

TSLA NEWS



New Year, New Start: We're Back!

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We are thrilled to launch the very first edition of our 2026-2027 newsletter, bringing you all the exciting happenings and essential updates from across our community. Get ready for inspiring stories, celebration highlights, and key announcements, delivered straight to you every half term in one convenient spot!

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Annie Magic in Hull

In the evening of Wednesday 9th September we took 30 students to Hull New Theatre to watch Annie the Musical! It was a fantastic show, which the students thoroughly enjoyed!



Harvest Food Bank

Please support our Harvest Food bank appeal! Generosity is one of our core values, so we would love to collect as much produce as possible to help families in our community.

Welcome to the new academic year: Headteacher Dan Ellerby

As we begin a new academic year at The St Lawrence Academy, I am delighted to welcome back our returning students, families, and staff, whilst extending a special welcome to our new Year 7 cohort. They have made a fantastic start, adapting smoothly and enthusiastically to secondary school life. We look forward to connecting with Year 7 families at our upcoming Settling In Evening on 28th September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our Class of 2026.

They achieved great success in their GCSE outcomes this summer, securing our academy's best ever set of results since the introduction of grade changes in 2017. Their hard work, dedication, and resilience have made our entire academy community immensely proud.

We also start this term celebrating fantastic external recognition, from our recent Ofsted inspection - which you can read more about on page 5.

As our academy continues to go from strength to strength, I cannot wait for another brilliant year ahead, and there are so many exciting developments on the horizon for our students.



Thank you to our entire academy community for your continued support and partnership in making TSLA such a safe, supportive, and inspiring place to learn!

Dan Ellerby, Headteacher

Year 11 Mock exams

As November approaches, Year 11 pupils face their second round of mock GCSE examinations in English, Maths, and Science. Replicating formal exam conditions, these assessments help pupils manage pressure and refine techniques ahead of the May 2027 GCSEs.

Pupils should prepare using active recall, targeting weak areas, and practising timed papers alongside prioritizing sleep. Parents can support by creating a quiet revision space, assisting with timetables, and encouraging breaks. This crucial series will highlight key focus areas before the final February mocks.

Hunting For Treasure Gems at Our Year 6 Open Evening!



On Tuesday 22nd September, our academy hosts its annual Year 6 Open Evening, opening our doors to prospective pupils and their families. Events like this are a fantastic opportunity to showcase the vibrant energy, outstanding facilities, and supportive spirit that define everyday life at The St Lawrence Academy.

Visiting families will tour our campus, meet our dedicated staff, sample food from the diner, and discover the wide range of opportunities available to our students.

A real highlight for the visiting Year 6 pupils is the TSLA Treasure Hunt—an exciting challenge where they explore the building to find hidden gems and claim a special prize while getting a complete tour of what our school has to offer.

We are always proud to share our academy with the wider community and welcome the next generation of TSLA students!

The New Reward Hub is Open!



We celebrated a major milestone today with the official grand opening of our brand-new Student Reward Hub! School leaders Mr Ellerby and Mrs Kerby officially launched the vibrant space by cutting the ceremonial ribbon to welcome students inside. History was made almost immediately when Daniel in Year 11 became the very first student to claim a reward. This dedicated hub enables pupils to exchange their hard-earned gems and stamps for an exciting selection of items, ranging from practical everyday stationery supplies to special treats. For those saving up their points for the ultimate prizes, the high-tier offerings include high-value shopping vouchers and electronics.

This initiative highlights our school's commitment to praising continuous effort, positive behaviour, and dedication—whether demonstrated through academic progress, exceptional teamwork, or kindness toward peers. By reinforcing our core value that every positive action counts, the reward system encourages pupils to make the most of every day, lesson, and minute of their educational journey. We are immensely proud of the achievements of all our students and extend our sincere gratitude to the whole school community for fostering such a supportive environment as we continue Treasuring Everyone, Transforming Community.

Celebrating Scunthorpe: Town of Culture Creative Writing Winners!

As part of Scunthorpe's bid to become the UK Town of Culture, John Leggott College partnered with North Lincolnshire Council to amplify young local voices. Students across the region submitted inspiring poems, short stories, and personal memories highlighting why our vibrant town deserves this prestigious honor.

We are delighted to celebrate two of our talented students from The St Lawrence Academy who were selected as overall winners for their outstanding creative writing! Baljot and Ona received a £25 Amazon voucher and a John Leggott College goody bag in recognition of their impressive work.



Take the Lead: Join the CCF!

Calling all Year 8s! The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) invites you to join us every Wednesday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm for an action-packed term.

