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Academy Newsletter



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year.

For those new to the school, this is a fortnightly publication distributed via email on a Friday to keep you informed and highlight successes and achievement.

We tried something ambitious and different on the first day back, taking Years 7 to 11 to the Auditorium for our first whole school assembly.

We are instilling a sense of ambition and aspiration and it was important for our new Year 7s to look up to those in Year 11. We wanted them to imagine what they could achieve in the next five years.

It was also important to reinforce to our Year 11s what a crucial nine months they face. Our whole staff team are committed to supporting students, every step of the way.

Extracts from Matilda the Musical reinforced a sense of what can be achieved when we work as a team.

We also wanted to show our students this school's history and tradition. This included congratulating students on their exam results this summer. We had some fantastic individual performances.

I felt a sense of family and togetherness about the whole occasion at the Auditorium.

When I've been walking around the school, I've seen a lot more older students supporting the Year 7s than 12 months ago, showing them where to go.

Hopefully, we will continue to feel the benefit of that first day and I thank everybody involved in organising the event.

On the same day, the Sixth Form held its induction day. I welcome our new Year 12 and their families, in particular those who have arrived from other secondary schools. We hope you enjoy your time and studies with us.

Now we have welcomed Year 7, it is time to focus on next September's intake! We hold our annual Open Evening for those who will be entering secondary education in a year's time next Tuesday (17th) between 5pm and 7.30pm.

Please encourage family and/or friends with an interest to attend and meet our wonderful staff and students.

It may be the start of the term but we have already had considerable successes among our ranks.

Congratulations to Sofia Reeves in Year 9, who travels to the Royal Ballet School in Newcastle every Saturday, on winning an all England dance competition. Myles Johnston, also Year 9, deserves a mention too after a gold medal-winning performance at a kickboxing competition in Scunthorpe.

Gold, too, for our Head of PE Mrs Pharaoh after triumphing in bowls at the European Championships in Scotland.

I'm delighted to highlight such successes among our school community and look forward to celebrating many more over the coming weeks and months.

I am really excited that, thanks to our staff team, we are able to put on more than 60 free extra-circular activities for our students.

They start next week and I would encourage students to take up these wonderful opportunities, the number of which only this academy can provide.

One is next year's big production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I know it's caused a huge amount of excitement and auditions are underway. Good luck to those taking part.

Enjoy reading the newsletter and thank you for your support of the academy.

Mr NJ Whittle
Principal



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory auditions

The Performing Arts Department has been blown away this week by the amount of talent viewed during the first round of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory auditions.

Over the two days, 139 students auditioned. It was great to see so much enthusiasm and characterisation from the students.

A number have been called back to try out some scripted lines and solo singing next week on Monday or Wednesday, 3-4pm.

We hope to announce the full cast list on Monday 23 September. We cannot wait to see the students in rehearsal and begin working on the big, fantastical numbers!



Grimsby Institute

For current Year 11s, please look at the Grimsby Institute website for more information and guidance on next steps. Please see the link below.

[School Leavers | Grimsby Institute](https://www.grimsby.ac.uk/school-leavers)



Gold for Mrs Pharaoh

Champion bowler Amy Pharaoh has added another gold medal to her collection after winning the women's singles title at the European Championships.

Waltham Toll Bar Academy's Head of PE was also part of the women's triples team that won bronze at the same tournament in Ayr, Scotland.

The England ladies' captain was delighted by her singles triumph. "I was actually lucky to get out of the group stage as I lost a couple of games," she said. "But other results went my way so I got through to the play-offs for a chance to make the semi-finals."

She beat Lindsey Greechan from Jersey in the final 21-6. "I'd actually lost to her in the group stages and I was determined I wouldn't let it happen again," she said.



"It's my first gold medal at a major tournament in the singles. I played singles in the last Commonwealth Games – when I won silver in the doubles - but did not qualify out of the group.

"It was a chance for me to prove to myself I could still play singles and not be carried by anyone else!" She then competed in the triples with Ruby Hill, also from Lincolnshire, and Warwickshire's Emily Kernick.

They had a disappointing defeat to Wales in the semi-finals, pulling the game back from 17-3 down to level at 17-17. But they lost the final game on the last bowl.

They recovered to beat Ireland 24-12 in the bronze medal match. "I'm still feeling the defeat against Wales. It coming as it did after the gold medal, it's that game that sticks in the mind. It was such a disappointing way to lose, especially having fought our way back.

"But that's sport."

