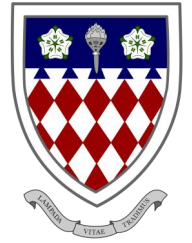


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

19th October 2023



Fright Night was a tremendous success last week and it was great to welcome so many Year 7 and Year 8 back into school for an evening of terrifying games and challenges! The costumes were amazing and our intrepid band of Year 11 helpers had a very hard job in identifying their ten best favourite costumes. We played all sorts of Halloween themed games such as run-a-round, Spooky Relay and Broomstick Sweep as well as facing lots of challenges such as eyeball ping pong, ghost bowling and horrible hands. At the end of the evening Year 11 again took centre stage and taught us all the Thriller Dance! Well done to everyone for making it a fun filled evening and to the Year 11 pupils and staff who volunteered to help and made it all so much fun! We look forward to sharing more, including the photographs in the Winter Edition of the High Quarterly School Magazine.

I would also like to say a big “thank you” to all of Year 7, our Sixth Form and School Choir for an amazing Open Day this week. On Tuesday, the School welcomed hundreds of guests and pupils from primary school to have a look around The High and see us in action on a normal school day. Our visitors were treated to a wonderful performance from the School Choir singing a song from the musical “Six”; it was sung with gusto and enthusiasm and sounded brilliant. Year 7 made tremendous tour guides and even if there were a little nervous, they were brave and showed their guests around the School and answered all of their questions. Parents and primary pupils were so positive and enthusiastic about how wonderful our Year 7 had been. Thank you and well done to you all and especially Saara and Edith who gave speeches as part of the main presentation in the Hall. The Sixth Form also all played an important part, welcoming and organising our guests, helping to unite families with tour guides, answering lots of questions around site and in the common room. I always describe the Sixth Form as the flagship of the School and, on Tuesday, they demonstrated that perfectly, including Mariia and Penelope who gave speeches to our guests too.

There are lots of exciting reports to read in this week’s bulletin and well done in particular to our sports teams, Darcey, Katie, Jasmine and Finley!

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you all on Tuesday 31st October.

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
7J	Saara Ravji	Mrs Fisk	Community
7N	Smeera Mehta	Mrs C Aurikko	Science
7P	Lily Knox	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
7S	Florence Wyatt	Mrs Neal	Art
7S	Emily Day	Mrs Martin	Community
8C	Zofia Hemmant	Miss White	Community
8C	Freya Hampshire	Mrs Wilkins	Technology
8J	Olivia Duff	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Education
8J	Ella Skidmore	Miss Jones	Physical Education
8J	Bethany Townsend	Mrs H Waldron	Community
8N	Neve Timmins	Miss Magnus	History
8N	Ruby Coupland	Mrs C Aurikko	Community
8N	Olivia Ward	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
8P	Vicky Slee	Mr Garbett	Music
8P	Annie Clough	Miss Pettefar	English
9C	Ugne Grikietyte	Mr Hempsall	History
9N	Eden Sole	Mrs Bennett	Community
9N	Lola McAllister	Mrs Anderson	Geography
9S	Paris Webb	Mrs Rogers	Geography
9S	Maja Szudek	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10J	Florence Perowne	Mrs Busfield	Biology
10P	Poppy Carr	Mrs Fisk	Drama
10P	Tallulah Mills	Mr Wright	Biology
10P	Poppy Carr	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
11J	Claude Ham	Mrs Knowles	French
11J	Amelia Green	Miss White	Chemistry
11J	Hiba Naqvi	Mrs Martindale	Biology
11J	Amelia Green	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
11N	Emily Partridge	Miss Bailey	German
6GD	Tia White	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
6KM	Mariia Melnykova	Mr Love	Law
6LH	Taelah Roberts	Miss Dunbar	Criminology
6SC	Olivia Derewonko	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
6SC	Finley Preen	Mrs Nowak	Further Mathematics
6TD	Eleanor Chorlton	Mrs Jones	Classical Civilisation

Sports News

Lincolnshire County Football Representatives



On Monday 16th October, Darcey Grundy and Katie Bonarius played for the Lincolnshire Representative Team against Warwickshire at Holbeach United Community Sports Academy. Katie commanded her 18-yard box very well and was quick off her line to deal with any Warwickshire attacking threats, with excellent distribution of the ball both with throwing and passing out from the back. Darcey captained the side well, controlling the midfield and scored a brilliant goal from distance, having noticed the goalkeeper was off her line. This led to a 3-1 win against a talented Warwickshire Representative Team.



