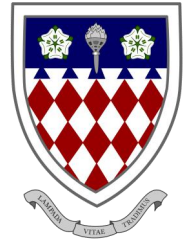


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

12th October 2023



As I sit and write this week's piece for the School Bulletin, my office looks like a grotto of Halloween related decorations, balloons and models! Quite literally, I am sitting looking at a Christmas tree waiting to be decorated in black and orange, foil balloons of owls, witches and cats, a huge Halloween wreath and a four foot spider waiting for its web. Similarly, I am not sure who is more excited about the Fright Night tomorrow, the pupils, the Y11 helpers or the staff! What I do know with absolute certainty are two things. Firstly, if I think my office looks bad now, wait until tomorrow evening when all the decorations have been taken down and are waiting to be safely packed away for next year and, secondly, it is that it is going to be a huge amount of fun! It is great to be doing activities such as this again!

It is a bulletin packed full of exciting reports, updates and information this week and so lots of interest to read. Many congratulations to Holly and Heidi on their equestrian successes and to our netball, football and cross country teams too; what splendid results. Congratulations to Olivia on her family Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk. It is right to shine such a bright light on this disease and the wonderful work that charities do to help. Reports such as these bring the spirit of the High School to life and so if you do have a report to submit, please send it to enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk for the attention of Miss Hamm. If students would like to take on a larger role in providing material for the School's publications, don't forget that the High Quarterly School Magazine team meet on Week 1 Wednesday (1.05pm) and Week 2 Thursday (1.30pm) in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Lower school students should meet me in reception at the start time. We would love to see you there.

To finish, and just as a reminder to all students; ignore the ghost in the Quad tree and tombstones on the Quad lawn tomorrow. Just walk on by and know that come 6pm they will be causing lots of shrieks and giggles from Y7 and Y8!

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
8N	Florence Numa	Mr Martindale	Technology
8P	Annie Clough	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
8P	Arjannya Das	Mrs Neal	Art
8S	Ava Ray	Mrs Clay	French
9N	Natasha Smoczynska	Mrs Anderson	Geography
9N	Sruti Sudhakar	Mrs Dowson	English
9P	Isabelle Payne	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9P	Eliza Morris	Mrs Wilkins	Textiles
9S	Isobel Wilkins	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
10C	Ruby Hook	Mrs C Aurikko	Chemistry
10J	Annabel Willis	Mr Blackburn	Business
10N	Martha Cook	Mrs Martindale	Biology
10N	Daisy Davis	Mrs F Barats	French
10P	Amber Nieburg	Miss White	Chemistry
10S	Lilianna Wong	Miss Pettefar	English
11N	Zahra Shah	Mrs Bushell	German
11N	Bella Li	Miss Bailey	German
11N	Emily Partridge	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
6FM	Lennon Brackenbury	Miss Dunbar	Criminology
6LH	Taelah Roberts	Mr Love	Law

Celebrating the Individual in Year 9 - Holly Bignall, 9J

On Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th October, I competed at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) at the NEC in Birmingham. I qualified for the 133cm Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony at the Showing Register Summer Show in July. Only 17 combinations qualify for this class from across the country, with any age rider able to compete so to qualify was an achievement in itself. The class involves three phases; jumping a course of jumps, doing a show with walk, trot, canter and gallop and a confirmation phase, which involves walking and trotting the pony towards the judge with no tack on. At the final, I knocked one pole down, placing us 11th in the class.

I also competed as one of 18 combinations in the National Pony Society/Mole Valley Farmers 133cm Working Hunter Pony of the Year, which we qualified for at the NPS area 7 show, in July. This class follows the same format but riders are not to have had their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year. There was only two clear rounds at the final and we placed 12th. I have also qualified to compete at the London International Horse Show in December.



Celebrating the Individual in Year 8 - Heidi Woodrow, 8C

At the start of September, I decided to sign up for 'Cantering for a Cure' for primary bone cancer patients organised by the Bone Cancer Research Trust. I pledged to ride my 13yr old skewbald cob cross horse, Molly, 100km during September. The goals set for myself were to finish the challenge and to raise as much money as I could for bone cancer. To date I have managed to raise £651 and finished the ride within 28 days. It was a large commitment to riding every day as the weather was not always nice and some days, we hardly had the time. So, to fix that we did shorter rides on weekdays and longer rides at the weekend. I have absolutely loved competing in this challenge along with thousands of other riders and will keep an eye out in case more of these amazing opportunities pop out to do more fundraising and get outside and try new things.



