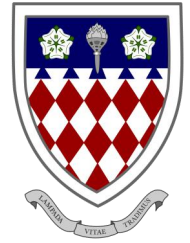


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

24th November 2022



We spent an absolutely lovely afternoon with Year 12 and their parents/carers yesterday, awarding students their GCSE Certificates and School Prizes. Most importantly, we celebrated student achievement and success, and of that there was much, but it also gave us the opportunity to catch up on news over a cup of tea and some of the Canteen's famous rocky road! It was wonderful to hear pieces from the Music Department including soloists and the Chamber Choir.

Over 1500 qualifications were taken by our GCSE students in the summer and of those 52% were graded at Grades 7-9; the very highest grades possible. Our results compare very favourably with the national Grade 7-9 attainment rate of 26.3% and regional rate of 22.5% Grade 7-9. Fourteen percent of students achieved Grades 7-9 in all of their subjects. Yet again this year, we have a positive GCSE Value Added Progress 8 of 0.6, meaning we have added at least more than half a GCSE grade to pupil progress. **This places the High School in the top 20% of schools nationally.** We continue to be very proud of our students' EBacc results, with 91% of students entered for the qualification. Across England and Wales, more than 600,000 Year 11s sat their GCSEs this summer. I must make special mention of Fatema Jaffer, who was one of only 13 pupils across the two home nations who achieved twelve grade 9s. Very well done to Fatema and to all of our GCSE students who collected their certificates and prizes yesterday.

We have started to make plans for our annual 'Bring A Tin Day' on Friday 9th December. This is a non-uniform day (traditionally, our Christmas Jumper Day!!), but rather than donating money, we ask that students and staff bring items of food to support the Spalding Agape Care Food Bank. This will be our ninth appeal and we generally donate well in excess of 1000 items of food collected on the day. Last year was a record year with 2044 items donated bringing our total over the past eight years to 12,264 items donated to the local food bank. The day is a military feat of organisation for the Prefect Team and we do hope that you will all be able to support our appeal this year. The Prefect team will write with more detail in next week's bulletin but for now, the type of items Apage Care need are:

All items donated should be unopened and in date. Thank you for your support.

Tinned Items: Potatoes (large size tins especially)*, Fruit, Rice pudding*, Custard*, Spaghetti, Baked Beans (with sausages), Soup (Heinz Big Soup especially), Ravioli, Ham*, Corned beef, Chicken, Meatballs, Tomatoes

Packet items: Noodles, Mashed Potato*, Pot Noodles, Hot Dogs

Christmas Food: Crackers (to eat and pull!), Stuffing, Chocolates (all types, for children and adults), Biscuits (fancy), Crisps/Pringles, Bread Sauce, Fruit juice, Gravy granules, Mince Pies, Nibbles

Toiletries: Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Body spray, Toothpaste/toothbrushes (all ages)

Other items: Colouring books, Pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners etc.

*Items needed the most

Mrs M K Anderson
Headmistress

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	Leli Chen Jenkins	Mrs Wilkins	Art
7N	Ruby Coupland	Mrs Schwarz	Technology
7N	Anna Blake	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
7N	Khaleesi Jerwood	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
7P	Arjanya Das	Mr Hempsall	History
8C	Charlotte Smith	Miss Pettefar	English
8C	Summer Atkins	Mrs Lord	Mathematics
8J	Izzy Herring	Mrs Reddy-Devlin	Technology
8N	Lucy Edwards	Miss O'Sullivan	Drama
8P	Laura Young-Hardy	Mrs Clay	Latin
8S	Freya Willerton	Miss Parker	Physical Education
9J	Jessica Millar	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
9N	Sky Salkeld	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
9N	Sigourney Bolton	Mrs Bennett	Geography
9P	Lexi Overton	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9S	Mika Clancey	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
9S	Freya Brown	Mrs Waldron	Religious Studies
10C	Molli McCormack	Ms Almasi	German
10J	Amelia Green	Mr McAlinden	Business
10P	Ava Marshall	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10S	Phoebe Spires	Mr Groom	History
11J	Joely Fordham	Mrs Jones	Latin
11N	Kimran Klair	Miss White	Form
11P	Eve Inman	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
11P	Anumi Atapattu	Mrs F Barats	French
11S	Beatriz Aqinuo	Mrs Neal	Art
11S	Emilia Podsiadly	Mr Martindale	Design Technology
6EK	Oliwia Harbuz	Mr Love	Law
6EK	Ella Kruh-Atar	Miss Jeffery	English Language
6EK	Beth Quinton	Miss McArthur	Religious Studies
6FM	Libby Mayne	Miss Rossouw	Psychology
6FM	Fatema Jaffer	Mr Wright	Biology
6GD	Tilly Sexton	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
6LM	Jess Strong	Mrs Haunch	Community
6LM	Misha Rajesh	Mrs Martindale	Biology
6LM	Ash Raynor	Mrs L Hebblewhite	Community
6SC	Olivia Derewonko	Mr Garbett	Music
6SC	Bobbi Beaumont	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
6SC	Hannah Mukama	Mrs Busfield	Biology
6TD	Katrina Dale	Miss Dunbar	Sociology

PE News

Basketball - 24th November

On the 24th November the Under 14 and Under 16 Basketball teams played their first fixture of the year against Haven High School.