ESFA International Team Trial

Having been nominated by the Lincolnshire County Representative Team Manager, on Sunday 15th October, Darcey Grundy travelled to Thomas Telford School in Shropshire to trial for the English Schools' Football Association (ESFA) International Under 15 Squad. Darcey was one of 120 girls nominated and invited to trial nationally, which were divided into four areas of 30 for the trials. This was a brilliant achievement for Darcey and her nomination is testament to her tremendous hard work, dedication and desire to improve. Despite not making the final squad, the PE department hope Darcey is proud to have been invited to trial and the experience will motivate her further to pursue her footballing career.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Sports News

U16 Football

On Thursday 12th October, the U16 team hosted Banovallum School in round 2 of the ESFA National Cup. This is the first fixture of the year for this age group, and they have started brilliantly, with good build up play, creating lots of goal scoring opportunities whilst remaining defensively secure. The final score was 15-1, which sees the team progress into round 3.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

Y7 & 8 Tennis Finals:

Tilly, Grace, Izzy and Anna headed to Boston Tennis Club on Tuesday 17th October to play in the County Finals for the second year in a row. Although they lost, I was proud of the way that they played with good humour and respect for the opposition. I look forward to seeing if they can make it a hat trick of consecutive County Finals next year! Well done!

Miss Jones, PE Department



Sports News

Year 8 Netball

On Monday 16th October the Year 8 and 10 netball teams travelled to University Academy Long Sutton.

This was the Year 8 team's first game this academic year and their first chance to wear the SHS netball dresses. At half time the team were 16-1 up following clinical shooting from both Avie and Ruby. This led to a mix up of positions with three players trying shooting positions of Goal Attack and Goal Shooter that they did not normally play. A valuable experience of playing different positions which will undoubtedly help the players with their understanding of the game.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



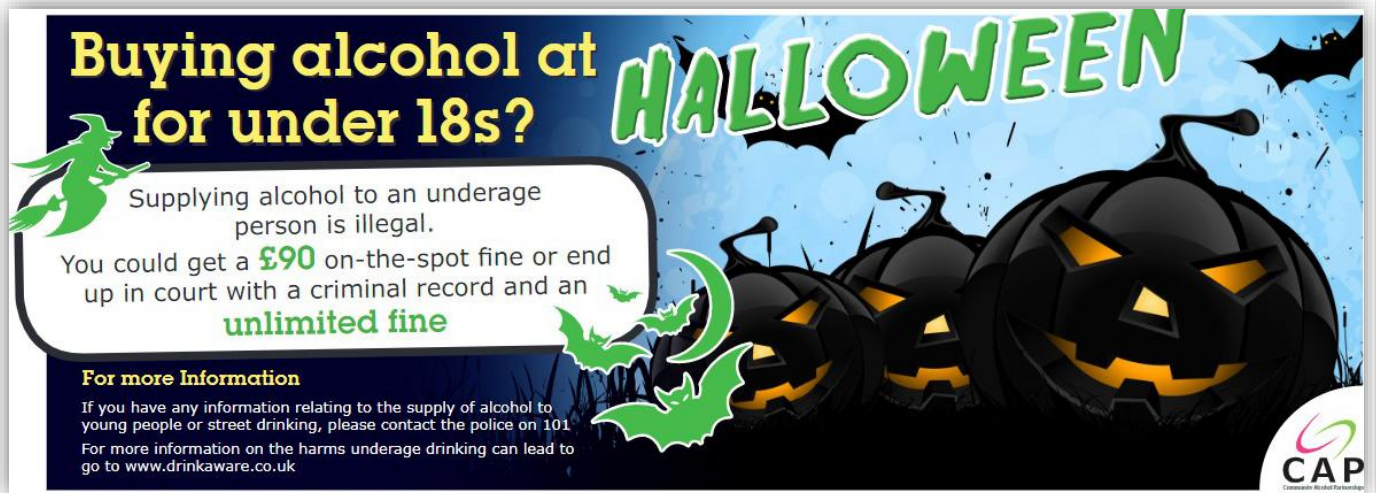
Year 10 Netball

On Monday 16th of October, a team of seven Year 10 students went to UALS to play their first netball match of the academic year. With no subs, the students knew they had to perform well, and they did just that, coming away with a 24-0 win! The team played amazingly, demonstrating all they had worked on in training with confidence.

