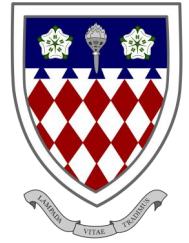


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

3rd April 2025



The end of the Spring Term is with us and I know that we are all looking forward to the Easter holiday. It has been, as predicted, a full and busy term and the weeks have just flown by. The sunshine and daffodils have certainly helped create a happy, cheery mood around school and this was especially felt last Friday at the Y7 and Y8 Egg-Stravaganza. Fifty Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed a fun filled Easter themed activity and whilst as egg's least favourite day might well be *Fry-day*, we had been looking forward to (and preparing for) this event for weeks. This year had a focus on arts, crafts and games to be *eggs-plored* by all!

We started the event with a massive Easter Treats Hunt! All over the School Hall, Reception and the canteen, our student helpers had hidden fifty treat bags with a wonderful mix of chocolate, sweets and treats. The aim was to find as many of them as we could and *scramble* back to the hall as quickly as possible so that they could be shared out ready to take home at the end of the evening. It did not take long but was great *eggs-ercise*! It is amazing how observant our students (and staff) can be when chocolate and sweets are at stake! Next came the arts and crafts, with a range of different activities for us to *fry*. We made tissue paper flowers galore, and frankly, enough to make some decent sized bouquets for someone to *poach*! We made book marks, decorations and cards and, again, we had some positively *cracking* designs that were hard to *beat*! There was also an array of *eggs-cellent* decorated Easter biscuits. At the end of the evening, Mrs Ray *whisked* up the enthusiasm and got everyone clapping along to the Easter Bonnet Trashion Show – it was great fun and a real *yolk*!

Well done to all the School Sports teams featured in this week's edition of the Bulletin, especially the U16 Football Team who have made it to the Lincolnshire County Cup Final and also to Laura – an amazing achievement!

Whatever you have planned for the Easter holidays, have a lovely break. Happy Easter.

M K Anderson, Headmistress

School Drop Off/ Pick Up

When dropping off/picking up students, please do not use the back car park (Matmore Gate).

If you are dropping someone off, please do so at a safe distance from the School.

The car park is only to be used if you have a swipe card- Staff and Sixth Form students only - no parents/carers please.

This is due to the size of the car park and the safety of all of the members of our School community.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs H Waldron, Head of Sixth Form

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 24th March 2025

Please find below the latest 'Student of the Week' nominations. Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
7P	Lillie Smith	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
7P	Xien Han Tao	Mrs Knowles	German
7S	Emma Marks	Miss Bailey	German
7S	Diana Zamura	Mrs Chandler	Library
8J	Grace Mulligan	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
8J	Isabella Gutane	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
8N	Lula Goor	Mrs Clay	Latin
8N	Lucy Kitchen	Mrs Aurikko	Science
8S	Umayyah Muhammed	Mrs Nowak	Community
9C	Narvada Maulloo	Mr Wright	Chemistry
9J	Holly Claydon	Mrs Dowson	English
9J	Olivia Duff	Miss Magnus	Community
9P	Arjanya Das	Mr Hemsall	History
9P	Phemie Gray	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
10C	Jodie Powell	Mrs Gregory	Physics
10C	Leah Barker	Mrs Dowson	Community
10J	Claire Kiock	Mrs Martindale	Biology
10J	Zuzanna Poznaniak	Mrs Martindale	Community
10P	Erin Walters	Miss White	Chemistry
11J	Annabel Willis	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
11P	Ava Mason	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
11S	Evie West	Mr Blackburn	Business
11S	Lilianna Wong	Mrs Bennett	Geography
6AF	Naya Valambhia	Mr Murphy	Chemistry
6AF	Mia Layton	Mrs J Lord	English Language
6AF	Alice Marsten	Mrs Jones	Classical Civilisation
6AF	Gracie Cowling	Mrs Tanner	Art
6GD	Lilia Cundy	Mrs Neal	Art
6KM	Neev Wahiwala	Mr Garbett	Music
6LH	Josie Cotton	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6LH	Lily Griemink	Mrs Bennett	Community
6TD	Charlotte Knights	Miss Ashley	Community

A special mention for Student of The Week goes to...

