

TRIPS AND VISITS

This term, our learners have had multiple educational visits to further enhance our curriculum delivery. Such trips have included:

- Grimsby Magistrates Court
 - Our KS3 learners got to see the inner workings of a courtroom to compliment their learning in PSHE of the Criminal and Justice system. Learners were able to fully explore all areas of the courtroom and assume the role of the magistrates, defence, prosecution and legal advisors in a role play scenario.
- Lincoln Castle
 - Our KS3 learners visited to Lincoln Castle to further develop their historical knowledge of the Normans and in particular William the Conqueror (who built Lincoln Castle). Learners were able to see all areas of the castle and fully enjoyed the experience.
- National Railway Museum
 - For their final History lesson of this term, our KS4 learners made the long journey to visit the National Railway Museum in York. They have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and how the use of the railways was pivotal to this.



RSPB BIG BIRDWATCH

This February saw some of our learners take part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch. This event encourages schools to spend an hour watching and counting birds in a local park or our own school grounds. This is vital in supporting our local wildlife as sadly the RSPB estimates that we have lost 38 million birds in the last 60 years. By taking part and submitting our results to the RSPB we can help them understand how our garden birds are doing.



NEW DEFIBRILLATORS

We are delighted to announce that all 3 of our school sites now have defibrillators. A defibrillator is a device that gives a jolt of energy to the heart and helps get the heart beating in the event of a cardiac arrest. Defibrillators have the potential to save the lives of pupils, staff and visitors in schools, with latest research suggesting that accessing these devices within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest increases the chances of survival by over 40%.

RECYCLING

From 31st March 2025 new recycling regulations for schools will come into force. The new requirements aim to improve recycling rates and standardise recycling practices by having a simpler system where we recycle the same items at school as you would at home. As a school we have already embedded these recycling practices and learners and staff are doing their bit for our environment.



CAREERS UPDATE

It has been a busy term for careers!

KS3 have been focusing on the construction industry this term and visited the Grimsby Institute construction department and looked at job roles within construction. Some of our young learners have now decided that they would like to become bricklayers!

Some of the KS4 learners visited CATCH in Grimsby to discuss apprenticeships they offer young people in engineering and we also had a tour around their building.

Two of our Laceby Year 11s learners went to Motorvation in Hull for a taster session for the course they would like to complete with them for Post-16, Car Maintenance Level 1. They thoroughly enjoyed this visit and learnt new skills in the workshops such as removing and replacing tyres.

The Royal Navy came into school as our career guest speakers this month and spoke to all of our KS4 learners about life in the navy and opportunities there are for young people within the service. One of our Year 11's has applied to go into the Royal Navy in September and is awaiting his fitness tests!

Three of our Year 11 learners completed Barista training with Stokes Coffee in Lincoln. All three learners were amazing and although out of their comfort zone showed incredible social skills with meeting new young people and the trainers. All three learners enjoyed this training, and it will support them further as they have applied for hospitality courses for their post-16 choice.



ONLINE SAFETY

Safer internet day was on the 11th February and aimed to promote a safer and more responsible use of online technology, especially for children and young people. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online and there's plenty of advice and resources on the UK Safer Internet Centre site to help you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW -SPRING 2

	Foundation	KS3	KS4
English	T4W Pilot Sentence Construction	Report Writing Newsletter	Report Writing Spoken Language
Mathematics	Measure, Weight, Capacity & Temperature Multiplication - Times Tables		
ICT	Word Processing Creating, Formatting & Editing Word Documents		
Science	Biology - Plants Life Cycle of Plants		Biology - Propagation of Plants Qualification
PSHE/RSE	Relationships Respect & Equal Opportunities	Relationships Respect & Equal Opportunities (Y9 RSE Unit 1)	Living in the Wider World - Managing Money Qualification
Human & Social	Geography Human and Physical Features		
People and the Community	Believing - Belonging to a Faith (Rituals & Routines)		Believing - Places of Worship (Symbols & Buildings)
Aesthetic & Creative Arts	Sculpture - Mod Roc		Sculpture - Mod Roc GCSE Art
Talkabout	Social Skills Programme - Conversations		

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

If you are needing assistance regarding a potential safeguarding concern during the half term, please contact a member of Orchard Education via our main reception (01472 898498).

Other services to help over the break are: -

- Integrated front Door (Children's Services) Members of the public and professionals can call the IFD on 01472 326292 (option 2, option 2) (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm).
- Report a concern to Children's Services - [SaferNEL | Report a concern - SaferNEL](#)
- Children's Social Care also run the Emergency Duty Team (EDT), which you can contact on 01472 326292 (option 2).

INFORMATION REGARDING CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

A young person's involvement in county lines activity often leaves signs. A young person might exhibit some of these signs, either as a member or as an associate of a gang dealing drugs. Any sudden changes in a young person's lifestyle should be discussed with them. Some indicators of county lines involvement and exploitation are listed below, with those at the top of particular concern:

- Persistently going missing from school or home and/or being found out-of-area;

- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes, or mobile phones
- Excessive receipt of texts / phone calls
- Relationships with controlling / older individuals or groups
- Leaving home / care without explanation
- Suspicion of physical assault / unexplained injuries
- Parental concerns
- Carrying weapons
- Significant decline in school results / performance
- Gang association or isolation from peers or social networks
- Self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being

Cuckooing: Cuckooing is a tactic typically used by drug gangs seeking to expand their operations beyond the reaches of their home turf. It involves taking over the homes of vulnerable people, such as drug users, people with mental health issues or drink problems and sex workers - forcing them to let someone live with them and effectively taking over their home to use as a base of operations for drug dealing and other crimes.

If you have concerns, please contact Families First Access Point on 01472 326292, option 2.

DATES AND EVENTS

Monday 24th February - Children return to school

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (Children may come dressed as a character from their favourite book).

Wednesday 19th March - Careers Evening (Humber Royal Hotel) 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 26th March - Coffee Morning - Sargon Way, 9am - 11am

Friday 4th April - Children break up for Easter half term break