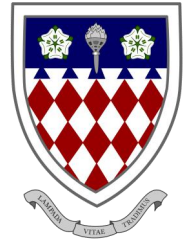


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

30th November 2023



We knew that this was going to be a very busy week full of School events such as the Winter Concert, Parents' Evening, Y7 Christmas Tree Competition and Disco, even before we received the Ofsted telephone call on Tuesday afternoon and what a week it has been! The Winter Concert was a tremendous success. Thank you and well done to Mr Garbett and all of the musicians and singers who pulled off amazing performances in yet another tremendous school production. I know that we all look forward to reading more about the concert and seeing the photographs of both that event and the Y7 Christmas Tree Competition in the upcoming Edition 4 of the High Quarterly School magazine. The HQ will be shared with the School community in the run up to the Christmas Holiday and, as we are nearing the publication deadline, this week's School Bulletin, will be the last full one sent home this term.

The School's attendance team are preparing for the reintroduction of the Attendance Reward Scheme in the final end of term Christmas assembly. Students who have achieved at least 95% attendance in the Autumn Term (September to December) will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw that we will draw in the assembly. Year 11 and Y13 are about to start their mock exam fortnight, indeed, some exams such as language orals, NEAs and the Art mocks have already started this week. Good luck to everyone.

This week, as you know, we welcomed Ofsted Inspectors in to school and I would like to express my gratitude to students, parents, carers and staff for their participation in, and contribution to, the inspection process, including the high numbers who submitted responses to the Ofsted surveys. I have asked Form Tutors to relay my gratitude to students by passing on the following message:

"Dear Students

You are the reason I have the best job in the world! You make me proud to be the head of this School and you have shown that more so than ever this week. You have engaged and chatted with the inspectors and spoken to them articulately and with maturity and honesty and I am grateful that you have done so. Sadly, at this point I cannot share the outcome of the inspection as they have to write their report and submit it for moderation and agreement. This might mean that we do not know the outcome until after the Christmas holiday but I am hoping that they will work hard to maybe get it to us before we break up.

You have been brilliant – as always and are fantastic ambassadors for the School.

Thank you.

Mrs Anderson"

As you can see from my message to students, we have to wait until the Inspection Team have completed their report and it has been agreed. As soon as this process is completed, which will take several weeks, we will share it with everyone as soon as we are able to.

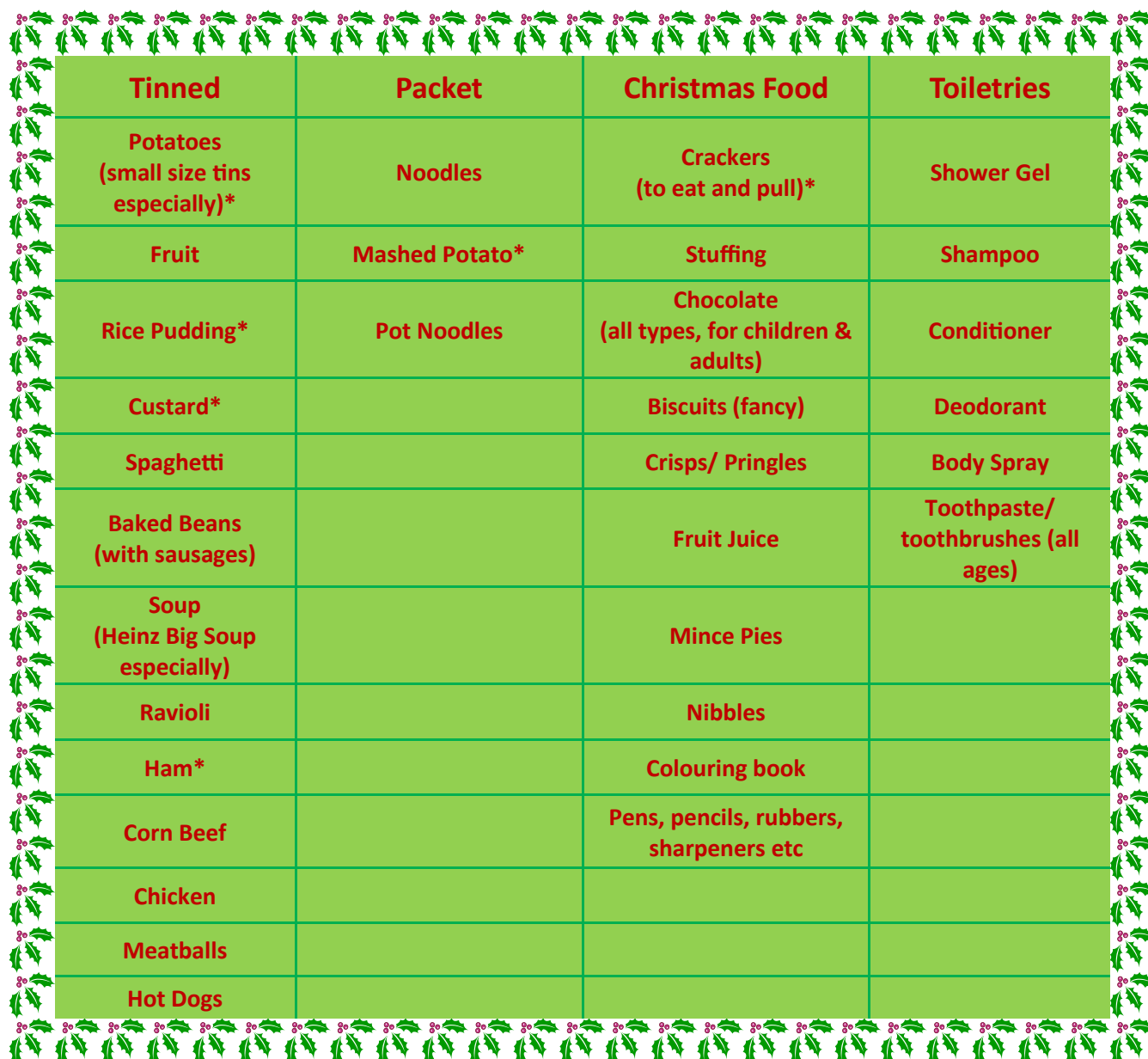
Thank you again for your support.

