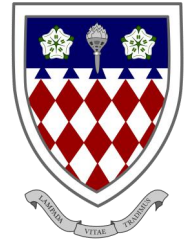


# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 11th May 2023



The bulletin is extra full this week with lots of news to enjoy as always! A very special mention to our Year 11 leavers this week, what a fantastic day we had with you yesterday and good luck in your forthcoming exams. Also many congratulations to Leah on her British Record—Amazing!

To be honest, I cannot recall a week when I have checked the weather forecast quite as much as I did in the days leading up to last Friday! Arrangements, including wet weather contingencies were all in place, but we knew that it would be nowhere near as enjoyable an experience if we were inside in separate key stages rather than on the school field together. This was an event to celebrate the King's Coronation but it was also an incredibly important opportunity for us to come together as a School and celebrate shared fun and our community ethos. Opportunities such as this have been rare in recent years and we must ensure that our collegiate spirit is well and truly celebrated when we get the chance.

First thing in the morning, we had a wonderful array of trashion show crowns brought to the hall along with amazing strings of bunting. The time, effort and thought that had gone into the bunting and the crowns was tangible. The artwork and creativity were fantastic - just look at the photographs to see for yourselves! Well done to everyone! The winners can be found on the results sheet later in today's bulletin.

Mr Farrell provided some excellent advice in terms of focusing on the weather directly overhead rather than the forecast and so we took the plunge and declared we would be on the field after all!

The first hour of the afternoon was glorious with lovely weather and sunshine to enjoy the BBQ and picnics. The field was abuzz with chatter, laughter and everyone enjoying their lunch. The ladies in the canteen had set up a very patriotic BBQ gazebo and there was plenty of students and staff who enjoyed burgers and hot dogs with many going back for seconds. There was also a lot of passing trade for the ice cream and refreshment stalls as well as the field side activities such as Hook A Duck (of course number 3 was the winner) and Pin the Crown on the King. Many students enjoyed having Union Jack face paints and tackling the Corgi Treasure Hunt. Well done to the winners of the treasure hunt who were randomly drawn from the correct entries - you can see who won on the results sheet.

With the weather still holding reasonably well but with dark clouds massing on the horizon, we started the Right Royal Whacky Races. These were a series of fun races and relays, imaginatively created by Miss Parker and Miss Magnus and included All the King's Horses - a hobby horse race in which participants had to gallop or trot and not just run. Miss Jones was very firm about this and we saw several disqualifications (including, might I add, our Head of PE!) However, Mrs Haunch and Ms Chalcraft, along with many students galloped and trotted beautifully! There are not many schools where students and staff happily mount hobbyhorses and trot down a track to a cheering crowd, laughing and having fun. That High School spirit was obvious.

We also had the Swan's Egg and Spoon Race, a mad dash down the course without dropping the golden egg. There were some very skilled runs and one might think that there had been a degree of training because some of the runs were very quick. For the Race To Be King Relay, we had to quite literally hold onto our inflatable crowns because the wind was picking up and the crowns were a little on the small side.

About half way through the races we had a hairy moment or two when rolling thunder could be heard and lightning was visible on the horizon but as it wasn't raining directly overhead so we persevered and went on to the Royal Pick And Mix Relay. This one was a real hoot! A series of four relay legs, starting with the space hoppers and moving on to skipping, beanbags, bat and balls. We had a great laugh during this race and it was joyful to hear the cheering and laughing. We finished the races with the Afternoon Tea Run, which tested each year group to move as much tea (water) as they could from one bucket to the next. It was a race that would not have been out of place on It's a Knockout and unsurprisingly Y11 and the Sixth Form ended up with more water on each other than in the bucket but this just added to the laughter and fun.

