



# SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY

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PROUDLY WORKING TOWARDS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAREERS WEEK

10-14th November  
2025

### YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

20th November 2025

### SHREK THE MUSICAL!

10-12th December 2025



See page 10 for rehearsal  
dates.



## COMING UP NEXT TERM

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - start of term 2.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Duke of Edinburgh Payment deadline via ParentPay -  
Don't miss out on securing your place!

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - 6<sup>th</sup> form open evening - details on page 4.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - London Stranger Things Trip for Year 11 & 13.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - House competition, Design a new Geography mural for  
the Robertson staircase - details on page 3.

Or join our Antarctic flag house event - see the Geography department for  
details.

SPORTS FIXTURES  
see page 2

Every year our behaviour policy is updated  
To view all of our policies please click [here](#).

## PE FIXTURES

Monday 3rd November – U16 girls football National Cup match vs KSHS. At home, 14:00 kick off, finished in time for the buses

Tuesday 4th November – Year 7 boys football, away, vs St George's. Pick up from St George's at 16:30, or SWRA at 16:45.

Tuesday 4th November – Year 10 A boys football County Cup, home, vs Spalding Grammar. Finish at 15:45.

Wednesday 5th November – Y8/9 girls rugby at Newark Rugby Club. Pick up from Newark where possible please at 17:15. We can only bring 16 back to SWRA for 17:45.

Wednesday 5th November – Y12/13 football, away, vs Priory Ruskin. Pick up from Priory Ruskin at 15:30, or back at SWRA for 16:00.

Thursday 6th November – Year 7 boys rugby at Newark Rugby Club. Pick up from Newark where possible please at 17:15. We can only bring 16 back to SWRA for 17:45.

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Enjoy athletics? See details for the Lincolnshire Athletics selection event on Page 3 to enter the Sports Hall athletics competition, with a chance to go on and represent Lincolnshire! Open to anyone in Years 7-10.

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Lunch time and after-school clubs will change after half-term, so watch this space for more info when you return to school.



# GEOGRAPHY HOUSE COMPETITION! SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY

TASK: WE WANT YOU TO CREATE THE NEW DESIGN FOR THIS WALL ON THE ROBERTSON STAIRS AND MAKE YOUR MARK AT SIR WILL ROB!  
R3 WILL BE OPEN MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER EACH LUNCHTIME TO WORK ON YOUR DESIGN. YOU CAN WORK ON IT AT HOME IF YOU PREFER! BRING YOUR DESIGN TO THE HALL ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FOR THE BIG VOTE!

BEFORE



AFTER



THEMES:

- GEOGRAPHY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- NO BORDERS, JUST HORIZONS
- SCHOOL COMMUNITY



**YOUR CHANCE TO  
BE PART OF  
SWRA HISTORY!**



SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON  
ACADEMY

# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 6th November 2025  
6.00pm – 8.00pm

At the heart of Sir William Robertson Academy's Sixth Form is a school ethos that encourages everyone to be the very best that they can be. We are committed to the success of our students and offer a broad and ambitious curriculum, specialist academic and pastoral support and a comprehensive enrichment programme to ensure that each individual receives the opportunities and guidance needed to reach their full potential.

Register your interest at [www.swracademy.org](http://www.swracademy.org)



**NO BORDERS, JUST HORIZONS...**

All Year 11 Parents & students welcome



School success starts  
with attendance

## Why Attendance Matters



*Our attendance goal is 97%. We would love for children to attend 100% of the time but attendance above 95% is seen as good attendance. When a child's attendance is less than 95%, we will look to make sure that any barriers to good school attendance are supported.*

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite. It can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce a new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including *IGN*, *Technicradar*, and plenty more.



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# Sportshall

## LINCOLNSHIRE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS SELECTION EVENT

SUN 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

GRANTHAM MERES LEISURE CENTRE – MAIN HALL

*We would like to invite any standard of athlete to attend our unique event that includes running, jumping and throwing. All athletes will be required to try all events in the trial for the purpose of selecting a team for an event in February to represent Lincolnshire. We are looking for specialists and all-rounders.*

**PRIMARY** – YEARS 4,5 AND 6 (YEAR 4 CHILDREN MUST BE AGED 9) -10AM  
(REGISTRATION) FOR A 10.30 START– 1PM

**SECONDARY** – YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10. 1PM REGISTRATION, FOR A 1.30PM START  
– 3.30PM.

THIS EVENT IS TO SELECT THE TEAM FOR LINCOLNSHIRE. ALL ATHLETES MUST EITHER RESIDE; WERE BORN OR GO TO SCHOOL IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

ENTER VIA [www.race-results.co.uk](http://www.race-results.co.uk). Find Sun 30th November and online entries and payments (£5 PER CHILD) must be made before midnight Wed 26th Nov. No entries on the day.

For further information contact Lincolnshire Athletics Association - Sportshall athletics co-ordinator Lisa Richardson – [lisarichardsonsports@gmail.com](mailto:lisarichardsonsports@gmail.com)





# PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT SWRA

Want to learn how to play  
an instrument? Sign up now!

VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SIGN UP

LOCATED UNDER:  
"PARENTS - PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS"

**PUPIL  
PREMIUM  
50% OFF**

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PLANS  
AVAILABLE**

**LESSONS  
TAKE PLACE  
DURING THE  
SCHOOL  
DAY**



Please can all parents ensure they have access to the MCAS app.

This platform is used for important announcements and updates from the school.

To ensure you do not miss any important messages, we recommend that you have the app installed on your phone with push notifications turned on.

Please go to the following link for more information.

[Sir William Robertson Academy - Parent Apps and Forms](#)



## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2025

SWRA's Performing Arts Department is REALLY looking forward to working with you on



# SHREK THE MUSICAL

We have around 10 weeks of rehearsals ahead of us!

We would be grateful if you could attend all rehearsals. We understand that it's a busy time, so if you cannot attend a rehearsal please let Mrs Jex (in the School Office) know as it may lead to us having to change our plans.

Tuesday	16th September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Thursday	18th September	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	23rd September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	24th September	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	30th September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	1st October	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	5th October	10:00am – 4:00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	7th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	8th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	12th October	10.00am – 4.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	14th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	15th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	21st October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	22nd October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	4th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	5th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	9th November	10.00am – 4.00pm	Full Cast
Tuesday	11th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	12th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Thursday	13th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	18th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	19th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	23rd November	10.00am – 4.00pm	Full Cast
Tuesday	25th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	26th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Thursday	27th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	2nd December	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	3rd December	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
TECH Saturday	6th December	10.00am-5.00pm	Full Cast
TECH Sunday	7th December	10.00am-5.00pm	Full Cast
Monday-Off Timetable	9th December	9.00am – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	10th December	Primary Performance and SHOW NIGHT	
Thursday	11th December	SHOW NIGHT	
Friday	12th December	SHOW NIGHT	

☺ Please attend all rehearsals. Please stay hydrated. Please be positive. ☺

Please bring homework to complete when not rehearsing. LET'S GO!!!!

PLEASE FIND DETAILS FOR INDIVIDUAL REHEARSALS ON THE DOOR OF D1

As always, our THANKS go to you for your continued support

Miss Scorrer, Mr Willson, Mrs Jex, Mr Robinson and Miss Callow