



THE ELIZABETHAN ACADEMY

End of Year Highlights 2025



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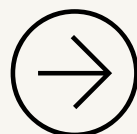
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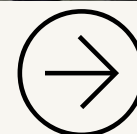
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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Message from our Principal

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible kindness, commitment, and achievement that continue to define our students and staff at The Elizabethan Academy. From academic progress to creative performances and sporting successes, our students have shown determination, talent, and respect—qualities that make our community truly exceptional.

This term has been full of highlights: inspiring enrichment activities and fundraising events that demonstrated generosity and compassion. Our community spirit has shone through with initiatives such as raising money for the local foodbank, hosting the Community Christmas Dinner, and the success of our Christmas Fundraising Ball. We were also proud to support Children in Need, raising an impressive amount thanks to the creativity and enthusiasm of our students and staff. Another standout moment was our Presentation Evening, where we welcomed back former Year 11 and Year 13 students to celebrate their outstanding achievements and wish them continued success in the next stage of their journey.

Looking ahead, the new year brings exciting opportunities. For our Year 9 students, the upcoming Options Evening will mark the start of their GCSE journey—a significant milestone in their education. Year 11 and Year 13 students will soon be sitting their final set of mock exams, an important step in preparing for the challenges ahead. Please check the key dates in this newsletter for further details on these events and others.

As we prepare for the new term, please be aware of our expectations regarding uniform standards (including jewellery), equipment standards, punctuality and attendance—remember our “Beat the Bell” initiative—and home learning. These habits are essential for creating a positive and productive learning environment. If you need any further support or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your ongoing support as a parent or carer in helping us maintain these high standards.

This newsletter contains important information for all parents and carers, so thank you for taking the time to read it. Your engagement makes a real difference to our students’ success. I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year—and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Warm regards,
Mr Tom Crowther
Principal

Key Dates & Information



- * Wednesday 14 January 2026 - Year 12 and Year 13 Parents Evening
- * Thursday 15 January 2026 - Parent/Child Book Club
- * Wednesday 4 February 2026 - Year 9 Options Evening
- * Friday 13 February 2026 - School closes for Spring break





Ready to Learn and Punctuality



We continue to have high expectations of our students in everything they do. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that for students to be 'Ready to Learn' they must have the following:

- A school bag
- Basic stationery which includes as a minimum: pen, pencil and a ruler
- Calculator

Pencil cases and calculators can be bought on Ipay for £1.50 (Pencil Case) and £11 (calculator)

Punctuality remains a cornerstone of our educational ethos. It is essential that students arrive at school on time and are prepared for all lessons throughout the day. We appreciate your collaboration in reinforcing this value at home.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents and students that leaving the school site during the morning to visit the Co-op is not permitted. The Co-op will not serve students after 8:30 am, and this policy is in place to ensure that all students arrive at school punctually.

We trust that you will support us in this matter, as we aim to cultivate a culture of responsibility and readiness among our students.

Free School Meals Information

We would like to remind parents about the Free School Meal (FSM) allowance and how it works. You can find information on eligibility and the application process on the [Nottinghamshire County Councils website](#).

Each child entitled to FSM receives an allowance of £2.61 per day. From January this allowance will be available from break time.

Breaktime Purchases - If a student uses their allowance during break, they will not be able to access a meal deal at lunchtime. The lunchtime meal deal is better value for money and is more nutritious so we would recommend using the allowance at this time. They can choose individual items up to the value of £2.61. If they exceed this amount and have their own funds, the extra cost will be deducted from their account.



Meal Deals (£2.60) : Currently, students can choose from:

- Sandwich Meal: Sandwich, biscuit, and large water (or swap biscuit and large water for crisps and small water)
- Main Meal Deal: Meal of the day (rotating on a 3-week cycle) with pudding and custard (or swap for cookie or flapjack)
- Jacket Potato Meal: Jacket potato with two fillings (e.g., cheese and beans) and a milkshake
- Pizza Meal Deal: Plain pizza, splash-flavoured water, and cookie or flapjack

Breakfast Club - All students entitled to free school meals are welcome to attend Breakfast Club from 8:00–8:35 am, where they can choose one item such as croissant, pain au chocolate, waffle, sausage in a bun, bacon sandwich, yogurt, fruit, or toast free of charge. The costs will be covered by the academy.

New menus will be introduced soon, so watch this space for updates!



Update to the uniform policy

There are important changes to our school uniform policy, which will take effect from Monday 5th January 2026. These changes are designed to ensure consistency, safety, and fairness for all students.

