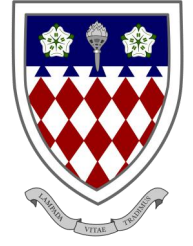


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

8th June 2023



Welcome back to Term 6; I hope you had a restful and relaxing Whit Half Term Break and have returned to school refreshed and ready to go.

There is so much exciting news in this week's bulletin and so many people to congratulate (which is always nice); amazing results for the U13 and U15 School cricket teams and our junior mathematicians – well done one and all. There are also great reports to read from our "Celebrating The Individual" reports from Amber, Beth, Ruby and Hannah – you should all be very proud of yourselves – you have done brilliantly! There is also a fantastic report of The Bare Minimum's recent gig at the Spalding Festival – well done to you too!

Sometimes, just sometimes, I am allowed to go out of school for the day and return to being a regular Geography teacher rather than a Headteacher. It doesn't happen very often but I always enjoy it when my Head of Department lets me out! This week we took the whole of Year 9 to Lincoln. About two thirds of the year group went as Geographers to investigate Lincoln as an urban environment and the remaining third, as Historians, visited Lincoln Castle. There will be more to follow from students and staff in forthcoming bulletins and the HQ, which I am sure you will look forward to reading about.

The day was slightly colder than we would have liked but at least it did not rain which is always a bonus on a Geography Fieldtrip day! We set off across four sites in Lincoln to assess the level of regeneration in the city and the impact that has had on the urban environment and sense of place. We had lunch in the University park at Brayford Wharf overlooking the water before setting off for the afternoon work and then ten minutes of free time when most students visited the sweet shop! It's a while since I have found myself on shop door duty monitoring numbers in and out despite fulfilling the same task every break and lunchtime in the canteen! The lady in the sweetshop was very complimentary about our students and how polite and well behaved they had been. This is a sentiment I would echo. The students were fantastic all day and it was a pleasure to be back out doing practical fieldwork.

Mrs M K Anderson, Head Mistress



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
7N	Florence Numa	Mrs Wilkins	Art
7P	Izzy Trinidad-Harding	Mr Garbett	Music
7P	Annie clough	Mrs Kelleher	Art
7S	Ayla Grant	Miss Parker	Physical Education
7S	Scarlett Norman	Mrs Martin	Community
8C	Sophie Corney	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
8J	Zuzanna Poznaniak	M Almasi	German
8S	Dara Ajayi	Mrs Love	English
8S	Karina Zokaite	Mrs Fisk	Drama
9C	Erin Nelson	Miss Pettefar	English
9C	Sehrish Ibrahim	Mrs Jones	Latin
9C	Yashica Aryan	Mrs Jones	Community
10C	Lily Theyer	Miss Bailey	German
10C	Lily Theyer	Mrs J Lord	English Language
10J	Chloe Ham	Mrs Haunch	Physics
10J	Hiba Naqvi	Mrs Martindale	Biology
10J	Briony Sweeting	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
10N	Grace Zacharkiewicz	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
10P	Ava Twell	Mrs Barats	French
10S	Zora Allen	Mrs Fisk	Community
6EK	Erin Ogden	Mr Hemsall	History
6KM	Lauren Denning	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
6KM	Sophie Smith	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
6KM	Mariia Melnykova	Mr Love	Law
6TD	Molly Hallissey	Miss Rossouw	Psychology

U13 and U15 Cricket



On Monday 5th June, the U13 & U15 School cricket teams competed in and won the South Lincolnshire cricket tournaments at Market Deeping Cricket Club. The teams played against University Academy Holbeach, Bourne Grammar and Spalding Academy schools. Both teams were undefeated throughout the tournament and will now progress to the Lincolnshire Schools' finals later in June. Well done!

Mr Farrell, Head of PE

Celebrating the Individual in Year 8—Amber Fleming

Amber is a keen artist and has produced some excellent work in her project 'It's all about me'. Amber is enthusiastic and ambitious when making her artwork and always works from a personal perspective that gives her work depth and meaning. Well done, Amber!

