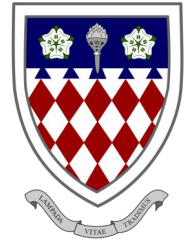


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

27th April 2023



There is lots to celebrate and read about in this week's edition of the School Bulletin. Firstly, well done to Veronika Prots for sharing some of her amazing art work this week – what amazing pictures these are! Also congratulations to Mr Cook for his election to Chair of the Spalding Round Table and to Mrs Schwarz on an absolutely massive achievement which I hope you all enjoy reading about!

It is great to read about more of the School trips and excursions that we are able to enjoy again and, this week, there are very enjoyable items to read about the Music Trip to the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham and the Geography Field Trip to Sicily over Easter.

Talking about enjoyable activities, planning is well underway for the High School's Coronation Celebrations. Form groups each have a budget to spend on their picnics and are busy making their crowns and bunting. The canteen are organising a BBQ for everyone to enjoy with a wide range of menu options to cater for meat eaters, vegetarians and vegans alike. Tickets are £2 each and can be purchased in the canteen any break or lunchtime (with the exception of tomorrow lunchtime) until Thursday next week. Form groups and staff are also planning their teams for the Right Royal Whacky Races, a variety of traditional races and relays but with a royal theme. We have the All the King's Horses race, the Swan Egg and Spoon Race, Afternoon Tea Run Race, Race to be King, Royal Pick and Mix Relay and then, finally, the Trashion Show Crown Parade! There will be games to enjoy during the picnic/BBQ such as the Corgi Treasure Hunt, Hook a Royal Duck and Pin the Crown on the King. The Sixth Form will also be running the ice cream stalls for everyone to enjoy. We are hoping the weather will be kind to us and, at the moment, are planning for students to be in PE kit for the day. I am monitoring the weather reports closely and will make a final decision about PE kit or non-uniform next week and send a final message via the bulletin and form tutors on Thursday. I am sure we will be sharing some amazing photographs and reports of all of the fun the week after next!

Mrs M K Anderson, Headmistress

Y10 helpers required for Summer School 2023

We are looking for six helpers who could assist in the running of the Y6 & Y7 Summer School this year. You need to be enthusiastic, a good communicator and have an interest in working with younger students. You must be available to work from Monday 24th July – Friday 28th July. Successful applicants will be paid for the full five days.

Application letters should be emailed or handed to Mrs Ray by Friday 26th May. Interviews will then take place on Friday 9th June.

Your letter must include the skills and qualities that you have, any experience you have of working with younger students at school or in the community, and the reasons why you feel you would be suitable for this position.

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your leadership skills and to be part of a great team!

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head Teacher

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.

