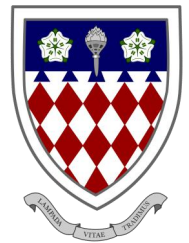


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

22nd February 2024



Welcome back to Term 4; I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful half term break. Thank you to Mr Farrell and the Ski Team who led the School's Ski Tour to Austria over the holiday. I know the trip was a resounding success and that much fun was had by all. I won't say too much other than "Thank you" at this stage as I know the team are preparing a big write up for the bulletin and HQ and I am sure there will be lots of pictures and funny tales for us all to read about.

Well done and thank you too, to Mrs Fisk and the A Level Drama and Theatre Studies group for an amazing production of "The Accidental death of an Anarchist", which has received rave reviews. This also provides me with the natural opportunity to promote the Lower School Production of The Snow Queen, which is scheduled for March 20th to 22nd. Tickets on sale shortly. Well done to the house bench ball teams; your results will add significantly to the house cup, which is currently being hotly fought over and also to the U14 and U15 football teams who have done brilliantly in their tournaments.

It has been an exciting week this week as our building contractors, Legacy, have dug the first test pits for the foundations of the new front extension. Thankfully, it has all gone to plan and we have not found anything that will delay the project and so in just five weeks' time the building works start! During the Easter holidays, the foundations and ground works will be started. When we return to school after Easter, the building area will be fenced off and so we will all still be using the main reception entrance but it will clearly look like a building site. However, work will not recommence until the public exams are over and the summer is here. By splitting the work in this way, we are able to keep the use of the front reception and can avoid having to relocate it, which presents a number of challenges whilst the school is in session. It also means that disruption from building works will be kept to a minimum whilst students and staff are on site. So, in short, apologies for the way we will look for a few weeks but it will all be worth it in the end when we open our new entrance for the start of the new academic year. Not only will the new reception extension provide us with much needed office space, it will also give the front of the School a modern looking face lift and a pleasant and welcoming entry area for visitors. We can't wait!



M K Anderson, Headmistress

Reminder to Parents/ Carers

Parents and Carers, please try your very best to ensure that extra curricular exams etc. are booked outside of school time wherever possible.

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	Aaleen Zahra	Mrs Clay	French
7C	Hooria Kausar	Mrs Bennett	Community
7C	Hooria Kausar	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
7J	Audrey Taylor	Mrs Lees	Library
7P	Abigail Wielezew	Mrs Dowson	English
7P	Ava Willis	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
7P	Evie Waterhouse	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
8N	Florence Numa	Miss Magnus	History
8N	Poppy Wall	Mrs Aurikko	Community
8S	Pranusha Rajesh	Mrs Bennett	Geography
9J	Ruby Forsyth	Miss Magnus	Community
9J	Sophie Callow	Mrs Knowles	German
9P	Ela Ciftepala	Mrs Rogers	Geography
9S	Paris Webb	Mrs Clay	Community
10C	Ella Lynn	Mrs Tanner	Art
10C	Layla Khodri	Mrs Busfield	Physics
10C	Millie Smith	Mr Garbett	Music
10J	Florence Perowne	Miss Bailey	German
10J	Katie Whittaker	Mrs Gregory	Physics
10N	Daisy Mardle	Mrs Neal	Art
10N	Emily Matthews	Mrs Martindale	Biology
10N	Lola Connolly	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
10P	Annabelle Giles	Mrs Busfield	Community
10P	Poppy Carr	Mrs Barats	French
10S	Alexis Bradshaw	Mrs Lees	Community
10S	Emily Coker	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
11C	Fiza Niaz	Mrs Bushell	German
11J	Briony Sweeting	Mrs J Lord	English
11P	Ava Twell	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
6AB	Eloise Hodson	Miss Pettefar	English Language
6JL	Evie Booth	Mrs Cave	Classical Civilisation
6JL	Oliwia Harbuz	Mr Love	Law
6SC	Jess Smith	Mr Hemsall	History

Week 8 - Challenge #8 - Answer

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

Working	Answer
Colin = $15/50$ of the money	28% or $\frac{14}{50}$
Remainder = $35/50$	
$35/5 = 7$	
Dave = $2 \times 7 = 14$	
So $14/50$ of the money is Dave's	

Did you get it right?

