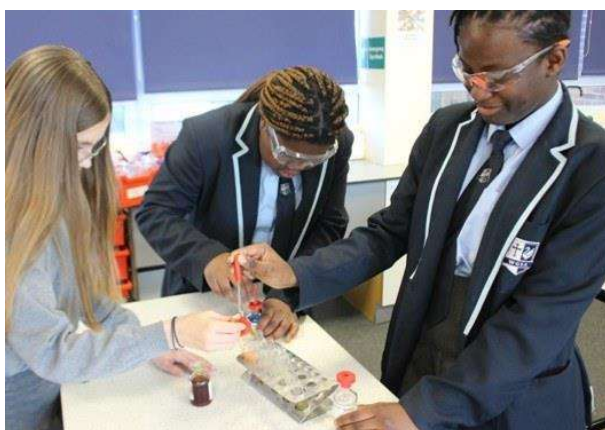


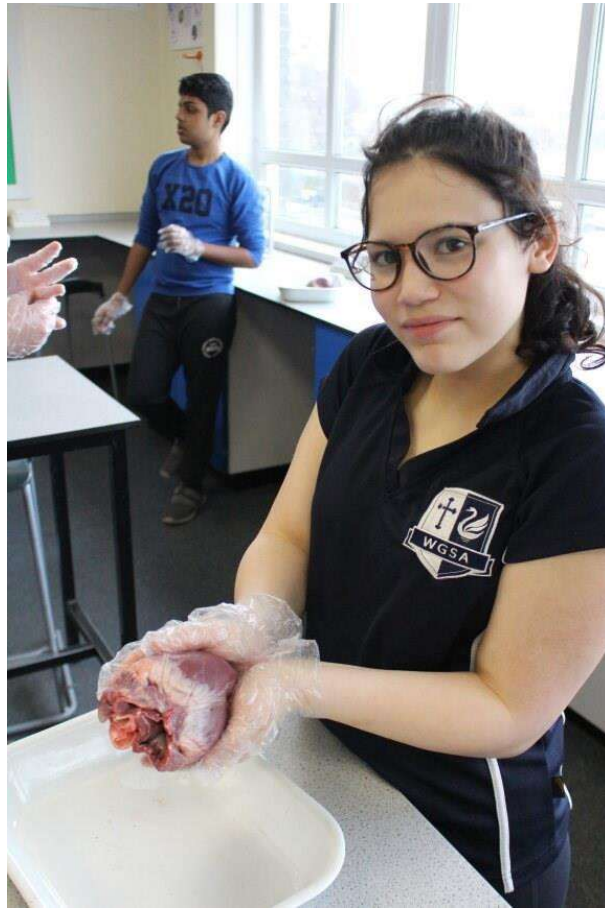






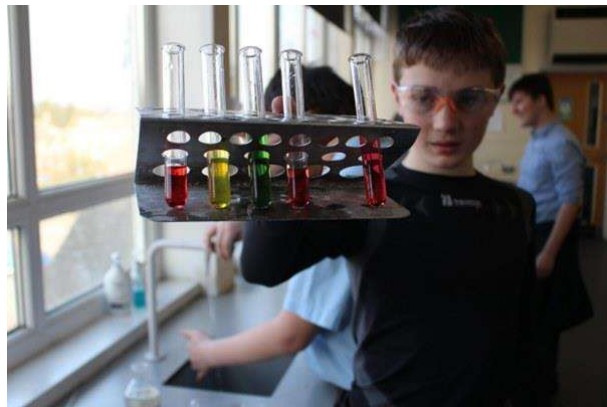








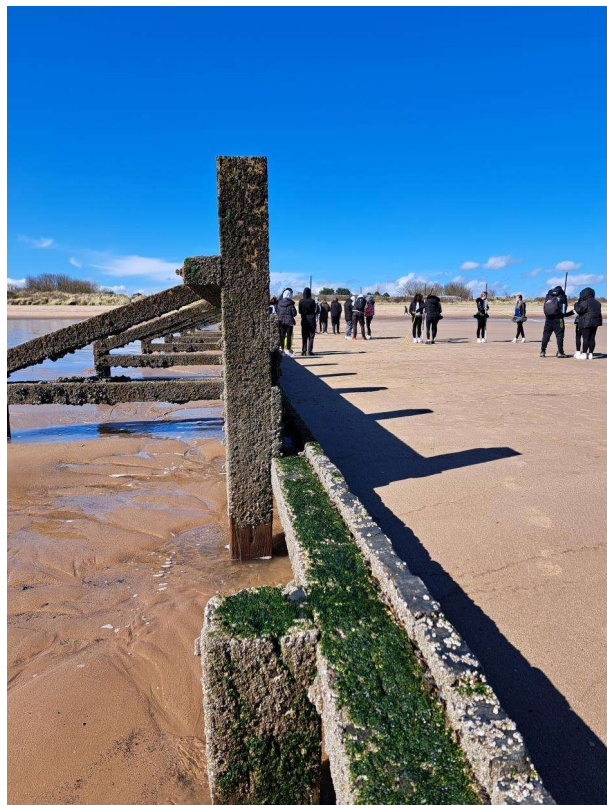
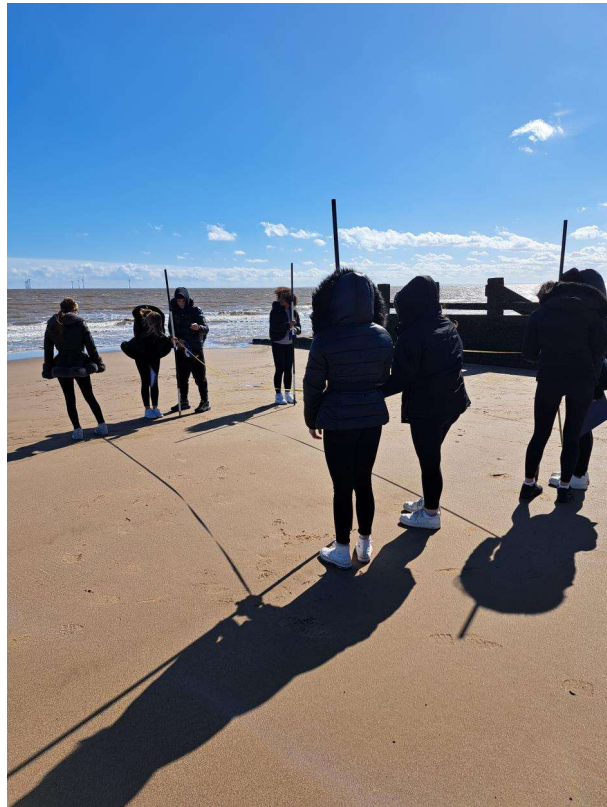