The Y12 and 13 Botswana 2025 Expedition Team

For outstanding team work and resilience (mostly as a result of the weather!) during their expedition training to The Peak District last weekend.

Nominated by Mrs Bennett and Mrs Schwarz

Sports News

U13 and U15 Cross Country Fenland League

The last race in the Fenland League series of races took place at Burghley Park, Stamford on the 6th March. With combined scores throughout the series of races, the U15 team finished in 3rd position and the U13 team finished in 10th position. Well done to all involved.

The High School cross country runners at the last race in the Fenland League series of races



U16 Football

On Tuesday 18th March, the U16 football team played their Lincolnshire County Cup Semi-Final fixture against Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School.

Player of The Match goes to Annabel who has made significant progress this season, gaining in confidence every game. Annabel was battling well throughout the game and broke the 0-0 deadlock about ten minutes before the final whistle. After a shoulder to shoulder battle with her defender, which saw both of them hit the floor, Annabel was first to spring to her feet, knock the ball slightly ahead of her and strike from outside the 18 yard box into the back of the net- a fantastic strike!

Special mention to Izzy for filling in last minute, only being asked to play on the morning of the game, borrowing Miss Magnus' boots and scoring a brilliant goal to secure the 2-0 in the closing minutes of the game. For a non-football player, it was an extremely composed 1v1 with the goalkeeper which she calmly placed into the bottom corner of the net.

This means we will be in the U16 Lincolnshire County Cup Final with details and opposition to follow.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Y12 Sports Leaders completed an England Rugby Young Leaders Award

On Wednesday 19th March, the Y12 Sports Leaders completed an England Rugby Young Leaders' Award. This course introduced leaders to a new version of the game; T1 Rugby. T1 Rugby emphasises fun, fitness, and inclusion, providing a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. It is the first non-contact form of the game to include lineouts, scrums, kicking, and breakdowns, while remaining simple to play. The course involved Leaders gaining an understanding of the rules, developing their coaching through a series of progressive coaching drills, and a practice of refereeing. The Sports Leaders had an excellent, although tiring day and found the coaching drills and refereeing practice very valuable.

On Tuesday 25th March, the Leaders put their skills gained through the Rugby Young Leaders' Award into practice to help the School Games Organiser host a Y5/6 Rugby Mega Fest at Spalding Rugby Club. The Leaders played in a showcase game to demonstrate the rules of the game, coached the fundamental skills and then refereed the tournament. Yet again we received fantastic feedback about the Leaders engagement with the students and their enthusiasm and patience.

Miss Magnus, PE Department

SCHOOL GAMES CELEBRATING
T1 Rugby Mega Fest
Tue 25th March 2025

SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIPS OF LINCOLNSHIRE

School Games Values Winner: Holbeach Primary Academy

Inspiring young people to be active for life through positive experiences of competition.

Participating Schools:
Gosberton House Academy,
St Norbert's Catholic Primary School,
Long Sutton County Primary School,
Holbeach Primary Academy.

Thanks to the Sports Leaders from:
Spalding High School.
Thanks to Spalding Rugby Club for hosting the event.

England Rugby

TEAM GB, Haveracomb, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, change 4Life, SPORT ENGLAND, YOUTH SPORT TRUST



GCSE live netball moderation

The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to the Y10 and 11 students who participated in the GCSE live netball moderation on Tuesday 25th March. Five students were chosen to be moderated: Antonina, Aminah, Anabelle, Sophie and Em. They were required to perform the core skills and techniques in increasingly demanding and progressive drills, followed by a full 40 minute netball match. It took almost 30 students to make this run as smoothly as it did, so thank you to everyone who took part.



Miss Jones, PE Department

Y9 Rugby

On Monday 31st, we held our first after-school Rugby practice, this was open to any Y9 students interested in joining the Y9 mixed Spalding High/Grammar School rugby team for an upcoming tournament. It was absolutely fantastic to see such a great turnout, which means we will now look to set up two teams rather than one. The students engaged in lots of modified games to improve their passing techniques and game understanding. There will be some more sessions after Easter, details will be given to anyone who expresses an interest to Miss Magnus.