Through dynamic outdoor exercises, practical workshops, and team drills, you will build essential leadership skills, boost your confidence, and forge lasting friendships.

Whether you want to test your limits or try something brand new, step out of your comfort zone and start your CCF journey this Wednesday.



TSLA Celebrates Best GCSE Results in a Decade!

The St Lawrence Academy is celebrating its best GCSE results since grading changes nine years ago! Results in English and Maths saw a dramatic rise, with students securing grades 4 to 9 up by 16%, and those achieving a grade 5 or higher increasing by 15%. Over 20% of all results reached the top 7-9 tier, alongside stellar subject achievements, including a 100% pass rate in Biology and Chemistry.

Exceptional individual performances were led by Yenara Obayasekara, Abiha Ahmed, Tamim Usman Chowdhury, and Afreen Siddique, who all secured an impressive sweep of top grades as they head off to pursue their dreams in medicine. Our top performers achieved an extraordinary sweep of top grades, with Yenara Obayasekara, Abiha Ahmed, and Tamim Usman Chowdhury each earning six grade 9s and two 8s.

Alongside Afreen Siddique, who secured three 9s and five 8s, these dedicated students are now pursuing A-Levels to follow their dreams of studying medicine.



Celebrating Success: The St Lawrence Academy praised in latest Ofsted Inspection



We are delighted to share the fantastic results of our recent Ofsted inspection, which highlighted the exceptionally high quality of education, care, and community spirit at The St Lawrence Academy. As the very first secondary school in North Lincolnshire inspected under Ofsted's new, stricter framework, our academy achieved a "Strong Standard" in both Inclusion and Personal Development & Wellbeing.

The St Lawrence Academy also successfully met the "Expected Standard" across all other core areas, including Achievement, Curriculum & Teaching, Attendance & Behaviour, Leadership & Governance, and Safeguarding.

Inspectors praised our vibrant and welcoming school culture, which proudly represents 28 nationalities with over 40 languages spoken.

The report emphasised that pupils feel safe, enjoy attending school, and build positive, trusting relationships with staff, while our language-rich curriculum ensures students with English as an additional language truly thrive.

Furthermore, inspectors commended our pupils' excellent behaviour, courtesy, and active participation in wider school life, including our flourishing Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and extensive student leadership initiatives.

Reflecting on the achievement, Headteacher Dan Ellerby shared his pride, noting that achieving a 'Strong Standard' in inclusion and personal development validates the daily dedication of our staff and the strong values lived out by our students.

Chair of Governors Rev. Philip Brent added that the report reassures families that our school is a safe, accepting space where young people can grow into confident role models.

We extend our sincere thanks to our students, staff, and families for their continued support in making our academy such a special place to learn.



A Fabulous First Chapter for New Year 7 Cohort

The St Lawrence Academy has officially welcomed our new Year 7 cohort, who have made a truly outstanding start to their secondary school journey. Under the leadership of Head of Year James Stainton, who expressed immense pride in how smoothly the students have adapted, the year group has embraced their new environment with confidence and enthusiasm. From navigating new routines to forming lasting friendships and diving into their subjects, these young learners are already making valuable contributions to our vibrant, inclusive school community.

Looking ahead, a crucial milestone in their ongoing success is the upcoming Year 7 Settling In Evening on September 28th. This event provides families with a fantastic opportunity to connect with form tutors and key staff while participating in informative workshops focused on our academy values and learning approaches. By working together, we can ensure every child has the support they need to continue thriving, and Mr. Stainton and the entire Year 7 team look forward to seeing what this bright year group achieves next.

Making Headlines: TSLA Celebrates National Award Success in Local Press!

You may remember our exciting announcement about winning the prestigious National Nurturing Schools Award from NurtureUK. We are proud to share that our fantastic achievement has now made headlines in the local press!

The local Telegraph recently featured our success, highlighting the hard work of Inclusion Manager Helen Hill, Headteacher Dan Ellerby, and our entire pastoral team. The article showcased inspector Adele Wilkinson's glowing feedback, noting the "palpable sense of warmth, care, and belonging" that defines our school community.

The press coverage celebrated how deeply embedded wellbeing and inclusion are at the academy, praising our staff for creating an environment where every student, family, and team member is known, supported, and valued.

Inspector Adele Wilkinson said a comprehensive evidence file had been provided as part of the assessment and it had been "a genuine pleasure" to conduct. "From the start of the visit, there was a palpable sense of warmth, care and belonging that permeated all aspects of school alike," her report says.

