

What a year!

Message from Steve

I'd like to echo my thoughts that I shared at our Awards day on the 16th of July. We have had so many individual and collective successes this year and we have so much to showcase, this couldn't happen without the shared values we all hold and collective voice we all have. Our relationships as parents, carers, professionals, staff, learners, nan, grans and other family is unique to any other school and key to our ability to listen to each other and improve the school. Of course, we celebrate the good, but we also listen and learn from the moments when we can do better, I very feel privileged to be working in such an environment.

At the centre of everything we do are the young people who attend our school, 'Learners at the HEART of every decision' and haven't they done well again this year. Watching their progress and confidence grow has been inspiring. This year the school has seen its highest number of learners on role, most accessed qualifications, best ever attendance, lowest number of suspensions, lowest number of physical interventions, lowest number of behaviour logs and highest engagement.

I'd like to thank you all for your support in this amazing achievement and wish you a great summer break.

School HEART Values and Vision

'Champion Every learner'

School Visions

Learner at the HEART of every decision

H - Heroes - We will be our own and each other's biggest hero and champion.

E - Empathy - We will show respect for other people's feelings and thoughts.

A - Ambitious - We will strive to be the best we can be and support others to do the same.

R - Reflective - We will always look to improve, looking at ourselves first

T - Together - We will work as a team to support and look after each other

ISI AND ISA

The school has now become a member of the Independent School Association. The Independent Schools Association (ISA) is the registered charity that represents the Heads of 796 of the UK's best independent schools. They provide members and staff with a wide range of membership services,



including high-quality training courses and conferences, networking opportunities, advice and support, and we actively pursue our charitable objectives by supporting a wide range of charities.

As an ISA school we have registered to the Independent School Inspectorate ISI. The ISI is an independent inspectorate, appointed by the Department for Education to inspect association independent schools in England. Our inspection reports inform the Department for Education on the extent to which the statutory Independent School Standards are met. From July 2025 they have replaced Ofsted as our registered inspection body.

As a school we believe being inspected by an inspectorate with expertise and experience in the independent sector will allow us to showcase our offer better and to a group that have a higher level of understanding of being an SEN independent school. We retain of previous GOOD judgement from Ofsted until our next inspection (we now enter a 12-month window).

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: A successful sports day; multiple competitive fixtures; introduction into sensory circuits; break time/lunch time/ after school clubs; partnership with Grimsby Town FC; Tennis and boxing workshops; Hitting 60 Active minutes and Sporting Weekly stars.

With lots of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school and especially Ollie Willetts our PE Lead has been rewarded this year.



CLIMATE ACTION COUNTDOWN

The 23rd - 27th June 2025 was the climate action countdown. This is a week long initiative aimed at inspiring children and young people to become powerful ambassadors for nature and our climate.

We decided to hold a competition for all of our classes to build a bug hotel/bird house - design of their choosing. The effort that everyone put into these creations was phenomenal which made choosing a winning design very difficult.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS & VISITS

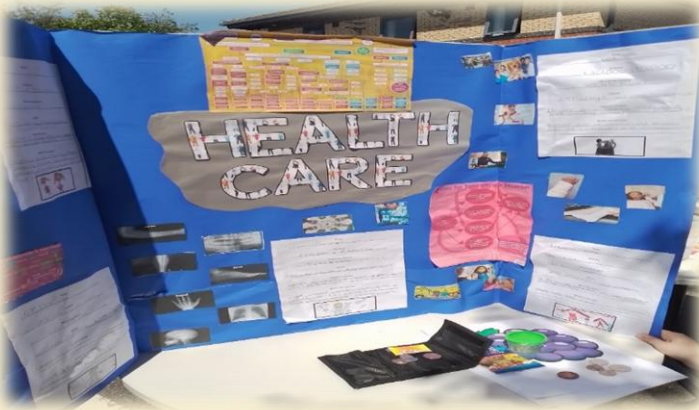
The summer 2 term has seen our learners out and about on lots of end of year trips and visits. These included a visit to the Streetlife museum in Hull to learn about the evolution of vehicles through time. We also had end of year trips to the Lincoln Aquapark and Yorkshire Wildlife Park.



