

PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

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Franklin
Sixth Form College

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Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a good break.

Spring is certainly in the air, and it seems quite astonishing that we are moments away from exam season and the end of the year. Life can be very fast-paced, so, as usual, I would like to take a moment to highlight a number of key activities coming up in and around College.

Firstly, as we look towards preparation for exams, I would like to remind all students that there are many revision resources available to them, through teachers, in the skills@ menu on the student portal, and study mentors, or by attending 1-1 drop-in appointments and success sessions. All students should have received a revision reward card in Aspire, allowing them to earn £5 worth of Starbucks or Costa products. Parents and Carers can support their child during revision by encouraging a balance of revision, downtime, sleep, and healthy eating.

In College, we continue to celebrate every student's success, and this term is no exception. I'm pleased to share that the boys' Grimsby Town Football Shadow Scholarship 'A' and 'B' teams have had incredible seasons. The 'A' team has once again claimed the EFL CEFA U19 NEL1 champions for the third time in four years, and the 'B' team was crowned champions, winning the EFL CEFA NL2 24/25! Additionally, The 'A' team secured their place in the prestigious EFL CEFA National U19 Cup Final at Stoke City's football ground in May, and at the time of writing this newsletter, our girls' team is at the top of their league. At Franklin, we believe sports and active movement are a strong foundation for success and a healthy lifestyle, and with this in mind, I'm pleased to announce that we are investing in new Performing Arts and Sports facilities that will be ready for September 25.

Our 6th Science, Technology, Engineering Maths (STEM) Conference and annual Progression Evening took place during National Careers Week at the beginning of March. We were delighted to welcome 23 of our partner schools and over 2,000 students to these events. Events like these provide the very best opportunity for Franklin and wider school students to engage with employers, apprenticeship providers, and universities. Nobody in the region can compare to the scale and depth of the event and the success it brings our learners and community as they choose their future options.

Finally, we are busy preparing for a number of exciting events over the next few months, including our Leavers Event on June 24, 11.30am - 1.30pm in The Quad. It's a wonderful post-exam celebration for our students before we see them again on results day.

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TERMLY *Roundup*

What a fantastic spring term! From trips, workshops, sport success and fantastic experiences, to two of our biggest events of the year. Here's a few highlights of the term...



**We held our 6th
annual STEM
Conference
and Careers
& Progression
Evening**



**Students
experienced
many trips, visits,
workshops, and
guest speakers**



**We won an
Educate North
Award for Business
Engagement, for
our work with The
Business Hive's
Meet The Future
project**



**Grimsby Town
Football Shadow
Scholarship team
retained their title
as EFL CEFA U19
NEL1 Champions!**



REVISION SUPPORT

With exam season fast approaching, our dedicated staff are here to help all students make the most of the time they have between now and summer examinations and end-of-year assessments.

We will help students with effective revision techniques, plan their work, find useful resources, and so much more!

Revision sessions in preparation for exams will be taking place from Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May. Please keep an eye on our website for further information on specific subjects, days and times.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Please note that applications for students who want to apply for 2026 entry opens in May. Progress Coaches will support students in creating a UCAS account and provide guidance on writing their personal statement. Students will complete a first draft of their personal statement before they leave for the summer term. Please encourage your child to be proactive in their progression research. All students can access Unifrog, which contains know-how guides, online courses, apprenticeship guides, university comparisons, CV-building tools, etc. This personal statement can also be adapted to be used as a supporting statement for employment.

Early Applications

For those applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Med/Sci, Oxford, Cambridge, all applications have to be sent to UCAS by October 15th, 2025, at 6pm. Therefore, the internal deadline for completing UCAS forms for these students will be September 17th. All students applying for early applicant courses will be invited to an early applicant meeting in the near future.

<https://www.ucas.com/>

Apprenticeships/Employment

Your child will be supported through ASPIRE sessions and 1:1 meetings, whichever route they choose after college. Throughout the ASPIRE program, students will receive advice on CVs, letters of application, interview techniques, and mock interviews and hear from guest speakers from across industry to discuss their options.

Year 2 Student Finance

Please note the deadline for student finance applications for those starting university September 2025 is fast approaching. Please use the following link to apply and to check deadlines;

Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK

If there are specific questions with regards to student finance please contact student finance through the following methods - Telephone: 0300 100 0607. You can also chat with a student finance adviser through your online account. Contact Student Finance England - GOV.UK

STEM & PROGRESSION

Our annual STEM conference has once again been a huge success, giving students an unforgettable insight into the fascinating world of careers in STEM. Now in its sixth year, the conference brought together 23 schools from across Greater Lincolnshire for the region's only STEM conference, igniting curiosity and inspiring the next generation of STEM innovators.

Following the action-packed STEM conference, students had the opportunity to attend our annual Careers and Progression Evening, featuring over 90 employers, apprenticeship providers, and universities from across the country. The evening provided invaluable advice and guidance, helping students make important decisions about their future career paths.



FRANKLIN TALENT POOL

If you are looking for a rewarding career where you can change lives, build stronger communities, and contribute to the prosperity of our region, then working at Franklin could be for you.

We are seeking passionate industry and educational professionals for various roles, including full-time, part-time, fixed-term, and sessional positions. Whether you want to get into teaching or are interested in working in one of our support roles, explore your career opportunities with Franklin, the region's only Ofsted outstanding provider of sixth form education.



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