



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

10th November 2022



I would like to say a big thank you to the Science Team and Site Team for organising the magnificent display in the Science/Library stairwell. The new display makes tremendous use of the previously blank wall as a canvas for the stunning photographs taken by students for the Science is all Around competition. It was no mean feat framing all the (very) large photographs and then mounting them onto a very high wall but the effect created is stunning. To those in school, if you have not seen the display – take a look; it truly is very impressive!

I would also like to thank the host of students from every year group who have volunteered to be part of the new HQ Magazine Team. Our first meeting will be held at 1pm on Monday 14th November in the Sixth Form Study Room. Student volunteers from Years 7-11 should meet me in reception and I will take you to the Sixth Form Study room.

Student of The Week

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
7C	Katie Bonarius	Mrs Schwarz	Community
7C	Hattie Holyoake	Mrs Waldron	Religious Education
7J	Connie Angus	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
7J	Eve Barclay	Mrs Schwarz	Community
7N	Neve Timmins	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
7P	Mawusinu Doh	Mr Hemsall	History
7P	Leila Petraite	Miss O'Sullivan	English
7P	Arjanya Das	Mrs Aurikko	Science
7S	Greta Merkelyte	Miss Parker	Physical Education
8C	Roxanne Fox	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
8J	Olivia Mumby-Croft	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
8J	Lexi Embleton	Mrs Martindale	Science
8N	Nikita Rudd	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
8P	Noor Malik	Miss Rossouw	Religious Education
8P	Laura Young-Hardy	Ms Almasi	German
9C	Molly Lambe	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
9C	Lucy Gough	Miss Jones	Physical Education
9J	Katie Whittaker	Mr Garbett	Music
9J	Lauren Griffin	Mrs Busfield	Biology
9N	Wiktorija Kusyk	Mrs Knowles	French
9N	Sky Salkeld	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
9P	Scarlet Broderick	Mr Groom	History
9P	Lily Bull	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
9S	Liliana Wong	Mr Martindale	Technology
9S	Alexis Bradshaw	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
10C	Ruby Smith	Mrs Bennett	Community
10J	Chloe Ham	Mrs Bushell	French
10J	Millie Youngs	Mrs Barats	French
10N	Isobel Kitchen	Miss Pettefar	English Literature
10N	Komaeda Vitola	Miss White	Chemistry
10N	Jasmine Macasaddu	Mr Blackburn	Business Studies
10P	Megan Booth	Mrs Lord	Mathematics
10S	Brooke Godley	Mr McAlinden	Business Studies
11C	Mia Layton	Mrs Rogers	Geography
11C	Beth Wilkin	Mrs Waldron	Biology
11J	Emily Franklin	Mrs Haunch	Physics
11N	Lily Roberts-Anchor	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
11N	Grace Ravell	Mrs Clay	French
11S	Isla Clay	Mrs Neal	Art
6AB	Macy Hinton	Mr Love	Law
6AF	Sami Hussein-Greene	Miss Dunbar	Criminology
6EK	Taylor Weibel	Mrs Kelleher	Community
6GD	Lexie Cave	Mrs Jones	Classical Civilisation
6GD	Bella Fisher-Williams	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6LM	Jess Strong	Miss Jeffery	Community



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Mathematics Trust

Senior Mathematical Challenge 2022

Congratulations to our older students who took part in the **Senior Maths Challenge** last month. The results have arrived – out of 66 students who took part, there were 24 Bronze Certificates, 12 Silver Certificates and one Gold.

The best scorers were
Year 11 Anika Jain 11S
Year 12 Lauren Denning 6KM
Year 13 Molly Paxton 6SC who also qualified for the Senior Kangaroo.

Congratulations to all of the participants!



Children in Need - Friday 18th November

On Friday 18th November we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the national 'Children in Need' appeal. We are asking pupils to please support this worthwhile charity by paying £1 and coming to school in non-uniform. There is no big fancy dress theme this year. There should be no inappropriate outfits and no offensive slogans are to be worn.