There were many thanks to be made at the end of the celebration:

- ◆ The canteen for running the BBQ
- ◆ The Finance Office for running the refreshments
- ◆ The Sixth Form for running the games, face painting and ice cream stands
- ◆ Form tutors for organising the picnics
- ◆ Mr Gent and Mr White for setting everything up
- ◆ Miss Parker and Miss Magnus for organising the games and running the events
- ◆ Miss Jones, Miss Pascoe, Mr Farrell and Mrs Ray for acting as starters, time keepers and race judges
- ◆ Mr Smith for taking all the photos
- ◆ Those who came up with the idea of the Coronation souvenir - a ruler for our new ruler
- ◆ Staff for helping supervise and most importantly...
- ◆ Our brilliant students for willingly joining in, cheering each other on, laughing and having so much fun with each other.

Just as we had finished the final announcements and winners and were making our way back inside, the skies opened and the rain fell...but nothing could dampen our spirits by that point of the afternoon!

When we were chatting about it on Tuesday, I had a member of staff and a student both tell me (quite independently of each other) that it was the best event they could remember for many years; that memories had been made that would never be forgotten and that they hadn't laughed as much for a long time. These were sentiments expressed by lots of people I spoke to. Thank you all for making it such a brilliant experience.

## Student of The Week

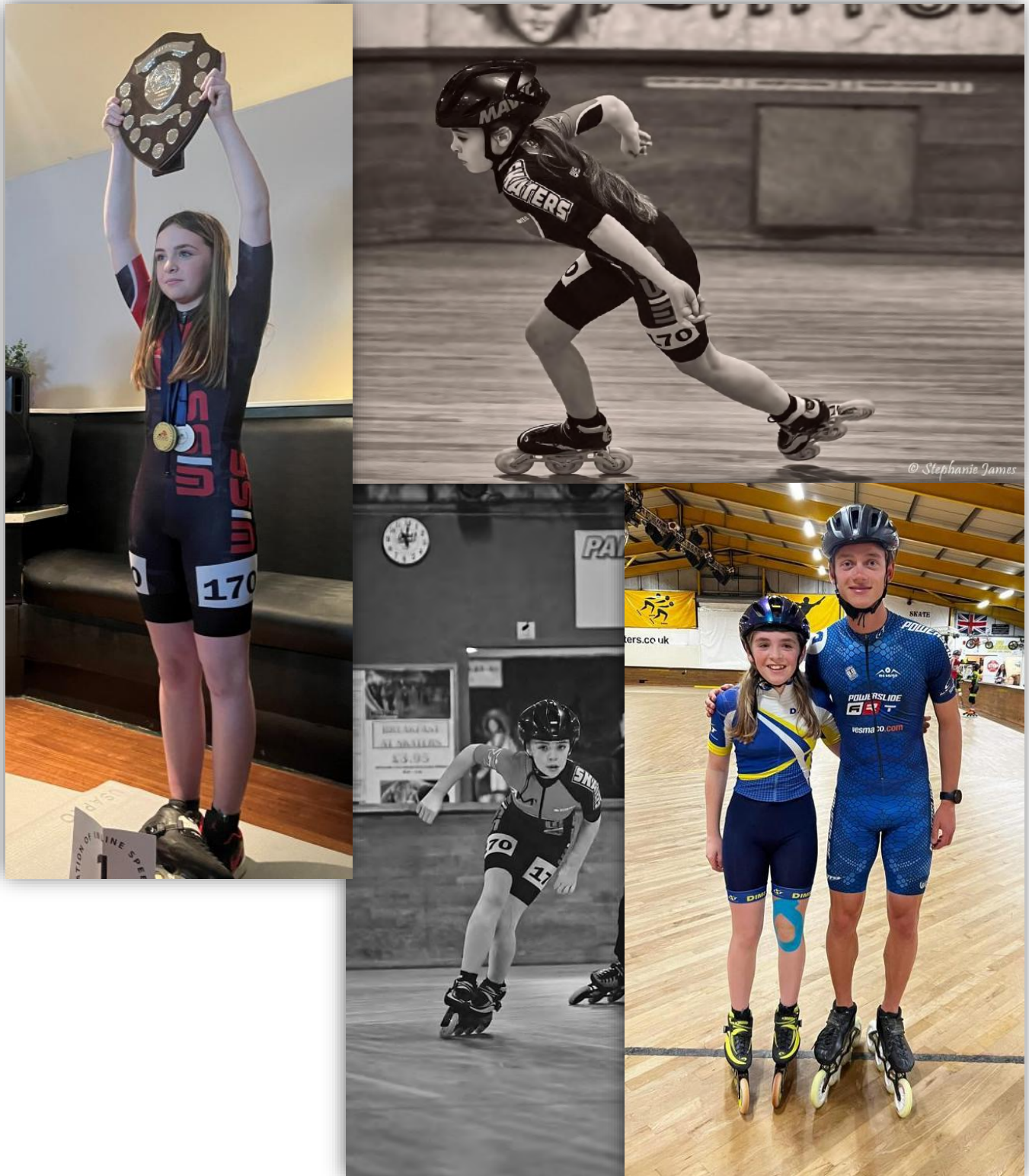
Please find below the latest 'Student of the Week' nominations. Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
7J	Olivia Duff	Mrs Rogers	Geography
7P	Leila Petraite	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
7S	Greta Merkelyte	Mrs Neal	Art
8C	Jasmine Copping	Mr Ganger	Community
8N	Julia Furmanczyk	Miss O'Sullivan	English
8S	Paris Webb	Mrs Love	English
9J	Gabriella Atkinson	Miss O'Sullivan	Community
9J	Jess Millar	Mrs Wilkins	Art
9N	Lola Connolly	Mr Garbett	Music
9P	Annabelle Giles	Mrs J Lord	English Language
9P	Scarlett Ward	Mr McAlinden	History
9S	Saule Balzarviciute	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
10J	Gracie Cowling	Mrs Clay	French
10J	Holly Burchnall	Mr Blackbourn	Business
10J	Isabella Kirk	Mrs Cave	Community
10S	Brooke Godley	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
10S	Julia Rusnarczyk	Miss Bailey	German
11C	Mia Layton	Mrs Waldron	Religious Studies
11N	Evie Duffill	Mrs Bennett	Geography
11N	Faith Timmins	Miss White	Chemistry
11N	Francesca Crossman - Vyse	Miss White	Community
11S	Roselin Augustine	Mrs Bushell	French
6AB	Genna Pogson	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
6GD	Scarlet O'Hara	Mrs Busfield	Biology
6LH	Keira Miscampbell	Mrs Neal	Community
6NG	Anna Kennedy	Mrs Jones	Classical Civilisation
6SC	Jess Smith	Mrs Jones	Community