It is wonderful to see our school's nurturing ethos recognised on a wider stage. A huge thank you once again to our students, staff, and families for making The St Lawrence Academy such a supportive place to learn and grow!



TSLA SEND & INCLUSION

Connect, Create, and Belong: Join Our SEND Clubs!

Our SEND and Inclusion team are running a range of clubs this term. These provide relaxed and welcoming spaces where students can explore their interests, meet other young people, build confidence and enjoy being part of our academy community. New members are always welcome!



TUESDAY

Nurture Craft Club

A calm and creative space where students can enjoy different craft activities, spend time with others and unwind.



WEDNESDAY

Nurture Gardening Club

An opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors while planting, growing and caring for our garden. Students can work together, learn practical skills and see their hard work develop throughout the year.



THURSDAY

Minecraft Club

A social space for students who share an interest in Minecraft. Students can create, problem-solve and connect with others through something they enjoy.

It has been a vibrant and positive start to the academic year for our SEND and Inclusion team. We have loved welcoming our new Year 7 cohort alongside our returning students, establishing tailored support to ensure every individual feels known, valued, and ready to thrive across the academy.

At the heart of our practice is the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle, allowing us to update Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) with key reasonable adjustments, clear strengths, and targeted classroom strategies.

Working alongside our Assistant Teaching team, teaching staff, and external professionals, our priority remains ensuring every single young person feels known, understood, included, and empowered to succeed.

Parents and carers are essential partners in this educational journey, and keeping you informed about your child's progress is one of our absolute highest priorities.

All Individual Learning Plans are regularly reviewed throughout the year and shared directly with families via the EduKey platform, giving you complete visibility and transparency over the specific targets and personalised interventions put in place. By working together in this way, we can celebrate every achievement and quickly adapt our support as your child grows and develops.

Looking ahead, we are committed to building strong, collaborative relationships with families through regular face-to-face events and open communication. We will be hosting dedicated SEND Coffee Mornings and practical EHCP workshops throughout the year to offer advice and answer questions. Please reach out to discuss your child's provision at any time by emailing send@tsla.co.uk—we look forward to working alongside you.

Connect & Chat

Join our SEND coffee morning!

Thursday 22nd October 2026
9:00am-10:00am

We warmly invite parents and carers to our first SEND Coffee Morning of the academic year.

This is an informal opportunity to meet members of the SEND team, ask questions, talk about SEND support at the academy and meet other parents and carers.

Whether your child is already receiving SEND support or you would simply like to find out more, we would love to see you there.



Discover Our Nurture Provision

Our Nurture provision provides targeted support for young people who may need some additional help with areas such as emotional regulation, confidence, relationships, routines or accessing the school day.

Support is personalised and can include Nurture sessions, soft starts, sensory and regulation strategies and opportunities to develop social and emotional skills.

Our aim is to help students develop the strategies, independence and confidence they need to participate successfully in wider academy life.

Explore Our SEND Page

Our SEND page on the Academy website continues to grow with valuable resources, guides, and updates designed to support our families every step of the way.

What you can find on our SEND page:

- ✓ Meet the SEND Team
- ✓ Referral process
- ✓ Pathways
- ✓ Parent/carers feedback
- ✓ Primary transition support
- ✓ Post-16 support
- ✓ Events & newsletters

TSLA SPORT

Treasuring Everyone, Transforming Community

Celebrating Sporting Excellence at TSLA

Reflecting on an outstanding year for the PE department, our students displayed phenomenal dedication, teamwork, and passion across all extra-curricular sports.

The academic year culminated in a memorable Sports Assembly, where we proudly celebrated the impressive achievements of all our teams and individuals who represented the Academy with pride.

A key highlight of the ceremony was recognising extracurricular participation. Year 9 students were awarded their Half Colours and Year 11 were awarded their Full Colours.



Special congratulations go to our prestigious Sports Person of the Year trophy winners: Luca, Dasha, Aukse, and Mohamad T.

An exciting year lies ahead, packed with action-packed fixtures and thrilling competitive opportunities. The sporting calendar officially kicks off on Wednesday 23rd September, when our Year 7, 8 and 9 football teams have their first game of the year, which is against Melior Community Academy. Beyond competition, PE lessons provide a vital space for students to build confidence, develop key leadership skills, and foster strong teamwork across all year groups.

To ensure every student participates safely and comfortably, please remember full PE kit on practical days: the branded Academy T-shirt, official shorts or plain black leggings, and suitable trainers. For safety reasons, long hair must also be tied back securely. We look forward to seeing our students' continued dedication and wish all of our teams the best of luck for a brilliant, successful year ahead!

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