



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

18th January 2024



The weather has certainly taken a chilly turn but at least the sun is out and the daffodils have started to break through. Students should continue to wear lots of layers whilst it is still this cold and as always, we recommend a t-shirt or thermal layer underneath school shirts and jumpers. Trousers with thicker tights underneath might also be a good idea for the next week or so given the forecast of this cold snap lasting a while longer. Let's hope that the sunshine stays and that we do not get any of the snow being experienced in other parts of the country!

In the final assembly, just before Christmas, we had a presentation on the Challenge 8, Challenge 9 and Challenge 10 projects being undertaken by the year groups to raise money. It was impressive to hear the tales of how form groups had taken a starting contribution of £2 and transformed it through various charitable endeavours and fund raising schemes into tens, if not hundreds of pounds. Students were praised for their efforts and contributions and given the update in this week's bulletin, I would like to reiterate that. Very well done to all and we still have until Easter for the challenge to continue.

Contacting School to speak to staff

As parents/carers will appreciate should they need to speak to a member of staff, it may not always be possible to have the call transferred to someone straight away. Teaching staff teach multiple lessons every day and support staff may be engaged in dealing with other matters. From Monday 22nd January, the reception staff will be taking names and contact details and asking for basic information regarding the nature of the call before passing the message on to the member of staff you wish to speak to. We will respond within 24 hrs of contact. If you are raising a safeguarding concern please make reception aware of this when you call.

Finally, congratulations to Holly Bignell – what an amazing achievement!

HQ Meetings

Do come along and join us on the HQ team as we are just starting to plan the Easter Edition.

Week 1 Wednesday 1.05pm

Week 2 Thursday 1.30pm

Meet in reception/sixth form study room

M K Anderson
Headmistress

Music

The Music Department is always looking for people that play an orchestral instrument (violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums). If anyone plays any of these and would like to join us in the School Orchestra then please let me know asap! Or if you would like to be in the orchestra but don't play any of these but you would like to learn - this is the link for lessons in school <https://www.lincsmusicservice.org/learning-an-instrument/individual-small-group-tuition>

Mr Garbett

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 | Isla Worrall | Mr Garbett | Music |
| 10N | Holly Gleave | Mr Martindale | Technology |
| 6LH | Izzy Blackburn | Mr Hemsall | History |
| 6AF | Sophie Gleave | Mr Martindale | Community |
| 8P | Roxy Acton | Mrs Neal | Art |
| 11J | Briony Sweeting | Mrs Neal | Community |
| 7N | Lucy Kitchen | Mrs C Aurikko | Science |
| 8N | Hollie Duffill | Mrs C Aurikko | Community |
| 10N | Mathilda Simpson | Mrs Clay | French |
| 6AF | Mia Layton | Mrs J Lord | English Language |
| 8P | Inaya Ali | Mrs Cave | Religious Education |
| 6IW | Sophie Carter | Mrs Rogers | Geography |
| 6TD | Naomi Johnson | Mrs Rogers | Community |
| 8J | Aliyah Mohamed | Mrs F Barats | French |
| 9C | Jaz Steele | Miss Ashley | Mathematics |
| 9N | Nikita Rudd | Miss Ashley | Further Mathematics |
| 7N | Francesca Gorman | Miss Bailey | German |
| 10J | Freya John | Mrs Martindale | Biology |
| 11J | Briony Sweeting | Mrs Nowak | Further Mathematics |
| 9J | Sophie Gilbert | Mrs T Waldron | Biology |
| 9J | Sophie Callow | Mrs Martin | Mathematics |
| 8S | Darcy Laithwaite | Miss Chalcraft | Mathematics |
| 10C | Em Salter | Mrs Jones | PSHCE |
| 7P | Iily Knox | Mrs Knowles | German |
| 9N | Olivia Johnson | Miss White | Physics |
| 7N | Jessica Day | Mr McAlinden | Community |
| 9P | Yasha Robertson | Mrs Busfield | Biology |
| 6NG | Freya Wade | Mr Love | Law |

PE News

U14 Football

On Thursday, 4th January the U14 football team hosted Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School in the Sisters n Sport National Football Competition. Despite not playing their best, the improved second half performance helped the team secure a place in the next round after a 3-1 win.



U15 Football

On Tuesday, 16th January the U15 football team travelled to St George's in Sleaford for the Sisters n Sport National Cup. Despite the cold weather, SHS dominated the game, creating lots of chances in the first half, however, none could be converted meaning we went into half time at 0-0. Ella Lynn managed to score putting us 1-0 up before conceding from a corner, meaning Sleaford were level. With 10 minutes to go, Ella scored a second having followed a long distance shot into the box which bounced off the keeper and landed at Ella's feet. The defence dealt with added pressure from St George's well for the last ten minutes and stopped them gaining an equaliser and allows the team to progress into the next round of the Cup.

