

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

The final week of the Spring term has been a busy one, as it so often is, and it has been wonderful to see so much happening in and beyond the Academy.

Careers education has been a real highlight over the past week. We have enjoyed numerous opportunities to support students in thinking about their future pathways, including our Year 9 Interview Day, a visit to Harborough District Council, and a Careers Network Event led by Mr Askham. This event saw us welcome visitors from other local schools to share ideas and resources, and it was fantastic to see such positive collaboration across our local education community.

Yesterday we held our Year 11 Mock Results Day, and what a lovely afternoon it was. Bathed in sunshine, it was genuinely encouraging to see so many students feeling pleased and proud of their results — I am sure the Cadbury's Creme Eggs may also have played a small part in the smiles! Importantly, students now have time to reflect and improve. Just before results were released, Mr Jerred delivered an inspiring assembly, reminding students that it is never too late to start revising — but equally, that now really is the moment to focus. With the real exams only a few weeks away, this is a key opportunity for students to refine their revision, evaluate what is working well, and make targeted improvements. Well done, Year 11 — we are incredibly proud of you all.

We have also had a great few days at Rosslyn Park for the Rugby Sevens. The boys gave a fantastic account of themselves, performing strongly throughout the competition. The girls were outstanding, winning two of their three games. For their first venture to this event, they were absolutely brilliant. Well done, Team WPA.

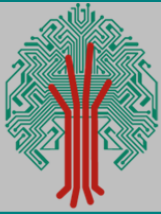
Finally, a reminder that for the next two weeks the Academy will be closed for the Easter holidays. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break together — and do try not to eat too much chocolate!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





JUBILEE FOODBANK

A huge well done to Cecilia, one of our Year 9 students. She organised a collection for the Jubilee Foodbank and managed to get quite a few donations.

Representatives from the Foodbank will be collecting the donations today and we are sure many families will be

very pleased to receive any of the items.

Thank you also to anyone who donated—a small gesture like this can mean so much to someone else.



EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

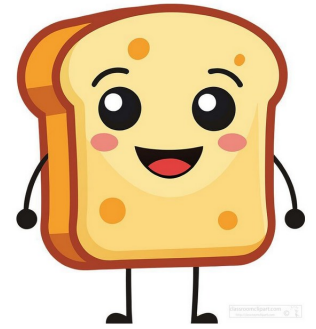
REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS ARE £1 INCLUDING TOAST, CRUMPETS, CEREAL, PORRIDGE AND BAGELS

HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA AND FRUIT JUICE ARE 50P

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE REVISION WORK AND ENJOY A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT AT THE SAME TIME

A MINIMUM SPEND OF 50P MUST BE MADE



STUDENT USE OF PHONES IN SCHOOL






This is a reminder that students may currently only use their mobile phones in school when permission has been given by a member of staff.

Recently, we have seen an increase in students contacting home directly when they feel unwell, rather than reporting to the front office. We kindly ask that all students present to the front office first so they can be assessed and supported before any contact is made with parents or carers.

Our trained first aiders are based in the front office and can ensure that any student who feels unwell is kept safe, comfortable, and properly monitored.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe and well cared for during the school day.



WEEK COMMENCING 13 TH APRIL 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Lamb Keema Curry with rice and naan bread 	Pork Roast of the Day	Greek Chicken Gyros with flatbread and salad with a mint yoghurt dressing 	Chicken burgers with chips and beans
MAIN # 2	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Spinach & Dhal Naan Wrap	Roasted Vegetable Lattice	Sweet Potato Falafel with flatbread and salad	Vegetarian burgers with chips and beans
HANDHELD	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day
BOWLED OVER	Pasta Kitchen	Curried Rice Bowls 	Noodle Street 	Pasta Kitchen	Pasta Kitchen 
BAKERY & PUDDINGS	Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks, hot puddings & custard				
SUPER SPUDS DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPING FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	AVAILABLE EVERYDAY FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS & JELLY				ALLERGIES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES.

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.active-together.org/holidays-together

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/haf



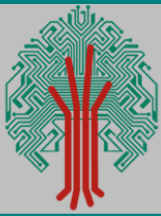
Easter 2026 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Delivery

Harborough

Families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals will receive a HAF Code showing their eligibility to attend FREE HAF provision for up to 4 sessions over Easter, including activities and food.