Mrs Neal, Head of Year 8

"I like to embroider as it is just a chance to relax, it also keeps my hands and mind busy! I usually embroider flowers onto tote bags but I like to expand and try new things too."

Amber Fleming 8N



Celebrating the Individual—Hannah Rogers 6LH

We are delighted to announce that Hannah has successfully completed her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Hannah was undertaking the DofE Bronze Award when lockdown hit and her expedition with School was cancelled but Hannah was able to complete her Bronze Award, canoeing in Cambridge. With support from DofE, she then went on to complete her Silver Award during the pandemic.

Over the last year Hannah has completed her Gold Award, volunteering with Brownies every week. Her skill was playing in the orchestra, and her physical skill was ballet. For her residential Hannah took part in Guide Camp in the Peak District.

For her expedition, Hannah kayaked over 90km up the Caledonian Canal, starting at Fort William and ending at Inverness, over four days and three nights, wild camping. Crossing Loch Ness, many loch gates and enduring some rough weather.

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Additional comments: The group's expedition took place over four days and three nights, traversing the Great Glen in kayaks, starting at the top of Neptune's Staircase in Fort William, and finishing at Tomnahurich in Inverness. Along the way, the team travelled over 90km of manmade and natural waterways, taking in Loch Lochy, Loch Oich, Loch Ness, and Loch Dochfort. Each night, the group demonstrated their understanding and the 20 rules and the leave no trace principles, wild camping on the lochs' edges, staying near Clunes, Fort Augustus, and Drumadrochit. During this time, everyone had to show great teamwork and resilience in order to cover the distance, as well as to traverse several portages around lock gates, including the series of six gates situated in Fort Augustus. The group also had to battle the weather, facing constant head winds, as well as changeable weather conditions, including fog and rain. Despite illness and injury, Hannah pushed on day after day, hour after hour, and finished the expedition with flying colours. Demonstrating resilience, grit, and determination, Hannah is a true warrior, fighting on to achieve her goals. It was my pleasure to see her push past her expectations, and watch her keep on trudging till the very end. I wish her all the best, and cannot give strong enough congratulations to her. Well done Hannah.

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written by her assessor for her expedition was utterly amazing. Well done Hannah!

Celebrating the Individual—Bethany Gough 9J and Ruby Coupland 7N

Yesterday, Wednesday 7th June, Bethany Gough and Ruby Coupland competed in the Lincolnshire Junior County Golf Championships at Holme Hall. This was a 36 hole golf competition played on a very tough course in very testing conditions!

Bethany Gough won the U16 age group and is now the Lincolnshire U16 County Champion. Bethany was also the runner up in the U18 category missing out on the win by 3 shots.

Ruby Coupland won the U18/U16 & U14 net competition getting the best net score of the day out of all of the competitors.

Well done and many congratulations to Bethany and Ruby. What an achievement!



Maths Department

The Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge was held this year on Wednesday 26th April and a total 161 Y7 and Y8 pupils took part. Well done to everyone that entered, and congratulations to all the certificate winners.

In total 93 awards have been given to the pupils of this school: 49 Bronze, 36 Silver, six Gold, two Best in Year and one Best in School.

A special mention to the following pupils:

- * Eve Barclay 7J, Annabel Fyson 7J, Leila Petraite 7P, Suvi Sahani 7P for achieving a Gold certificate in Year 7
- * Lexi Embelton 8J, Olivia Mumby-Croford 8J and Emilia Tokarska 8S for gaining their Gold in Year 8
- * Holly Roberts 7P who gained certificates for Gold and Best in Year and Best in School accolades

Four of our top achievers are automatically entered for the Junior Kangaroo that will take place next week. Well done and good luck!

Mrs Novak, Maths Department



Maths Department

The Junior Maths Challenge



"The Junior Maths Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. The questions are designed to make you think and encourages reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. We were told beforehand of the test and had access to a lunchtime club that helps improves our maths skills, Maths Circle. The club wasn't only fun and answering maths problems, but helped us strengthen our skills which contributed a lot during the Maths challenge. Without the extra help, I wouldn't have been able to score as high as I did."