Sports News

Year 11 Netball

What a fantastic start to the Y11 Netball season! On Tuesday 19th September, Y11 won their first match of the season against UAH with a two goal score difference. Their success continued a week later when the Y11 team represented the School in a Netball Tournament against seven other schools. The team won six matches and lost one. All the students played with enthusiasm, skill and great teamwork. The team finished second in the tournament qualifying for County School Tournament in November. Well done Y11!



Year 9 Netball

Wow! what a great start to the term! The Y9 Netball team started their season strongly by winning all their games at the South Lincs Tournament on Tuesday 3rd October. All of the students who played demonstrated great motivation and tactical skills which were reflected in the overall goal count of 40+. The team secured a place in the County Schools' Netball Tournament in November. Well done Y9!



Miss Parker, PE Department

Sports News

Cross Country

On Monday 2nd October, fifteen students attended the first race of the Fenland Cross Country League at Hampton College. Well done to all the students who ran, in particular congratulations to Emelia Wade and Izzy Hurn for finishing in the top 10.



Miss Parker, PE Department

Sports News

U13 Football

On Monday 9th October, the U13 football team travelled to St George's Academy, Sleaford, for their Round 2 ESFA National Cup game. The team played some great combinations which led to a brilliant 8-1 win with goals coming from five different players. Player of the Match was awarded to Milly Talbot for a solid performance in both defence and midfield, also contributing two of the goals.



U14 Football

On Wednesday 11th October, the U14 football team contested their 2nd Round ESFA fixture against Springwood Academy, King's Lynn. The team should be proud of a dominant display which led to a 10-0 win, with goals from five different players. Player of the Match undoubtedly has to be awarded to Abi Wright with an outstanding individual performance scoring 5 of the 10 goals.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

Pastoral News

The School Run Drop Off and Collection

We have received a complaint regarding parking and the congestion caused by parents parking locally for the school run. Our Transport Plan advises that parents organise a safe place away from the School and local narrow roads for drop off and collection. We would also remind parents that there are new parking regulations, double yellow lines, zig zag lines and bus bays in the area around Matmore Gate, Tesco and Stonegate which must be observed.

Mrs Jarvis, Pastoral Support (Main School)

Young Carers Club

We are excited to introduce our Young Carers Club called **Bright Horizons**. Bright Horizons will officially begin in November and we will send more information out at a later date. A letter has been included in this week's Bulletin.

During lunchtime on the 18th October, the Early Help Team will be joining Mrs Jarvis and I for an informal walk around school so please come and see us to have a chat and introduce yourselves. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Davies, Pupil Support Coordinator

SHS News

Programming Club

Don't forget the weekly Programming club is open to years 9, 10, 11 and 6th form and runs every Friday from 1:15 until the end of lunch. The club is run by the Computer Science prefects, Afra Hossain and Natalia Hulley with support from other keen 6th form students Polly Elkin and Maisie Youngs.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Mr. Fovargue, Head of Computing





National Language Competition 6-10 November 2023

What is GCHQ?

GCHQ is one of the three UK Intelligence and Security Agencies, along with MI5 and the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6). GCHQ protects the UK and its citizens from individuals, groups and countries who wish to do us harm, or damage us financially. GCHQ intelligence keeps our deployed forces safe and helps law-enforcement agencies to prevent terrorist activity and serious and organised crime.

What is the National Language Competition?

GCHQ's National Language Competition (NLC) is a 5-day event from **6 November to 10 November 2023**. The NLC is aimed at **Year 9** across the UK.

It involves teams of up to four pupils working together to tackle a variety of fun, immersive, language-themed challenges hosted on a virtual platform. Schools will be able to submit as many teams as they wish.