Expectations for Jewellery, Hairstyles, Bags and Coats

Jewellery: Students may wear one wristwatch (not a smartwatch) and one pair of stud earrings. A flat, discreet, clear nose stud is permitted. No other jewellery is allowed unless for medical, religious, or exceptional reasons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety.

Smartwatches: Not permitted in school as they function similarly to mobile phones.

Update to the uniform policy

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Make-up and Nails: Discreet make-up is allowed, but heavy make-up must be removed. Nails should be neutral in colour and sensible in length. Excessive length or acrylic nails are not allowed.

Hairstyles: Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes patterns cut into hair or unnatural colours. Hair length should be a minimum of grade 2.

Coats and Jumpers: Non-uniform jumpers/hoodies must be removed upon entering the school building. Coats/jackets may be worn in corridors but must be removed in classrooms.



Update to the uniform policy

School Bag Requirement

All students must bring a school bag large enough to carry:

- Exercise books for the day
- Minimum equipment: 2 pens, 1 pencil, 1 rubber, 1 ruler in a pencil case and a calculator
- PE kit (on PE days)
- Mobile phone (switched off as per the mobile phone policy)





Home Learning



At The Elizabethan, we believe home learning should be purposeful, manageable, and aligned with curriculum goals. It plays an important role in supporting student progress and developing independent learning skills.

We have adapted our homework policy into categories:

- Regular homework via online platforms, which may include quizzes, practice tasks, or wider reading activities.
- Mandatory homework will be set when it is essential for student progress, such as consolidation of learning, revision, or preparation for future lessons.
- Enrichment homework may also be set to deepen understanding, encourage curiosity, and extend learning beyond the classroom. These tasks are optional but strongly encouraged.

When homework is completed to the expected standard, students will receive praise, often through reward points, which parents can view.

If homework is not completed, staff will follow the Elizabethan Behaviour Policy to ensure consistency and fairness.

- If non-completion becomes a pattern, a faculty detention may be set for the student to complete the work.
- Before this step, staff will contact parents/carers to discuss any underlying reasons or exceptional circumstances.



Attendance *Matters*

'BEAT THE BELL!'



What is expected?

- **The first bell goes at 8.35.** Students should aim to get to school by **8.30am at the latest** to allow yourself a few minutes to get organised for the day.
- The second bell goes at **8.40 am.** Students **must** be at their form room by the time this bell goes.
- If students arrive at your form room after 8.40 am without a valid 'late bus' slip, **they will be marked as late and receive a 10 minute late detention.**





Attendance *Matters*



Arrivals after 9.10am

Without a valid reason, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning.

10 or more unauthorised absences can lead to a fine!

We really appreciate your efforts in getting children to school on time – it makes a big difference to their learning and wellbeing.

Just a quick reminder that, **in line with Department for Education legislation, if a child arrives after the register closes at 9:10am, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.**

Please note that 10 or more unauthorised sessions may lead to a penalty notice being issued. We know mornings can be busy, so thank you for working with us to ensure every child gets the best start to their day. If you're experiencing any difficulties with punctuality, please reach out – we're here to help.

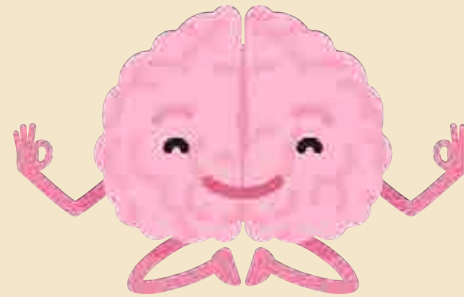
SEND interventions Coaching with Kirsty

Some students have been immersed in workshops over the last half term with Coaching by Kirsty

Each workshop combines movement with practical mindset tools, helping children strengthen both their bodies and their minds.

They have been focusing on:

- Building self-confidence and positive self-talk
- Managing big feelings with calm strategies
- Practising resilience and problem-solving
- Developing kindness towards themselves and others



SEND interventions Developing Friendships



Students have been working on their communication and interaction skills in Mrs Williams Friendship program.

They have focused on building confidence, repairing friendships, teamwork and resolving conflict!