## Celebrating The Individual in Year 8 - Leah Barker, 8C

My name is Leah and my hobby is inline speed skating. For the past two weeks I have been in Germany racing for the Europa Cup. The first week I was in Geisingen racing in cadet ladies against 70 skaters. I loved the environment as everyone loved the sport so everyone supported each other. The second week I spent in Groß-gerau racing against 55 skaters! At this race there were many injuries as it rained on the first day, even the best people fell over! Olympic gold medallist in long track speed skating Bart Swing competed at both events along with his world champion teammate Jason Suttels.

One of my races was a 500 metre sprint where I managed to break the British record by 15 seconds! This now makes me a British Record Holder! I enjoyed the whole experience and now training hard for the European championships held in Oostende Belgium in August!





## P.E News

### Year 11 Rounders

Well done to the Year 11 Rounders Team who played their last ever tournament on 25<sup>th</sup> April, winning all their games! The team showed excellent sportsmanship, competitiveness and commitment to retaining their unbeaten record since Year 7. Well done to all who played and good luck with everything you do in the future.



Miss Pascoe, PE Department

### U14 Football

On Friday 5th May, the U14 football team played in Round Three of the Sisters in Sport National Cup against Stratford Upon Avon School. The team struggled to comeback from a poor first half performance resulting in a 5-1 defeat against very strong opposition. The team should be proud of their much improved second half display with an excellent goal from Freya from just inside the opposition's half and some fantastic individual performances demonstrating the progress they have made this season.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

## **Maths Department**

The Maths Department will be holding pre-exam breakfasts in the hall from 8.30am until 8.55am on the morning of each Maths Exam.

The dates are;

- ◆ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- ◆ Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- ◆ Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Mrs Chalcraft, Head of Maths**

## **Pastoral News**

### **Young Carers**

Every June, between 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> carers are recognised and celebrated as the country marks the annual carers campaign. This aims to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. We want to support and celebrate young carers within our school community and we are excited to announce that from September we will be running a young carers group. We will be holding assemblies highlighting the incredible work these young people do and setting up a group that all young carers can join. Here you will get to do fun activities and meet other young people in similar situations and enjoy some time just for you. We look forward to seeing you in September.

**Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Davies**

## **Art Department**

### **A Level and GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition**

Spalding High School are proudly hosting an open evening dedicated to the Art and Photography work of their A Level and GCSE students. The exhibition will be held in the Art Department from 5pm until 8pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Refreshments will be available. This will be a landmark achievement for Mrs Kelleher, Head of Art who will be hosting this, her 15<sup>th</sup> and final exhibition for the School.

Spalding High School looks forward to welcoming students, parents, carers and visitors from the local community to celebrate the achievements of our talent students.

For more information please contact [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)



## Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Yesterday we said goodbye to Year 11. In the morning there was shirt signing, photos and time together in their forms. There were plenty of tears by 9.30am! Lessons were as normal before lunch but there were lots of activities to aid their revision including naming quadrilaterals whilst doing press ups and reciting square numbers whilst doing star jumps! Lunchtime saw the keeping of tradition with Rounders for students v staff followed by a year group hokey cokey led by Mrs Lord, form tutor for 11S. The task of getting them indoors for registration was made easy by five congas led by the form tutors. We then all met in the hall for the last time as a whole year group. Mrs Anderson's recall of them sitting in front of her in 2018 as Year 7s brought more tears as they realised that their secondary education journey was coming to an end. Each form showed their video of memories of their time at Spalding High School and even more tissues were needed. The afternoon finished with time together, various staff coming in to say goodbye and more shirt signing. It was a lovely afternoon and sad to see them go but it is time for them to sit their exams and begin the next part of their journey in building their future.

I wish each and every one of the Year 11s the very best for their exams and their futures. I hope they all achieve their ambitions.

Year 11, it's been a pleasure. Good luck to you all.

**Mrs Spinks, Head of Year 11.**



## School Canteen

Please find below the Canteen rotas for the rest of the year:

As Year 11 have now left us, the canteen rotas have been updated. A copy of the new rotas will be in the student form trays today.



### YEAR GROUP CANTEEN LUNCH SLOTS

2022-23

FROM MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY



	WEEK 1			WEEK 2	
	Mon-Wed	Thurs-Fri		Mon-Wed	Thurs-Fri
<b>Sixth Form</b>	12.35pm	1.05pm	<b>Sixth Form</b>	12.35pm	1.05pm
NB: If the Sixth Form do not have a lesson before lunch, they may go to the canteen 5 minutes ahead of their allotted time.					
<b>Y10</b>	12.35pm	1.05pm	<b>Y9</b>	12.35pm	1.05pm
<b>Y9</b>	12.40pm	1.10pm	<b>Y10</b>	12.40pm	1.10pm
<b>Y8</b>	12.45pm	1.15pm	<b>Y7</b>	12.45pm	1.15pm
<b>Y7</b>	12.50pm	1.20pm	<b>Y8</b>	12.50pm	1.20pm

Students should line up at the garage at their allotted time.



