



# SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YEAR 7 PANTOMIME TRIP

1<sup>ST</sup> DEC

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

19th December

### SHREK THE MUSICAL!

10-12th December 2025



## COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Year 10-13 create your Christmas showstopper at home and take to A7 when you arrive at school.

Christmas Card entries must be in the box at reception before Period 1. All students and staff are invited to the main hall between 1:30-2:00 to vote for their favourites.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Y8 ski trip information evening, 6:30-7:30.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Y9 ski trip information evening, 6:30-7:30.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Sports leadership event.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - DofE Deadline for submitting details of volunteering, physical and skill sections on their evidence logs or directly onto eDofE, under 'Manage Evidence'

SPORTS FIXTURES

see page 2

CLUBS LIST

see page 15

### SWRA- CHRISTMAS FOODBANK DONATIONS

After the incredible generosity that our community has provided for the last five years and as it will soon be Christmas, a time of giving, here at SWRA we would like to give something back to those who truly need it. We are asking families who can afford to give a small something this Christmas to join us in making a donation to help those in need.- Please see MCAS announcements for specific year group donations.

## PE FIXTURES

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Year 10 Boys football  
vs St. Georges (Home) 3:30 kick off, finish 4:45.

Wednesday 26th November - Year 7 Boys football  
vs Suthers School (Home) - 3:30 kick off, finish 4:45.

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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.

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ACADEMY

## *Top 5 Reasons why Attendance Matters*

- Supports Academic Success
- Develops Responsibility and Discipline
- Helps with Social and Emotional Development
- Prepares Students for the Future
- It's the Law

*Every Student, Every Day.*

# Powerful Learning starts with being at school every day.

What is  
**GOOD**  
attendance?





A FREE 6 week course!

Want to give rugby a try.....and looking to join a thriving girls section? We have created a "Girls only" free rugby "taster program" The sessions are fun, safe, and non-contact for newcomers, focusing on skills development through playing games. Open to 7-14 year old Girls – Beginners and Girls who have been introduced to rugby as part of our schools festivals!

**Starting Thursday 6th November from  
7pm – 8:30pm for 5 weeks here at  
Kelham Road. The 6th and final  
session is on Wednesday 10th  
December with two times world cup  
winner Emily Scarratt!!**

The sessions are all about developing essential life skills. Over the six weeks, you will make new lifelong friendships, build confidence and fitness all while having lots of fun. We teach rugby's core values - Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship.

Register your place today via [events@newarkrugby.com](mailto:events@newarkrugby.com)

Please bring trainers or boots and a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing.

We can't wait to welcome you to our fantastic inclusive family here at Newark Rugby Club!

# 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)





# CHRISTMAS



# HOUSE COMPETITIONS



**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOV**

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING**

Sixth form



**FRIDAY 21ST NOV**

**CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN**

Design a Christmas card for us to  
give to members of the local community.

Put your entry in the post box next to  
the office



**MONDAY 24TH NOV**

**CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF**

Years 10-13

Bring your bakes to A7 at base time



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

### PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams - emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money - are not new, and do not rely on AI. However, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language style. This makes phishing websites harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

### ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product images, videos, and product reviews into paying deposits or full payments upfront. These tactics are becoming more sophisticated, making it vital to check, and verify the site before paying for any money.

### VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where criminals have been able to create AI-powered voice clones. One such example was the use of AI to impersonate a parent as part of a fake kidnapping scam. The criminal used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and was in danger.

### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can then be used to lure people into fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or passport. In 2023, the London Metropolitan Police targeted young people with promises of quick cash, paying on false ads.

### INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing offers of crypto, which alleges promising returns on investments. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

### ROMANCE SCAMS & EXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes them very convincing to build trust with young people - among other things, this can lead to fraud or extortion. In 2024, the UK's Cyber Safety Centre received 280 reports of extortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 17 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they're doing and research before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution. If content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

### SEEK TO VERIFY


Criminals may reach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before accepting, email contacts, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

### REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the local media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations listed or provided. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the UK Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



### #WakeUpWednesday

The National College

# SWRA 2025 Christmas Foodbank Donation



This year we have decided to collect donations for the Newark Foodbank. Each base has been assigned an item the foodbank is in need of. Last day for donation is Friday 12th December, but the sooner the better! Hand them into your base tutors.



All donations must be:

- Well within use-by/best before date
- Unopened

- Not contain any alcohol

Any reusable plastic bags for life or sturdy bags for life are also welcomed.

If you feel you are able to contribute to our Christmas donations it would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to donate the item that has been assigned to your child's base group, then any donation is welcome.

7A	Long life fruit juice
7B	Tinned soup
7C	Tinned carrots
7D	Tinned tomatoes
7E	Tinned fruit
7F	Sponge puddings – tinned or microwaveable
7G	Washing up liquid
8A	Shampoo or conditioner
8B	Shower gel
8C	Deodorant
8D	UHT/Long life milk
8E	Dried or microwaveable savoury rice packets
8F	Noodles
9A	Pasta sauce
9B	Instant mashed potato (sachets)
9C	Tinned potatoes
9D	Tinned fish
9E	Tinned meat (hotdogs, ham, corned beef meatballs etc)
9F	Cereal bars
9G	Biscuits

10A	Marmalade
10B	Chocolate bars/biscuits (kitkats etc.)
10C	Toothpaste
10D	Handwash
10E	Long life fruit juice
10F	Tinned soup
10G	Tinned carrots
10H	Tinned tomatoes
11A	Tinned fruit
11B	Sponge puddings – tinned or microwaved
11C	Washing up liquid
11D	Shampoo or conditioner
11E	Shower gel
11F	Breakfast cereal
12A	Breakfast cereal
12B	Deodorant
12C	Toilet roll
13A	Long life fruit juice
13B	Toilet roll
13C	Tea bags (40s or 80s)