She thanked Principal Nigel Whittle for his continued support. "The Academy's once again been fantastic and I am grateful to the Principal and colleagues."

Mr Whittle congratulated Amy on her Scottish triumph. "We're proud to have a sports champion on our staff," he said. "Mrs Pharaoh's an inspiration to our students, particularly those studying PE at GCSE and A-level.

"To win in such circumstances shows the sort of resilience and determination we instil in our students. To be a champion takes a special kind of person."



Winning Performances



Congratulations to two Year 9s on fabulous, winning performances.

Dancer Sofia Reeves came first as part of a classical trio in an all England competition held in Wolverhampton while kickboxer Myles Johnston won gold at an event in Scunthorpe.

Sofia, who also came second at the national event in modern solo, has attended the Royal Ballet School in Newcastle for six years, travelling north every Saturday.

She said: "It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"Everyone was extremely proud of us. In the future, I'd either like to continue with the Royal Ballet Company or pursue a career on Broadway."

She has been in a dancing company since the age of three but it has been part of her life since she was one.

Sofia goes to at least one competition a month and, overall, has won 56 gold medals.

Co-director of Arts Mrs Carter said: "We're incredibly proud of Sofia's achievements and are lucky to have such a talented dancer at the academy.

"She's an inspiration to others, showing the dedication and work ethic needed to reach the top."

Myles has been kickboxing since he was 10 and this was his first gold medal.

He said: "This is a big achievement for me, something that can take my kickboxing career to another level."

He was congratulated by head of PE, Mrs Pharaoh. She said: "This is a fabulous achievement for Myles to win his first gold medal at a regional level.

"He's a determined character and I'm sure this will give him the encouragement needed to pursue his ambitions in the sport."





Waltham Toll Bar Academy Newsletter

Open Evening

WALTHAM TOLL BAR OPEN EVENING

For September 2025 entry

Come & see our:

- Excellent facilities
- Wonderful staff
- Amazing students
- Extensive enrichment offer
- Academic curriculum

**Tuesday 17th
September,
5:00-7.30pm**



**Get a head start on
your child's future.**

**Talks by the Principal
will be held in the
Drama Hall at
5:15pm & 6:30pm**

For more information, please get in touch:

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Sixth Form Open Evening



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Toll Bar Sixth Form
Open Evening

Weds 25th September 2024

5.30pm – 7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming
Year 11 students and their guests.

Meet our Sixth Form Team and
current students, discuss options
with subject specialists and tour
our facilities.



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EHC Hub

Please see below the details for the upcoming Lincolnshire EHC Hub annual review refresher workshops.

Let's help increase their awareness of, and engagement with, the Lincolnshire EHC Hub. Thank you.

Supporting transparency in SEND

The Education, Health and Care Hub (EHC Hub) supports engagement, contributions and collaboration on EHC needs assessments, plans and reviews.

Complete transparency for families, professionals and education settings, transforming the way we work together.

Please note, the child details in this image are fictionalized.

Cartwright, Lucy Rachel (Lucy)
Plan date: 8th May 2024
Review due: 8th May 2025

Lucy has an EHC Plan which will be subject to regular review.

What does this mean?

What should I be doing right now?

What happens next and when?

[View details](#)

[Download EHC Plan](#)

EHC Hub

What is it?

The EHC Hub is a website which provides a secure, shared area for the key individuals involved with a child or young person to make their contribution, see the contributions of others and all work towards a positive outcome. It also provides the opportunity to access information at any point in the EHC process, at any time of the day.

More information about the EHC Hub can be found on the Local Offer: [EHC Hub – Professional resources \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ehc-hub-professional-resources)

How do I access it?

If you or your child/young person has an EHC plan or has had an EHC needs assessment request submitted, and the SEND team have your email address, then you may have received an email inviting you to register an account. If you haven't received anything yet, please speak to your SEND Caseworker or contact EHCHub@lincolnshire.gov.uk





Term One Dates

16 September	School Photographs – Years 7, 9 and 11
17 September	Year 6 Open Evening
17-19 September	Year 10 GCSE Geography Trip Hornsea
18 September	Enrichment Sessions Start
19-20 September	A-Level Dance Trip Liverpool
25 September	Sixth Form Open Evening
30 September	Student Flu Vaccinations
8 October	Year 11 Maximise
11 October	Year 12 Geography Trip York
14 -15 October	Silverstone Careers Fair
18 October	BTEC Sports Trip Sheffield