The Under 14s secured an impressive 32-10 victory with Antonina Such chosen as Player of the Match.

The Under 16 team were losing 12-10 at half time and managed to turn the game around with a much better team performance in the last two quarters to finish 26-18 with Ava Marshall selected as Player of the Match for her brilliant defensive performance.

A Magnus, PE Teacher



World Cup 2022

Students had the opportunity to support England in their first game of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar on Monday. England played some exceptional football against Iran. Iran fought back but left it too late. Final score 6-2 to England.

A Parker, PE Teacher



Year 9 News



On Sunday 13th November, I went to Peterborough and took part in the Peterborough Kickboxing Championship Series Finals. I fought in a round robin category and participated in two fights that lasted one and a half minutes each. I won both (5-1, 5-4) and won the Points Fighting Grand Champion in my category.

Wiktoria Kusyk, 9N

GCSE Presentations 23rd November 2022

This week saw the first in person GCSE Presentations since November 2019 and what a lovely afternoon it was. Parents and carers were invited along to see the students presented with their certificates. We were entertained by some fantastic music from our Chamber Choir and solos from Niamh Williams and Olivia Derewonko.

All students, whether still here at SHS or studying at other establishments were invited and all received their GCSE Certificates whilst others received Attendance Certificates or Academic Achievement Certificates.

Our subject prize winners are listed below.

Subject	Student
ART & DESIGN	Fatema Jaffer
BUSINESS	Ruby Warren
BIOLOGY	Magda Czamara
CHEMISTRY	Fatema Jaffer
COMBINED SCIENCE	Finley Preen
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Natalia Hulley
DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES	Jasmine Maladi
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Molly Hallissey
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Ruby Warren
FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION	Priya Ellis
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	Fatema Jaffer
GEOGRAPHY	Ella Allmond
GERMAN	Olivia Derewonko
HISTORY	Katelin Verrells
LATIN	Magda Czamara
MATHEMATICS	Magda Czamara
MUSIC	Niamh Williams
PHYSICS	Misha Rajesh
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Ella Allmond
PRODUCT DESIGN	Freya Wade
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Jessica Corney
SPANISH	Silvia Richards
TEXTILES	Lunete Grinceviciute

Congratulations to all students.

K Smith, Exams Officer

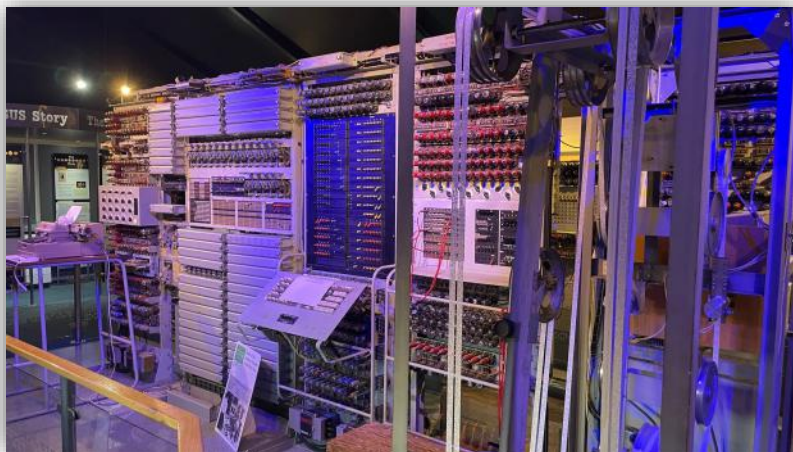


GCSE Computer Science trip to Bletchley Park and The National Museum of Computing

On the 14th November students from GCSE Computer Science in Years 10 and 11 visited Bletchley Park. Bletchley is the home of World War Two code breaking, The National Museum of Computing and where the first ever electronic computer, The Colossus, is housed. It was a full and intense day visiting two museums, taking part in a workshop for code breaking and participating in two guided tours.

Students had first-hand experience with the Enigma Machine, famous for cracking the German U-Boat messages, and one of the last five Lorenz Cipher machines in the world. We also saw the oldest fully working computer calculate eight digit square numbers and roots as well as getting some hands on time with retro games consoles. We also got to see the CRAY Super computer and the first ever Apple made.

The Colossus is the world's first electronic computer which was developed to help decipher the Lorenz Cipher encrypted messages between Hitler and his generals during World War Two. The Colossus can read data at 5000 characters per second.