GCSE Fieldwork Trips

This term saw our GCSE Geographers visiting the very different locations of Skegness and Sheffield to complete the fieldwork elements of their GCSE studies. The Winter Gardens in Sheffield was the location for their urban studies and the shoreline at Skegness for their coastal studies. The weather was quite chilly for both excursions but both provided the perfect locations for their fieldwork expeditions.





Careers and Apprenticeships News

Our partnership with local engineering groups continues to go from strength to strength. BGB Innovation and Pentangle support year 10 and 11 students by offering practical experience in the field of engineering as part of their GCSE studies.

In February, a group of year 10 students attended the South Kesteven Skills Summit, organised by one of our own governors, Rebecca Kunzi. The event provided opportunities for the students to explore future career paths







Year 11 - Revision and Exams

We wish all of our year 11 students the very best for their summer GCSE exams, which start on Tuesday 6 May.

The students have all been invited to attend Easter School¹ and will be invited to attend further revision sessions during May half term.

For more exam and revision top tips, and the summer exam timetable, please click here².

¹<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/03/Easter-Revision-Sessions-April-2025.pdf>

²<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/learning/exam-timetable/>

Work Experience

In February half term, a group of year 11 students keenly accepted work experience placements at BGB Innovation, Iconic Engineering Solutions and Hope Community Cafe. To read more about their experiences, please click [here](#)³ to visit the news item on our website.



School Uniform

We have changed our uniform supplier to Uniform Direct. We are making this change as our current supplier, Michelle from SchoolGuise, has made the decision to retire at Easter.

With the move to a new supplier, we are pleased to inform you that we have been able to reduce the cost of our compulsory uniform items and provide you with the option to continue to purchase compulsory uniform items online or to purchase them instore at Downtown Stores, Gonerby Moor, Grantham NG32 2AB. Items will be available instore from Monday 14 April 2025.

³<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/year-11-students-embark-on-exciting-work-experience-adventures/>

How your online orders will be delivered will change as Uniform Direct only post uniform items to home addresses and will not be delivering orders to the academy. They offer free postage for all orders over £29 and reduced postage of £3.96 for all orders under £29. Uniform Direct also offer free returns, so there will be no extra cost to you should you need to return an online order. Please continue to make online purchases please click here⁴.

To reduce the cost of buying compulsory uniform items, our PE kit is changing to a plain navy sports top with logo and plain navy shorts or skort. Your child can continue to wear their current PE kit until they need a new one. The new PE sports top and shorts/skort are compulsory PE uniform items and should only be purchased from Uniform Direct.

The cost of blazers is also reducing by between £9 and £13 per blazer, depending on the size purchased.

Until the Autumn Term 2025, ties will only be available for purchase from the academy via your MCAS account.

Term Dates 2024/25 and 2025/26

TERM DATES 2024/25						
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
August	26	27	28	29	30	
September	2	3	4	5	6	AUTUMN TERM 1 33 DAYS
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
October	30	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
November	28	29	30	31	1	AUTUMN TERM 2 40 DAYS
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
December	25	26	27	28	29	
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
January	23	24	25	26	27	SPRING TERM 1 29 DAYS
	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
February	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
March	17	18	19	20	21	SPRING TERM 2 28 DAYS
	24	25	26	27	28	
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
April	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	31	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
May	14	15	16	17	18	SUMMER TERM 1 23 DAYS
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
June	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
	2	3	4	5	6	
July	9	10	11	12	13	SUMMER TERM 2 37 DAYS
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	21	22	23	24	25	
190 DAYS						
Teaching days			Bank Holidays – 26 August 2024, 25 and 26 December 2024,			
Inset			1 January 2025, 18 and 21 April 2025, 5 and 26 May 2025			
Holidays and Bank Holidays						

⁴<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

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SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	
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OCTOBER	29	30	1	2	3	
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NOVEMBER	27	28	29	30	31	
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DECEMBER	24	25	26	27	28	
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JANUARY	22	23	24	25	26	
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FEBRUARY	19	20	21	22	23	
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MARCH	16	17	18	19	20	
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APRIL	16	17	18	19	20	
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MAY	16	17	18	19	20	
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JUNE	13	14	15	16	17	
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JULY	11	12	13	14	15	
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SEPTEMBER	6	7	8	9	10	
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	27					
Teaching	190 days					
Inset	1 and 2 September 2025, 23 and 24 February 2025, 27 July 2025					
Holiday						
Bank Holiday	25 and 26 December 2025, 1 January 2026, 3 and 6 April 2026, 4 and 25 May 2026					