Summer 2023 Examination Series

- GCSE exams will take place from Monday 15/5/23 to Wednesday 21/6/23
- GCE (A Level) exams will take place from Tuesday 16/5/23 to Monday 24/6/23

The Contingency Day is Wednesday **28/6/23**, and there are contingency afternoons on Thursday **08/06/23** and Thursday **15/06/23**. These will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. Students should be available to take examinations up until this date.

The generic timetables are available on the school website and individual student timetables will be issued in February.

Mrs Smith (Exams Officer)

Science Photos

During lockdown in 2020 we set a photographic competition for students to complete at home.

The theme was 'Science is all around'. The students were asked to take a photograph of something related to Science and write a short piece explaining the Science behind their image. The standard was very high and as judges we found it hard to make a choice on the winners. Twelve were chosen to make up a 2021 calendar. Many were then printed as posters and over the recent break they have been put up as a display, on the stairs leading up to labs 5 and 7.

A lot of you will have seen these as you have walked to and from your lessons. If you took a picture you might want to have a look and see if yours is up.



Careers Update

Year 9

In PSHCE on 3rd November, Luke Byron from The College of West Anglia spoke to our Year 9 students about vocational qualifications, T Levels and apprenticeships. We know that many of our students in the High School will go on to study A Levels and go to university but this is not the only route available to students. We want to ensure that students know about all the pathways available to them in the future so that they can make informed decisions about their next steps in education and training.

Year 10

Well done to Year 10 students who have already confirmed their work experience placement and submitted their form to Mrs O'Brien. Anyone who has a confirmed placement but has not yet handed the form in, could they please do so as soon as possible. The deadline for returning the 'Placement Confirmation Form' is Friday 18th November 2022.

We still have a number of outstanding voluntary contribution slips and payments. Please ensure these are returned as soon as possible, as the deadline of 31st October 2022 has now passed.

Year 11

In order to support our Year 11 students with their plans for after GCSEs, Mrs O'Brien will shortly be starting one-to-one guidance appointments.

Many schools and colleges are currently opening their doors to Year 11 students to give them a taste of their courses/subjects on offer. We have spoken to students in PSHCE lessons about the importance of research and visiting open evenings in preparation for next year after GCSEs. We have our open evening on 17th November which we hope students will attend with parents/carers.

Unifrog launch

We are excited to launch Unifrog in school as a careers platform for all students to use. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Sixth form students have now set up their Unifrog accounts. Students in Years 7-11 will receive their welcome emails from 14th November to their school email accounts and will then be able to set up their passwords and start using the platform. I have attached two 'Quick Tasks' reference sheets to this bulletin – one for Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) and one for Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11). These sheets outline ideas to get students started when using the platform. We hope that students will make use of Unifrog outside of school when researching their future pathways and options.

We have also set up a parent/carer login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child throughout the process. The sign up code you need is: **SPHLparents** and you can sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

Please see the introductory video link below:

[Parents- an introduction to Unifrog \(loom.com\)](https://www.loom.com/share/8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d8d)

Year 12 Work Experience

Work experience is part of our curriculum in Year 12. The work experience week for students this academic year is 3rd-7th July. We would like students to start thinking about where they might want to go on work experience and making enquiries. The main consideration is that employers hosting students must have Employers' Liability Insurance. More details will follow soon but if students have ideas about where they would like to go, it is a good idea to start asking employers if they would be able to offer work experience. Students will need to have a confirmed placement by end of February 2023 and exact deadlines will be confirmed soon.

Opportunities for aspiring medics, dentists and vets

I have put information out to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in their Careers Teams about opportunities this coming weekend to join online conferences with Dental Mentor and Medic Mentor. These are free conferences and help students to understand what is required in these competitive careers. Could students please let me know if they take part.

Support:

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

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Mrs Bushell (Careers Leader)

Spalding High School

Presents

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Winter

Concert

Tuesday 13th December 2022

7.00pm

Tickets available online soon!