### Break Time Canteen Rota from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>SIXTH FORM &amp; Y10 – FIRST 5 MINUTES OF BREAKTIME EVERY DAY</b> Monday – Wed 10.15am / Thurs-Fri – 11am					
<b>A</b>	<b>Y7 &amp; Y8</b> 10.20am	<b>Y9</b> 10.25am	<b>Y7 &amp; Y8</b> 10.20am	<b>Y9</b> 11.05am	<b>Y7 &amp; Y8</b> 11.05am
<b>B</b>	<b>Y9</b> 10.25am	<b>Y7 &amp; Y8</b> 10.20am	<b>Y9</b> 10.25am	<b>Y7 &amp; Y8</b> 11.10am	<b>Y9</b> 11.10am

Year Groups **MUST** adhere to their allocated time slot.

Sixth Form may enter from the medical room side of the hall.

Year Group **(A)** come straight in via the car park side hall doors and wait by the servery to be let into the canteen.

Year Group **(B)** arrive at the hall side doors at your time (**not** earlier) and wait at the **garage** store until being invited in to the hall.



## Careers Update

### Year 11

Mrs O'Brien and I wish all Year 11 students the best of luck with their exams. If any students need help with applications or decisions regarding progression routes for September, we encourage them to get in touch and we are happy to assist. We need to know the destinations of our leavers to report to the local education authority. We ask that all students keep us informed, please, once final decisions have been made after results day in August.

### Student Loans for University Courses

Please find attached to this newsletter two information booklets from Student Finance England about student loans. If any students in Year 13 who have applied to university have not yet applied for student finance, they have until 19<sup>th</sup> May to do so to ensure that everything is arranged for the start of term in the autumn. For students in Year 12 who are currently researching university courses, this information is useful for understanding how loans work.

### 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>

### Support:

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

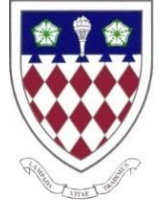
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**Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader**



# SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL



## Coronation Day Celebration Results

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Winners of the Bunting Competition	9J
Winners of the Crown Competition	7P, 7S, 9N & 6SC
Winners of the Corgi Treasure Hunt	Isabella, Alicia and Khaleesi 7N; Sienna and Jenna 8J; Amber and Rhea 9P. Winners chosen at random from the draw.

**All the Kings Horses Relay**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Year 7	C	P	J	S	N
Year 8	J	P	C	N	S
Year 9	P	N	S	J	C
Year 10	S	N	C	P	-
Year 11	S	J	N	-	-
Sixth Form	Archie's Team				
Staff	Ms Chalcraft, Mrs Haunch, Mrs Hebblewhite, Mrs H Waldron				

**Swan's Egg and Spoon Race**

Year 7	S	J	P	C	N
Year 8	P	S	N	C	J
Year 9	C	J	S	N	-
Year 10	N	P	J	S	C
Year 11	S	N	P	C	-
Sixth Form	Connor				

**Race to be King**

Year 7	N	C	S	J	P
Year 8	S	P	J	C	N
Year 9	S	N	C	P	J
Year 10	S	N	C	J	-
Year 11	S	N	C	J	-
Sixth Form	Archie's Team				

**Royal Pick and Mix Relay**

Year 7	J	N	C	P	S
Year 8	P	S	J	N	C
Year 9	J	P	S	N	C
Year 10	P	S	C	J	N
Year 11	S	N	J	C	-
Sixth Form	Archie's Team				
Staff	Mrs Haunch, Mrs H Waldron, Mrs T Waldron & Mr Wright				

**Afternoon Tea Run**

Year 7	N	P	C	J	S
Year 8	J	P	N	C	S
Year 9	S	N & P		C	J
Year 10	N	S	J	C	-
Year 11	P	N	S	C	J

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>87 pts</b>	<b>Sharman</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>76 pts</b>	<b>Nightingale</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>74 pts</b>	<b>Pankhurst</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>69 pts</b>	<b>Johnson</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>59 pts</b>	<b>Curie</b>



## Coronation Bunting

Thank you and well done to all the forms that took part in creating such a wonderful array of designs for the Bunting competition.