Teams can log in to the platform at anytime between 07:00 and 18:00 during the five days of the competition to (for example during lunchtimes, before or after school etc.) to have a go at the puzzles on the platform. Competitors will tackle a range of language-related puzzles, ranging from easy to difficult. You'll encounter European languages, languages less commonly taught in schools and even made-up languages! Over a period of five days, pupils will capture flags to earn points on their language journey. Points will be totalled up to generate rankings on a national leaderboard. The team with the most points at the end of the competition wins! During the competition itself, teachers will be able to see how teams are performing via a scoreboard on the platform.

The winning team will have the opportunity to be presented with a trophy in GCHQ's headquarters in Cheltenham. All pupils will be able to take part, no prior knowledge is required, only a keenness for languages. The team with the most points at the end of the competition will be invited to GCHQ's Headquarters in Cheltenham and will be presented with a trophy. If you would like to compete, then assemble your team and register your interest by speaking to the Languages Department.

Mrs Barats, Head of MFL

CALLING ALL
Year 9 pupils!

GCHQ

- one of the three UK intelligence agencies -
is hosting an online

National Language Competition

06/11/2023 - 10/11/2023

In teams of up to four students you will compete against others nationwide for the NLC 2023 trophy - awarded to the winning team at the GCHQ headquarters in Cheltenham!

Your task will be to solve the NLC's language-based puzzles to score as many points as you can over the week.

No prior knowledge or language skills are required. Just have your quick-thinking, code-cracking, puzzle-solving skills at the ready!

If you want to get involved, assemble your team and get in touch with the Language Department.

Have YOU got what it takes?



#GCHQNationalLanguageCompetition

Sixth Form News

Uno Competition

There was a great buzz on Monday lunchtime at SHS when Sixth Form students from across all form groups came together to take part in the UNO competition (hosted by the lovely Miss Jeffery). Each form group could choose up to four players to take part in this competition and then play against one another. The winners from each form will now battle it out in the knockout stage next Monday. It was a fantastic opportunity for Sixth Form students to get together and socialise whilst playing a fan favourite.



Naya Valambhia 6AF

Manchester Memory Walk 2023

On Sunday 8th October 2023, my sisters and I took part in the Manchester Memory Walk in memory of our Grandad and to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. A wonderful charity who support families and people living with dementia. We walked 5km at Heaton Park and managed to raise over £340 for the charity. As it was the last memory walk of the season, there were over 2000 people and blue as far as the eye could see. Not only was Heaton Park a beautiful place to host this event, we had some surprisingly sunny weather. We were so lucky to be surrounded by a fabulous group of friendly people who were also passionate about raising money and awareness for this charity. There are currently over 900,000 people living with dementia in the UK, and this does not only affect them but their families and friends too. I am so grateful that I got the chance to participate in this event and raise money for this wonderful charity as this cause is so close to mine and my family's hearts. We hope to get the opportunity to do some more fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society in the future.

Olivia Brown 6GD



SHS Law Society

Spalding High School's Law Society was established in 2022, and aims to aid sixth form students hoping to pursue a career in law by providing opportunities to partake in events that can be mentioned on legal applications and personal statements.

Within the society, we have regular meetings to share knowledge about super-curricular activities relevant to law. Some things we do include:

- Sharing online lectures
- Extra work experience opportunities
- Presentations on our own choice of legal topic
- Further reading/ podcasts
- Mock trials
- Debate current legal news

We are currently preparing for our next mock trial, which will take place in an old local court room, so if you are interested in joining our society, please email Keira Harvey or Evie Booth.

Careers Update

Year 10 Work Experience

Several students in Year 10 have already submitted their work experience placement confirmation forms to Mrs O'Brien, our Work Experience Manager. Work experience is 25th-28th March 2024, with the preparation phase now well underway. If students have not yet had any ideas about a placement, they should come to the careers office as soon as possible to speak to us. The deadline for placement confirmation forms is 17th November.

Lincolnshire Training Hub – Future Pharmacist and Future Nurse Events

For students from Year 9 upwards interested in pharmacy or nursing there are two online information events coming up – Future Pharmacist – 12th October 7.00-8.30pm and Future Nurse – 8th November 7.00-8.30pm. Please see the attachments with this newsletter.

Here is the link to register:

<https://www.lincolnshiretraininghub.nhs.uk/training-and-events/futures-programme/>

Could students please let me know if they register to attend.

