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Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future

As we take time to look back and celebrate what has been an amazing academic year it is important that we have the mindset to embrace the opportunities and challenges that next academic year will bring. In order for students to achieve their individual excellence it is essential that each and every one of us (student, staff and parents / carers) supports each other in order to achieve success.

We look forward to working hard and celebrating this success in the future.

Mr M Whitaker, Headteacher

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STEM CLUB TRIP

On 18th and 19th June, students from STEM Club attended the Lincoln Agricultural Society's Schools Challenge at the Lincolnshire Show.

This was the culmination of many weeks researching, planning, and building impressive models, one team showcasing possible school sustainability improvements while the other looked into flood defences for waterways. Each group presented confidently to a panel of judges and while we didn't gain a winning place, the students gained valuable experience competing among 68 schools and did a fantastic job, being commended by judges on their team work, preparation and presentation.

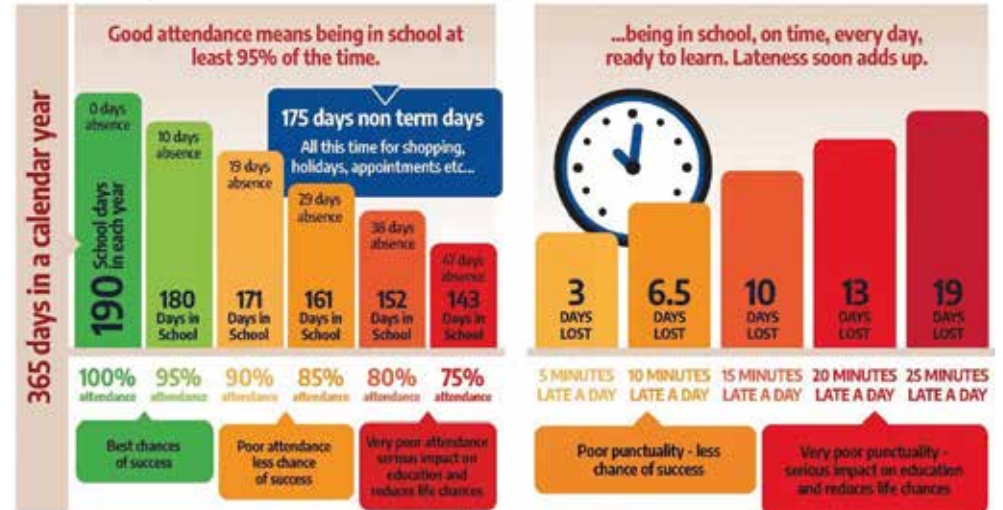
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW? A two-week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

DID YOU KNOW? A child who is 15 minutes late each day, will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year.



LINCOLN MATHEMATICS

Today, Priory Lincoln competed in the regional final of the UKMT team challenge against 11 other schools.



They participated in four rounds: the group round, cross number, shuttle and the relay.

We ended the day in bronze place!

Extremely proud of the boys.

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Y7 TRANSITION EVENTS 2025

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, we were joined by the students who will be transitioning to us in September 2025 along with their parents and carers for an induction evening where they met their tutors and got some key information ahead of starting at the Academy.



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#Curiosity
#Generosity
#Courage
#Passion



This was followed by a day in the Academy on Thursday 3rd July 2025 to experience some lessons and get a flavour of what a typical school day is like.

All students had the opportunity to take part in an English, Maths and Science lesson, alongside a number of other lessons including making cheese straws in Food Technology, learning some sawing skills in Design Technology, creating some pixelated computer graphics in Computing, relay races in PE, the importance of historical portraits in History, a drama workshop, learning French greetings and thinking about what challenges may be faced in Antarctica in Geography. Students also got to sample the delicious food in the dining room which was jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings.



Although at the start there were a lot of nervous students all left with smiles on their faces and a great time was had by all.

We look forward to welcoming all the new students to the Academy on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

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LINCOLN DUKE OF EDINBURGH

15 of our Y10 and Y11 students have completed their practice Silver/ Gold Expedition, walking for over 20 hours over three days, camping and cooking in the Great Outdoors.



Their effort and resilience has been second to none and we can't wait to support them during their real expedition in June!

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ENGLISH WAR HORSE TRIP



In May, 48 excited students from Years 7-10 travelled to Nottingham to watch a stage production of Michael Morpurgo's War Horse.