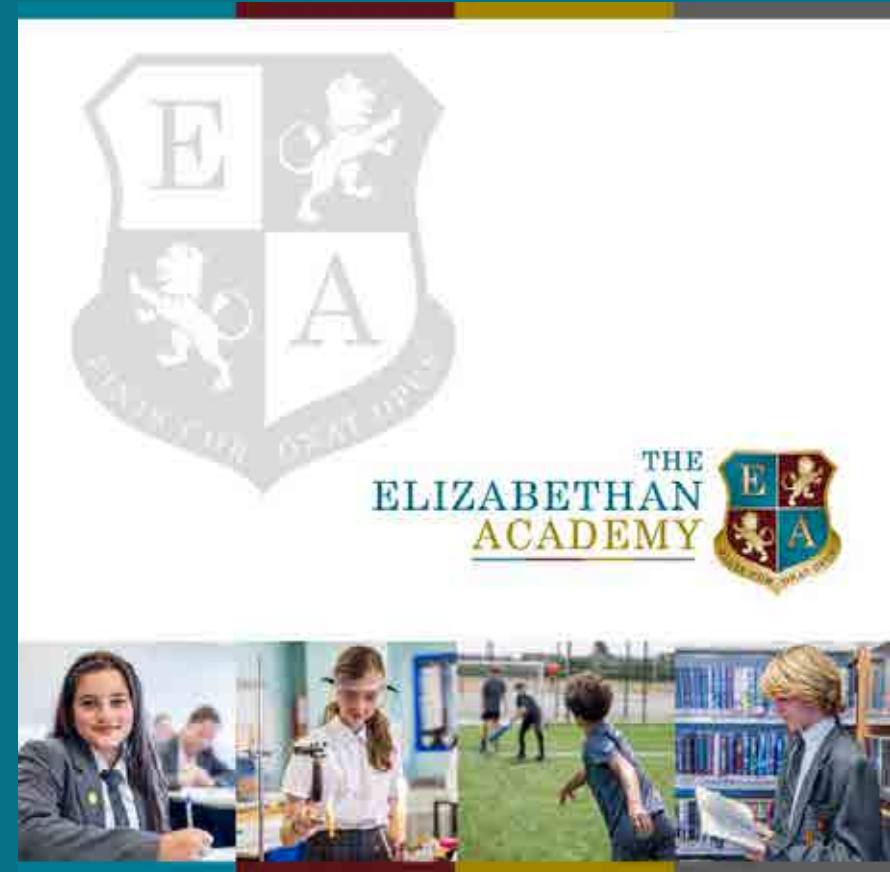




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our Prospectus



We also have a variety of other useful information on our website.



#ExcelAtElizabethan



Students have been involved in some amazing initiatives this term, and produced some exceptional work in lessons and for independent homework

Shoutout to Billy for keeping the festive spirits up!



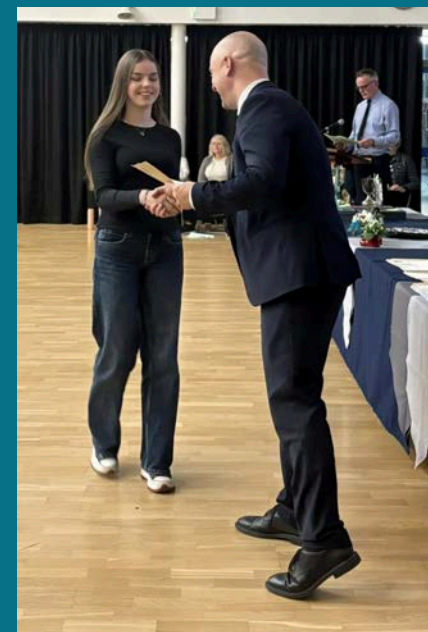
#WorkOfTheWeek



Class of 2025 Year 11 and Year 13 Celebration Evening



On Thursday 18th December we invited all of the Class of 2025 Year 11 and Year 13 students, to our celebration evening to congratulate them on their GCSE and A-Level success. It was so lovely to see some familiar faces, to recognise their achievements in their exams and highlight students who achieved additional subject awards. Each and everyone one of you should be incredibly proud of what you have and continue to achieve. Please remember to stay in touch!



Celebrate Culture Competition!

Get into the festive spirit and show off your creativity!

🌟 **Your Challenge:**

Explore a Christmas or New Year tradition from another country and create something amazing to share it with others.

🎨 **What can you make?**

- A colourful poster
- An eye-catching leaflet
- A fun PowerPoint
- Or even a creative writing piece!

✉️ **How to enter:**

Email your entry to Mr Bridgeman, OR
Drop it in the Christmas box outside the Hums office.

✅ **Don't forget:**

Include your name and form on your work!

🏆 **Prizes & Rewards:**

- Reward points for every entry
- Special prizes for winners
- House points towards the House Cup!

 **17** **Deadline: Friday, 9th January 2026**

Let's make this festive season a celebration of cultures from around the world! 🌍🌟

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

**CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY
AND CULTURE COMPETITION**



In Iceland, children leave shoes out for thirteen days in December, receiving small gifts from Yule Lads

In Japan, the Daruma doll is symbol of good luck for the New Year



RESEARCH A CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR TRADITION FROM ANOTHER CULTURE AND CREATE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE IT.