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Bring A Tin Day – Friday 8th December

On Friday 8th December, we are holding our **tenth** annual 'Bring a Tin' Day in support of Agape Food Bank.

Agape are particularly short of those items with an *



Tinned	Packet	Christmas Food	Toiletries
Potatoes (small size tins especially)*	Noodles	Crackers (to eat and pull)*	Shower Gel
Fruit	Mashed Potato*	Stuffing	Shampoo
Rice Pudding*	Pot Noodles	Chocolate (all types, for children & adults)	Conditioner
Custard*		Biscuits (fancy)	Deodorant
Spaghetti		Crisps/ Pringles	Body Spray
Baked Beans (with sausages)		Fruit Juice	Toothpaste/ toothbrushes (all ages)
Soup (Heinz Big Soup especially)		Mince Pies	
Ravioli		Nibbles	
Ham*		Colouring book	
Corn Beef		Pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpener etc	
Chicken			
Meatballs			
Hot Dogs			

All items donated must be non-perishable, unopened and in date.

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
7C	Fatemah Ravji	Mrs Clay	French
7N	Violet Matthews	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
8J	Connie Angus	Mrs Dowson	English
8P	Leila Petraite	Mrs Neal	Art
8P	Lena Skwarek	Mrs Knowles	German
9C	Roxanne Fox	Mr Ganger	PSHCE
9C	Ugne Grikietyte	Mr Hempsall	History
9J	Olivia Mumby-Croft	Mrs Neal	Community
9P	Lily Wadsley	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
9P	Tilly Buck	Mr Blackburn	German
9S	Anna Batko	Mrs Anderson	Geography
9S	Kari-Ella Bailey	Mrs Clay	Community
9S	Karina Zokaite	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
10J	Poppy Miller	Mrs Gregory	Physics
11C	Lizzy Newson	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
11P	Lily Stadnicka	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
6GD	Olivia Brown	Mr Garbett	Music
6JL	Evie Ahearn	Mrs Cave	Classical Civilisation
6NG	Keira Harvey	Mr McAlinden	EPQ
6SC	Chloe Matthew	Miss Ashley	Mathematics

Week 3 - Challenge #3 - Answer

Here is the answer to last week's Challenge the Parent question:

Did you get it right?

Working	Answer
A: In total there are 14 beads (9 + 5 = 14) and 5 of these 14 are red	$\frac{5}{14}$ 54
B: $84/14 = 6$ $6 \times 9 = 54$	

Week 4 - Challenge #4

The table shows some information about the average adult spending in 2008 as a percentage of average total adult spending in 2008.

Item	Percentage
food	11%
housing	11%
leisure	13%
clothes	5%
transport	14%
household goods	8%
other items	38%

In May 2008, Katie spent a total of £425.

