

TSLA NEWS



Diving Into Edition Five

Welcome to our milestone 5th edition! As our second-to-last issue of the year, we're reflecting on an incredible journey. Dive into this penultimate chapter for exclusive highlights, celebrating our shared achievements before we head toward the grand finale. Enjoy the read!



Sports Day 2026

Join us for our annual Sports Day on Monday, June 22nd, held at Quibell Park for all students from 8.15am - 3.40pm. Excitement is building as our athletes prepare, and we are looking forward to seeing outstanding academy records being broken. See you there!



Mental Health Week

During the week beginning 11th May, the Academy recognised Mental Health Awareness Week. Students discussed mental health and well-being. Thank you to the team from With Me in Mind North Lincs for supporting our young people throughout this important week..

A Moment of Pride: We Are Officially a Nurturing Academy!

By Helen Hill

What a spectacular way to finish the half term! On our very last day before the break, we officially achieved the **National Nurturing School Award**. This incredible milestone is a testament to the fact that inclusion and care run through the very veins of our Academy. As the assessor beautifully pointed out, what we have here is truly unique, proving that we treasure every single child who walks through our doors.



During the assessment, our community truly shone. The assessor noted that we "treasure every child," a sentiment echoed beautifully by our parents, students, and staff. One mum shared how our tailored support completely transformed her son's life and mental health, ensuring he feels "100% treasured." One grandad praised our unwavering commitment to securing specialist support and guiding post-16 transitions, noting that staff simply "never give up."

Our students spoke passionately about growing through our 5 core values, celebrating our culture of acceptance. One student proudly shared how they started here with no English and have since flourished, while another parent highlighted how our rich multicultural cohesion raises aspirations for children of all communities and faiths.



None of this is possible without our phenomenal staff. The assessor rated staff wellbeing as outstanding, reflecting a school where the "circle of adults" ensures we understand and support every child's academic and SEMH needs on a deeper level. As one staff member beautifully put it, we are the "epiphany of inclusion." Thank you to our entire Academy family for your dedication. Together, we have built something truly special

Every Day Counts: Turning the Tide on Persistent Absence

We want every student to thrive, which is why regular attendance is so vital. Did you know that a student is classified as Persistently Absent (PA) if their attendance drops below 90%? That might sound like a small number, but it actually means missing an entire month of school over the academic year.

Falling into the PA category makes it incredibly hard for students to keep up. It creates gaps in learning, dampens social confidence, and builds unnecessary stress.

We are partners in your child's education, and we want to help break the cycle of chronic absence. Let's work together to build strong habits, beat the PA threshold, and ensure our students never miss a moment to shine!

Safeguarding Takes Centre Stage at The Baths Hall

On May 7th, TSLA proudly took 14 fantastic students to The Baths Hall for the CMARS safeguarding day. This vital event allowed our young people to deeply develop their knowledge regarding personal safety. They actively engaged with informative exhibits focusing on modern exploitation, intervention strategies, and community awareness.

A huge shout out goes to all the amazing young people who came out to represent our school so brilliantly. Their excellent contributions throughout the interactive sessions were, and will continue to be, completely invaluable to the ongoing work we do here at TSLA.



Fuelling Success for Exam



The final countdown is officially on! Exam season is well and truly among us, and our Year 11 students are now right in the thick of their GCSEs. With just three weeks left until the finish line, their dedication is shining through. To give them the best possible start to these crucial days, our morning Breakfast Club has been buzzing. The atrium is packed early each day with focused students revising together, fuelled by fresh toast and juice. We are incredibly proud of how maturely they are handling this high-pressure time.

In a change to previous years, Year 10 mock exams are running concurrently with the GCSEs. To manage this efficiently, we have kept the sports hall entirely free for Year 11 exams this season. This strategic move ensures our exam logistics run smoothly while allowing the PE department to maintain full use of the sports hall for regular practical lessons as soon as possible. It has been a massive team effort from staff and students alike to adapt to these new schedules. Thank you to all our families for your continued support as we head into these final weeks!



Lighting the Way: New Prefects Announced in Moving Candlelight Ceremony



On Tuesday 5th May, we held our beautiful prefect ceremony to celebrate our student leaders. This wonderful event allowed us to thank our current Year 11 prefects for their hard work and determination this year, while warmly welcoming our new prefect body. The new inductees were presented with a special teal tie, a prefect badge, and a certificate scroll. In a poignant tradition, duties were passed on symbolically through the lighting of a candle, representing the responsibility of leading the way.

Following a rigorous selection process of application forms, interviews, and practical tasks, we offer a huge congratulations to all of our successful candidates. The new head prefects were announced on the night as the current leaders passed on a large candle to signify the transition of leadership. A massive well done to all of our 2026-2027 prefects, and a special congratulations to our new Head Prefects: Lacey Flanagan, Mahbub Chowdhury, and Jason Streets.

Exploring Creation: A Wild Time at Askham Bryan!

On Friday 1st May, forty of our Year 10 students visited Askham Bryan Conservation Park and College to bring their GCSE RE and Science courses to life. It was a fantastic opportunity for the group to take their learning outside the classroom and experience the natural world firsthand. The students enjoyed a wonderful day exploring the grounds and observing a diverse range of animal species, making the most of the educational resources and expert knowledge available at the park.

The primary focus of the excursion was to investigate animal adaptations and explore global conservation practices. In their science modules, students examined how different species have evolved unique physical and behavioral traits to survive in their natural habitats. Simultaneously, the trip connected deeply with their religious studies curriculum, prompting thoughtful discussions around the ethical concepts of stewardship, environmental care, and the shared human responsibility to protect endangered wildlife.