The play was performed in the spectacular Nottingham Concert Hall, and we had seats which were high up, but gave a fantastic overview of the whole stage, and the performance students could appreciate the workings of the theatre.

The actual performance was stunning, heart-breaking and thrilling from start to finish, and the way the horses moved across the stage was a delight to see. We won't give any spoilers, but there are some 'dark arts' at work to make the horses look so lifelike.

All students who attended were captivated from the first minute, and they received compliments from members of the public who were also watching the performance.

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Priory Lincoln Library - More than just a room

At the heart of our school is a space that's filled with creativity, curiosity, and community – welcome to Priory Lincoln Library.

Whether you're a manga enthusiast, a lover of heartfelt stories, or someone curious about sports, mental health, environmental issues, or self-discovery, our library has something for everyone.



From morning to after school, we're open and ready to welcome you in – to read, study, create, or simply relax.



ENRICHMENT

There's always something happening at the library! So why not join in one of the following;

- **Book Groups** – For staff and students. We shadow book awards like the Carnegie Medal, reading, reviewing, and discussing some of the best new books out there. There's even book-inspired art involved!
- **Chess Club** – Sharpen your strategy and enjoy quiet competition.
- **Crafternoon** – learning new skills and having fun.

FEELING CREATIVE?

Don't miss our regular competitions including:

- **Blackout Poetry**
- **Reader of the Week**
- **Book bingo's, quizzes and treasure hunts.**
- **External competitions designing book covers to short stories.**
- **Bookmark Challenge** (Years 7–11): Design a bookmark, and if you win, your design will be printed and used by all library visitors!



PLUS, EARN HOUSE POINTS AND PRIZES.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

- **Key Stage 3 library lessons** – Learn essential literacy in a supportive space, be inspired by reading for empathy, for pleasure as well as for learning.
- All students receive a FREE World Book Day book and Year 7 take part in the Booktrust's BookBuzz programme where the current Year 7 receive a gift of a book to start their journey.
- Opportunities for author visits in person or online.
- Reward trips.
- Book swaps for our academy community.
- An array of stories and non-fiction books including dyslexia-friendly titles.
- Opportunities to become a student librarian.



We're proud to be an inclusive space. If you can't find a book that speaks to you, talk to **Mrs Holland**, our librarian – she'll help you discover the right read for your interests or needs.

“The library is a fantastic place for students of all ages and backgrounds to hang out and socialise. Mrs Holland fosters a wonderful, communal atmosphere and a good place to meet new people, learn new things and study in peace.”

Jake, Student Librarian

Visit us at Priory Lincoln Library

Open break, lunch, and after school

Follow us on Instagram: [@priorylincoln_library](https://www.instagram.com/priorylincoln_library)

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COMPUTING AT LINCOLN

Our first cohort of T-Level Digital Support Services students have taken part in a number of workshops in partnership with the University of Lincoln at our Keyworth Centre.



These have enabled the students to create basic networks and develop more of an understanding of security vulnerabilities. They have more workshops planned before the end of the year at the University, allowing them to experience the facilities and expertise over there.



September 2025 will see the start of two new Digital T-Levels at Lincoln Academy.



The Digital Support and Security T-Level is the newly released version of our current Digital Support Services T-Level and it will continue to follow the Cyber Security Pathway option. In addition, we will be taking our first cohort of students on the Digital Software Development T-Level. We are also looking forward to seeing our existing T-Level students get to take on their work placement opportunities that form part of the T-Level courses in Year 13.

Towards the end of June, we are looking forward to visiting Birchwood Junior School as part of their Year 6 transition event. We will be helping them learn to use some tools in PowerPoint that they are likely to not have encountered before to create maze games! The same skills can be put to use for a variety of multimedia type projects. These events are a great opportunity to help students look forward to their move to secondary school, learn new skills and familiarise themselves with staff that they will see again in September. This event will take place just before our own transition day based at the academy, where again, the department will be working with Year 6 students from a number of primary schools, and our computing activity will be linked to image representation.



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CREATIVE WRITING CLUB MAKES ITS MARK ON THE LITERARY WORLD

This year, students from Years 7 to 9 have been channelling their creativity and honing their storytelling talents in the English Department's vibrant Creative Writing Club. Meeting every Wednesday after school, the club has been a hub of imagination, where young writers have tackled everything from lively word games to collaborative storytelling sessions.