She spent £48.45 of the £425 on food.

Compare the percentage that Katie spent on food with the average adult spending on food.

Good Luck!

Celebrating the Individual in Year 9 - 9N

9N are a wonderful form and some of them took the initiative to share activities and achievements that make them who they are. It is great to read a small snippet of things that they are passionate about and thank you for sharing them with us.

Samantha, Jasmine, Jada and Julia all took part in the GCHQ Challenge and Julia also took part in the Maths Challenge. Annie L achieved 54% in a Maths test which is a Grade six and Iris tried her hardest in her recent Maths test. Amelia was pleased that she did well in the Maths Challenge. Lola W kept Timmy the tomato plant alive and thriving in the last Challenge eight and now she is the caregiver to Javal the money plant for the recent Challenge nine!

Annie C, Nancy, Lia and Isabelle were very proud to win football in PE recently. Amiyah won her netball game playing for Stamford, Grace won a netball competition outside of school and Sasha won her Football game for the school! Simona achieved two spins in ballet, and Daisy joined a new Street Dance Club. Staying on the dance theme, Lola M consistently attends dance four days a week, Eden achieved two spins in Jazz and Olivia also enjoys taking part in dance and gymnastics. Raya passed her Bronze and Silver awards in gymnastics, Ellen came first on the bars in a gymnastic competition and Amber is a dance coach and competes in competitions all across England!

Lucy has been very creative in making DIY things for the upcoming craft fair, while Lena is improving her skills on the violin by having lessons every week. Tasha is part of the Spalding Orchestra and is preparing for an upcoming concert and Faith took part in a horse riding show last month. Nikita is very proud that she took part in the World Championships in Taekwondo and came third in the world for her age group and she also took part in the Maths Challenge. Last but not least, Sruti managed to sleep more than six hours!

Mrs Neal – Head of Year 9

PE News

Y8 Netball

On Monday 20th November, we travelled to Bourne Academy with Year 8 to play a friendly game in order to give match experience to some of the students that regularly attend netball club at lunchtime. The Year 8 team won 10-1 and should be extremely proud of the way they played, particularly as this was the first competitive match for most of the team. We kept possession brilliantly, progressing the ball quickly into the D to create shooting opportunities and Nevaeh Firth scored 8 of the 10 goals scored. Emelia Wade was also very influential in defence making lots of interceptions with Alex Baker awarded Player of the Match by the opposition for a dominant centre court display.



Miss Parker, PE Department

PE News

Y9 Netball

On Monday 20th November, students who regularly attend netball club were invited to play a Year 9 game against Bourne Academy. Many of the students had never played a competitive match before, however, it didn't show. They played with great skill and determination, whilst having fun and showing great team spirit. The team won 14-1. Well done Year 9!



Miss Parker, PE Department



Tesco Fundraising - Holbeach

The PE department would like to run a variety of sports, exercise and mindfulness activities during school break and lunchtimes to further support the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils at SHS. To support the department in doing so, we have applied to Tesco community grants in order to purchase new equipment and provide different opportunities to those already on the PE Extra-curricular timetable.

If you are shopping in the Tesco Holbeach store, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point. The project with the most blue tokens at the end of the period will receive £1,500, the second place will receive £1,000 and the third-place project will receive £500.

Please encourage friends and family members to do the same until the 14th January 2024... Every Token Counts!



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Vote in-store until 14th January 2024



GCSE Presentation

Our GCSE Presentation took place on Wednesday 22nd November. We were entertained by some fantastic music from Niamh Williams playing the Clarinet and Olivia Brown, a solo vocalist.

All students, whether still enrolled at SHS or studying at other establishments were invited and all received their GCSE students whilst others received Attendance Certificates or Academic Achievement Certificates.

Congratulations to all students.

Our subject prize winners are listed below.

AWARD	STUDENT
BEST OVERALL GCSE RESULTS	Lily Roberts-Anchor
ART & DESIGN	Libby Blackbourn
BUSINESS	Abbie Horspool
BIOLOGY	Anika Jain
CHEMISTRY	Adelaide Millward
COMBINED SCIENCE	Nicol Wnukawska
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Adelaide Millward
DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES	Libby Blackbourn
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Beatriz Aquino
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Sophie Gleave
FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION	Gabriella Best
FRENCH	Lily Roberts-Anchor
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	Lily Roberts-Anchor
GEOGRAPHY	Willow Gill
HISTORY	Ellie Griffin
LATIN	Abigail Armstrong
MATHEMATICS	Raechel Simon
MUSIC	Sophie Gleave
PHYSICS	Lily Roberts-Anchor
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Willow Gill
PRODUCT DESIGN	Jasmine Woodroffe
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Evie Duffill
SPANISH	Andrea Elloway
TEXTILES	Nancy Seffi

Mrs Smith, Exams Officer

Pastoral News

Keeping Children Safe Online

Continuing with our 'keeping children safe online' theme please find attached to this Bulletin our next poster relating to Keeping Safe on Instagram. Please share and discuss the information at home. In addition there are links to further support on the school website.

Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Davies, Pastoral Department

SHS in the Community

Year 10 Fundraising Challenge

A tremendous well done to all students in 10N who organised and ran a very successful Bake Sale during break time on Friday 24th November. They raised £100 for their chosen charity, the NSPCC. Thank you to everyone who came along and bought a cake on the day and thank you to parents and carers for providing ingredients and helping to bake for us.

Well done 10N!

Miss Bailey, Form Tutor

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), featuring the letters 'NSPCC' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

Handmade at Christmas – raising money for Cancer Research

7S have been very busy making gifts during the last few weeks which are currently hanging on our form Christmas tree, as our entry for the Christmas tree decorating competition. On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December we are having a stall at lunchtime, as part of the SHS craft fair, where we will be selling all our handmade gifts to raise money for Cancer Research. Come and do some Christmas shopping and support 7S at the craft fair – baubles and other tree decorations, bottles with lights, gift tags, bookmarks, hand-dipped chocolate apricots and dates, jewellery and Christmas bunting are all among the items on sale.

Mrs Martin, Form Tutor



PSHCE Department (on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council)

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Primary Parents 6th December 6pm-7:30pm

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023 Lincolnshire Children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online, effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

Online Parent Webinar about County Lines in Lincolnshire 7th December 7-8:30pm

Lincolnshire Police have linked up with PACE (Parent's Against Child Exploitation) to offer a free webinar for parents and carers around County Lines within Lincolnshire. This webinar will take place on 7th December from 7-8:30pm. During the TEAMS sessions specialist workers will discuss:

- What county lines and child exploitation is.
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved.
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children.
- Understand what is happening in your local area.

Sign up is required <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-in-lincolnshire-free-parent-webinar-tickets-759660403717?aff=oddtcreator>

Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Secondary Parents 13th December 6pm-7:30pm

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<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnshirecountycouncil/1053896#>

Mr Hempsall, Head of PSHCE

SHS Policy Consultation:

The new Sex and Relationship Policy and PED & Mobile Phone Policy can be found on the School website, in the drop down menu "About Us" and in the policy folder. If you would like to feedback on these policies please email your comments to enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk for the attention of the Clerk to Governors no later than the end of this school term. Thank you.

Careers Update

Year 13 University Applications

Year 13 students are reminded to submit their UCAS applications for processing as soon as possible, please, as the internal school deadline has now passed. The sooner the application is submitted, the sooner offers start to come in which is very motivational. 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 December or January, for example, a student can add that course choice to their application after the open day at any point up until 31st January.

We will be organising some online talks for students about student finance applications after Christmas.

Army Virtual Open Event

The Army Foundation College in Harrogate is holding a virtual open event from 6.00pm on Tuesday 5th December. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from college staff and current junior soldiers, as well as ask any questions. There will also be a virtual tour of the campus.

The link to register for the event is: [Virtual Harrogate Open Day - Army Foundation College \(on24.com\)](https://on24.com/virtual-harrogate-open-day-army-foundation-college)

For monitoring purposes, could students please let me know if they register to attend.

Aspiring Mental Health Careers – NHS Talent Academy Event – see attachment.

Do you want to make a positive difference to mental health and wellbeing?

Meet professionals working as part of a multidisciplinary team, using their knowledge about how people think and behave to support individuals to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Participants will hear from experts working in the fields of Counselling, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Psychology and Social Work, offering insight, advice and guidance into their career.

Virtual Event - Wednesday 24th January 2024 - **5.30 pm to 8.00 pm**

Criteria:

- Participants must be living or educated in Lincolnshire
- Participants must be 15 – 20 years of age on the day of the event

To Apply:

For a place at the event click on the link and follow the instructions:

[Application Form](#)

The closing date for all applications is **4pm Friday 19th January.**

If you have questions regarding the event or the application, please email: HS.Talent@ulh.nhs.uk

For monitoring purposes, could students please let me know if they register to attend.

Support:

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

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