Lorenz Cipher machine was used by the German Army during World War II

Hard Drive Storage circa. 1970



This was a great experience and seeing some of the technology that we have discussed in lessons and how some of the techniques apply in the real world will be extremely valuable.

A Fovargue, Head of Computing

Children In Need

A huge thank you to everyone who took part last Friday and contributed to this extremely worthwhile charity. With the non-school uniform and Pudsey Bear raffle we raised a fantastic £970.



The raffle for Pudsey's friend, Blush, raised £90 for Children in Need. The picture shows Nathan Oakman and Archie Hodson who sold tickets at lunchtime presenting it to the winner, Harriet Dunn, 10J

L Ray, Assistant Head

Remembrance

Holly Lucas and I were given the opportunity to represent our school at this year's Remembrance Service in Spalding. It was a great honour to be a part of the service and lay a wreath to remember those who have fought for our country and those who have given their lives to protect others.

Emma Meacham, Year 13



SIMS Parent App

Further to last week's parent bulletin, a quick reminder that we will start sending registration emails for the SIMS Parent App next week (Years 7, 8, 9 only). The registration email will be from noreply@sims.co.uk and will contain a unique activation code. You will need this code to set up your SIMS Parent account. Registration emails for Years 10-13 will be sent week beginning:

Years 10 and 11 - 5th December

Years 12 and 13 – 12th December

Getting started with the SIMS Parent App

1. Follow the link in the email to be directed to the Sign In page.
2. **Register with a Microsoft, Office 365, Google, Facebook or Twitter account.** Click the icon for the relevant third party account and you will be directed to sign in using your existing details.
3. Once registration has been completed successfully, you will then be able to access your child(ren) at this school, either by signing in online at <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk> or by downloading the App from Google Play or the Apple App store – search for 'SIMS Parent'. Please note, the SIMS Parent App is not supported on Windows phones.

Your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 90 days if it is not used; please send an email to enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk if you require a replacement after this date.

Once you have activated the SIMS Parent App invitation it is taken that you have read and agreed the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy for the SIMS Parent App (click [here](#)).

B Love, Assistant Head

Careers Update

Our Sixth Form Open Evening

It was a pleasure to meet and talk to parents/carers and students at our Sixth Form open evening last week. I hope that students were able to talk to subject staff and current students and have their questions answered.

Mrs O'Brien and I are available in the careers office if students wish to talk to us.

Unifrog launch

We are excited to have launched 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 should have now received their welcome emails from 14th November to their school email accounts to set up their passwords and start using the platform. **Could students who have not yet done so, please activate their accounts.**

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 \(loom.com\)](#)

Year 12 Work Experience

Two students in Year 12 have already found work experience placements for next July and several others are busy making enquiries. 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.

Careers Update

Opportunities for aspiring allied healthcare professionals in Years 10, 11 and 12

Each year we have many students in the sixth form who apply for healthcare careers and the information, advice and guidance offered by the Medic Mentor Family, a charity which supports students in preparing to enter such careers, is invaluable. Having joined an online 'Insight into Medicine Conference' last weekend, I was extremely impressed by the information and opportunities shared with students. Coming up in December is the 'Insight into Allied Healthcare Conference'. Please see the information from Allied Healthcare Mentor below. If students take part, could they please email me.

Allied Healthcare Mentor is launching its first 'Insight into Allied Healthcare Conference' on Saturday 10th December. This is a free, virtual event, for students in Years 10-13.

Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/shruUtl3mMiKorsK>

Chief Nurse Mentor, Abbie Dickinson, will be joined by health professionals across the NHS to share their insight into how to get into healthcare and what day-to-day life is like in their respective careers.

Abbie will be joined by:

Carla Jayne Avery - Midwifery

Simon Otter - Podiatry

Tracy Wallis - Associate Head for Students University of Portsmouth

Katherine Chambers - Physiotherapy

Lucie Rochfort - Speech and Language Therapy

Natalie Hicks - Occupational Therapy

Shelley Blane - Therapeutic Radiography

Parag Sawant - Occupational Therapy

Kevin Harrup – Operating Department Practitioner

Students are also reminded to register for their AHP work experience session on Sunday 4th December. Places are £10 to cover administrative costs: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Support:

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

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

Buying alcohol during the **WORLD CUP** for under 18s?



It is illegal to buy alcohol on behalf of someone who is under 18. If you're caught you could get a **£90** on-the-spot fine or end up in court with a criminal record and an **unlimited fine**

Partners

Local council, Police, Trading Standards, alcohol retailers, schools and the community

For more Information

If you have any information relating to the supply of alcohol to young people or street drinking, please contact the police on 101

For more information on the harms underage drinking can lead to go to www.drinkaware.co.uk

Community Alcohol Partnerships
CC number: 07478097



www.communityalcoholpartnerships.co.uk
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Concert

Tuesday 13th December 2022

Refreshments at 7.00pm

Concert at 7.30pm

Tickets - £4.50

Available through the school online payment system

Programmes & refreshments by cash only