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Mid January Announcements

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our UKVS families. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and that 2026 has started well for you and your children. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, and working closely together as a school community. as possible.

February Invoices

February invoices will be sent out on **Friday, 16 January**.
Payment will be due on **Monday, 26 January**.

A friendly reminder to remember to pay the invoices on or before the due date. As per our terms, a **£30** late admin fee will be added for late invoice payments. Late fees will apply from **Thursday, 29 January**. If you wish to make any changes, please let us know before making payment.



Term 2 Short Courses

A reminder that enrolment for our Term 2 short courses is still open. These courses offer a wonderful opportunity to enhance your child's learning experience alongside their regular studies.

Our short courses are engaging, flexible, and enriching, with a range of subjects available to suit different interests and learning goals.

Places are limited, so we encourage families to view the short course timetable and secure a place as soon as possible!



Baking Bonanza is a hands-on short course where students roll up their sleeves, dust off their aprons, and step into the world of baking! Each week we will stir, knead and decorate our way through a scrumptious selection of recipes, building practical skills while exploring our creativity.



Forensic science is the application of science in a legal context. In this introductory course, we will look at crime scene recording, evidence collection, and analysis of hair, fibre, and fingerprint evidence.

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Iceland Trip

Earlier this month, we hosted a Q&A session for our upcoming trip to Iceland. This destination was one of the top-voted choices among our students, and we are excited about the possibility of bringing this unforgettable experience to life for our UKVS families.

From exploring Viking history and ancient Nordic lore to learning about Iceland's dramatic landscapes shaped by fire and ice, this trip offers a rich and immersive learning journey. There is also the added excitement of hoping to witness the Northern Lights and experience the unique culture and stories of this remarkable country.

We are currently reviewing the deposits received and will be confirming the trip once we have reached the minimum number of **15 participants** required for it to go ahead. We are really looking forward to seeing how this comes together and hope to meet up with our families and teachers on this special adventure!









An Exciting Art Opportunity for Our Students

We are delighted to share a wonderful creative opportunity with our UKVS community. **The Royal Academy of Arts** is hosting the **Young Artists' Summer Show**, and we have decided to take part.

This prestigious competition is open to UK-based young artists aged 4 to 18 and invites them to create and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no set theme, giving students the freedom to explore ideas that inspire them and reflect their individuality.

Submissions are welcomed across a wide range of techniques, including drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textiles, fashion, animation, video, and more. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and be part of a nationally recognised exhibition celebrating young talent.

So, if your child loves art as much as we do, encourage them to start sharpening those pencils!

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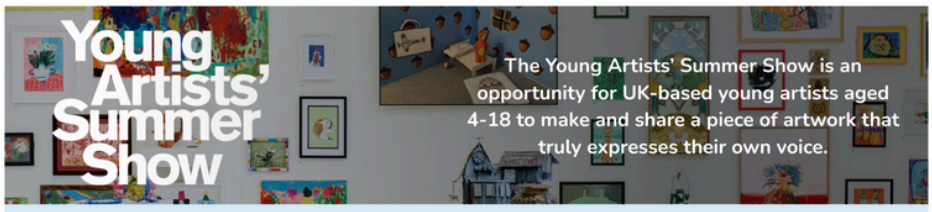


Showcase your art skills and represent UK Virtual School by joining Royal Academy of Arts Competition!

Who can join?

ALL STUDENTS ages 4-18 are welcome to join!

Even students who aren't currently studying art, including KS4.

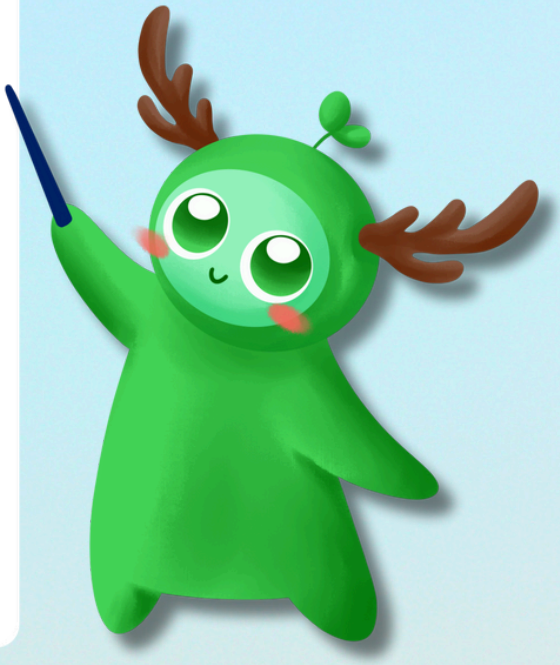
How to participate?

Students must submit their art to ***info@ukvirtualschool.com*** with the subject ***[RA Submission + Name]*** on or before **3rd March,** and we will upload it to the submissions site.

Students must sign a permission slip if 13+; otherwise, parents must sign for younger students.

Late submissions will not be accepted per RA's rules.

- Each artist can submit **ONE** artwork along with a short artist statement or description, written in the artist's own words where possible.
- Descriptions must be no more than **80 words**
- Send a **HIGH QUALITY image** of your artwork or a **scanned photo** (if applicable).



Young Artists' Summer Show

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED:


Exceed 950mm wide x 3000mm high.


Pose a health and safety risk.



Might infringe others' rights or break the law in any way, including copyright.



AI-generated works



Contains sensitive or otherwise unsuitable to display publicly

Young Artists' Summer Show

You can also find these links in **"My Socials"** page or send an email to ***info@ukvirtualschool.com***

Read full Guidance for Submissions here:

Access Permission Slip here:

Young Artists' Summer Show

What kind of artwork can I submit?

There is no set theme.
You can send submissions covering a range of techniques, including:


Drawing


Painting


Printing


Photography


Sculpture


Textile


Fashion


Animation


Video

and more!



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UKVS Live!

Don't forget to join us for our monthly Community Day. We have something quite special planned for all our art lovers, so be sure not to miss it!





Parents Meeting

We invite all parents to our next parent meeting on **Monday, 26 January at 5:00pm**

This is a valuable opportunity to connect with other families, hear important school updates, and ask questions or share feedback directly with our team. These meetings help us strengthen our school community, and we would love to see a few more faces join us.



Activities at the Learning Hub!

We are pleased to share the programme of activities taking place at the Learning Hub from **January to March**. These sessions will follow the same **three-week structure** as UK Virtual School.

Each Monday, participants will take part in age-grouped science sessions in the morning, followed by a self-paced STEM craft activity in the afternoon. The morning sessions will focus on robotics and coding, while the afternoon activities will be more practical and creative, allowing children to explore STEM concepts in a relaxed, hands-on way. These afternoon sessions are not traditional sit-down lessons, giving learners the freedom to move around and work independently.

Please note that for **January, information was shared later than planned. As a result, the first session began on 12 January rather than 5 January, with the final session coinciding with the UK Virtual School Community Day. There is currently **no additional charge** for UKVS students attending sessions during the fourth week this month. They are welcome to drop in and take part, providing a valuable opportunity to become familiar with the Learning Hub and its activities.

They can attend the morning assemblies, followed by the robotics session, and then take part in the STEM craft activity in the afternoon. Alternatively, families may choose to attend the STEM craft session only.

All remaining sessions will run in line with the dates outlined in the document **(attached separately)**

Next Community Day

Monday 26 January 2026

- Primary Assembly 10 AM
- Secondary Assembly 11 AM
- UKVS Live 12 PM
- Parents Meeting 5 PM