Thank you to Millie Youngs (Y12 Sports Leader), Mr Wright and Mr Crane for their help with coaching.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

PE DEPARTMENT CLUBS TERMS 5-6 (24-25)

Starting Wednesday 23rd April-All lunch-time clubs will start at
1.20pm prompt.

All students must take part in full PE kit if they wish to attend a club.

Lower school (Y7-9) to use changing room 1 & upper school (Y10-
Y11) to use changing room 2

Monday 1pm	GCSE & A LEVEL PE THEORY INTERVENTION	Y8 ROUNDERS	ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL TENNIS	
Tuesday 1pm	ALL YEARS ATHLETICS PRACTICE (TRACK & FIELD)		ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL TENNIS	PE DETENTION
Wednesday 1pm	Y10 GCSE PE ATHLETICS INTERVENTION	Y7 & Y8 CRICKET	ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL TENNIS	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE
Thursday 1.20pm	GCSE & A LEVEL PE THEORY INTERVENTION	Y7 ROUNDERS	ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL TENNIS	
Friday 1.20pm	ALL YEARS ATHLETICS PRACTICE (FIELD)	Y9 & Y10 ROUNDERS	ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL TENNIS	ALL YEARS FITNESS SUITE

Celebrating the Individual in Y10 - Laura Young-Hardy, 10P

On 15th March, Laura Young-Hardy represented Spalding High School at the National Schools Finals in Derby Arena. Laura qualified for the National Finals having won the East Midlands' Regional Schools' Champion title in Hinckley in December and finishing in the top five at the Central Zonal Schools' Championships in January. Laura was competing in one of the largest groups in the competition, Year 10-14 Girl Novice, and at the finals, she finished second in the country!

Laura followed this on the next weekend by competing in her first National Trampoline & Double Mini Trampoline League at the Beacon of Light in Sunderland. The National League is one of the largest elite trampoline competitions in Europe with over 4000 entries in a season and features national squad members and British record holders. Gymnasts compete in three qualifiers (Sunderland in March, Bath in May & Cardiff in June) and aim to score enough points to qualify for the National League Finals in September, again at Derby Arena. Laura finished 22nd in her group, 15-16 League 3 Trampoline, which scored her points (rare in a first qualifier) and is hopefully on her way to another national final this year.