SUGGESTED ENTRIES INCLUDE:
LEAFLETS, POSTERS,
POWERPOINTS ETC.

DEADLINE: 9TH JANUARY

Submit entries outside the Humanities Office
or email to BridgemanL@Elizabethan.notts.sch.uk

PRIZE FOR THE WINNER
+ REWARD POINTS FOR ALL ENTRIES

Reward Point League



Every Monday we congratulate these students who have topped the reward point league table for showing an excellent attitude to learning - they join together for breakfast and a photo with Mr Crowther!





Community Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 10th December 2025, we held our Community Christmas Dinner where we invited students' grandparents and local care homes to join us for some festive food! A huge thank you to our catering team and student helpers to ensure this event was the success that it was.





A message from a grandparent:

“WOW!
What a truly enjoyable luncheon it proved to be. We thoroughly enjoyed every moment and very impressed by the enthusiasm, talent and sheer enjoyment shown by all participating students. From choirs and classical arias to rock there was something for everyone. It soon became obvious that a lot of hard work and enthusiasm was put in by everyone making the occasion the success it truly was. Every student from reception to table service, all had welcoming smiles. Thank you to everyone, Staff and Students of The Elizabethan Academy”



Sparx Maths homework

Congratulations to the following Tutor groups who have achieved the highest completion rates for Sparx homework this term :

	Year 7- 7S1	73%	
	Year 8 - 8G1	61%	
	Year 9 - 9G2	57%	
	Year 10 - 10 AMP	84%	
	Year 11 - 11AMP	54%	

These Tutor groups have won a tub of chocolates to share for all their hard work- **CONGRATULATIONS !**

Congratulations to the following individual students who have achieved the highest XP for Sparx homework and extra curricular usage this term :

	Year 7- Tom Horn 7S1	11,966 XP	
	Year 8 - Ksenia Riley 8G1	12,852 XP	
	Year 9 - Timothy Dickson 9B1	13,428 XP	
	Year 10 - Jay Zadrozny 10AMP	172,614 XP	
	Year 11 - Ruby Richardson 11AMP	191,204 XP	

These students have won a box of chocolates for all their hard work- **CONGRATULATIONS !**

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PSYCHOLOGY

Miss Tiik says a huge well done to 12B for their fantastic participation in their speed dating activity!

Using the party table scenario, they showed great enthusiasm, respect, and curiosity in getting to know one another.

It was brilliant to see such positive energy and thoughtful conversations ... an excellent start to building a strong classroom community



The year 12 psychologists also showed their creative side for the 'draw a house' activity which involved peer marking each other's creations using a harsh mark scheme.

This demonstrated the importance of understanding and applying a mark scheme to their written answers!

Well done Year 12 Psychologists !



YEAR 12 TEAMBUILDING DAY

Year 12 students had a fantastic start to the year and showed fantastic resilience and teamwork during their team building day run by The Problem Solving Company.

The activities challenged them to think creatively, communicate effectively, and work together- all essential skills for their future studies and careers.

It was brilliant to see everyone getting stuck in, supporting one another, and building confidence along the way.

The weather was against us at times, but all of the students were amazing, and we are very proud of them !



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THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN

The University of Lincoln came in to deliver a presentation on how to master the Personal Statement to Year 13 students.

The session was extremely informative and students got the chance to gain knowledge on how to structure their statements and what universities will be looking for when they are applying.

Alongside this they got the opportunity to ask questions about their personal statements, UCAS and the application to University process in general.



BRAKING POINT

On Monday, 3rd November, Year 12 were thrilled to welcome Performance in Education to deliver their powerful show 'Braking Point'.

This interactive workshop got our students thinking about the real responsibilities of being a young driver or passenger and the risks of unsafe behaviour. There were plenty of eye-opening facts and shocked faces during the quiz at the end!



SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CAREERS FAIR

On Tuesday 30th September 2025, the students listed below attended the South Yorkshire Police Career Fair in Hillsborough.

Exhibits included The drone team; The Horse Mounted Department Transport Police the Dog Handling team the Control Room team Cyber Securityand many more !

There were also several stalls that highlighting the opportunities available in the Police Service including: Police Community Support Officer; Police Constable degree apprenticeships, Police Cadets Police Constable career programmes.

We were also treated to a demonstration by the dog handling and drone teams. The following Sixth Form student involved were fantastic ambassadors for our school: Oliver Ralton (13c), Grace Cohen (13b) Milla Cadman (13a) Sophia Russo (13a)



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FOODBANK COLLECTION



Our Sixth Form students collected items for Bassetlaw Foodbank this term and the response was absolutely phenomenal !

