



# NEWSLETTER

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*Careers Fair*

*National Holocaust Centre*

*Washington Trip*

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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*It has been great to see some dry, sunny and almost warm weather appear just in time for Easter! This has enabled us to open the Field and provide the students with a huge space to play and relax in. It certainly lifts the mood and allows everyone to have a break over lunch.*

*The next few months will be testing times for our Year 11 and 13 students as they enter the exam season. I have been impressed with how hard they have worked in lessons and if they continue to do so, they will be rewarded in August with good exam results. It is not too late to have an impact! The Easter holidays will provide ample opportunity for revision.*



*As you can see from this term's newsletter, the school continues to live by its ambition that all members of the school community "engage in life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The school can be proud of the sheer range of activities on offer in school. A huge number of our students participate in at least one extra-curricular activity over the course of term, with many taking part in more, and I must pay tribute to the staff who continue to give up their time to offer clubs, activities and trips throughout the year. A quick snapshot of the trips on offer includes Washington Trip; Cote D'Azur Trip; Year 10 Beth Shalom Trip; Year 7 National Space Centre Trip; Holocaust Memorial Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project; The Woman in Black Theatre Trip with the Ski Trip taking place as you read this. These activities play a huge part in developing our students and I would like to thank all the staff involved for their commitment. Special mention must go to Bilal Nashawi for coming third in the national final of Historical Association's Great Debate.*

*This year, we adopted St Barnabas as our charity with a fundraising target of £5,000. We are very close to hitting that target and would naturally like to hit that target before the summer. Please contribute if you can. It would be remiss of me not to mention the Burns Supper & Ceilidh held at the end of January, which raised a remarkable £1,600. Our plan is to make it even bigger next year so please look out for the posters, which will be out from September. Thank you to our sponsors this year who were Branston, Staples Farms and The Lakeside Butcher. If you are interested in supporting the event next year, please contact Gill Doyle at the school.*

*Thank you for your feedback on the school day. It has been a really useful exercise and we are going to take some time to explore the issue further. The big issue we found was the potential impact on the local primaries due to an increase in traffic so next year the start and finish times of the day will remain unchanged.*

*We are going to pilot further changes to the data provided to parents in the summer term reports. There will be one uniform ATL score across all Key Stages, ranging from 4 (the best possible score for effort, homework, classwork, etc) to 1. Specific areas of concern will be highlighted. I will send out further details and an exemplar after Easter. Hopefully, this will provide a quicker and easier understanding of your child's attitude to school and their specific strengths and weaknesses. I am hoping that we will also be able to colour code the figures for even more clarity.*

*A reminder that the summer uniform does not start until after the May half term. If there is a hot spell, then, of course, these timings will be reviewed. A reminder that, as part of the summer uniform, appropriate tailored shorts are allowed, and we will relax the need to wear the tie with the blazer. Blazers will be sufficient if it is slightly fresher in the mornings. Hoodies/sweatshirts and jumpers should not be worn instead of the blazer.*

*We are hoping to start restorative work on the lower field shortly. Hopefully, this will see us have another outdoor facility for the students in the next academic year. Before Easter, we hope to have the refurbishment of the memorial garden area completed with new trees, shrubs and flowers planted. Thank you to Anningtons, Lindum and Welton Tree Services for their work and contributions to its renovation.*

*Finally, a plea for consideration when it comes to parking and driving in and around the car park at the end of the school day. We need to ensure that this is a safe place for the students. As such, please park carefully, drive slowly and considerately and do not abuse staff on duty who are trying to keep your children safe.*

*Thank you for your support of the school this year. We could not do what we do without it. Please ensure you have a safe and relaxing break. Thank you.*

**Grant Edgar, Headteacher**

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# CAREERS FAIR

**On Friday 6 March, we held our annual William Farr Careers Fair and hosted visitors from all sectors of employment, Further Education and Higher Education.**

All our students had the opportunity to visit the Fair, with Years 7-11 visiting in groups and Sixth Formers able to visit when they wished.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the visitors who gave up a whole day to provide a fantastic experience for our students. They were: Branston Ltd, Home from Home Care, Wilkin Chapman Rollits LLP, Wright Vigar, Rand Farm Park Day Nursery, Bridge McFarland LLP, National Grid, NHS Talent Academy, Lincolnshire Police, Army, Royal Navy and Marines, Lincoln College, Access Creative College, Lincoln UTC, MCPT (Military College,) Bishop Burton (Riseholme) College, Hill Holt Wood, the National Horseracing College, LiNCHigher, University of Lincoln, University of Hull and Lincoln Bishop University.