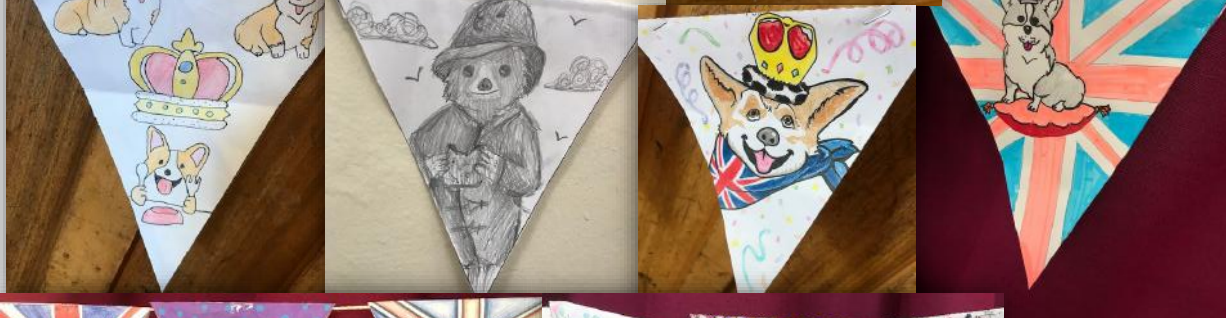


**Winners: 9J**

Designs by:  
B – Gabriella Atkinson,  
C – Sumayyah Bashir,  
D – Alicja Iskrzycka,  
P – Zara-Jayne Odell  
Q – Jess Millar



**Winners: 6SC**







Trashion Crowns





## Coronation Mascot

Every big event needs a mascot and the School Coronation celebrations was no exception. A massive thank you to Lucy Edwards for making the mascot and for Ellen Wright and the rest of 8N for bringing it along for support.



## Barbeque



## Hook a Duck



## Picnic time





## Right Royal Whacky Races

All the Kings Horses, Race to be King, Swan Egg and Spoon and Pick and Mix Relay





[Staff Race](#)

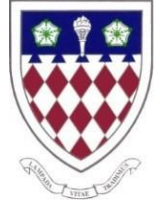


[Afternoon Tea Race](#)





## Student Reports on the Spalding High School Coronation Day Celebration



Last Friday we celebrated the King's Coronation, we did this by having a delicious BBQ, and later some wacky fun races. After 4<sup>th</sup> period, the whole school gathered on the field for the lunchtime BBQ where students could cash in the tickets they had bought the previous weeks for a delicious burger or hot dog. Many people also brought their own food to share and enjoy with friends throughout the course of the afternoon. After lunch was over we moved from where we sitting into our house groups for the races. There were several enjoyable wacky races such as 'Race to Be the King' or the much-loved Swan's Egg and Spoon race! These races were extremely fun to take part in, and everyone cheered on their team mates. However, the fun did not end there. In the weeks leading up to the Celebration, everybody created a piece of bunting to contribute to their form's bunting that would be judged. As well as the bunting, the forms created a crown out of recycled materials, these were both judged and a winner of the crown and bunting was named. This was an incredibly fun afternoon filled with laughter, smiles and memories to last a lifetime.

### **Emily Webster, 7J**

What started as a celebration for the Coronation of King Charles became way more than that – it was a chance to be brought together as a school community. My friends and I enjoyed watching the races, especially as the teachers also got involved, and we took part in the picnic and creating of bunting as well as my form's crown. The highlight of my day were the whacky races (inspired by British tradition and the Royal Family) and being able to spend time with my classmates and staff in a fun way. However, it would not have been made possible without the help of the Sixth Formers and staff who planned it all and helped in many ways including the face paint, the selling of snacks and helping out with the races and activities.