Kirsty & Andy Ringsell, Abbey High Fliers Trampoline & DMT Club

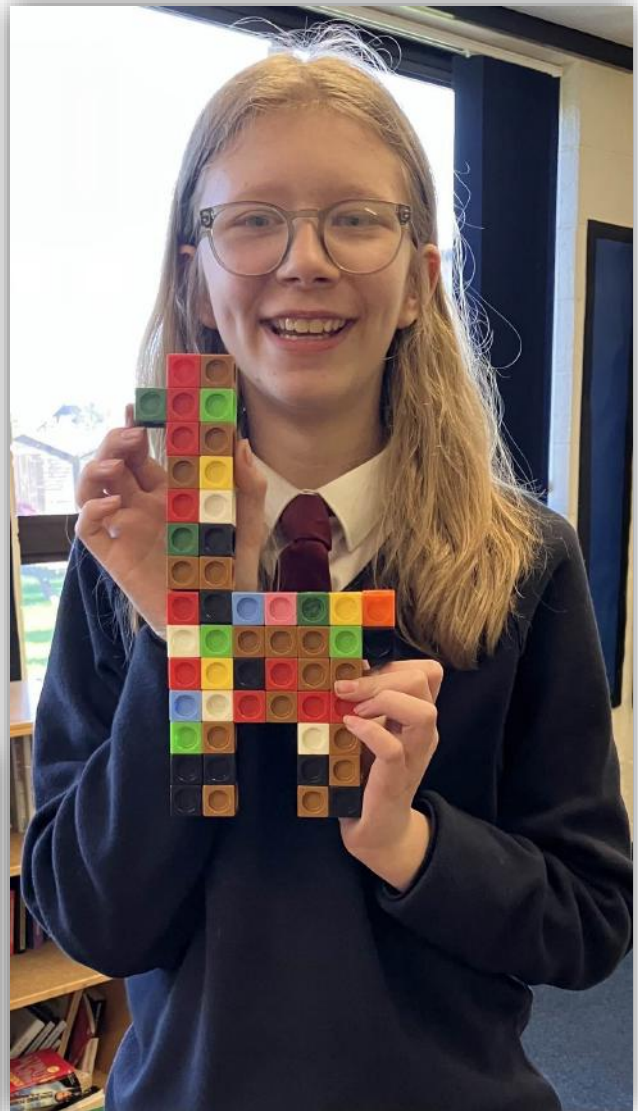
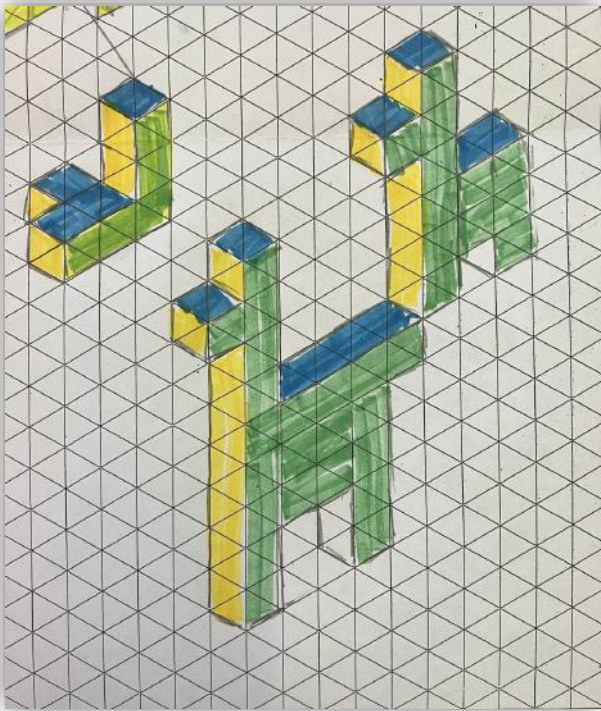
Maths News

Isometric Llamas

The Isometric Llamas could be a band name, but was actually a Y8 maths lesson this week. Students are learning about volume and surface area of more complex shapes, including building them out of blocks. They are also drawing 2-D and 3-D representations of their models.

This is a great skill that parents and carers can join in with and help develop at home, and it also links to students' work in D&T. Y8 can draw the 2-D plans and elevations of increasingly complicated shapes, and there are definitely some potential future architects emerging. In three dimensions, you can download free isometric paper templates online and have a go at drawing anything from basic shapes right up to weird and wonderful creations. Students also really benefit from building physical models to develop their spatial reasoning skills, so why not dust off the Lego and get building!

Given the freedom to build anything they liked, Miss Ashley found herself unexpectedly overrun by llamas. Rebecca in 8C built the first one, then it escalated, and soon a llama invasion was well underway (with accompanying isometric drawings, of course). Rebecca had the last laugh though – she stayed back to build as many spare blocks as she could muster into the biggest llama of them all.



Miss Ashley, Maths Department

Music News

In Music, Y7 have all been learning how to play the drums this half term - on chairs! They have been drumming along to such songs as Uptown Funk, One Kiss and even Highway To Hell! This has been a great experience and hopefully might produce some real drummers in the near future! Here's a picture of 7N with their multi-coloured drum sticks! And here's what some of them have to say about the chair drumming project:

This project was amazing, creative and fun. I learned a lot through listening and following - *Dikshitha*

The Chair Drumming project was really fun as I enjoyed playing with the whole class - *Lottie*

Working together as a team was fun' - *Isla*

This was a good project and I really enjoyed it. It was fun drumming to my favourite songs - *Poppy*

I enjoyed the songs we played and I really liked how hard they were. It was a bit hard when the pace got faster but it was very fun - *Anastasia*

I enjoyed the whole thing as it is the best project' - *Beau*



English News

The Henry Williamson Society

Please see below a flyer for The Henry Williamson Society Schools' Writing Competition for Y8 and 9 students.