We are incredibly proud of our students for stepping up for this worthwhile cause, helping those in need.

Thank you to all students and families who contributed!

KINDNESS

This week we received a couple of messages from the public illustrating how brilliantly caring and respectful many of our students are inside and out of school.

➤ a member of the public wanted to pass on both praise and thanks to "two lovely young ladies" who she also described as "plain clothes, possibly wearing lanyards and assumably from the Elizabethan" who came to the rescue of an elderly lady from Queens Court who was struggling to walk. The young ladies ran over to help her and remained with her until help arrived. She saw them and went over to assist and expressed her gratitude to the girls

Thank you Francesca Richards and Karley Needham 12B

FACULTY STARS

Congratulations to our Faculty Stars from last half term as nominated by Heads of Department:

Maths: Alex Zadrozny

English: Summer Phillips

Science: Daniel Towndrow

Expressive Arts: Emily Smith

Humanities: Jessica Newman

Languages: Bea Bell

PE: Jacob Marsh

Technology: Oscar Bakin

Media: Samuel Clark

Each student received a £10 Love To Shop voucher and a certificate to say congratulations for all the hard work and effort that they have put into their studies!



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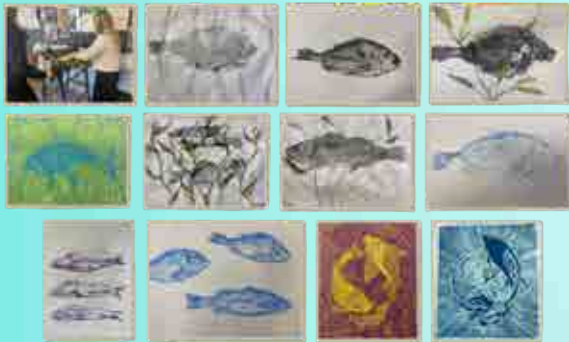


ART

Miss Lines is proud of her Year 12 artists who have produced some excellent outcomes in printing workshop lessons.



They have been experimenting with lino printing, dry point etching and Gyotaku - the ancient Japanese art of printing using real fish!



HUMAN BIOLOGY

Mr Mason celebrates the Year 12 Human Biology students who worked hard to extract DNA from garden peas.

They all contributed to the procedure and produced some fine examples of DNA that is clearly visible on the top of the liquid in the boiling tube



CHILDREN IN NEED

The whole school came together for Children in Need to raise an incredible £1851 total!

Sixth Form students participated by wearing mismatch for the day and running a stall at lunchtime and we raised £108!

Thankyou and well done to everyone involved in a great day!



The Elizabethan Academy Sixth Form Application September 2025



If you have not applied for your place at our Sixth Form yet then please scan the QR Code opposite to apply.

Our updated Course Directory is now available on the website to see what fantastic courses we have available.



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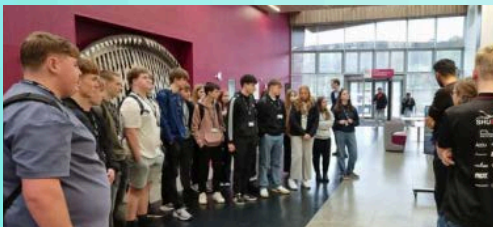


UNIVERSITY TASTER DAY

Year 12 students had an exciting opportunity to visit Sheffield Hallam University.

Students explored a range of faculties and spent time delving deeper into subjects that inspire them- including STEM, Sport, Health and SocialCare, and Film and Media.

It was a fantastic chance for students to experience university life first-hand, gain insights into different career pathways, and see where their studies could take them next.



On Tuesday 2nd December, Yr11&13 Film Studies students visited The University of Lincoln school of creative arts where met the lead for the Film Production degree.

They were given a talk outlining the three year programme and the opportunities it has, they then had a tour of the facilities including the Foley room, green screen room, sound rooms, cinema and the recording studios.

They finished off with a workshop where they were taught how to use the cameras, microphones and lighting board to set up a scene.



CHRISTMAS

In the run-up to Christmas, our Sixth Form students have volunteered their time at Hallcroft Infant and Nursery School's Christmas Fair, running popular stalls such as Letters to Santa, Tombola, and Christmas Skittles.

Our students have also decorated our competition tree. This year's theme, "What is Christmas?", invited Sixth Form tutors and students to reflect on the meaning of the season.

They were encouraged to write a star sharing what Christmas means to them or a cherished festive memory, or to provide a picture that encapsulates the spirit of Christmas.