As usual, the employers were impressed with the behaviour and high levels of engagement of our students. The students themselves seemed to enjoy the day, valuing the opportunity both to engage with our visitors and the chance to guess the number of sweets in the jar, name the lamb etc, etc .....

If you are a local employer, college or independent training provider and would like to be involved in next year's careers fair, please email Mrs Roberts on [c.roberts@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:c.roberts@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk)



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# EARTH DAY LAUNCH – OUR POWER, OUR PLANET

**This term, Miss Carr and the Geography Sixth Form Ambassadors were proud to launch the Earth Day assemblies, raising awareness across the school about protecting our planet and taking positive environmental action.**

The assemblies focused on collective responsibility, encouraging students to recognise that small, everyday actions can make a meaningful difference, both locally and globally.

KS3 students have taken part in a range of creative activities to promote environmental awareness. They have designed eye-catching Earth Day posters, with winning entries displayed around the school, and created imaginative mascots from recycled materials. These activities reinforced important messages about reducing waste and reusing resources in a fun and engaging way.



After Easter, students in Key Stages 4 and 5 will begin fundraising in support of Tree Aid, helping communities in dryland Africa to tackle poverty and climate change through tree planting and land restoration.

Our Sixth Form students will also take part in a community litter pick in Welton and Dunholme, demonstrating leadership and commitment to caring for our local environment.

We look forward to celebrating Earth Day on 22 April and continuing to work together towards a more sustainable future.



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# SAMSUNG SOLVE FOR TOMORROW COMPETITION

**On 10 March, Samsung Electronics came into school to deliver a prototyping workshop to entrants of this year's Solve For Tomorrow competition.**

This was given to the school due to the success of Millie Adams in Year 10, who is one of 24 semi-finalists from over 2000 entrants nationally. Millie is currently developing her idea further and hopes to progress to the final 7 in London. Good Luck, Millie!



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## YEAR 9 RAF BLAST-OFF TO RIAT STEM DAY

**55 Year 9s had a day planning, designing, building, testing and presenting their designs for a landing craft on a distant planet.**

Taking into account local terrain and environmental conditions on the planet, students had to design and model a suitable craft whilst working as a team. They then had to formally present and demonstrate to a panel of judges. This was a joint event organised between Physics and Design Engineering and facilitated by Year 12 students.

The winning team will hear if they have been successful in April and if they progress to the next round at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford in July.



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## WASHINGTON, D.C. HISTORY & POLITICS TRIP

**Recently, we had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of the History and Politics trip.**

Over the course of the visit, we explored many of the most important political and historical landmarks in the United States. On our first day, we took part in a walking tour around the city, which helped us get a sense of Washington's layout and history. During the trip, we visited many historical and political landmarks, such as the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery. Seeing these places in person allowed us to put into context the information we learn within school.

We also visited several Smithsonian museums, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture. For one of us, this was the highlight of the trip because of the powerful stories and history it presents. Mr Brittain also organised a trip to Harpers Ferry, which gave us a contrast to the capital and a glimpse of a different, more realistic side of America.

Overall, the trip was both educational and memorable, and it gave us a deeper understanding of American politics, history, and culture.

*Lola McKay, Year 13*



# WORLD BOOK DAY

**In March, staff and Sixth Form students dressed up as literary characters to raise awareness for World Book Day.**

In conjunction with this, Key Stage 3 students had organised a book swap and spent break and lunch letting students choose free books. They were also offered the opportunity to take part in a quiz; encouraging students to broaden their wider reading and literary knowledge. Students were also able to receive the free World Book Day short books from the library throughout the day.