Miss Magnus PE Department



Holly Bignell

On Sunday, 17th December, Holly Bignell competed at the London International Horse Show in the Open Nursery Stakes Class held at The Excel Arena. Qualifying at Nottinghamshire County Show, Holly and her pony Musbury Contessa were one of 17 eligible combinations able to compete at the final.

The Open Nursery Stakes class is a working hunter pony class for plaited mares or geldings, four years old or over, not exceeding 133cm, which are ridden by a rider not to have attained their 13th birthday before 1st January in the current year. The class involves two phases; jumping a course of jumps and then doing a show with walk, trot, canter and gallop. The jumping phase is marked out of 70 (50 for jumping and 20 for style and manners while jumping) whilst the second phase has marks awarded for Manners and way of going (10) and Conformation, Type & Freedom of Action (20), these are then added to give an overall score out of 100. If the combinations knock a fence down they lose 10 points or refusal at a fence is -15 and -20 points for a second refusal.

Holly and Musbury Contessa managed to complete a clear round over the fences and a mannerly show which led to a total of 79/100, and an overall 8th place which is a fantastic achievement. Well Done Holly!

Miss Magnus



London International Horse Show, 2023

Challenge 8 and 9 – ‘Little and often’ Charity Challenge update

Back in November Mrs Spinks and I set a challenge for the Year 8’s and 9’s called ‘**Little and often**’. The students were given a cutting of a Jade ‘money’ plant and instructions on how to look after it, they were also given the challenge of making actual money grow for charity.

Students are raising money for ‘Don’t Lose Hope’ and a charity of their choice. The challenge runs until Easter where there will be prizes for healthiest plant, best decorated plant pot, best named plant (Neil Plantstrong is in the lead so far!) and a prize for the most amount of money raised.

I wanted to share an update with you as the students are doing so well – so far all plants are still alive and there has been a wonderful amount of money raised. **The current total stands at £794.47** – with 8S doing a fabulous job raising £318.17 and 9S close behind raising £288.00.

Well done to Year 8 and 9 – keep going – you have until Easter to continue to fundraise!

Mrs Neal
Head of Year 9



Pastoral News

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

Mrs Davies
Pupil Support Co-ordinator

Malicious Communications has been an ongoing problem we have had in Lincolnshire for the last few years now. It is one of the top five crimes in which our 14-16 year olds have received a criminal conviction for. Online behaviour is something we talk regularly to children and young people about across the county within our online safety sessions. We want to also make sure parents are aware of these laws and the potential consequences our online behaviour can have in the real world, for our children's futures. We would like to share the attached document and this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Akl9CgpP9t8We> to help you discuss these issues with your child.

County Police

Careers Update

Year 12 Work Experience Week – Monday 1st – Friday 5th July 2024

A letter about work experience week has been sent out to the parents/carers of Year 12 students from Mrs O'Brien, our Work Experience Manager. We have run our work experience week in Year 12 for the last two years and it is expected that all students take part. Please read the details in the letter and we will be talking to students about the process over the next fortnight. We request a voluntary contribution of £20 by 2nd February, please, to help cover the costs incurred for the health and safety checks carried out by our risk assessment provider.

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 **4 pm Friday 19th January**.

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

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

Apprenticeships at Caterpillar, Peterborough

Vacancies open on 21st January for students interested in pursuing apprenticeships:

[Caterpillar | Peterborough Apprenticeships](#)

Lincolnshire Talent Academy – Aspiring Nursing Event

The Lincolnshire Talent Academy are holding two open events in February for students and their parents/carers to find out more about a career in nursing. Please see the attachment for details.

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

University of Lincoln – Open Event for Year 11 students and Parents/Carers

The University of Lincoln is holding an open event for Year 11 students and their parents/carers on 28th February on campus from 5.00-7.00pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for students and parents/carers to find out more about university life, meet staff and see the campus buildings and accommodation. Many of our students apply to university in Lincoln and some choose to live at home and commute. The outreach staff are very supportive and this is an exciting new initiative which hopefully students and parents/carers will find useful and insightful. Please see the attachment for registration details.

Support:

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

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell
Careers Leader

SCOPAY Account Alerts

We are seeing an increasing number of students going overdrawn within their canteen account.

To help monitor your child's account, you can use the online payment system SCOPAY. You can create an 'ALERT' to notify you when their account is getting low. This amount can be set to what you prefer – but the ideal amount is £5.00.

ALERTS

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| Account balances Receive alerts when one of your accounts' balances drops below a configured amount. Note: account balances relate to dinners / cashless catering / clubs - if provided by the school. Send alerts when balance is below £ <input type="text" value="5.00"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New trip or event available Receive alerts when a new trip or event becomes available online. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New product available Receive alerts when a new product becomes available online. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trip payment reminder Receive alerts when payments for trips are due. Send daily alerts starting <input type="text" value="1"/> day(s) before the payment is due | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

UPDATE

There is also an increase in students using the cash loaders in school – where possible, could you please top up your child's account using their online payment account.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Team.