Week 9 - Challenge #9

A delivery company has a total of 160 cars and vans.

the number of cars : the number of vans = 3 : 7

Each car and each van uses electricity or diesel or petrol.

$\frac{1}{8}$ of the cars use electricity.

25% of the cars use diesel.

The rest of the cars use petrol.

Work out the number of cars that use petrol.

You must show all your working.

Good Luck!

PE News

House Benchball

During the last week of term, all year groups battled it out to become Benchball Champions. A round robin tournament was played each day, where forms scored three points for a win, two points for a draw and one point for a loss.

On Monday 5th February, Year 8 had their House Benchball tournament. Each form in Year 8 entered a team of 15 students. It was very pleasing to see form tutors Miss White, Miss Goulding and Mrs Aurikko cheering on their forms. After all games had been played, there were joint winners of C and J, pictured here with their form tutors.



Tuesday 6th February saw four out of the five Year 7 forms participate in their tournament. After three games a piece, and after ironing out some dodgy maths from the adjudicator, 7P were victorious after having won all their games.



Wednesday 7th February was Year 9's turn, which again saw four out of five forms enter teams. Following the round robin, there was a tie at the top and time allowed for 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th playoff games. The eventual winners were 9S narrowly beating 9N who finished 2nd. The 3rd v 4th play off game had 15 players from each form plus both Mrs Webb and Mr Ganger, form tutors of C and J, joining in to help their teams. Despite Mr Ganger's height giving him an advantage, his inability to stay on the bench did impact his performance, with Mrs Webb catching the ball to get J's last player onto the bench securing the victory for J.



The final tournament for Year 10 was on Thursday 8th February, where three out of the five forms entered. A huge well done to 10P who were the only team to field a full sided team, and well done to C, J and N for still managing to represent their forms. At the end of the tournament, 10C/J (who merged together) were crowned the Year 10 Benchball Champions!



Well done to all the pupils involved, we look forward to seeing their house dance routines at the end of the next term!

Miss Jones, PE Department

PE News

U15 Football

On Tuesday 6th February, the U15 football team played their Round Six ESFA game against Soham Village College. The conditions were not ideal for the Spalding High School team with a very small pitch and windy conditions to battle against. A slow start to the game led to an unmarked header by the opposition from a corner putting us 1-0 down. An improved period of play led to a fantastic corner by Ivy Lane met by the head of Darcey Grundy to equalize. A couple of individual errors led to us going into the half time break 3-1 down. Soham were a very physical and strong side to which the small pitch was a clear advantage but SHS kept battling and advancing forward to try and get another goal back. Whilst pushing forwards an opportunity for Soham opened up which they took to make the game 4-1. Despite this, SHS kept trying to break Soham down and score another, which eventually came from an exceptional free kick from Darcey Grundy against the wind from near the halfway line, to bring us back to 4-2. However, this was not enough to dampen the Soham attack who scored the final goal of the game to make it 5-2.

Unfortunately, the team did not make it to the quarter finals but should still be incredibly proud of how well they have played, and how far they have progressed in this national competition.



U14 Football

On Tuesday 20th February, the U14 football team hosted Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School in the Lincolnshire County Cup round of 16. The SHS team started well with first half goals from Lily and Freya putting us 3-1 up at half time. An even stronger second half performance secured our quarter final spot with an emphatic 7-1 win. Well done to Laila for scoring her first ever goal which went into the top corner, Lily for scoring a hat trick and Darcey for scoring a header from a fantastic Lexi corner delivery. The U14s now progress into the quarter finals where we will face Bourne Grammar.



