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BIG NEWS!

UKVS Approved as a Pearson Edexcel Exam Centre

We were pleased to receive some very positive news last week - our application to become a Pearson Edexcel Online Centre has been approved.

What does this mean?

This development also brings a number of practical benefits, including:

- From 2027 onwards, students' certificates will carry the UKVS school name - a meaningful milestone for our growing community.
- Our teachers will have greater access to resources and support from the Edexcel examinations team.
- UKVS will be able to enter Year 11 students for their exams directly, removing what is often a significant administrative responsibility for families.

What's next?

- This approval also opens the possibility of applying for Remote Invigilation in the future, which would allow students to sit examinations in their own environment.
- Separately, Syd is also looking to set up the hub as a physical exam centre for a small number of students looking for a different kind of space for exams

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May Invoices

May invoices have been sent out today. These will be due on **Monday, 27 April**. 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. Please let us know of any changes prior to making payment or before the deadline date of your invoice.



UKVS LIVE

This month's UKVS Live! will focus on two of our core school values:



Growth Mindset



Curiosity

This is a great opportunity for students to revisit these important ideas, especially as our secondary learners approach the exam season.

It's the perfect time to be reminded of the value of embracing challenges, staying curious and approaching learning with a positive, growth-focused mindset.

For our primary students, these values support their everyday learning by encouraging them to ask questions, explore new ideas and see mistakes as a natural and important part of growing.





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Timetables for 2026 - 2027

Syd has now started drafting the timetables for the 2026-2027 academic year. We would like to thank the families who have already confirmed their places by submitting their preferences and paying the deposit.

The deadline has now passed, and any unpaid invoices have been voided. If there is anything we should be aware of regarding your plans for next year, please do feel free to reach out to our Customer Service team - we would be very happy to help.

Something new is brewing at UKVS...



We are pleased to share a first glimpse of a brand-new course launching this **September**:



Open to students from Year 4 to Year 11, the course invites students to explore the living world around them, investigating plants, creatures, and everyday natural environments while developing curiosity and observation skills.

A thoughtful, hands-on experience for students who enjoy asking questions and discovering how everthing connects to the world around them.

NEW

Italian Short Course

Our first Italian class at UKVS took place last week, and it was a wonderful start to the course. Students started with the basics such as **key greetings** and **how to introduce themselves** in Italian. By the end of the session, students were already more confident in using the language - an excellent start and a promising sign of the progress ahead!

Spaces are still available in case anyone wants to join!





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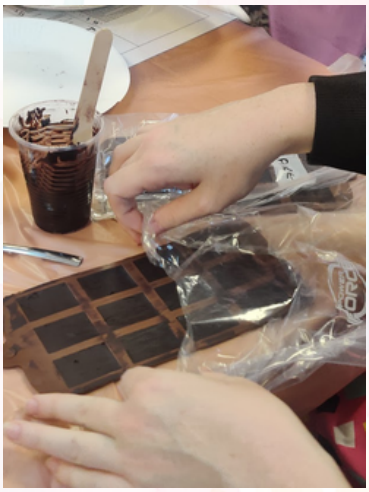
Events At The Hub!

Easter Week at the Hub

Our Learning Hub was full of energy this Easter, as over 55 students joined us for a range of Easter-themed workshops from eggs to chocolate-making!





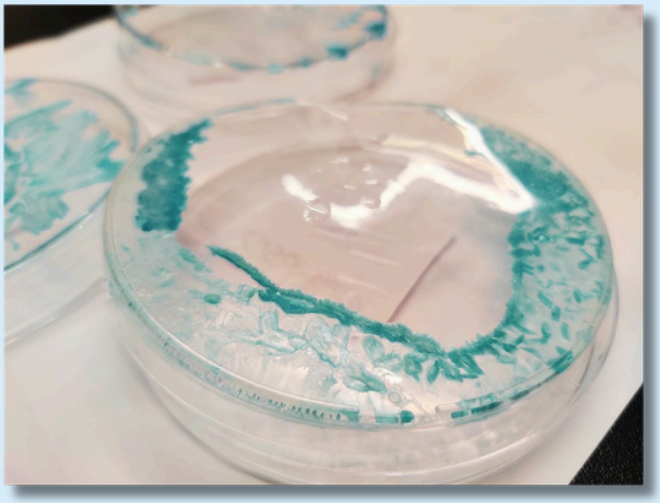
A Brilliant Day of CHEMISTRY at the Hub

The students enjoyed a fantastic Science Day at the Birmingham Hub, led by **Teacher Sara**, with Syd also joining to spend time with students and see the practical work in action.

Students explored energy changes in reactions and developed key experimental skills, before creating copper (II) sulfate crystals using filtration and evaporation - a careful balance of precision and curiosity.

It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning, teamwork, and discovery, and we look forward to welcoming even more students to our next in-person session.





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WHAT'S NEXT?

There is always something happening at the Hub, and we know many families value the opportunity to plan ahead for in-person sessions. To support this, we are now sharing the **Hub calendar** so you can see what's coming up in the weeks ahead.

From hands-on learning days to social sessions and special activities, the Hub continues to grow as a welcoming space for students and families to connect, collaborate, and be part of the wider UKVS community. We would be delighted to see you there!

Femtinos LEARNING HUB CALENDAR!



The Femtinos Learning Hub has released it's first quarterly newsletter. Why not download it to see all the things that happened last term and all the new wrkshops and courses on offer for the upcoming summer Term.

Din't forget, from September, the Hub will be offering Hybrid opportuntities for learning that fit into the UKVS timetables. Interested? Reach out to find out more

Monday 27 April 2026

- Primary Assembly: 10am
- Secondary Assesmbly: 11pm
- UKVS Live!: 12pm
- Parents Meeting: 5pm