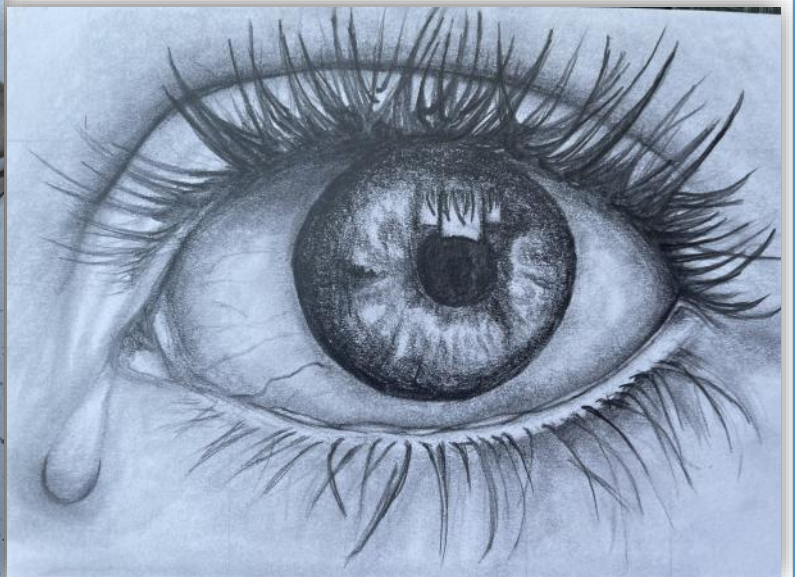
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7C	Karina Kaskeleviciute	Miss White	Science
7C	Katie Bonarius	Miss Jeffery	Library
7J	Amber Wardill	Mrs Waldron	Community
7J	Emily Webster	Mrs Chandler	Library
7J	Daniella Assiamah	Mrs Lees	Library
7N	Isabella Brook	Miss Pascoe	Physical Education
7P	Leila Petraite	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
7S	Antonia Nowak	Mrs Clay	French
8N	Julia Furmanczyk	Miss Magnus	History
8N	Simona Moskova	Miss Bailey	German
9C	Grace Bushell	Miss Jeffery	Drama
9C	Julia Wawro	Mrs Kelleher	Art
9N	Daisy Mardle	Mr Garbett	Music
10C	Ava Smith	Miss Chalcraft	Mathematics
10J	Lucy Duff	Mrs Bushell	French
10J	Elizabeth Atolagbe	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
10N	Lois Gater	Ms Almasi	German
10P	Chloe Lam	Mrs Knowles	French
10P	Fiona Sung	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10S	Zora Allen	Mrs Haunch	Physics
11C	Tillie Allen	Mr Blackbourn	Business
11C	Abigail Armstrong	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
11J	Roisin Williams	Mrs Waldron	Religious Studies
11J	Emily Franklin	Mrs Aurikko	Community
6AF	Trixie Mayne	Mrs Neal	Art
6FM	Abbie-Louise Joyce	Mrs Gregory	Library
6FM	Abbie-Louise Joyce	Mr Love	Law
6LH	Kaia Clancey	Mr Hemsall	History
6LH	Penelope Baxter	Mrs Hebblewhite	Community
6LM	Ebony Housden	Mrs Neal	Community
6LM	Olivia Harris	Mrs Rogers	Geography
6LM	Louisa Fordham	Mrs J Lord	English Language
6NG	Skaiste Liekyte	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6SC	Immy Rycroft-Jones	Mr Farrell	Physical Education
6SC	Finley Preen	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
6SC	Hannah Mukama	Miss Rossouw	Psychology

Celebrating The Individual In Year 8 – Veronika Prots

"Art has played a massive part in my life for as long as I can remember. My biggest inspiration has been my grandad since he is a professional artist and when I was as young as two I was drawing and following in his footsteps, and I greatly appreciate everything I have learnt from him. I also do private tutoring and have been doing so since I was about 10-11 years old.

I mostly do art for fun, but also to gain confidence and learn as much as possible.

Over the years I have experimented with different mediums, styles and techniques and learnt a lot along the way. Doing art can teach you many skills, some of which are useful for the future such as perseverance, patience, determination and resourcefulness, as well as greatly develop your creativity." **Veronika Prots, 8P**



A visit to Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham

Last Tuesday, we (the GCSE and A Level music students) went to the Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham to see three works of classical music performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. It was an excellent evening consisting of three main pieces - Sibelius: Finlandia, Tchaikovsky: Violin concerto and Prokofiev: Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet. 'Finlandia' and Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet were purely symphonic works, led by the incredible conductor Vasily Petrenko. 'Finlandia' was incredibly majestic, with a strong patriotic tune that filled the whole hall, whereas the Romeo and Juliet Excerpts were gentle at times, and dramatic at others, perfectly illustrating key moments of the story. In addition to these, we were very lucky to hear Bomsori Kim, an esteemed soloist who has performed internationally, play Tchaikovsky's violin concerto! Her interpretation of the concerto was spell-binding, especially the introspective 2nd movement, and it was such a pleasure to hear her and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra live!

This trip was a great opportunity to experience a different type of music I am sure many of us wouldn't typically hear. It was amazing to hear such talented musicians and to see what we have been studying live in concert. The trip itself was great fun and it was lovely to be in the theatre, and see how the pieces we learn about are structured, and the instruments we learn about played so beautifully. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we hope to go again!

By Bella Kirk and Briony Sweeting (10J)



Bomsori Kim—Violinist

Geography

Trip to Sicily April 2023

After the disappointment of having to cancel our last overseas fieldtrip back in 2020 as a result of Covid, it was fantastic that we, the Geography department, could recommence our fieldtrips in April with a trip to Sicily. We were very lucky to take with us 47 very resilient students who coped remarkably well with the six hour flight delay which led to us finally arriving in our hotel room at 3:30am.