Miss Magnus
PE Department

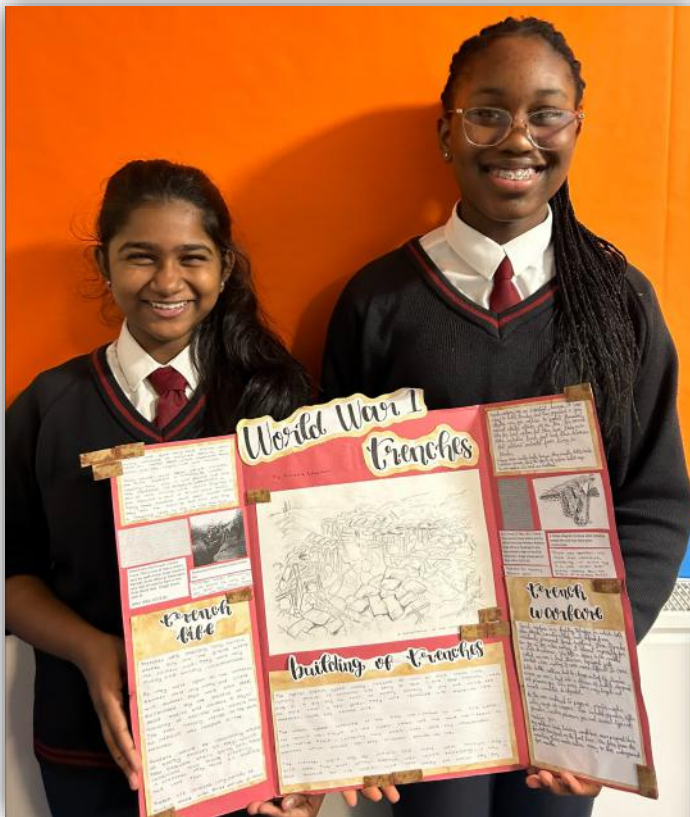
History News

As part of the Year 8 World War One topic, 8N were asked to create a trench project in pairs, focusing on at least two of the following themes: Trench warfare and the building of trenches; Trench life/routines and Medicine, Injury and Death in the trenches.

The project needed to include pictures, writing, neat presentation and at least five sources. The students were given two research lessons and homework time to complete their projects. Having peer marked another group's project identifying areas they did well and could improve on, students were asked to put a post-it note on the best 'overall' project.

All projects were of very high quality with detailed information, but the two pictured below were particularly impressive and awarded Excellents for their outstanding effort, artwork and detail. Mr Hemsall said, "It is fantastic to see how well 8N have engaged with the project, they should be proud of their efforts and the work they have produced".

Miss Magnus, History Department



Sixth Form News

A Level Drama - Accidental Death of an Anarchist

The A Level Drama and Theatre students decided to invite an audience of friends, relatives and teachers to watch a performance of *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. They are studying the play from a performance perspective, and have enjoyed producing their own version of the play with relevant examples of contemporary corruption to impact today's audience.

Dario Fo wrote '*Accidental Death of an Anarchist*', after a railway worker and known anarchist, Giuseppe Pinelli 'fell' from the fourth floor window of the police station in Milan whilst under interrogation. At the time, the police claimed that this was suicide due to his obvious guilt, but it later emerged that he was innocent and the bomb that he was suspected of planting, was in fact arranged by the police themselves. Fo made it his intention to expose this corruption and promote debate amongst his audiences exploring the relationship between corruption and power.

The students excelled themselves in their delivery of the play, capturing the farcical elements perfectly! It was a highly enjoyable evening and I have received several messages of congratulations from members of the audience.

Well done to the A Level Drama students!



I attended the performance of 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist' last night and I wanted to congratulate the School and cast on a terrific performance. It was abundantly clear that an enormous amount of time and effort had gone into making the event a top class show. I thought it was phenomenal and I wanted to pass on my thanks to everyone involved. I fully expect to see those students treading the boards in London's West End or Broadway in the not too distant future. I'll hang on to my signed poster so I can sell it to a collector to pay for my care when I'm in my dotage.

