



WGSA Newsletter - Summer Term 2025

End of Term Message



Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term, and to wish you a safe and happy summer break after what has been another successful year at our wonderful school.

West Grantham Church of England Secondary Academy continues to grow, and attracts the very best staff for your children. We have added new GCSE options, such as computing, to our KS4 offer, ensuring all our students' interests are catered for as they move towards their next steps after Year 11.

Our phenomenal, and unique, enrichment programme is another jewel of the school and we now offer over 33 activities for each student to enjoy every Friday morning. We look forward to increasing this offer further in September as we welcome new staff to our school community.

This year, amongst too many things to mention, we have celebrated our Year 11s finishing their studies and we look forward to their results this summer. Also, our students have taken part in a District Athletics competition, we have completed our first Duke of Edinburgh expedition, hosted our busiest ever Open Evening, broken a world record, and harvested our first produce from our courtyard garden! Further information on these, and more, can be found on our school website on this link¹. Alternatively, you can keep in touch via the academy's Facebook page.

Our students continue to be amazing advocates for the school and its community, and September sees the academy continue to grow when we are delighted to be welcoming 124 new year 7 students and their families to our community. The children have already attended three days this term as part of our transition programme and we are really looking forward to seeing them again in September.

I hope you all have a brilliant and safe summer, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 3 September at the following times:

- 8.15 am – Year 7 only. Gates will open at 8.15 am when free breakfast will be available and staff on hand to direct our newest students in the right direction. Year 7 should arrive no later than 8.30am
- 10.00 am – Years 8 to 11. Students to go straight in to form rooms. KS3 break will be at the usual time of 10.20am followed by a normal school day for all

Clare Barber

Executive Principal

¹<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/news-and-key-events/latest-news/>

Clubs and Enrichment



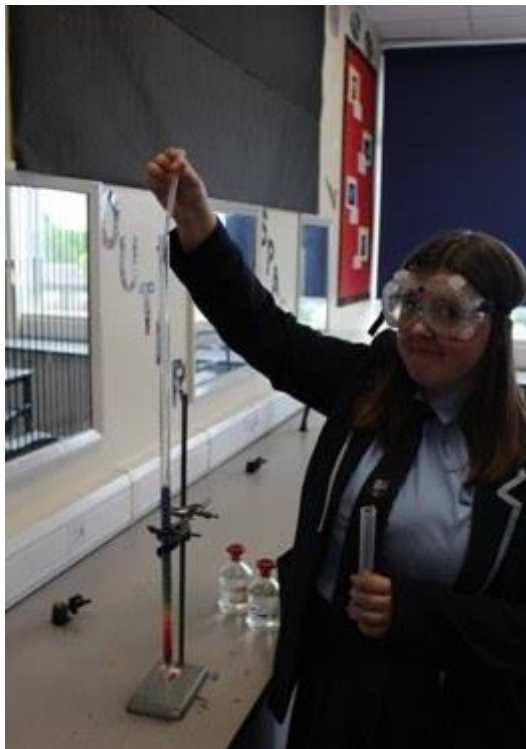
Thank you to Mr Manning for keeping you all updated on our club and enrichment news in his fortnightly newsletters. You can catch up on his fortnightly news here².

The highlights this term saw our year 9 students displaying their culinary skills in preparing an afternoon tea of scones with jam and cream, our BTEC Sport students celebrating the end of their module with a competitive game of rounders, athletes competing in the District Athletics competition, and gardening club creating a colourful summer display of flowers in the courtyard and harvesting fresh produce for the kitchen.



²<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/news-and-key-events/newsletters/>

















Duke of Edinburgh



On a very hot and humid weekend, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students headed out on their expedition.

On their first day the students walked over 14km carrying all of their camping equipment and navigating the route that they had planned in advance. At the end of a very long and hot day they made camp at Woolsthorpe by Belvoir.

Their second day started very early to beat the heat. All of the students made it successfully back to the academy in good time.

Well done to Kloe, Torin, Ollie, Caitlyn, Mina, Gabriella, Nicole, Alanah, Ben, Agrim, Seun, Jake and Dante in completing this amazing feat - we are all really proud of you!

And thank you to Mrs Atkins and Mr Everett for supporting the group with their endeavours.





Year 11



This term we said goodbye to our amazing year 11 students.

After a full week of final revision sessions during the Easter holidays, the students started their GCSE exams with confidence. We were really impressed with their resilience during a busy and stressful period. The exam season came to an end with a lunch and celebration assembly, including the traditional end of year shirt signing.

We welcomed the group back for their Prom. This year was extra special as it was held at the academy. The staff Prom committee went to town in decorating the courtyard and we all had a great time.

We will see our year 11 one last time on results day before they go onto further education, apprenticeships or employment.

Good luck to all of our year 11 - we are very proud of what you have achieved so far and look forward to hearing about your future successes.









World Record Breaking Chefs!



Year 9 students were some of the 10,515 young chefs breaking the work record for the most people to take part in an online cookery class.

The event was organised by Jamie Oliver to raise awareness of food education and nutrition in schools, with participants making their own pasta to create a delicious pasta dish.





School Uniform

During the summer holidays, many of you will be purchasing new school uniform items for your children. Before purchasing your child's school uniform items, please read our uniform list and expectations information sheet³.

We have reduced the cost of buying compulsory uniform items, having changed our PE kit to a plain navy sports top with logo and plain navy shorts or skort. Your child can continue to

³<https://www.wgacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/06/10-Uniform-List-information-for-parents.pdf>

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 has also reduced by between £9 and £13 per blazer, depending on the size purchased.

Compulsory uniform items can be purchased instore from Downtown Stores, Gonerby Moor, Grantham NG32 2AB, or online via our online supplier, Uniform Direct. To order items online, please [click here](#)⁴.

At present, ties are still only available to purchase direct from the academy. Please continue to place your orders for ties via your MCAS account. Ties will be available to purchase instore or online towards the end of the summer break, and we will update you when they do become available.

Getting In Touch

The academy closes for the summer break at 12.00pm on Tuesday 22 July and we re-open to students on Wednesday 3 September 2025. If you need to contact the academy during the summer break, please email office@wgacademy.org.uk⁵ and we will reply to you as soon as we are able.

⁴<https://uniform-direct.com/acatalog/West-Grantham-Church-of-England-Secondary-Academy.html>

⁵<mailto:office@wgacademy.org.uk>

Term Dates 2025/26

TERM DATES 2025/26

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Days
AUGUST	25	26	27	28	29	
SEPTEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	TERM 1
	29	30	1	2	3	33 days
OCTOBER	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
	3	4	5	6	7	
NOVEMBER	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	1	2	3	4	5	
DECEMBER	8	9	10	11	12	TERM 2
	15	16	14	18	19	35 days
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30	31	1	2	
JANUARY	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	20	30	TERM 3
FEBRUARY	2	3	4	5	6	30 days
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
MARCH	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	TERM 4
	16	17	18	19	20	23 days
	23	24	25	26	27	
APRIL	30	31	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
MAY	27	28	29	30	1	TERM 5
	4	5	6	7	8	29 days
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
JUNE	25	26	27	28	29	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
JULY	22	23	24	25	26	TERM 6
	29	30	1	2	3	40 days
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27					
Teaching		190 days				
Inset		1 and 2 September 2025, 23 and 24 February 2026, 27 July 2026				
Holiday						
Bank Holiday		25 and 26 December 2025, 1 January 2026, 3 and 6 April 2026, 4 and 25 May 2026				