Our Year 10 students represented the school brilliantly throughout the day, showing great enthusiasm and asking highly insightful questions. Their exemplary behaviour and engagement made the educational trip a resounding success for everyone involved. A huge thank you goes out to the staff at Askham Bryan College for hosting our group so warmly, as well as to Mrs Hepworth, Mr Scott and Ms Malerowicz who helped make this valuable learning experience possible.



Katie Sails to Nationwide Victory at HMS Raleigh

We are incredibly thrilled to congratulate Katie Pepper for her phenomenal achievement competing on a national level, proudly representing the Eastern Area of England.

Demonstrating outstanding determination and skill, Katie and her two talented teammates delivered a flawless performance at HMS Raleigh. Together, they secured a brilliant gold medal for their team, remarkably placing them first out of 15,000 other cadets across the entire nation!

The whole school community is immensely proud of Katie for this historic accomplishment. Huge well done, Katie—keep shining bright!





Cadets Ride High After a Wave of Success

It was an incredibly busy and proud afternoon at the TSLA CCF on April 29th. The Navy section celebrated a major milestone with its very first ranking up ceremony. Several hard-working cadets were officially awarded their Junior Cadet slides, and we offer our massive congratulations to all of them for this fantastic achievement.

Meanwhile, the Army section has been busy exploring exciting new skills outside the classroom. Cadets were offered a wonderful opportunity to participate in horse riding lessons, which proved to be an incredibly thrilling experience for everyone involved. It was a fantastic chance for our students to develop their confidence and try something entirely new.



Finally, the biggest announcement of the day highlights incredible student leadership within our ranks. Three outstanding cadets — Leja, Jason, and Jacob — have officially been promoted to the rank of Corporal. We could not be more proud of the exceptional leadership skills and dedication these individuals have demonstrated. Well done!

TSLA SEND & INCLUSION



Clearer SEND Communication

Parents can now contact the SEND team directly for quick, accessible support.



send@tsla.co.uk



Support-Plan Updates

- ✓ Support plans will now be shared every time they are updated, so families always know what support is in place.
- ✓ Your views and your child's will be built into every support-plan review, ensuring the plan reflects what matters most to your family.

Emails have been sent to all parent/carers of students with plans. Please let us know if you have not received this!



Expanded Nurture & Wellbeing Provision

Our wellbeing offer has grown to include:

- A new Nurture After-School Club
- Minecraft Education sessions to build confidence, social skills and engagement

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SEND Coffee Morning Final One This Year!



Our next SEND Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 18th June from 10:30 to 11:30am, and as this will be our last session of the academic year, we would love to see as many of you there as possible. It is a completely relaxed chance to chat, ask questions, share experiences, and catch up before we head into the summer term. Everyone is welcome and we truly hope you can join us!

Level Up with Minecraft Club!

Discover teamwork and creativity at TSLA's Minecraft Education Club, every Thursday at 14:40. It is a fantastic, supportive space for students to build confidence, develop social skills, and collaborate on exciting challenges.



Supporting Wellbeing: After-School Nurture Club

As part of our commitment to student wellbeing, The St Lawrence Academy is excited to highlight our Nurture After-School Club. Running every Tuesday and Wednesday from 14:40 to 15:40, this inclusive club provides a warm, welcoming, and safe space for students.

Designed specifically to build confidence and develop essential social skills, the club encourages students to make new friends, collaborate on fun activities, and unwind after the school day. It is the perfect opportunity to boost happiness and self-esteem!

Athletic Stars Shine at Indoor Championship

A superb effort from our Year 8 and Year 9 girls' indoor athletics teams on Monday evening! They competed brilliantly in the North Lincolnshire schools competition, showcasing incredible determination across all events. Your admirable hard work made the entire academy proud—well done to everyone who took part!



Our athletes delivered fantastic performances against tough local competition, with both teams securing impressive top-five finishes. The Year 8 girls fought hard to finish 5th out of the 8 competing schools.

Meanwhile, the Year 9 girls missed out on a podium spot by the narrowest of margins, placing 4th and finishing just a single point behind 3rd position. Congratulations on these truly outstanding achievements!



Yr 7 Navigating Their Way Straight to the Top



On Tuesday 28th April, 26 determined students from years 7 through 9 represented our school excellently at the annual inter-school orienteering competition held at Brumby Hall. Faced with a challenging and unfamiliar course, every single participant demonstrated outstanding teamwork, sharp problem-solving skills, and resilience. They all worked incredibly hard, navigating the terrain efficiently to register their fastest possible times and make the school proud.



A special shout-out goes to our phenomenal Year 7 competitors, who truly stole the show with their exceptional navigation skills. Huge congratulations to our winning Year 7 pairs, Tia and Julia, alongside Louis and Luca, who outpaced the competition to take home the top spots.



It was fantastic to see our students embracing outdoor sport with such enthusiasm, supportive team spirit, and focus. Well done to everyone who took part in this brilliant event!.

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Sports Hall Athletics Success

It's been an action-packed week of Sports Hall Athletics for our talented KS3 students. Over multiple nights of intense competition, our athletes showcased incredible determination and teamwork. The Year 7 girls kicked things off with a strong 6th-place finish, while the Year 8 and 9 boys teams followed up brilliantly, placing 5th and 4th respectively.



Our Year 7 Netball team delivered a brilliant effort at the recent North Lincolnshire Schools tournament. Facing tough competition, the girls grew in confidence, going from strength to strength with every single match they played on the court.

The netball team secured a comfortable 4th-place finish overall, locking in three fantastic wins and one hard-fought draw. We are immensely proud of all our sports superstars this week for showing such fantastic enthusiasm, individual talent, and exemplary team spirit.