After each quarter the players rotated positions, but even though they were in unfamiliar areas of the court, they continued to keep possession and drive up the court to find more goals. It was a very successful game against a very friendly opposition and we hope the netball season continues as it has started for the Year 10s.

Florence Perowne, 10J






Buying alcohol at for under 18s? HALLOWEEN

Supplying alcohol to an underage person is illegal.
You could get a **£90** on-the-spot fine or end up in court with a criminal record and an **unlimited fine**

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.
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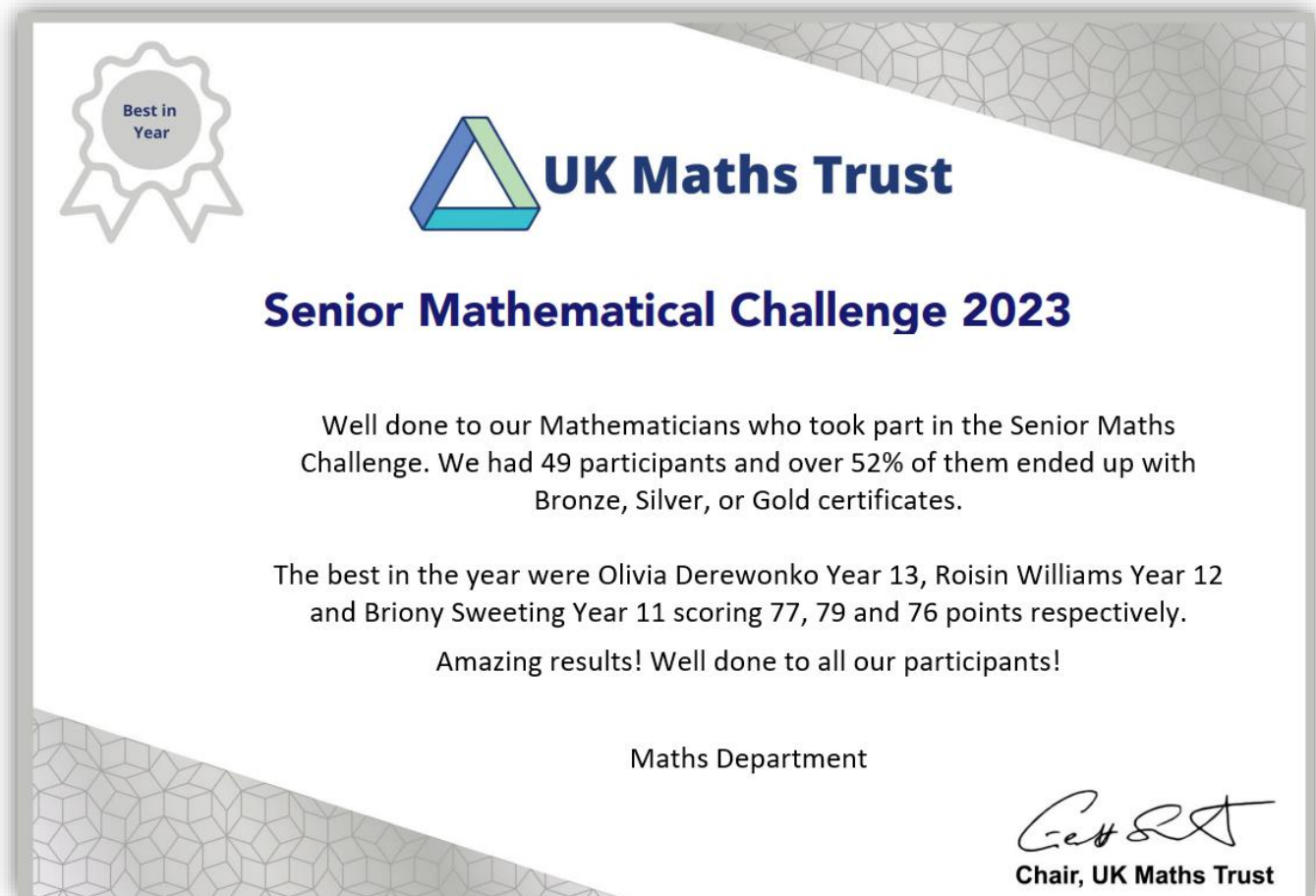




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  **UK Maths Trust**


Senior Mathematical Challenge 2023

Well done to our Mathematicians who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. We had 49 participants and over 52% of them ended up with Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificates.