This late start did not dampen our spirits as on the first day we made an early start to trek on Etna South, where we were able to see the aftermath of the eruption in 2002. Our guides lead us through the intriguing landscape of lava formed from the 2002 eruption. Our next excursion was to take a cable car up the south side of Etna hoping then to continue by four x four vehicles and walk around the crater, but this was not to be. Once we stepped off the Cable Car at 2500 metres we were greeted by very limited visibility and snow, so the only option was to head down again.

Monday, took us to Alcantara Gorge a 150m-long gorge with impressive 50m-high gorge walls comprising of magnificent examples of dark grey columnar basalt formed by a previous lava flow from Mount Etna crossing the path of the river, and therefore cooling at a faster rate. This followed by a trip to Taormina, one of Sicily's most famous settlements, perched high above the coastline. Here we could stroll along its perfectly preserved medieval streets and visit the Greek Amphitheatre, a World Heritage Site which offers magnificent views towards Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. Although these views were slightly obscured by cloud and heavy rain we did get to enjoy some delicious ice cream. The highlight of the day for many was the pizza making course, where you were able to eat your final creation.

The sun did come out on the last day as we took the hydrofoil to the island of Vulcano. This island is still geothermically active and here we completed a hike up an extinct crater where we could then admire the views of the island and the Gran Cratere.

After an action packed three days where we experienced every type of weather possible we arrived back with no delays. It was wonderful to be able to experience Geography outside the classroom again with such a great and enthusiastic group of students.

Mrs Rogers, Geography Department



Geography

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Recently, we were lucky enough to go on a Geography trip to Sicily. During this trip, we visited many places, making many memories along the way.

On our first day we visited Mount Etna - an active volcano! While hiking Etna, our tour guide showed us around the remains of old houses which had been destroyed by the lava. The hike was brilliant and although we took a few tumbles trying to get back down the mountain, we all had a very good time. After our hike, we took a coach to the other side of Etna and took cable cars further up the mountain. Although we couldn't reach the top of the mountain due to the extreme snowy conditions, we had all really enjoyed our first day.

The following day, we travelled to the Alcantara gorges, which were incredibly beautiful and proved to be worth the journey. After exploring the gorges, we then advanced to the town of Taormina and though the weather tried to ruin our plans, we carried on with our day. We visited Teatro Antico di Taormina - an old amphitheatre which had been built by the ancient Greeks and later modified by the Romans. The views were truly incredible. To finish off our day, we made our own pizza at a local pizzeria - we now know that being chefs is an unlikely career for us!

On our final day, the weather had improved greatly, the sun was shining, and we took a ferry across to the island Vulcano and hiked around the mountains. The water was clear and shining and the weather was perfect (though it caused some sunburn!) We took a stroll on the beach and got some ice cream to end the day and then came back to the hotel ready to pack up our things and travel back home.

We all really enjoyed this trip and are so thankful that we had the opportunity to go!

Chessie and Beth. – Year 10

Some of my favourite parts of the Geography trip to Sicily included completing the challenging climb up Mount Etna and paddling in Alcantra Gorge. Also, sightseeing in Taormina was beautiful and finishing the day making pizza was great! Trekking up Gran Cratere on the island of Volcano to see the views in such lovely weather was a highlight too. From being stuck in an airport for hours, eating the best ice cream to having a good laugh with my friends; I have made some amazing memories. "

Abbie H Year 11

Going to Sicily was a fantastic opportunity, which I was lucky to have been able to go on. There were many great things about the trip but some of the highlights included having some free time to be able to go and explore Taormina in small groups, and then making pizzas afterwards. There were many mental challenges that took place while on the trip such as climbing up Mount Etna and being stuck in the airport for hours on the way to Sicily. But the amazing memories and friends made overshadow the negatives and are the things I will never forget about the trip to Sicily.