In addition to their weekly adventures in writing, club members have eagerly participated in several nationwide initiatives, including high-profile creative writing competitions. One such competition, hosted by Young Writers, challenged students to reimagine traditional fairy tales—with a deliciously dark twist. Think: *The Misunderstood Ugly Step-Sisters*, *The Evil Three Little Pigs*, and *Red Riding Hood's Revenge*.

Among these budding authors, two students have stood out for their exceptional storytelling: **Emmeline** and **Maya**. Their inventive tales were selected for publication in *Young Writers' Grim Tales* anthology—an incredible achievement and a true testament to their talent.



A huge congratulations to all members of the Creative Writing Club for their dedication and flair this year—and an especially proud moment for Emmeline and Maya!

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Y11 LEAVERS

On Thursday 19th June we said farewells to our Year 11 cohort.



Students came into the academy at 9.30am wearing their beautifully designed shirts. They enjoyed a farewell speech from the Headteacher, Mr Whitaker and the Head of Year, Mr Brown. Afterwards they watched a presentation of photographs of them throughout their time in the academy – including some photos of them as innocent Year 7s, sent in by their very generous parents!

Finally, the students spent an hour or so signing each other's shirts and taking photographs. It was heart-warming to see so many staff come to the event to say goodbye and to sign shirts.

When the moment finally came to say a final farewell and send the students off on the next stage of their journeys, some went happily to barbeques and parties, whilst others found it difficult to leave for the last time.

Overall, it was an emotional and many tears were shed, but it was an overwhelmingly joyous occasion.



KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We regularly send out updates to our parents and school community about how to stay safe online but when meeting with parents and carers we regularly hear that this remains one of their largest concerns in relation to keeping their children safe.



There are many websites offering advice and guidance to parents and carers to help them ensure their child is safe.

We have included some key information below taken from the NSPCC website.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF PRE-TEENS AND TEENS

- **Follow age requirements** - Many popular Apps, sites and games are 13+, it's important to check and follow these with pre-teens.
- **Speak to phone providers** - If your child owns their own smartphone then contact the service provider to make sure it is registered as a child's device. This means additional safety restrictions can be put in place.
- **Support your child with their settings** - Support your child to manage their safety and wellbeing settings across devices and accounts.
- **Focus on regular safety conversations** - It's important to keep conversations regular at this age. Check our advice on tackling challenging conversations including tips for how to use technology to support you with this.
- **Share youth facing help and support** - Make sure your child knows about services that can help like Childline. You could start by sharing the online safety advice content and the Report Remove tool created by the IWF and Childline.
- **Revisit parental controls** - you will likely need to revisit your parental controls again at this age and adjust them. Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- **Explore healthy habits together** - Healthy habits work best when all the family agrees to following them. This could be agreeing to charge devices away from beds to support sleep and not using devices during mealtimes to help take breaks.



ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

- **Parents are best placed to know their child** - This is particularly true for children with SEND. We recommend parents consider the right age and stage for their child based off the level of support they need.
- **Make use of tech to support** - We know tech can be vital for communication, learning and sensory or emotional regulation for children with special educational needs. It's important that children continue to receive access that is right for them.
- **Explore all relevant strategies** - While age-based recommendations may not be appropriate they can instead be approached as a list of practical strategies for parents to explore.
- **Use resources tailored to children with SEND** - We worked with Ambitious about Autism to create tailored advice and resources for parents to use with their children.

CHILDREN INTERNET SAFETY



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM WORRIED ABOUT HARMFUL ONLINE CONTENT?

You can report serious harm to the following organisations.



Submit a Report of Harmful Content for Review

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/report>



CEOP Safety Centre

www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre



Report online child sexual abuse imagery or 'child pornography'

www.iwf.org.uk/en/uk-report

HOW TO REPORT ONLINE HARMS AND ISSUES

In this guide parents / carers are able to report concerns about online content.



It is usefully broken down into the following:

- **Reporting specific issues:** cyber bullying, online grooming, inappropriate content, scams and fraud, sexual images, sextortion or abuse and radicalisation, extremism and hate.
- **Reporting on social media:** Discord, Facebook, Instagram, Twitch, WhatsApp, X
- **Reporting in Video Games:** Fall Guys, Fortnite, Minecraft, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation, Pokemon Go, Roblox, Rocket League, Steam, Xbox.

