

PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. As we look ahead to the remainder of this academic year and begin planning for the next, I am writing to share several exciting updates which focus on recognising the changing academic and wider support needs of our students, who live, learn and socialise in an advanced digital world.

From September 2026, we will be introducing a new timetable structure which will see shorter lessons, delivered more frequently throughout the week. This change will apply to all current Year 1 and Level 2 students who will be continuing with us next year.

The new timetable structure has been carefully designed to strengthen learning, wellbeing, and overall student experience. We are keen to fully engage with all our students, parents, and carers as we move towards the implementation, and we will be writing to everyone soon with more details. However, I am clear the change is necessary to ensure our students achieve the very best academic outcomes, grow in their personal and professional development, and go on to achieve all that they are capable of.

As we approach the February half term (w/c 16th February 2026), we are placing a strong emphasis on supporting students to begin their revision early. At Franklin College, we consistently see that students who start revising during the February half term are the ones who go on to achieve their highest grades in the summer. We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to begin building healthy revision habits during this period. Creating a calm, structured environment at home can make a significant difference to their confidence and progress.

Early revision feeds into our next major assessment window, Mock Week, which will take place during the week commencing 9th March. These assessments are an essential part of preparing students for their final exams, helping them practise under exam conditions and identify areas for further development. Teachers will be sharing revision materials, guidance, and subject specific expectations with students over the coming weeks.

We are also developing a collegewide strategy for digital health and wellbeing which we will share more details on with you later this term. As technology becomes increasingly embedded in learning and daily life, it is vital that students understand how to use digital tools safely, responsibly, and in ways that supports not undermines their wellbeing. This strategy will focus on healthy digital habits, managing screen time, online safety and digital citizenship, and balancing technology use with study, rest, and social interaction. The strategy will also look to broaden the knowledge of our students to make wider, healthier lifestyle choices.

As we look ahead to other key events this term, we have Consultation Evening for our Year 5 and Year 1 students on the 19th March. This is a chance for parents and carers to book time with their child's teacher to discuss progress, any achievements or challenges currently being experienced, and any further support either the college or a parent can offer to ensure success.

Progression Evening on the 26th March will follow which parents and carers are encouraged to attend with their child. The evening is a huge opportunity for our students to meet hundreds of employers, universities, and apprenticeship providers, all exhibiting in one place at Franklin for ease of access, there is no larger careers event in the local area. The event runs from 5pm onwards, and there is no need to book.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that every student feels confident, supported, and ready to succeed.

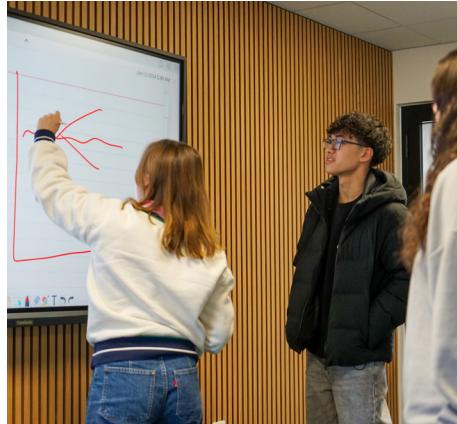
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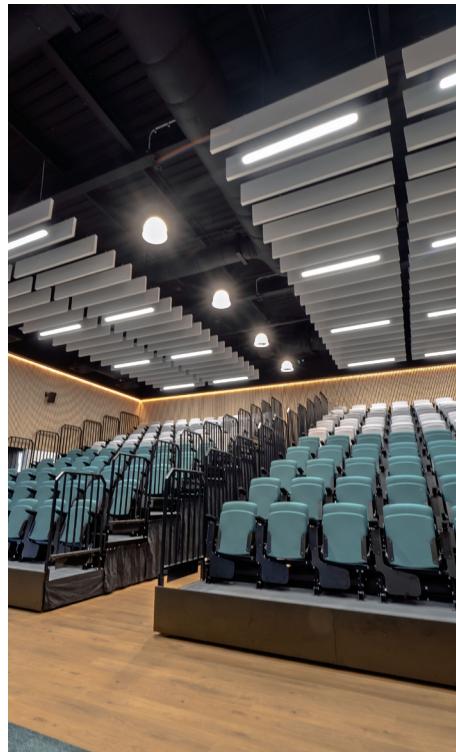