Melanie Biggadike

I just wanted to say thank you to all of the students for allowing us to watch their performance last night. It was lovely to see the results of their hard work and to see them working together as a team.

Claire and Martyn Chorlton

Mrs Fisk, Head of Drama



Pastoral News

Young Carers Action Day

Young Carers Action Day is an annual nationwide event organised by the Carers Trust. It aims to raise awareness of the importance of young carers across the country. Young Carers Action Day will take place on Wednesday 13th March. The event highlights the remarkable contributions made by young carers across the United Kingdom.

To celebrate this day we are going to be running a competition to design the 'Bright Horizons' logo to be used in school. Bright Horizons is our Young Carers Club. Here we meet up to chat, offer support, eat chocolate and crochet positive vegetables. Mrs Jarvis and I need a new logo that encompasses the importance of the Young Carer role and the fun that we can have in our group. The cost per entry is £1. All entries need to be A4 size and handed in to Mrs Davies or Mrs Jarvis by registration on the 13th March and we will choose a winner. The winner will receive a prize and the chosen design will be used on the school website and on our posters going forward.

We will also be running a raffle to win a hamper. If you would like to enter it is £1 per entry and the money raised will go towards our Young Carers Group. Please come and see Mrs Jarvis and I for a chance to win. The winner will be drawn on the 13th March.

<https://carers.org/downloads/a4-ycad-posteryoung-people-v3.pdf>

Mrs Davies, Pastoral Department

BRIGHT HORIZONS

CALLING ALL YOUNG CARERS!!!

EVERY MONDAY

1:00 in G3

**COME ALONG TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN
POSITIVE VEGETABLE**



SHS HQ - Spring Competition

Dress your pet up in an Easter inspired costume, take a picture and send it to:
Imogen.neal@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

The winner will receive an Easter Chocolate treat and a pet toy for the pet for helping out!

Rules:

- Must be a physical costume not a filter, Photoshop or digital art
- Bonus points for homemade costumes
- Must provide a JPEG picture **no later than Friday 15th March**
- Cannot enter more than once
- Put your name, form and your pet's name in the email to Imogen.

Please remember that pets are very sensitive to some materials and so be careful what you use to make your costume and also that your pet might not like being dressed up and so do not force them.

Inspiration:



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Imogen Neal, 8P

Careers Update

Year 7 Employer Encounter – 8th February

Mrs O'Brien and I were very pleased to welcome Major Julie Downing from the British Army into school on 9th February to speak to Year 7 students about the importance of soft and transferable skills required in the wide range of job roles within the Army. Major Downing joined the Army as a vehicle mechanic after having completed an engineering apprenticeship. After becoming an Army Officer, she joined the Royal Logistics Corps. During her career, she was the first woman to deploy to a warzone with a tank regiment and has also trained as a Military Working Dog Handler.

Major Downing gave a very interesting presentation to the students and then led a question-and-answer session. The Year 7 students asked many insightful questions and can be very proud of the professional way in which they conducted themselves.

The session was organised as part of our careers education programme through which students have the opportunity to meet an employer or employee. The Army was the top apprenticeship provider in 2023 in the Department for Education rankings. As it was National Apprenticeship Week before half-term, it was particularly relevant to welcome Major Downing to the High School.

Year 10 Work Experience – 25th-28th March

With a month to go ahead of Year 10 work experience, it is vital that students are checking their emails daily in case employers send important information regarding the placement. It is advisable for students to speak to their employer to ensure they have confirmed all the information they need to know, such as hours of work, dress code and who to report to on the first day. Students will receive a health and safety briefing in school during PSHCE on 29th February. If any students are asked to work later than 7.00pm, they need to email the dates and times to Mrs O'Brien.

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 page 14 of the Bulletin for registration details.