Mrs Lord, Head of English



The Henry Williamson Society

SCHOOLS' WRITING COMPETITION 2025

For the attention of the Head of English

Theme: Nature-themed writing reporting for a school magazine, newspaper article, digital blog or holiday brochure

Entrants to choose *one* of these titles:

'A Favourite Nature Walk'

'A Gull's Life'

Age Group: Years 8 and 9

Closing date: 27 June 2025

Prize money:

To the school of the winning entrant – £500

To the winner – £100

To the two runners-up – £50 each

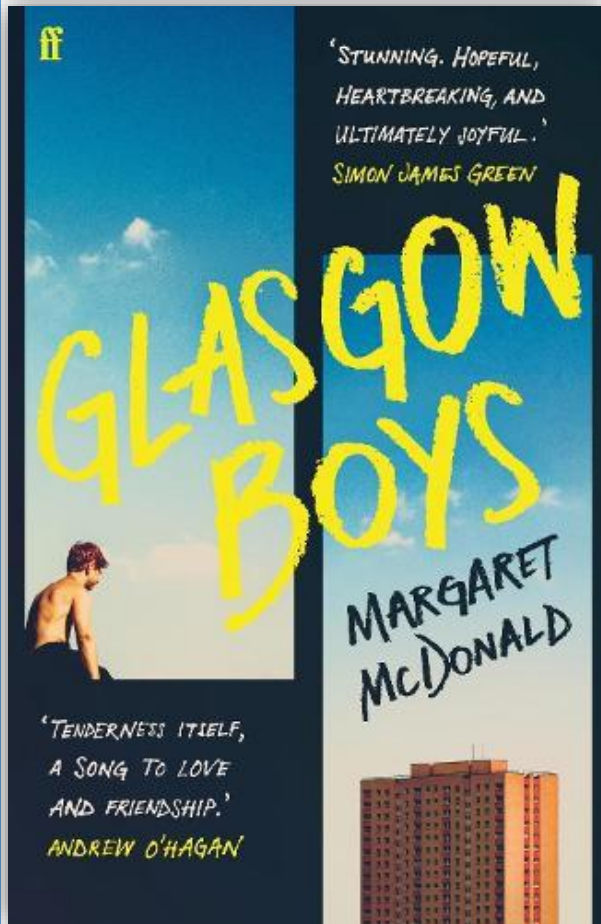
**Details and source materials available from our website
www.henrywilliamson.co.uk**

Entries by post only, sent to the address below

The Henry Williamson Society
c/o Louise McGlone
5 Framfield Place
Hammonds Green
Framfield
Uckfield
TN22 5QH

Enquiries to the above address, or email: competition@henrywilliamson.co.uk

Bookworm Bulletin



Glasgow Boys by Margaret McDonald

This is a very tender and emotional read that pulls at the heartstrings. The book is written as a dual narrative following Finlay, who is in his first year of his nursing degree at Glasgow University, and Banjo who is in his final year at high school.

Finlay struggles to support himself whilst studying, even though he has applied for all the scholarships he can. He made it to University against all odds having left the care system now he is eighteen. He has no support network. The only person he can rely on is himself.

Banjo is living with yet another foster family, having started yet another school. He tries for the athletics team as it's something he's good at, but he's not welcome. He struggles to deal with his past, his anger and his fear.

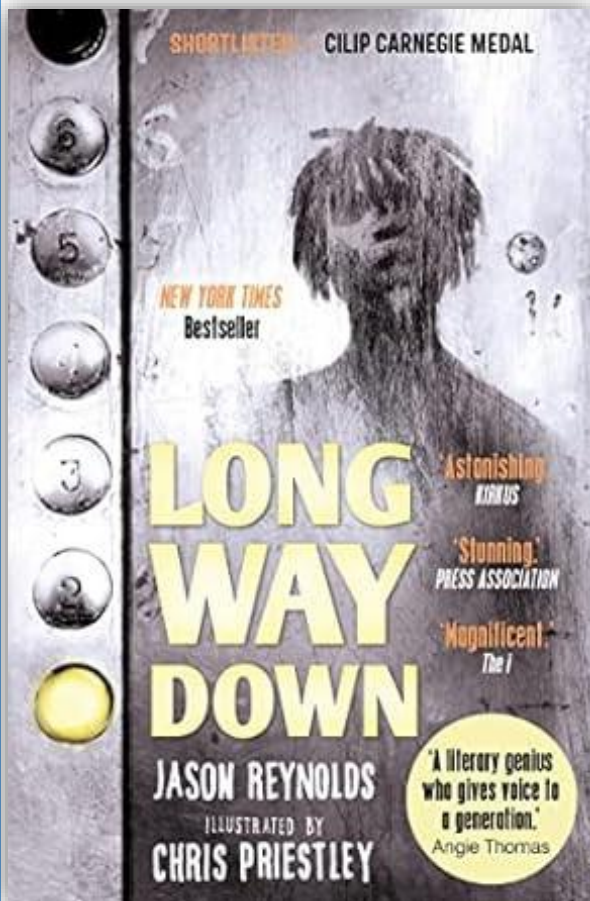
The book flashes back to their time in the same Group Home and the friendship they shared and how it shaped them.