TERMLY ROUND UP

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



We officially opened our incredible NEW £3.5 million building



We held our 2nd annual Creative Conference with over 20 local creative partners and six schools from across the region



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



We celebrated student success at our termly Stand Out Student Awards



We held our very first Health & Social Care Conference with partner schools and employers



WELLBEING JANUARY

Our annual Wellbeing January is drawing to a close, offering a wide range of activities to support self-care and overall wellbeing. This has included Thrive Monday, where a variety of external organisations spoke to students about the services they offer and how they can support mental health, physical health and general wellbeing. Students and staff have also enjoyed contributing to our popular Pawsativity board, sharing photos of their pets and celebrating the positive impact animals have on our mental health. Other activities have included Spin the Wheel Sporting Challenges: Thrive Bingo, Wellbeing Walks, and Feel Good Karaoke to name but a few. Our grand finale to Wellbeing Month is our Masked Singer event, where staff will take to the stage and students will try and guess who is behind the mask before voting on their overall winner!



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP INTEREST EVENT

North East Lincolnshire Council is holding a Supported Internship Interest Event for students with an EHCP on Friday 30th January, from 4pm to 6pm, at Grimsby Town Hall. Click the button to the right and book your place.



SKILLS DESK @FRANKLIN

What's happening in College?

As your child prepares for exams, your support has never been more important. With this in mind, we've put together some key information to help make the exam period a little easier for both you and your child.

Dedicated Support

Students can access help from our Study Skills Coaches, Student Mentors, and Subject-Specific Academic Improvement Mentors for tailored guidance.

Study Skills Sessions

These sessions focus on growth mindset and metacognition, which help students to understand and be aware of how they learn best and study more effectively.

How can parents support?

We will be hosting a virtual event for parents, offering practical advice on:

- Effective revision techniques
- How to support your child through this crucial period

Further details about the event will be shared shortly. Your involvement can make a big difference in helping your child feel confident, supported, and well prepared. In the meantime, please visit our Study Skills page on our website, where you'll find more information along with our independent study booklet, which gives really helpful tips and strategies for effective study and revision.



T Level Placements

Students studying a T level course have begun their industry placements across a wide range of industries and are starting to develop key employability skills and gain first-hand experience of what working in industry is really like.



PROGRESSION

Year 1 students have started to look at progression options after college. They will work with their Progress Coach during Aspire to look at apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, employment, university, or gap years. Please ensure your child is attending their weekly Aspire session and any scheduled one-one meetings with their Progress Coach. All students have access to the online platform, Unifrog, to help with their research for options after Franklin. Many Year 2 students have now completed their application to university or apprenticeship providers. Those who have applied to university will soon be receiving offers; we strongly encourage students and families to thoroughly research the university, course, accommodation, and location before committing to a firm choice. Applications for student finance usually opens in March.



TRIPS @FRANKLIN

We have four European trips taking place this year as part of the Turing Scheme. Students studying vocational courses were invited to apply, and those that were successful have been selected. Trips include Albania, Spain, Greece and Cyprus. Other trips taking place are New York, and planning is underway for a ski trip next academic year.

FRANKLIN TALENT POOL

Current Opportunities

Are you looking for a rewarding career where you can change lives, build stronger communities, and contribute to the prosperity of our region? Join us at Franklin, the region's only Ofsted Outstanding provider of Sixth Form education.

If you are passionate about education and want to make a real impact, we would love to hear from you. You can view and apply for these opportunities here: <https://www.fjobs.com/careers/franklin/>

We offer our staff a range of competitive staff benefits, including a generous annual leave scheme with additional paid college closure days, two excellent Pension Schemes (Teachers' Pension and Local Government Pension Scheme), FREE gym facilities, FREE parking, a Cycle to Work Scheme, an excellent on site catering provision, and much more.



PARENT SURVEY

We are extremely proud of the incredible work taking place every day both from our dedicated staff and our hardworking students. We are also extremely proud of the strong partnership we share with parents and carers across our college community.

As part of this partnership, we would really value your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts on both your own and your child's experience at Franklin. Please could you take just five minutes to complete our short survey below and share your thoughts with us? Your input is incredibly important and helps us continue to develop and improve the experience we offer our students and families here at Franklin.