CAREERS UPDATE

KS3 - All learners took part in our Careers Event, which was held alongside Enterprise Day at both our Sargon Way and Laceby Road sites. All learners prepared information around job roles within their chosen sector, and these were on display for all parents/carers to view, who came along to the day.

KS4 - All our Year 11 learners have now left us, and all have been offered courses with colleges such as Linkage, Grimsby Institute and North Lindsay College. They are studying a variety of subjects: Car Maintenance, Travel and Tourism, Hospitality and Hairdressing and more.



Two of our learners have also been offered a Plastering Apprenticeship course with Orchard Construction in Hull and start in August to begin their journey. We wish all our learner's good luck in all their new ventures in their chosen post-16 placements and hope they enjoy the exciting times ahead.

ENTERPRISE DAY

Friday 11th July was our annual Enterprise Day. This is a big day in the Orchard calendar and one that aims for our learners to use their business brains to come up with enterprising ideas that can help raise money for charity. This year there were 3 nominated charities - Make Me Smile Foundation, St Andrews Hospice and Grimsby Food Kitchen. Through a passion for donating to local charities, teamwork, and determination our amazing learners and staff come together to put on what can only be described as a fantastic event. We have managed to raise a massive £3000 which will be shared between our charities. This is the most we have ever raised. We would like to thank you, our parents and carers for supporting us with this, we wouldn't be able to do this without you



AWARDS DAY!

Wednesday 16th July saw us come together for our annual awards day. An opportunity for us to truly celebrate the outstanding achievements of our learners throughout this academic year. As always, we were astonished at the support from parents, carers and our wider professional family with over 400 of you turning up to support us. We're immensely proud of our learners, it was a wonderful finish to the year.



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW -AUTUMN 1

	Foundation	KS3	KS4
English	Warning Story	Designing a Game	Non-Fiction and Documentaries
Mathematics	Number and Place Value	Number and the Four Operations	
ICT	Introducing Google Chromebooks and Google Docs		
Science	Biology - The Human Digestive System		Biology - DNA & Genetics
PSHE	Fundamental British Values		Alcohol Awareness
Human & Social	History - Women in Medieval Britain		History - World War II
People and the Community	Living - Being Human: Births and Deaths		Living - Being Human (Case Studies)
Aesthetic & Creative Arts	This Is Me - Art Project		Art Therapy
Talkabout	Social Skills Programme - Self-Awareness and Self-Esteem		
BTEC and PLP	Various Project Based Learning		Art Cooking Performing Arts Sport

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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

The DSL will be checking the safeguarding telephone each day at 4pm.

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).

DATES AND EVENTS

Friday 18th July - Children break up for the Summer

Thursday 21st August - GCSE Exam Results Day & KS3 Summer School

Friday 22nd August - KS4 Summer School

Wednesday 3rd September - Children return to school

Friday 26th September - Macmillan Coffee morning

Monday 6th October - Parent/Carer coffee morning - Sargon Way

Friday 10th October - Eden Camp Visit (Provisional)

Friday 17th October - Children break up for half term

Orchard in the Community Dates and Events - Sargon Way	
05/09/2025	Classroom-Team building -make slime, play games
12/09/2025	Park Clean, Nunsthorpe farm, Car washing
19/09/2025	History- KS3-creating medieval costumes or houses. KS4-WWII Build a sculpture e.g. tank, gun
26/09/2025	Onsite baking and cake sale (Macmillan) Side by Side & Roll the Dice
03/10/2025	CREST/booklets
10/10/2025	Weelsby Woods, Shell and Sea glass collecting, Onsite Art
17/10/2025	Halloween Disco (100% Entertainment) Pumpkin carving-class competition.
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Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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