March-April 2026





PERCY & THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Year 7 students buzzed with excitement as we set off to The Curve in Leicester to see the much-anticipated *Percy Jackson*, adapted from the book 'The Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan. From the moment they boarded the coach, the air was filled with wild predictions about what they were about to experience.

For many, it was their first time seeing a live performance, making the afternoon all the more special. As the lights dimmed and the story unfolded, the students were instantly transported into a world of gods, monsters, and heroic quests. The set was ablaze and depicted a dark underground world filled with industrial lighting and moveable platforms. A huge eye, not that dissimilar to Orwell's Big Brother hovered high – a reminder that the Gods are ever present,



observing mere mortals and the half-bloods (like Percy). Gasps, laughter, and wide-eyed wonder spread through the audience as Percy's journey came to life in front of them – we witnessed the shrieks of Medusa, the beating wings of satyrs and clip clopping of centaurs. Staff couldn't help but smile as they watched students so captivated, fully immersed in the magic of storytelling. My personal favourite was Hades' hell (actually Los Angeles) which was set afire like an 80s glitter ball with gold jumpsuits and a jaw dropping K-pop style dance sequence.

On the journey back, the energy hadn't faded—in fact, it had only grown. Students eagerly shared their favourite moments, debated characters, particularly the large pink talking squirrel! The trip wasn't just a fun day out, for it sparked imagination, deepened their connection to the story, and left everyone with memories they'd be talking about for a lifetime.

Mrs Holloway



**AGE 8-18
YEARS**



**WEDNESDAY
1ST APRIL**

£35

**EASTER
HOCKEY
CAMP**

10AM - 3PM

**ST MARGARETS
PASTURES, LE1 3EA**

**EXPERT COACHING,
LUNCHTIME WITH SELF
CONFIDENCE SUPPORT AND AN
EASTER QUIZ!**

PLEASE BRING:

- **FOOD AND DRINK**
- **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
(INC WATERPROOFS!)**
- **HOCKEY EQUIPMENT**

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FOR QUESTIONS OR TO BOOK**



**LEICESTER CITY
HOCKEY CLUB**



Newsletter Issue 26



Do you have experience of waiting for mental health support? We Want to Hear From You!

Share your experience of waiting for:

- Mental health support
- Autism or ADHD assessments
- Other neurodivergence assessments
- Waiting can be hard – for young people and families.
- Your voice can help improve what support looks like during that time.



Why are we asking?

This survey is part of the Joined Up Institute project by UK Youth, working with organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland. Although we can't shorten waiting lists, we can improve the experience while people wait.



We want to know what helped you:

- ✓ Coping skills or strategies
- ✓ Supportive people
- ✓ Activities, groups or services
- ✓ Helpful resources

(Formal or informal – anything that made the wait easier)

We have two short anonymous surveys: one for young people and one for parents or carers. They take just a few minutes to complete.

Please complete them by midnight on 9 April 2026.

Please also share the survey with others who may have experience of waiting for support – more responses mean more ideas to improve things.

Your experience could help us improve the waiting experience for other young people and families.

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One for young people Waiting Well - [Young People's experiences](#)

One for parents or carers Waiting Well - [Parent and Carer's experiences](#)

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EXAM STRESS Newsletter

APRIL 2026



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What is stress?

Stress is your body and mind's natural response to demands, challenges, or threats—whether real or perceived. For young people, stress can come from a variety of sources including social pressures, family expectations, exams or even navigating changes in their personal lives. Stress occurs when the demands placed on you feel greater than what you can manage.

When young people feel stressed, their bodies respond with the “fight-or-flight” reaction:

- The brain releases stress hormones like cortisol and adrenaline
- Heart rate and breathing increase
- Muscles tense up
- Focus narrows to deal with the challenge

While this response can help in short-term situations, chronic stress can affect both physical and mental health. Recognising stress early and finding healthy ways to manage it—like talking to someone you trust, staying active, or practicing mindfulness—can make a big difference.



Use the link below for more suggestions and support relating to exam stress

<https://www.wellandparkacademy.co.uk/assets/Documents/Parents/Wellbeing/April-2026-Secondary-Newsletter.pdf>