The response was truly fantastic! Our tree is now adorned with stars and images full of warmth, magic, and memories, creating a beautiful display that celebrates both individuality and togetherness.





MHST and The Elizabethan

centreplace talkzone

If you're looking for a supportive group where you can meet other parents and carers and share your worries, Talkzone might be the place for you.

SUPPORTIVE & SAFE

PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING MONTHLY

Online

Monday 26th January 2026

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Contact us for a Teams link

Drop In

Call 01909 479191
Email: talkzone@centreplace.org.uk
Website: www.centreplace.org.uk

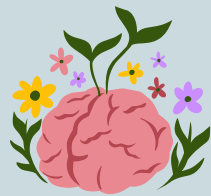
OF CHILDREN UPTO AGE 25

Talkzone are offering online meetings for their parent and carer support group. Please contact them directly (information on the poster on the left)

The Sleep Charity are providing one to one support for families of children age 12 months upwards in Bassetlaw. We have a new referral link for families.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LXccd2NfVL>





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Low mood or angry?
Confused, anxious or lonely?
Need to talk?

Talkzone offers free confidential mental health support for children and young people aged 11 - 25, across Bassetlaw



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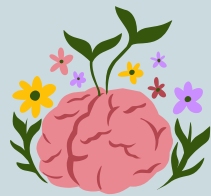
Anxiety FREEDOM

ONLINE

A one-part online course providing:

- Understanding** – Learn what anxiety is, the causes, and the effects on the body and mind.
- Recognition** – Identify physical and emotional signs of anxiety.
- Reduction Techniques** – Discover and practice strategies to reduce anxiety in daily life.

How to Join
To book a place on the online programme visit www.centreplace.org.uk and complete a referral form or call 01909 471919 for more information.



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Anger FREEDOM

ONLINE

A one-part online course providing:

- Understanding** – Learn what anger is, the causes, and the effects on the body and mind.
- Recognition** – Identify physical and emotional signs of anger.
- Reduction Techniques** – Discover and practice strategies to manage anger effectively.

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ONLINE The Importance Of Sleep

ONLINE

A one-part online course providing:

- Understanding** – Learn about the role and importance of sleep.
- Recognition** – Identify how sleep impacts the brain, physical health and mental health.
- Improvement Techniques** – Discover and practice strategies to improve your sleep.

How to Join
To book a place on the online programme visit www.centreplace.org.uk and complete a referral form or call 01909 471919 for more information.

Hardwick Honours

We are really keen to recognise, acknowledge and reward any Hardwick students, where they have made an outstanding achievement and/or contribution to their house and in doing so, have demonstrated one, two or all of the three 'R's' of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Resilience' and our House motto 'Through difficulty to greatness'.

Examples of this could be related to sporting achievements, voluntary work, acts of kindness, dedication and commitment to a subject.

If you would like to make a nomination, please complete the online form by clicking on the link below.

Link to online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/AN1pFZgBYV>



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And don't forget...



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Our 3R's Expectations

It is important we never behave in a way that compromises other people's learning, happiness and safety in or out of school.

We must always consider the impact of our actions on others and always be kind

Be Respectful

- Be a positive member of your classes and never challenge or be disrespectful to others in a way that undermines the learning
- Be silent while the register is being taken and listen whenever the teacher or other students are speaking
- Be respectful of other students' beliefs and opinions and never be judgemental about their responses
- Support and encourage your fellow students to enjoy their learning and achieve well
- Be kind, speak respectfully and politely to all members of our community – no swearing

Take Responsibility

- Attend school every day, on time, ready to learn and achieve
- Take pride in your personal presentation
- Be fully equipped for learning
- Line up outside the classroom quietly and in single file, enter in an orderly way
- Sit in your designated seat, get your equipment out on the desk and be ready to learn
- Remain in your seat unless instructed otherwise
- Ensure all work is completed to a high standard and presentation is neat
- At the end of the lesson pack away when instructed, ensure you understand the home learning and wait to be dismissed in an orderly way
- Take care of our environment
- Get into good home study habits to support and reinforce the work completed in lessons

Show Resilience

- Always do your best
- Keep perspective, it's ok to fail ... keep trying, find a different way, you will succeed
- Be determined to solve the problem
- Ask questions if unsure
- Read around the topic independently ... be sure you understand it, fill knowledge gaps
- Challenge yourself
- Apply strategies to help yourself overcome anxiety and stress via the zones of regulation



Safeguarding *Matters*

To support parents/carers and students reporting any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns to school, including bullying and other unacceptable, risky behaviours we have created an online form that will alert us via our safeguarding software. Click on the link <https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/f290d817-1fbc-4026-961b-73878652c317> to be taken to a report template that looks like the picture on the right...