Unifrog University Fair – Wednesday 13th March 4.30-7.00pm

For students in Years 10-12 who are considering going to university, Unifrog is hosting a virtual University Fair in the evening on 13th March. This will be an excellent opportunity for students and their parents/carers to gain an insight into topics such as student finance, contextual offers, subject spotlights and city or campus universities. Here is the registration link: [Unifrog UK University Fair \(vfairs.com\)](https://unifrog.com/vfairs.com)

InvestIn Career Taster Sessions

Please see page 15 of the Bulletin for registration for some interesting career taster sessions being hosted online in March by InvestIn. This is a great opportunity aimed at students aged 12-18 to find out about potential pathways, hear from employers and gain experience to add to CVs.

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

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

YEAR 11 AND PARENTS

Join us on **Wednesday 28 February from 5pm - 7pm** for an evening at the University of Lincoln that will help you support your Year 11 through their education.

This is a free event where drinks and light refreshments will be provided, alongside the following sessions:

- University Life
- Student Finance/ Cost of Living Support
- How to Support Your Year 11
- Campus Tour



Scan this QR code to register your interest



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Free Career Tasters

Online workshops dedicated to giving students a taste of their potential future career

Learn More

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a series of free career tasters for students aged 12-18.

Ahead of National Careers Week, we will be hosting another series of free online career tasters for students aged 12-18.

These interactive sessions serve as a great introduction to a range of industries, while giving students an opportunity to hear from a professional and participate in an interactive career simulation.

Please encourage your students to bring any questions they may have to the webinars - we're here to help them on every step of their career journey.

If students are unable to join live, they can still register to receive the recording and our follow up resources.

Sign Up Here

Career Taster Schedule

Not sure which webinar to choose?

Signing up to multiple webinars is a great way for students to explore different careers and find out where their interests lie!



12th March : 6pm

Breaking into Creative Arts

Breaking into Psychology

13th March : 6pm

Breaking into Engineering

Breaking into Law

14th March : 6pm

Breaking into Medicine

Breaking into Banking



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Free workshops -following on from the Week of SEND

We have lots of free workshops for **parents & professionals** on the LPCF membership, coming up over the next few months.

Popular topics such as SEND support and EHC's, Anxiety, Benefits, Toilet Skills and many more will be added to the workshop calendar.

Keep checking the events page of the LPCF website for more details. They will be added over the next few weeks. Book your place asap to avoid disappointment.

Coming up in March

Toilet Skills (Contenance Issues)

Date: **Tuesday 12th March 11.30am – 1.00pm**

LPCF are pleased to offer the workshop delivered by the LCC Specialist Children's Contenance Nurse.

The workshop will cover :-

- Toilet skills development - one step at a time, actions and goals, initial work and when to contact the 0-19 health team for support.
- Night time wetting
- Containment products and alternatives
- Periods and how to manage these when using containment products

Please book your place using the link above by 2nd March.

SEND Support and EHCP's

Date: **Tuesday 19th March 11.30am – 1.00pm**

Free Interactive workshop on Zoom with Liaise.

Following on from the well supported and rated LPCF "Week of SEND" LPCF have invited Liaise to explore the topic of SEND Support and EHCP's.

Liaise is Lincolnshire's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

They provide confidential and impartial information, advice and support to children and young people (0-25 years) with SEN and disabilities, and their parents and carers.

LPCF work closely with Liaise in supporting parents of children with SEND and have specifically asked them to provide this workshop to help empower families to have the SEND knowledge and understanding they need.

The Liaise staff:

- work at arm's length from the local authority and health services
- are trained in SEN and disability law
- work to national standards, so you know what to expect
- aim to empower families to have the SEND knowledge and understanding they need.

Please book your place by 9th March.

Link to Events page to book your place herewith:- https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Events.php

Coralie & LPCF Team

LPCF

PO Box 1183

Spalding

PE11 9EE

07925 232 466

Please note we may have to cancel the workshops if we do not get enough interest , so to avoid disappointment please book your place by the deadline. Thank you.



KEEP CALM
AND
HELP
YOUR HQ

The HQ meets weekly in the Sixth Form Study
Room:

Week 1 Wednesday 1.05pm

Week 2 Thursday 1.30pm