World Book Day is an annual event intended to encourage reading for pleasure, with a focus on 'enabling children to grow up with a life-long, life-changing habit of reading for fun, and all the benefits this brings'.

The English department would like to thank staff and students for their involvement and look forward to seeing the creativity, (and, in some cases, bizarre) choices that staff and students make for next year's World Book Day!



# EQUALITY UPDATE

**This term has been a busy time with a range of groups and departments who have been contributing to celebrate the diversity and strides towards equality that have been made.**

February saw LGBT+ History Month and focused on the theme of Science and Innovation. The school's award-winning LGBT+ Space and the Science department helped to celebrate a range of Scientists and Innovators who have made huge strides and contributions. These were shared throughout the school and students learned about those who contributed to the NHS, Space Exploration and the discovery of Dark Matter.

The LGBT+ Space also delivered a presentation to LPFT NHS Lincolnshire for the 12th time, sharing the voices of young people with our local NHS Trust. The feedback from the attendees was incredibly complimentary of all the students who spoke. One of the attendees said, "what a glorious bunch of young people - they give me hope for the world". Another person said that they hoped the students knew "the profound impact" that they make on others.

March sees Women's History Month and International Women's Day. The History department have dedicated their teaching to celebrating women, their stories and voices, and the progress achieved within their lessons.

The Feminism Team created a poster campaign around the school to highlight the moments in history where women have campaigned for equality and safety. It reminds us all that we each have a role to play in the championing of women's rights.

We are reminded of the quote from Malala Yousafzai which adorns the wall of the school's reception. "I raise up my voice - not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back."

**The theme of this year's LGBT+ History Month is Science and Innovation.**

**Science impacts our daily lives, from the technology we use to developments in healthcare, as well as helping us to address global challenges such as climate change and access to clean energy.**

**Diverse teams are essential for the development of solutions which benefit everyone, yet we might often struggle to name LGBT+ scientists and innovators.**

**Alongside celebrating LGBT+ people, it is important to highlight the harm that LGBT+ people have historically faced because of the ways in which science has been misapplied in the past.**



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# THE NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE

**On Thursday 12 March, 90 Year 10 students had a visit to the National Holocaust Centre.**

It provides a thoughtful and reflective place where visitors can learn about the Holocaust and remember the millions of people who were persecuted and murdered during this tragic period in history.

Beth Shalom was founded in 1995 by the brothers James Smith and Stephen Smith. After visiting a Holocaust memorial site and being deeply moved by what they learned, they were inspired to create a centre in the UK dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust and ensuring that the stories of survivors would continue to be shared with future generations.

Inside the museum, we accessed the exhibition, which had original photographs, artefacts, letters, and personal belongings that tell the stories of Jewish families before and during the Holocaust.

These interactive displays and personal narratives helped us connect with the individuals behind the history, which was far more powerful than simply reading about it in a textbook. We then discussed who were the different people and groups who were responsible for the Holocaust.

One of the most memorable and profound parts of our visit was hearing the recorded testimony of Steven Frank, who endured and survived Auschwitz. Listening to real stories from people who experienced the Holocaust made the history feel incredibly real and emotional. It highlighted how catastrophic the effect of the Holocaust was on all Jewish families within German-occupied Europe and how vital it is to continue telling these stories so that the experiences of those who suffered are never forgotten and the lessons of history are passed on.

Outside, the memorial gardens provide a peaceful space for reflection, a contrast from the deeply thought-provoking and harrowing exhibitions. We all placed a stone to represent the 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust.

Overall, the visit was a deeply meaningful and unforgettable experience. It reminded us why learning about the Holocaust is so important and why education, remembrance, and understanding are essential in helping to prevent such hatred and injustice from ever happening again.

*Arthur Stevens, Year 10*

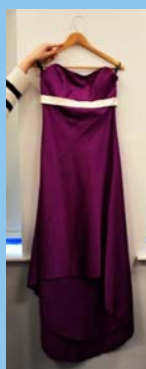


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## FREE PROM DRESS AGENCY FOR Y11 & Y13

**Free Dress Borrowing Opportunity - We have been generously donated new and pre-loved prom dresses, and we would like to offer your child the opportunity to borrow one free of charge in advance of their upcoming prom.**

If your child would like to take advantage of this offer, please encourage them to visit the Hub during lunchtime or after school and speak to either Mrs Barlow-Doble or Mrs Butcher, who will be happy to arrange a fitting appointment and assist them in selecting the perfect dress. Additionally, we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to donate any prom attire, including suits, formal shirts, ties, or prom dresses. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our students in making their prom experience special. Thank you for your continued support.