The best in the year were Olivia Derewonko Year 13, Roisin Williams Year 12 and Briony Sweeting Year 11 scoring 77, 79 and 76 points respectively.

Amazing results! Well done to all our participants!

Maths Department


Chair, UK Maths Trust



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

Last week the Sixth Form common room was opened up to all Year 11 students who had the opportunity to come and talk to the current Sixth Form about all the subjects that were available for them to study at A Level as well as the enrichment subjects that were on offer. The Year 13 students enjoyed having the chance to share what they were studying in the Sixth Form as well as answering any questions. The Year 11 benefitted from having the time to discuss and ask questions about what subjects involved at A Level, find out about enrichment subjects as well as getting to see the Common Room and its facilities.

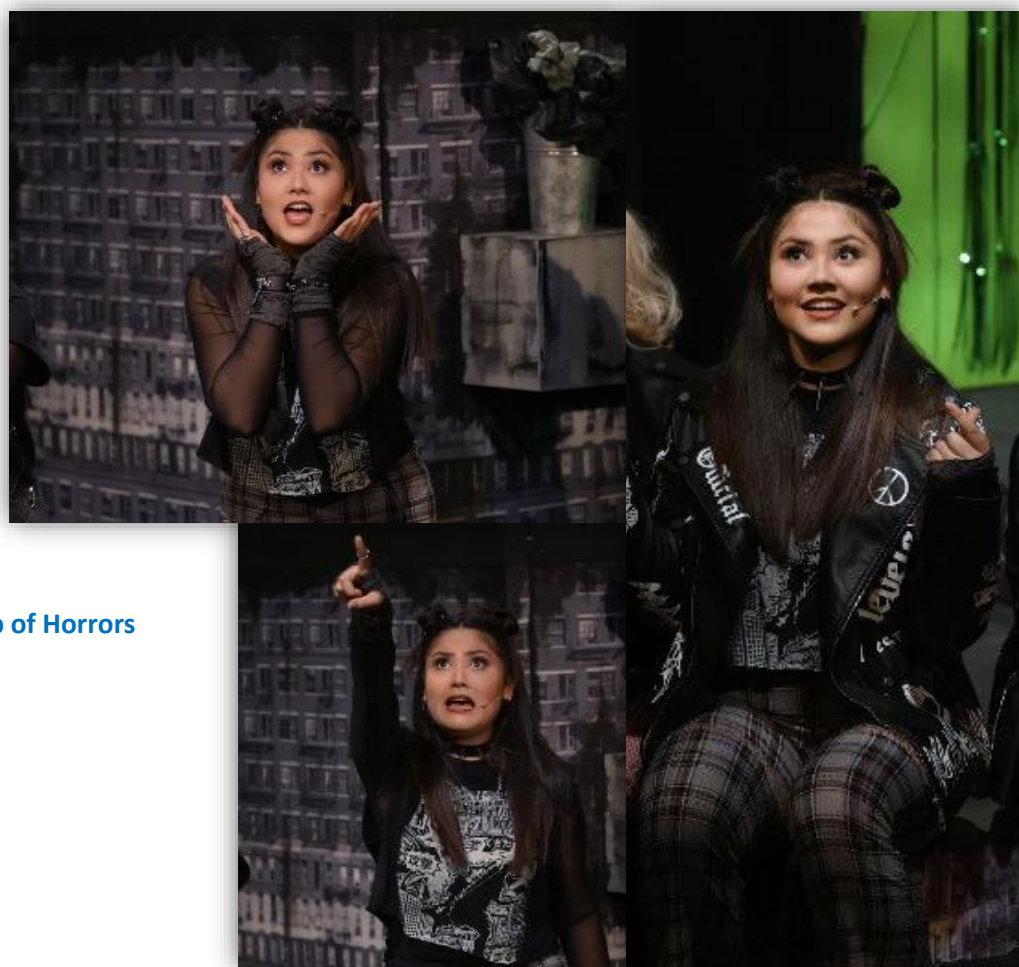


Sixth Form News

Celebrating Success - Jasmine Maladi, 6SC

Since June, I have been rehearsing for SIX: Teen Edition at the “Angles Theatre Wisbech”, a musical about the six wives of Henry VIII reclaiming their stories in the form of a concert. I played Catherine of Aragon and I really enjoyed being able to work with a West End sound designer who is currently about to open a show on Broadway. From this, I was able to learn more about the theatre industry and get advice from a theatre professional. This is my first amateur production with a cast my age, as I performed in Little Shop of Horrors last year with an adult cast.

