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PROUDLY WORKING TOWARDS



UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

20th November 2025

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

19th December

SHREK THE MUSICAL!

10-12th December 2025



See page 10 for rehearsal
dates.



COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday 10th - Friday 14th Careers Week

Wednesday 12th

Year 8 Take your child to work day.
Year 12 & 13 visit to Sheffield Hallam University.
Year 7 visit to Rand Farm

Thursday 13th

Year 11 Futures First Careers Trip to Newark Show Ground

Friday 14th

Odd Socks Day in support of #AntiBullyingWeek,
Students are asked to wear odd socks to school along with regular school
uniform and to make a donation of £1.

SPORTS FIXTURES
see page 2

PE FIXTURES

Cross Country at Belton House on Tuesday during school hours.

Tuesday afterschool Year 9 Boys Football at Home vs Carres

Wednesday afterschool Year 7 Girls Rugby at Newark Rugby Club

Thursday afterschool Year 8 Boys Football at Spalding

Thursday afterschool Year 11 Boys Football at Home

Enjoy athletics? See details for the Lincolnshire Athletics selection event on Page 5 to enter the Sports Hall athletics competition, with a chance to go on and represent Lincolnshire! Open to anyone in Years 7-10.

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



Monday

Maths Challenge Club	O1 A6	Miss Spurgeon	KS3	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Art	R8	Mrs Norman	Y10	1.30 – 2.00	
GCSE Business Coursework	Tennis Courts	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Hall	PE Department	Y7	1:30-2:00	
Fowlers Fitness Session	3G	Mr Fowler	All	1:30-2:00	
Football	O6	PE Department	Y9-11 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Sparx Maths Homework Club	A2	Maths Department	All	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Product Design		Mr Nicholson	GCSE	1:15-2:00	

Tuesday

Mindfulness Colouring Club	Library R12	Mrs Costello	All	1.15 – 2.10	
English Revision	R8 3G	English Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	Tennis Courts	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	O6	PE Department	Y7,8 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Sports Hall	PE Department	Y8/9	1:30-2:00	
Homework Club	3G	Mrs Coomer PE	All All	1:30-2:00	
Badminton	A2	Department PE	Y7/8	1:30-2:00	
Football	Hall	Department Mr	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
GCSE Product Design		James Miss	All	3:15-4:15	After school
School Show Rehearsals		Scorror		3:15-5:30	After school

Wednesday

Y10 Book Club	Library	Mrs Costello	Y9	1.40 – 2.00	
GCSE & A Level Graphics Club	A3	Ms Vere	Y10-13	1.15 – 2.00	
KS3 French Booklet Club	F3	Miss Phillips	Y7 – Y9	1.30 – 2.00	
Geography Club	R3	Geography Department	KS3	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Maths Past Papers	O3 R4	Maths Department	GCSE Students	1:30-2:00	
DofE Session	R8 3G	Miss Tooze	DofE Students	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	Field	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Girls and 6th Form	1:30-2:00	
Rugby	Tennis Courts	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Football	Hall	PE Department	Y9-11	3:15-4:15	After school
Netball		PE Department	All	3:15-4:15	After school
School Show Rehearsals		Miss Scorror	All	3:15-5:30	After school

Thursday

A Level Maths Support	O3	Maths Department	Y13	1.15 – 2.10	
A Level Geography Support	R3	Geography Department	R3	1.30 – 2.00	
Homework Club	O6	Mrs Burton	All	1:30-2:00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mullooney	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
DofE Session	R8	Mrs Francis	DofE Students	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Science Intervention	L1 and L2	Miss Gage	Y11	1:30-2:00	
English Revision	R9	English Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
GCSE PE Revision	F5	PE Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Quadcopter	A2	Mr James	Y8	1:30-2:00	
Y8 Book Club	Library	Mrs Costello	Y8	1:40-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y9-11 and 6th Form	1:30-2:00	
Just Dance	Main Hall	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Table Tennis	Sports Hall	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Graphics Support	A3	Ms Vere	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
Lego Robotics Club	A2	Mr James/Mr Titmus	Y7 – Y13	1.30 – 2.00	
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr James	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
Football	3G	PE Department	Girls	3:15-4:15	After school
Rugby	Field	PE Department	All	3:15-4:15	After school
ExplorersClub (every other week)		Miss Graves	Y7 & Y8	3.15 – 4.15	After school
GCSE &A-Level Art	A5	Miss Crook	Y10-13	3:15-4:15	After school

Friday

KS3 Knitting Club	A5	Mrs Norman	KS3	1:20-1:55	
F1 in Schools	A2	Mr Ginniff/Mr James	All years	1:30- 2:00	
Football	3G Pitch	PE Department	Y7,8 and 6th Form	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Tennis Courts	PE Department	GCSE and A Level Girls	1:30-2:00	
Table Tennis	Sports Hall	PE Department	GCSE Boys	1:30-2:00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mullooney	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Geography Revision	R7	Geography Department	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
LGBTQ+ Safe Space	R4	Miss Breward	All	1.30 – 2.00	
Judo	Hall	Mr Costello	All	3.15 – 4.15	After school

What happens when you do not come to school?

- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships



WHY IS ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT?

Missing school adds up quickly – even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

90% attendance may sound OK ... but it means one day off every 2 weeks! That's 19 days a year – nearly a whole month of learning lost. Over 5 years of school that's almost half a year of learning missed.

As it is the school who decide to authorise an absence or not, including that of illness, a reason provided by the parent is necessary to help the decision making. Consistent illness may be required to be evidenced by a doctor's note.

If your child is absent from school, be it authorised or unauthorised, it will affect their attendance percentage.

Every school day = a learning day.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING



Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING



Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE



A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS



New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS



Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY



Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS



Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER



Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS



Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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. 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





PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT SWRA

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

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**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	9th December	9.00am – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Timetable			
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