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# FOLLOW OUR SCIENCE INSTAGRAM!

Science now has an Instagram account, designed to keep parents and students connected with what's happening in our classrooms and labs. Follow us at [@WillFarr\\_Science](https://www.instagram.com/WillFarr_Science)

It's a simple way to see the exciting work our students are doing and stay informed about our news. Following us helps parents stay engaged with their child's learning and gives a window into the topics and activities they are exploring.

On our page, you'll find:

- Behind-the-scenes photos from experiments and lessons
- Science tips and interesting facts
- Updates on projects and events
- Competitions and challenges for students.



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# SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS IN THE HOLIDAYS

## To report concerns:

Lincolnshire Children's Services: 01522 782111 - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/safeguarding/report-concern>

Lifelines:

- The NSPCC are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on: 0800 11 11.
- Help for adults concerned about a child can call: 0808 800 5000.
- Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis any time, anywhere. It is a place to go if you are struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text: 85258.

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# EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

To communicate with school via email, please use the school email address: [wfarr@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:wfarr@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk)

You may also make contact with the school through Middle Leaders, e.g. Heads of Faculty/Heads of Year. We would be grateful if individual staff are not emailed directly. As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, we will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Please note, staff are not expected to respond to emails outside of the normal working day (9-4pm) or during holiday periods. Emails should be written in line with the [Parent Code of Conduct](#) as shown on the school website.

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# TERM DATES

## Term 5

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Monday 20 April 2026  | INSET DAY         |
| Tuesday 21 April 2026 | First day of term |
| Monday 04 May 2026    | BANK HOLIDAY      |
| Friday 22 May 2026    | Last day of term  |

## Term 6

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Monday 01 June 2026    | First day of term |
| Wednesday 22 July 2026 | Last day of term  |

## 2026-2027

### Term 1

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday 02 September 2026 | INSET DAY             |
| Thursday 03 September 2026  | Year 7 & Year 12 only |
| Friday 04 September 2026    | All students          |
| Friday 25 September 2026    | INSET DAY             |
| Friday 23 October 2026      | Last day of term      |

# SCHOOL DAY

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 9.00:          | Registration and tutor time. |
| 9.20:          | Period 1.                    |
| 10-20 – 10.35: | Break.                       |
| 10.35 – 11.35: | Period 2.                    |
| 11.40 – 12.40: | Period 3.                    |
| 12.40 – 1.35:  | Lunch break.                 |
| 1.35 – 1.40:   | Registration                 |
| 1.40 – 2.40:   | Period 4.                    |
| 2.45 – 3.45:   | Period 5.                    |

Reception is open 8.15am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Students should not be on the school premises before or after these times unless they are supervised by a member of staff.

# STREATERIES

WEEK 1

Spring/Summer 2026  
13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26,  
17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26

## MAINS

THAI STYLE CHICKEN SATAY  
NUT FREE  
With  
COCONUT RICE



## VEGETARIAN

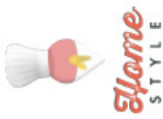
SWEET & SPICY  
VEGETABLE STIR FRY  
With  
COCONUT RICE