Leila Petraite 7P

Music Department

The Bare Minimum play at the Spalding Festival

SHS Rock Band, the Bare Minimum, played a one hour gig on the main stage at the Spalding Festival at the start of the half-term holiday. The band comprises of Y11 students Sophie Gleave (guitar), Sophie Lewis (vocals and bass), Holly Emmott (drums) and Y10 student Sophia Wheeler (guitar). Clearly enjoying themselves, the band played classics by such groups as the Arctic Monkeys, Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Clash and the Cranberries amongst lots of others! The band were fantastic, playing with lots of energy, passion and huge amounts of skill throughout their set, building up to their finale of the HIM version of the classic Chris Isaak song Wicked Game. It was obvious that the large crowd loved the band, with lots of dancing and cheering for more at the end of the set. The band's popularity is growing very fast and they will be playing a number of local gigs in the coming months.



Mr Garbett, Head of Music

Summer Concert 2023

The School's musicians are working very hard towards the Summer Concert, which will be held on Friday 23rd June and will feature all of the different Music Department ensembles. Tickets are available online and are selling fast!



Spalding High School Summer Concert 2023

Friday June 23rd

7.30pm

Tickets - £5.00

available online only



School Notices

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update

We have introduced Annual Pupil and Parental surveys this year to help us continue to improve our provision for our pupils. If you are a parent/carer of a pupil with SEND needs, you were sent a letter last term inviting you to take part in the survey via Microsoft Form. We have extended the deadline to complete this to **June 23rd at 9am** for any parents still wishing to share their views. The link to take part in this survey is: <https://forms.office.com/e/M4CgYqCy8i>

Pupils have been emailed their own survey link, so please encourage them to also participate.

Please also find the June Newsletter from the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum attached.

Mrs Hickman, SENDCo

Art Department

A Level and GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to celebrate the achievements of our A Level and GCSE Art and Photography students in an exhibition tomorrow, **Friday 9th June between 5pm and 8pm.**

We are so excited to be holding this event and it will be especially poignant for me as it will be my last exhibition at the High School. As such, it will be so great to see many of you joining us in celebrating the work of our students with refreshments provided, during this really special evening. Please feel free to extend this invitation to friends and relatives.

Mrs Kelleher, Head of Art

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:

- ◆ Wednesday 14th June

Mrs Chalcraft, Head of Maths

Pastoral News

Young Carers

Carers Week is fast approaching (5th-11th June) and we are very excited about our new young carers group. During carers week we will be sending information home on how the school can help identify young carers within the Spalding High School community so that we can then further support them. We will be running drop-in sessions that week for students to come and chat to us. Please see two posters attached with further information on how parent/carers can get support and details of support for young carers.

Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Davies, Pastoral Department

Library

Book Returns

A reminder to all Year 11 and Year 13 students - please return any outstanding books to the library collection bins as soon as possible.

Careers Update

Years 8 & 9 PSHCE session

In the week before half-term, Years 8 & 9 were given the opportunity to tackle a problem-solving task set by Major Julie Downing from the Army. The students had to work collaboratively to plan an evacuation from an island to a meeting point using their mathematical, logic and collaboration skills. The students fully embraced this activity which is the type of group activity often used by employers as part of the selection process for jobs. Hopefully, students will remember what they learnt from this experience if faced with a similar task in the future. Well done to all students who worked so positively.

Lincolnshire Training Hub – Online Events in June

The Lincolnshire Training Hub are holding three online events for students in Years 9-12 who are interested in finding out more about careers as a nurse, pharmacist or doctor. Please see the attachments with this newsletter. If students sign up to take part, could they please let me know.

A Parents'/carers' Guide to University

Uni Taster Days has just released its new Parents'/Carers' Guide to University with contributions from over 40 Higher Education Providers. Year 12 students are currently researching university as a progression route and have started work on their online applications. This guide provides excellent information about all aspects of the process. Please see the attachment.

Uni Taster Days also has an informative podcast series. In the latest podcast, university degree apprenticeships are discussed. [**The Uni Guide Podcast | University Taster Days \(unitasterdays.com\)**](#)

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**](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