... complete the 2 sections and press submit. The information will be shared with our designated safeguarding team who will intervene and support.

Alternatively you can continue to flag concerns via the safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk dedicated mailbox

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Safeguarding Concerns". It includes an introductory paragraph explaining the form's purpose. Below this, there is a "Required" section with a date/time picker set to "12/2/2025 22:23". The next section is "Details*", which contains a large text area for recording information. The final section is "Your details (Name / Phone number / Email address)*", also with a large text area. At the bottom right, there is a purple "Submit" button.

Safeguarding Concerns

This form enables students, parents and carers to report safeguarding concerns at any time, so they can be assessed by the Safeguarding Team, triggering the necessary support.

*Required

Concern Date/Time*
When did you become aware of the concern?
12/2/2025 22:23

Details*
Record all the information you have which might be relevant

Your details (Name / Phone number / Email address)*

Submit

Visitor and Communication Guidelines

We are committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students, staff, and visitors. Please note the following:



- **Telephone Recording**
- All incoming and outgoing telephone calls are recorded for training, monitoring, and safeguarding purposes.
- **Collecting Students Early**
- If you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, you must bring valid photo identification. This is essential for safeguarding and ensures students are released only to authorised individuals.
- **Courtesy at Reception**
- Our reception team works hard to assist parents and visitors. Please treat all staff with courtesy and respect. Aggressive or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

Car Park Access and Road Safety

Car Park Access

Please do not enter the school site in your vehicle unless you have a valid car parking permit.

The academy operates a permit system to ensure that only families with specific needs can access the car park. This is vital for safety and to manage traffic responsibly.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing instances where parents/guardians enter the car park without a permit. We kindly ask that you refrain from using the car park for drop-off or collection unless absolutely necessary.

If you believe you require a permit, please complete the online form using the link below. Permits will be issued in January where appropriate:

[Apply for a Vehicle Permit](#)

Road Safety

We have received reports of students failing to follow basic road safety principles when walking along and crossing Hallcroft Road. This is a serious concern.

Please remind your child to:

- Use designated crossing points
- Avoid distractions such as mobile phones
- Stay alert to traffic at all times

Your support in reinforcing these messages is greatly appreciated.