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



# ONLINE SAFETY Q+A SECONDARY PARENTS



**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER  
6 - 7:30PM  
MICROSOFT TEAMS EVENT**

**Join the Stay Safe Partnership for an Online Safety Event for Parents of Teens**

Get the latest insights and practical tools to help you:

- ✓ Understand the most popular social media apps teens use, their risks, and the parental controls that can keep them safe
- ✓ Support your teen in managing harmful content and unwanted contact from strangers
- ✓ Learn strategies for starting confident, open conversations about online safety
- ✓ Ask your questions and get clear answers on trends, apps, and risks

**Equip yourself with the knowledge and skills to keep your teen safe while they explore the online world.**



**<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1929114>**



# 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"

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**LESSONS  
TAKE PLACE  
DURING THE  
SCHOOL  
DAY**



# SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY

## We Are **HIRING**

### **MIDDAY SUPERVISOR**

We are seeking a friendly Midday Supervisor to provide supervision over the lunchtime period.

You will be joining an already established team to provide supervision to our pupils.

- 7.5 Hours per week
- Monday-Friday
- 1-2.30pm
- Term time contract



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**A massive well done to Harry Elijah and Jack for coming a very close (1 point away) second in the regional Quadcopter final!**

## Clubs – Term 1 2025-26

### Monday

Maths Challenge Club	O1	Miss Spurgeon	KS3	1:30-2:00	
Young Editors Club	Library	Mrs Costello	All	1:30 – 2:00	
GCSE Art	A6	Mrs Norman	Y10	1.30 – 2.00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Trampoline Club	Sports Hall		Y7	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Product Design		Mr Nicholson	GCSE	1:15–2:00	
Sparx Maths Homework	A2	Maths Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Football Training	3G Pitch		Y7/8	1:30-2:00	

### Tuesday

Mindfulness Colouring Club	Library	Mrs Costello	All	1.15 – 2.10	
School Production Rehearsals	D3	Miss Scorrer	Cast	1:15-2:00	
GCSE Geography Revision	R3	Geography Department	Y11	1.30 – 2.00	
English Revision	R12	English Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	

Football Training	3G	PE Department	Year 9-11	1:30-2:00	
Homework Club		Mrs Coomer	All	1:30-2:00	
Cheerleading		PE Department	Years 7-9	1:30-2:00	
Trampoline	Sports Hall	PE Department	Y 7-9	1:30-2:00	
Young Carers Support Group	F4	Mrs Mower	Young Carers	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr James	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
GCSE Geography Revision	R3	Geography Department	Y11	3:15-4:00	After school
KS3 Show Rehearsals	Hall	Drama Department	KS3	3:10-5:30	After school
Drama Revision Session	D1	Miss Burrough	GCSE	3:10-5:00	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	
School Production Rehearsals	D3	Miss Scorrer	Cast	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	Maths Department	GCSE Students	1:30-2:00	
DofE Session	R4	Miss Tooze	DofE Students	1:30-2:00	

GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Girls Football Training	3G	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Recreational football	3G	PE Department	Y10-13	1:30-2:00	
Rugby	Field	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Blooket Club	O6	Miss Harley-Ellis & Miss Finch	Year 7-8	1:30 – 2:05	
Boys GCSE Table Tennis - COMPULSORY		PE Department	Y9,10 and 11	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Netball Courts	PE Department	All	3:15-4:15	After school
English Revision	R11	English Department	Y11	3:15-4:00	After school
GCSE Dance Rehearsals/Revision	D1 & D3	Miss Scorrer	GCSE	3:10-5:30	After school
Drama Revision Session	D1	Miss Burrough	GCSE	3:10-5:00	After school



Clubs – Term 1 2025-26

**Thursday**

KS3 Show Rehearsals	D1	Miss Burrough Miss Scorrer	Y7 -Y9	1.30 – 2.00	
Homework Club	O6	Mrs Burton	All	1:15 – 2:00	
A Level Maths Support	O3	Maths Department	Y13	1.15 – 2.10	
A Level Geography Support	R3	Geography Department	R3	1.30 – 2.00	
School Production Rehearsals	D3	Miss Scorrer	Cast	1:15-2:00	
LGBTQ+ Safe Space	R7	Miss Wilson	All	1.30 – 2.00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mallowney	GCSE	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	
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	
Lego Robotics	A2	Mr James	Y7 - 13	1:30 – 2:00	

Football	3G	PE Department	All Years	1:30-2:00	
Badminton Team Practice	Sports hall	PE Department	Team Practice	1:30 – 2:00	
Trampoline	Sports Hall	PE Department	Y 9	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Graphics Support	A3	Ms Vere	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
GCSE & A-Level Art Club	A6	Miss Crook	GCSE & A-Level		
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr James	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
Drama Revision Session	D1	Miss Burrough	GCSE	3:10-5:00	After school

**Friday**

KS3 Knitting Club	A5	Mrs Norman	KS3	1:20-1:55	
GCSE Geography Revision	R7	Geography Department	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
F1 in Schools	A2	Mr Ginniff	All years	1:30- 2:00	
Recreational Football	3G Pitch	PE Department	All Years	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Board Games Club	R2	Miss Robinson & Miss Foskett	Year 7-10	1:40 – 2:10	
Girls GCSE Trampoline - COMPULSORY	Sports Hall	PE Department	GCSE Girls	1:30-2:00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mallowney	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