SIX



Little Shop of Horrors

I have a real passion for performing since I was young. My biggest achievement has probably been performing a singing solo at the Royal Albert Hall at 13. In the future, I hope to be able to build on my skills at a drama school in London, studying musical theatre acting and my dream is to perform on the West End one day.

Sixth Form News

Uno Competition – The Final

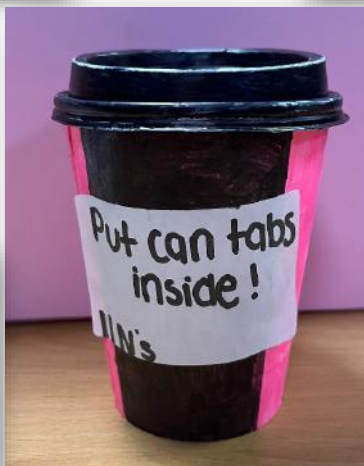
Miss Jeffrey hosted the UNO semi-finals and finals this week for the Sixth Form. On Monday lunchtime we had the semi- final where the winners from each form playing against one another in two groups of five. Following this, the excitement continued on to Tuesday lunchtime when our four finalists (Finley – 6SC, Naya – 6AF, Amelia – 6LM and Trin – 6TD) proceeded to play the final round. Each player received a number of points for their form and finally, Finley - 6SC was announced as our UNO champion!

Naya Valambhia, 6AF



RING PULL CONTAINER COMPETITION!

Thank you so much to everyone who entered our competition, we loved all of your designs! We have chosen 7S as our winner as we loved the colour and creativity of your design! However, a special shout-out has to go to our amazing runner up Ringo the 8S elephant, for great use of recycled materials and for making us smile!



Please continue collecting ring-pulls in your fabulous containers, and we'll be round at the end of term to collect and weigh them, with a prize available for the form who collects the most!

Thank you, from the Environmental Committee

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.

Year 11 – Researching Post-16 Progression Routes

Last Thursday during PSHCE, our Year 11 students had the chance to meet with Year 13 subject prefects to find out more about our sixth form. The session was very positive with our Year 13 students providing first-hand experience of what it is like to study subjects at A Level.

This week, Year 11 students have received their copy of 'The next step, a guide for your future'. Please take a look through with your child.

Mrs O'Brien, our Careers Adviser, is continuing with one-to-one guidance appointments with students. If students have not yet had their appointment and have questions, they are very welcome to come to see us in the Careers Office during a break or lunchtime.

Year 13 – University applications

As always, I have been impressed by the quality of the university applications I have processed so far. Some students are starting to receive offers from universities which is very motivational. The school deadline for submitting completed applications is upon us after half-term so I would urge students who are intending to apply to ensure that everything is completed as soon as possible. Just a reminder for students and parents/carers that applications do not have to list all five course choices initially and can be sent off with two course choices on, for example. If there is an open day in November, for example, a student can add that course choice to their application after the open day at any point up until 31st January.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships Listing

The Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing showcases hundreds of vacancies from a diverse mix of employers starting in 2023 and 2024. The variety of vacancies listed range from Engineer to Police Constable – there's something for everyone. Please note, the listing only contains a selection of current higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies. For the full range of live vacancies, please visit the government website, Find an Apprenticeship: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Please see the current listing as an attachment.

Lincolnshire Training Hub – Future Nurse Event

For students from Year 9 upwards interested in nursing there is an online information event coming up – Future Nurse – 8th November 7.00-8.30pm. Please see the attachment 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 30 October**.

Full details and the booking form:

[Oxford and Cambridge Collaborative Outreach Events in Lincolnshire | Christ's College Cambridge](#)

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 \(springpod.com\)](#)

[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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Happy half-term!