



# SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SWIMARATHON

6th-8th February 2026

There are still spaces in the community teams for staff/parents/guardians/students on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and space in the student teams on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Please hand your forms in to Head of House.



## COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline to hand in consent forms to take part in the Swimarathon.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Dinner Day

anyone that has not ordered a Christmas dinner will require a packed lunch on this day.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline to sign up for the Swimarathon taking place on 6th-8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of term - **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

SPORTS FIXTURES - see page 2

CLUBS LIST - see page 11

### Event: British Army Insights - A Guide for Parents & Guardians

Date: Tuesday 20 January  
Time: 18:00 - 19:00

Register Now: <https://britisharmy/GTOfiD>

This online session is designed to give parents clarity and confidence about the opportunities the British Army offers young people.

What parents will gain:

- A real look at life in today's Army, including roles, training, and qualifications.
- Inspiring stories from those with lived experience, plus practical advice and Q&A time.
- Insights into how the Army helps young people build confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills — all while earning and learning.

A HUGE WELL DONE TO THE WHOLE CAST OF SHREK THE MUSICAL,  
YOU WERE AMAZING!



## PE FIXTURES

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

U16 girls football National Cup (home) vs Humberston Academy, 1pm kick off at SWRA, finished for the school buses

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Y12/13 netball (awa) vs Boston College, 1pm start, finished for the school buses

Thursday 18th

Y9/10 girls football (home) vs West Grantham Academy, 4pm kick off, collect at 5pm



## School Absence

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone or email the school on the first day and on each day of absence. Let us know that your child won't be attending and give the reason.

Whilst we appreciate that you know when your child is unwell it is important to encourage them back into school when they are able. Over the counter remedies can help improve symptoms of common illness, enabling your child to return sooner and miss less teaching.

Every day of absence means that students will miss five hours of education and may struggle to understand the learning upon their return to school - lessons are taught in sequences which rely on prior knowledge and the teacher may not have time to repeat learning.



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# Jólabókaflóð

On their last Library lesson of the term, Year 7 will be celebrating Jólabókaflóð.

Year 7, please could you bring something cosy to your lesson: a scarf, a small blanket, or maybe some slipper socks.

We will be having a cosy reading lesson and students will be receiving their Bookbuzz books.

We are hoping that this lesson will encourage reading for pleasure and some informal book talk in school, over the Christmas period, and beyond!

## Year 7 Library lessons:

- 7N1: Wednesday 17th
- 7N2: Monday 15th
- 7N3: Friday 19th 7S1:  
Monday 15th 7S2:  
Monday 15th 7S3:  
Wednesday 17th 7S4:  
Thursday 18th

# SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE



## RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.

### THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodiverse behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

*For more information please email:  
kanika@groundswell.world*

### SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW:

- **Tue 20th Jan**, 10am-12pm

**At:** Len Medlock Voluntary Centre,  
RSoT Gomeosr g3e3s, MRde,d Blc...  
St Georges Rd, Boston, PE21 8YB



- **Thu 26th Feb**, 1pm-3pm

**At:** Community Safety, Lincolnshire  
County Council, Myle Cross  
Centre, Macaulay Drive, Lincoln,  
LN2 4EL



### Online (click here):

- **Tue 13st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Sat 31st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Tue 10th Feb**, 7pm-9pm
- **Wed 25h Feb**, 1pm-3pm



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14th January



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

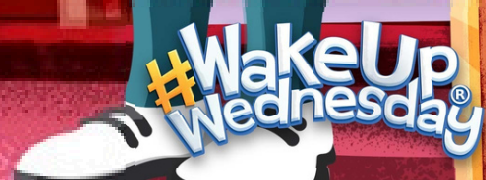
Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

### Meet Our Expert

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# DE | THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



- Duke of Edinburgh update – students should, by now, have input the details of their skill, volunteering and physical into their profile on eDofE. Please do this as a matter of urgency if not. Students can now start their sections, one hour per week of each activity, and record what they do either on the paper log sheets that students have or enter it directly as evidence onto eDofE. - KEEP GOING!

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for September 2026**

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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.

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- Monday-Friday
- 1-2.30pm
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## 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	3:15-4:15	
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