Both boys are on a journey of self-discovery, working out who they are, what matters in their lives and how they themselves have a voice.

Prepare to have a tissue to hand as Finlay and Banjo can't remember the last time they had a hug! Enjoy!

image source - Awesomebooks.com

Mrs Chandler, Library



Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

This book is a very powerfully illustrated and a marvellous book. This book is about a young teen who lost a loved one due to gun crime and wanted to seek revenge on the people who killed him. As he was making his journey to seek revenge, each step of the way he was visited by ghosts who were once people he loved dearly. All the ghosts try to warn him about doing the right thing and not seeking revenge. This book is formatted in verses and the illustrations are unique, powerful and beautiful. Overall, I would recommend this book for teens and young adults as there is a lot of powerful and emotional language and tense, gripping scenes.

This book was a very wonderful book and I really enjoyed it so I would like for more people to read and enjoy it.

Daniella 9J

Image source - Amazon.com

The Carnegies 2025 Medal for Writing Shadowing Book Group



1.30pm in the Library every Tuesday

We have now launched our annual Carnegie Book Group. Here is the plan!

Our launch meeting gave an opportunity to borrow a shortlisted book for the Easter holidays. Subsequent meetings will focus on book covers, opening lines and then discussion book by book. We celebrate with a big balloon debate at the end of the summer term.

Date	Activity
Tuesday 1 st April	Carnegies Launch
Tuesday 29 th April	Book Cover Discussion
Tuesday 6 th May	First Page
Tuesday 13 th May	All That It Ever Meant
Tuesday 20 th May	Play & Little Bang
Tuesday 3 rd June	The Things We Leave Behind
Tuesday 10 th June	Treacle Town & Glasgow Boys
Tuesday 17 th June	King of Nothing
Tuesday 24 th June	The Final Year
Tuesday 1 st July	Balloon Debate

Whether you have lots of opinions to share, or would like to meet fellow book worms, this welcoming book group is open to all ... we'd love to see you there.

Library Book Cover Competition

Our winner is Roisin, 6AF!

There was a three way tie with Grace 11C and Mia 8C, with all students scoring 99/100. Roisin's name was picked out of the hat.

Happy Reading Roisin!

Miss O'Sullivan, English Department and Mrs Lees, Learning Resource Manager

Careers News

Year 13 – Student Finance applications

Student Finance England has now opened its application window for students to apply for finance for university tuition fees and maintenance loans for starting university in the autumn:

[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)

Channel Talent Webinar – Managing Your Money at University

Channel Talent is hosting a webinar presented by students from the University of East Anglia about managing money at university on 29th April 4.30-5.15pm. Students and parents/carers are welcome to register:

[HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? Hear From Current Students With Georgina May & Jim Carlberg, Higher Education Advisers & 2 Student Ambassadors From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

Work Experience in Years 10 and 12

Year 10 students have been out on their work experience placements this week and we are looking forward to hearing about their experiences after the Easter holidays. Students must ensure that they bring their completed logbooks back to school with them after the break.

Year 12 work experience week is 30th June-4th July. The deadline for submitting completed placement confirmation forms is 23rd April.

Volunteer Police Cadets

Students between the ages of 13 and 16 have the chance to sign up for the Volunteer Police Cadets to learn about policing and supporting their community. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Support:

As always, I can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

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