Izzy B – Year 11



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Staff News

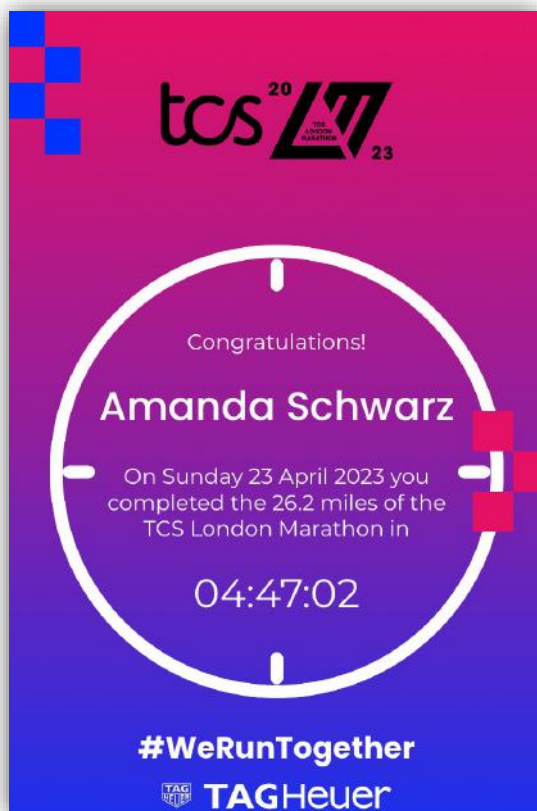
Spalding Round Table

Congratulations to Mr Cook, who has been elected as the Chair of the Spalding Round Table. Mr Cook says he is looking forward to his year in office!



The London Marathon, April 2023

Congratulations to Mrs Schwarz, who ran the London Marathon last weekend in an incredible time of 4:47:02. Mrs Schwarz ran the race in support of Don't Lose Hope, a local charity supporting mental health and well-being and we are fortunate to benefit from their support in school. Mrs Schwarz said it was a privilege to run the race and that she was "quite pleased" with her time! We are all very impressed Mrs Schwarz – well done!



English Department

The Department of English is promoting Naylor Flowers Open Farm Sunday Poetry Competition.
Submission deadline is Friday 26th May.

Naylor Flowers is a local farm that has been growing cut flowers for the past 75 years. To celebrate our 75th Anniversary, they are hosting a LEAF Open Farm Sunday event on 11th June and they would love you to get involved!

Naylor's are running a couple of competitions throughout the day and before the event to engage with all ages of our community and thought the pupils of Spalding High School may want to take part in a poetry competition to be in with the chance of winning a chocolate hamper and book vouchers.



The theme is open to interpretation and any form of poetry applies as long as it is no longer than one A4 page. Submissions, could be posted or dropped off at:

Naylor Flowers
Washway Road
Moulton Seas End
Spalding
PE12 6LP

**Or, submit entries to Mrs Lord (Head of English - Room 5)
Submission deadline is Friday 26th May.**

Careers Update

Year 12

Last week I sent out a letter to parents/carers of Year 12 students regarding applying for university. We are continuing to research possible courses in careers lessons and all students should now have now set up their UCAS Hub accounts to be able to access a suite of support materials. One of the features of the Hub is access to 'Hub Live', a series of webinars regarding many aspects of university applications. I would encourage parents/carers to ask their child to show them around their UCAS hub materials as many questions can be answered using the information.

Future First Alumni Hub

We greatly value the support of our former students, many of whom are keen to maintain contact with school. We are hoping that the students in the current Years 11 and 13 who will be leaving us in the summer will also want to stay in touch. Students are invited to sign up to our Future First Alumni Hub using the link below.

<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/spaldinghigh>

Collaboration with Worldwide Fruit Limited

Mrs O'Brien and I visited Worldwide Fruit Limited in Spalding on Tuesday this week. We met members of staff from various departments and discussed ways in which we can work together over the coming months to help support our students with work experience and understanding key business functions. Fran McNally, Quality Manager, is our Enterprise Adviser and she and her colleagues Rob King, Logistics Manager, and Tom Ladbrook, Production Manager, gave us a tour of the factory, including their soft ripe facility, which enables consumers throughout the UK to enjoy perfectly ripe fruit all year-round using gases and certain temperatures to create the perfect ripening environment.



Fran McNally, Quality Manager



Fran, Tom and Rob



Soft Ripe Facility

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