CREAMY CHICKEN  
CARBONARA STYLE  
LASAGNE  
With  
HOMEMADE GARLIC FOCACCIA



SUMMER VEGETABLE  
& BASIL LASAGNE  
With  
HOMEMADE GARLIC FOCACCIA

SWEET PINEAPPLE  
GLAZED GAMMON  
With  
HERBY SMASHED CRISPY  
NEW POTATOES



CHEESY BUTTERNUT  
PUFF PASTRY SLICE  
With  
HERBY SMASHED CRISPY  
NEW POTATOES

CHICKEN MADRAS  
with Naan Nachos &  
Mint Yoghurt  
With  
YELLOW RICE



BUTTER CHICKPEA CURRY  
with Naan Nachos & Mint  
Yoghurt  
With  
YELLOW RICE

BATTERED FISH  
SAUSAGE/VEG SAUSAGE  
PIZZA SLICE  
CHICKEN NUGGETS  
With  
CHIPS, GRavy or IRISH CURRY SAUCE



PIZZA SLICE  
With  
VEGGIE SAUSAGE  
CHIPS, GRavy or IRISH CURRY SAUCE

## VEGETABLES/SALAD

MONDAY  
ASIAN STYLE  
VEGETABLES

TUESDAY  
HOUSE MIXED  
SALAD

WEDNESDAY  
ROASTED SUMMER  
VEGETABLES

THURSDAY  
KACHUMBER  
SALAD

FRIDAY  
GARDEN PEAS OR  
BAKED BEANS

## DESSERTS

MONDAY  
BROWNIE STYLE  
COOKIES

TUESDAY  
CHOCO CHERRY  
FLAPJACK

WEDNESDAY  
OLD SCHOOL  
SPRINKLE SPONGE  
WITH CUSTARD

THURSDAY  
TROPICAL FRUIT  
COCONUT CRUMBLE  
FAVOURITES

FRIDAY  
HOMEBAKE  
FAVOURITES

Fresh Cut Fruit & Yoghurt Pots available daily



REGULAR  
CHEF'S  
SPECIALS



NOT JUST POTATOES...  
**LOADED  
SPUDS!**

SO GOOD  
THEY'RE  
HERE TO  
STAY

MONDAY  
CHICKEN SATAY  
NUT FREE

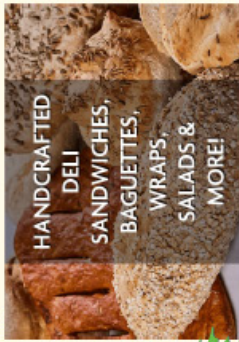
TUESDAY  
CHICKEN KORMA  
with Mint Yoghurt  
& Crispy Onion

WEDNESDAY  
CHINESE  
CHICKEN

THURSDAY  
BOLOGNESE

FRIDAY  
ALL  
THE CLASSICS

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY  
BEANS • CHEESE • TUNA



HANDCRAFTED  
DELI  
SANDWICHES,  
BAGUETTES,  
WRAPS,  
SALADS &  
MORE!

## HOT DELI KITCHEN

MONDAY  
SELECTION OF  
PIZZA SLICES

TUESDAY  
ULTIMATE FISH  
FINGER BAP

WEDNESDAY  
CRISPY CHICKEN  
WRAP

THURSDAY  
MEXICAN CHICKEN  
QUESADILLA

FRIDAY  
LOADED CHIPS  
PEPPERONI  
MARINARA

## PASTA, RICE & NOODLE POTS

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY  
TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

MONDAY  
GARLIC CHICKEN  
ALFREDO PASTA

TUESDAY  
CHICKEN KORMA  
RICE POT

WEDNESDAY  
CHINESE CHICKEN  
CURRY NOODLES

THURSDAY  
BEST EVER  
BOLOGNESE PASTA

FRIDAY  
CLASSIC MAC  
CHEESE



## ◆ BIG BOWL SALADS ◆

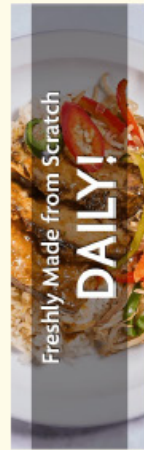
MONDAY  
CLASSIC CAESAR  
CHICKEN SALAD

TUESDAY  
CAESAR PASTA  
SALAD WITH  
CHICKEN

WEDNESDAY  
MOROCCAN  
COUSCOUS  
& ROASTED VEGETABLES

THURSDAY  
NORTH AFRICAN  
SALAD WITH MINT  
YOGHURT

FRIDAY  
SALAD  
SPECIAL



DAILY  
**MEAL DEALS**

Freshly Made from Scratch  
**DAILY!**