### **Olivia Duff, 7J**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May, before the King's official Coronation, Spalding High School held a grand celebration for the whole school to enjoy. My friends and I had a blast and hopefully, the whole school shared the same experience with all the fun, competition, activities and races. Many pupils had different experiences but I will tell you mine. My form and I created our bunting and took it to the School hall in the morning and we had a trash and recyclable crown made out of reusable fabric, cans and cardboard. In the afternoon, we all joined in for an outside, relaxing picnic. After lunch, we participated in the wacky mini sport races. I took part in the hobby horse race but my favourite one was the afternoon tea race where the Sixth Formers haphazardly splashed water at each other! In conclusion, I thought that it was an amazing way to celebrate the Coronation at Spalding High School.

### **Arjannya Das, 7P**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the School held a celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III, and everyone had a different experience as to what happened! For me, I took part in the Tea Relay for my form; we didn't win but were second, losing by 1cm. My friends and I also got burgers and hotdogs, while our form also shared cakes, crisps, biscuits and sweets. My form was also one of the four Coronation Crown winners, which we were all very happy about! It did get very chaotic at the end, as we had to pack up quickly and I had to run through the rain to put our picnic blanket back and get to my form room. The Coronation Party was definitely a great success, and will be a very memorable afternoon in the future!

### **Chloe Bragg 7P**



*On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, the day before the King`s Coronation, Spalding High School held a whole school picnic on the field, before celebrating in the afternoon for the coming day with a wacky mini sports day. Forms were told to get ready for the event by submitting a string of bunting and a recyclable crown put together by the form.*

*Almost all the students took part in a wacky race, and had lots of fun, especially watching the teachers race each other too!!*

**Olivia Mumby-Croft, 8J**

*The Coronation Celebrations were so much fun and exciting; it was nice to have a memorable, different afternoon to remember the King`s Coronation. I loved having picnics with my friends and watching them compete in the Wacky Races. I also really liked the bunting and crown competitions because I loved creating my designs for them and we won! The afternoon really made the whole school feel like a community, and it was such an exciting time to all be together, especially as many year groups have not really had that experience because of Covid. Thankfully, the rain waited until we had finished all the races and then everyone ran inside, taking their Coronation memories with them. Overall, I really enjoyed the celebration, it was really entertaining!*

**Martha Cook, 9N**

*The Coronation celebration last Friday afternoon was an experience never to forget. It was exciting when we came into school because everyone was in non-uniform ready for the day ahead. During the morning, we were bursting with anticipation because we knew what the day held for us, especially waiting to see if our form had won the bunting and crown competition. When it was finally time for the whole school to head out for the field, the whole community and buzz was so exhilarating. I loved sharing food and drink with my friends and watching the whacky races as a form. I also really liked the BBQ, as did everyone else because the queue was enormous, though it went down quick, which was a relief because I was starving! I really enjoyed the Coronation Celebration, and luckily, the rain waited until we had finished the final race, which was lucky!*

**Sigourney Bolton, 9N**

*The celebration afternoon had been very delightful. It was a lot of fun to see the whole school gathered together as a community since there have unfortunately not been many occasions to do so during the past few years. As a form, it was great to sit and spend time together. I loved being able to spend this additional time with my friends, commemorating the historical event of the coronation together. Many contributed to bringing in food for the form and that was great to see. During the afternoon, we had our faces painted which was a very joyful experience! Although I did not participate in any of the activities, it was amusing to simply watch the people who did take part in the wacky races, visibly being full of excitement.*

**Kludia Pacholska, 9P**

*I really enjoyed the Coronation Celebration. In particular, I enjoyed the face painting and the races. It was entertaining to see the staff race each other. I also loved the picnic, and was hoping the rain would not come the entire time! It was a blessing that it did not rain heavily – not what I was expecting with how the sky looked. It was a great opportunity for the new Sixth Form prefects to get involved with planning something like this for the first time. Everyone who planned it and helped out did an amazing job. It was a great way to end an extremely tiring week, and I could really feel the school spirit!*

**Afra Hussain, 6NG**