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Further information about keeping your child safe online can be found at:



CEOP Education
www.ceopeducation.co.uk



Childnet
www.childnet.com



Barnardo's
www.barnardos.org.uk



Vodafone UK
www.vodafone.co.uk



UK Safer Internet Centre
<https://saferinternet.org.uk>



ITALIAN SKIING TRIP

In February half term this year, nearly 50 students from Year 8 to Year 11 travelled to Santa Caterina in Italy for the Priory Lincoln Academy Ski Trip.

Everyone was extremely excited to go to Santa Caterina, as it is preparing to be the location for the next Winter Olympics! Throughout the week, students completed four hours of ski school per day, with all groups graduating from the nursery slopes, to the blue and red slopes, with some of the advanced skiers making it onto the impressive black runs! We were so impressed with the progress that each student made, with everyone pushing themselves out of their comfort zones each day.



As well as days jam packed with skiing, we enjoyed an evening ice skating, Miss Black was in her element showing off her skills on the ice and Miss Gerrard was in her element being chief photographer/ videographer, specialising in capturing the funny slips, trips and falls from the students (and staff... Mr Richardson!). We also enjoyed a night at a local award winning pizza restaurant and threw ourselves down the mountain on some bum boards!



All of the students represented the academy excellently and thankfully without any injuries – the same cannot be said for Mr Brown however, who spent the day in hospital after slipping over... on the walk to the boot room.

We are extremely excited to travel to Austria in February 2026 – watch this space! Shoop shoop!

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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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We began our learning journey with a tour of The Globe Theatre by one of The Globe's very own directors, including a opportunity to stand on the famous stage and peek backstage! It was difficult to tell who was more excited, the students or the staff, to be on the world famous Globe stage. Students were even taught a line and performed the line, on the stage to the other tours – needless to say, they rocked it and the claps and cheers from the audience were well deserved.

After getting a taste for it, we headed across the road for their drama workshop – did I mention that it was delivered by one The Globe's directors? Students were amazingly memorising lines and performing difficult Shakespearean language with ease – it was an immense pleasure to watch!

Finally, after a spot of lunch and another short bus journey, we made it to the Barbican Theatre where we watched award winning actor Mathew Baynton play *Bottom* in the most hilarious rendition of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The students laughed and screamed along with the characters on stage. Another theatre goer even stopped to mention how much joy it brought them to see our students enjoying themselves!



Even though it was a long day with an early start and a late finish, the students embodied our values of Ready, Respectful and Engaged throughout the trip, and we can't wait for the next one!

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Y11 PROM NIGHT



LINCOLN COMMUNITY

The Priory Lincoln Sixth Form successfully organised an Easter raffle to support the Academy's local charity The Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.



Prizes included:

- Tickets to events at the Engine Shed; Lincoln City Home Match Tickets
- Vouchers for restaurants including Ole Ole; Dough Loco
- Easter Eggs and other treats.

The event was a huge success and over £550 was raised.

Thank you to all who supported with this event.

#Generosity

LINCOLN SPORT

FOOTBALL

U16 DISTRICT FINALS

William Farr Academy 1-1 Priory Lincoln (Will Farr win on penalties)



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LINCOLN BAKES

What wonderful delights baked by our Year 11 prom committee. As part of Valentine's Day the students baked and sold to raise funds for their prom.



Lincoln Utd WFC visit Y7 and Y8





Priory Lincoln 7 v Priory LSST 5
Coaches player of the match: Tyrese G



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BADMINTON

43 happy and inspired students visited the Utilita Arena in Birmingham for the World Championship Badminton.



JUDO

Well done to **Michal B** and **Oliver M** who represented the Academy at the British Schools Judo Championships at the EIS in Sheffield.

Both fought valiantly throughout the competition.

Well done to Oliver who came home with a bronze in a very competitive group which includes the current national champion.

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Y7 NETBALL

Priory Lincoln 6 v Branston Academy 8

Last night our Y7 Netball team played against Branston. The students who represented the Academy showed exceptional perseverance and determination throughout a very close, competitive match. We were neck and neck for the first three quarters of the match and unfortunately Branston took the lead in the last 4 minutes.

A big well done to the whole team!

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