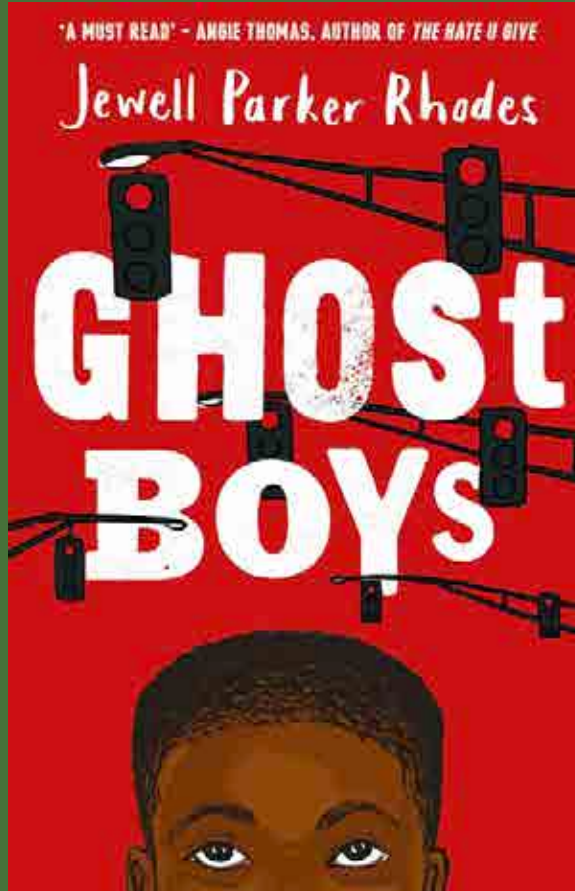


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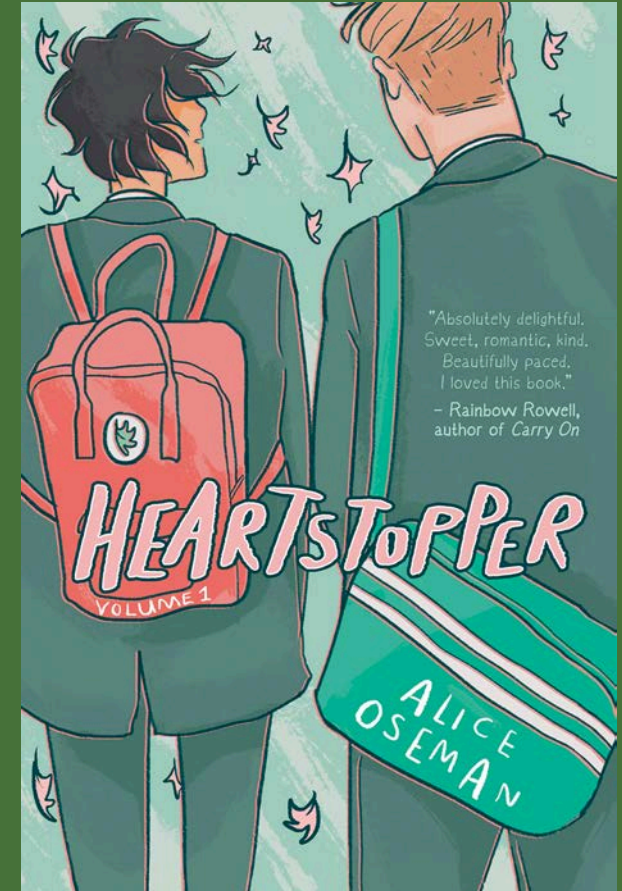
STUDENT LIBRARIANS

The library would not be the same without its team of hard working student librarians; Emily Ball, Iman Mughal, William Maidman, Raymond Brown, and Jack Wallis.



READING INTERVENTION

Reading intervention has begun with our Year 7s. We aim to increase the reading age of our students, which has been proven to increase grades. We are currently reading 'Ghost Boys' by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

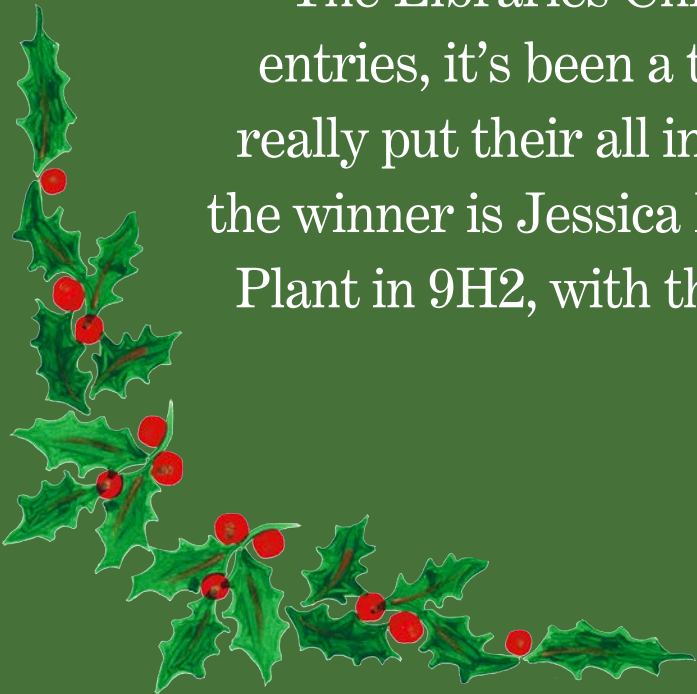


MOST POPULAR BOOK

The most popular book this term (by far) was Heartstopper by Alice Oseman, a romantic graphic novel that has won the attention of our students.

Christmas Poetry Competition **WINNERS**

The Libraries Christmas Poetry Competition had some phenomenal entries, it's been a tremendous challenge to pick a winner, each student really put their all into their submission. After very careful consideration the winner is Jessica Mularczyk in 7H2. Coming in close second is Matthew Plant in 9H2, with third place being taken by Ava Softley-Robins in 7G1.



The Snow's Secret Song

Jessica Mularczyk

The night folds soft as a silver scarf,
Snowflakes drift down with a whispering laugh.
Streetlamps glow in a golden haze,
Painting the frost in a shimmering glaze.

Footsteps crunch on the moonlit street,
Each one a drum for the carol's beat.
Windows flicker with candlelight,
Holding the warmth of the world inside.

A robin perches on frosted wire,
Its breath a cloud, its eyes like fire.
It tilts its head as if to say,
"Magic is real on Christmas Day."

Somewhere a bell begins to chime,
Marking the hush of a holy time.
And in that stillness, pure and deep,
The snow sings secrets the stars will keep

Snowflakes twirl in the frosty night,
Homes glow softly with golden light.
Laughter rings through the joyful air,
love and kindness are everywhere

The tree stand proud, its star held high.