Newcastle University Mini Medical School

Newcastle University is running its series of online sessions on a range of medical related topics from 6.00-7.00pm on the following dates: 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th November. This opportunity is open to students aged 15 years and over. Previous topics have included anaesthetics, dermatology, emergency medicine, medical scanning technology, psychology, pharmacy and sport and exercise science. This is a great opportunity for prospective Medicine applicants but also anyone interested in any aspect of healthcare. Please see the attachment and here is the link to the application form:

Mini Medical School Application Form 2023 (office.com)

Could students please let me know if they register to attend.

Oxbridge Support for Students

This week I have sent out information to students in Years 12 and 13 about Oxbridge applications. Representatives from the Admissions and Outreach Team, Andrew (Lincoln College, Oxford) and Ellie (Christ's College, Cambridge), will once again be collaborating to deliver webinar sessions specifically for students in **Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire** in early November.

There are 'Introduction to Oxbridge' sessions for Year 12s which include advice about how to prepare during this year to apply to highly-selective universities:

Year 12s: An Introduction to Oxbridge:

- 1 November 2023, 17:00-18:00
- 2 November 2023, 17:00-18:00

These sessions are the same - students only need to attend one but they are strongly encouraged to attend live.

Year 13s – for those who have applied to Oxford or Cambridge

- **6 November 2023, 17:00-18:00:** Interviews Webinar for Year 13 applicants - STEM (Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science courses excluding Vet/Medicine)
- **7 November 2023, 17:00-18:00:** Interviews Webinar for Year 13 applicants - Medicine, Veterinary Medicine
- **8 November 2023, 17:00-18:00:** Interviews Webinar for Year 13 applicants - Social Sciences - e.g. Geography, Law, HSPS, Psychology/PBS, Architecture, PPE
- **9 November 2023, 17:00-18:00:** Interviews Webinar for Year 13 applicants - Arts - e.g. English, History, Languages, Classics, Music, Philosophy, Theology, ASNC

Students are encouraged to attend sessions live and there will be temporary recording access for those students who cannot attend. As these sessions are solely for students in the region, this should give them a great opportunity to familiarise themselves with Andrew and Ellie as a contact and friendly face, as well as ask lots of questions.

To guarantee receipt of the joining details before the sessions students are asked to sign up by **30th October 2023**.

Full details and the booking form:

[Oxford and Cambridge Collaborative Outreach Events in Lincolnshire | Christs College Cambridge](#)

Could students please let me know if they register to attend.

[IBM – Apprenticeships Webinar](#)

IBM is holding an insight webinar on 17th October 6.30-7.15pm for students in Years 10-13 and their parents/carers. There will be members of the recruitment team and current apprentices taking part.

Here is the registration link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Could students please let me know if they register to attend.

[Life as a Solicitor Apprentice at Dentons](#)

Dentons is holding an insight webinar on 21st November 6.30-7.15pm for students in Years 10-13 and their parents/carers. Find out about the programme, applying and support on offer for apprentices.

Here is the registration link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Could students please let me know if they register to attend.

[Springpod Virtual Work Experience opportunities](#)

Many students have used the Springpod platform over the years to gain insight into various career paths. There are ongoing online opportunities in many areas with several experiences launching in half-term:

[Virtual Work Experience Search \(springpod.com\)](#)

[Photography Competition](#)

InvestIn is running a photography competition for 12-18 year-olds in honour of World Mental Health Day which was on 10th October. The details can be found in the link below. Entering competitions is a great way for students to showcase their talents and in this instance, win a day's immersive experience.

[The Young Photographer Competition – InvestIN Education](#)

[Success at School's University Guide for Parents/Carers](#)

Success at School's informative guide about applying to university is now available for parents/carers to download.

[Get Your Downloadable 2023/24 Parents' University Guide \(successatschool.org\)](#)

[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



Dear Parent /Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that **Spalding High School** has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001, it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for **Spalding High School**, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that, as a nation, we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from **Spalding High School** on **Thursday 19th October 2023**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to **Spalding High School** and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Barats, Head of MFL

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Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Thursday 19th October 2023

at 9.. am / ~~pm~~

Any questions - please ask your Mrs Barats or the
school collection organiser ..environmental.committee

www.bag2school.com