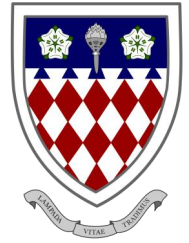


# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Welcome back to T5; I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

This week marks quite a milestone. Forgive my musings; I feel it is appropriate to mark the moment.

Ten years ago this week, I sent my first letter home introducing myself as the newly appointed Head of the High School. Exactly where that decade went, I cannot say, although I do hold the opinion that there must be a universal Law of Physics that means time passes more quickly the older you get! Tempus fugit aside, there have been challenges over the last ten years together with ups and downs but I think definitely far more ups than downs and many of the challenges have provided us with opportunities to move the High School onwards. I hope you will agree.

It was (and remains) an honour to have been appointed as the Headmistress of the High School and I know I am very fortunate to be working in such a pleasant, collegiate and supportive environment. I do not take that for granted and know how hard we **all** work to achieve it. Our students are absolutely amazing and have been a pleasure and a delight to work with over the years. We have supportive and engaged parents, committed governors and dedicated, experienced staff. So thank **you**. I know I say it a lot, but that does not erode the intent with which it is meant.

Having written this piece a few days ago now, I must also add my thanks to staff and governors who took me completely by surprise yesterday and left me speechless (it does not happen often!) in organising a surprise party to celebrate the ten-year anniversary. Mrs Waldron lured me to the newly decorated canteen after school under the pretence of a leak. Upon entering, it still did not dawn on me that something was amiss; I just recall thinking "why are all the staff in here if we have a leak?!" It was only the applause and cheer, together with the sight of the buffet and beautiful cake that caused the penny to drop! Thank you everyone for the lovely gathering, thoughtful gifts and kind words in the card, together with a special "thank you" to the ladies in the canteen for an amazing cake and buffet.

The Law of Physics aside, one thing I can say with all certainty, is that I will not be writing such a message to mark twenty years! However, you will still have to put up with me for a few more years yet!

Now onto other "welcome back" matters....

Welcome to a number of colleagues starting this week, either as new to the High School, or in new roles. Mrs Lambe joins us as our new Reprographics Administrator and Medical Officer and Mrs Connolly has taken on the role of our new Safeguarding and Pastoral Administrator. Mrs Freeman and Mrs Spreckley both start their new roles as Pupil Support Coordinators and are joined by Mrs Spies in the role. Congratulations to Mrs Davies who is now Mrs Norton having got married over the Easter holidays. Welcome everyone and good luck with your new jobs.

Our new Pupil Support Coordinators will support Heads of Year and the Pastoral Team across the School but will be attached to one year group in the main. For the rest of this academic year, Mrs Spies will work with Y7; Mrs Spreckley with Y8; Mrs Norton with Y9; Mrs Freeman with Y10 and Mrs Jarvis with Y11 and helping to support the new PSCs in their new roles.

You will see later on in the bulletin that work has started on the new Reception extension....exciting times!

**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

## Ten Year Anniversary Celebrations



**Week 13 - Challenge #13 - Answer**

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

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Working:</b>
100	10 scones x 2.5 = 25 scones 40g x 2.5 = 100g of sugar required to make 25 scones

**Week 14 - Challenge #14**

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$5x + 2y = 27$$

$$6x + 4y = 28$$

**Good Luck!**



## Phase One – the new School Entrance and Reception extension

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, after almost nine years in the planning, the slabs were finally removed and we broke ground to begin the foundations for the High School's new Reception extension.



Phase 1 complete on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Well done to Legacy and the Site Team for ensuring Phase One was completed on time despite the foul weather we have had this last two weeks. We know that at the moment, it is not the prettiest entrance but once Phase Two is complete, we will have a lovely new School entrance, reception and office area.

Phase Two will begin in July and completed for the start of the new school year.





## **Sports News**

### **Primary School Netball**

At the end of last term, Spalding High School hosted Year 5 and Y6 School Games Netball matches. The Y12 Sports Leaders lead, coached and umpired the event. The students were in charge of timing, scoring and ensuring all our visitors enjoyed themselves whilst adhering to fair play and development. Well done Year 12 Sports Leaders, your confidence in coaching has grown massively over the academic year and I received lots of positive praise from external teachers and staff in School.

### **Miss Parker, PE Department**



### U14 Football

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, the U14 football team played their County Cup Quarter-Final against Bourne Grammar School, which always promises to be a competitive game. Spalding were on top in the first half, forcing some good saves from the opposition's goalkeeper to take a 2-0 lead into half time with goals from Abi and Lily. A strong second half performance with some great forward passes led to Darcey adding a goal to make the final score 3-0. This means the team will progress into the County Cup Semi-Final against King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth.

### **Miss Magnus, PE Department**

### House Dance Competition

On the final week of term, we held House Dance competitions for Y7, 8 and 9. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether that be dancing or choreographing, we had brilliant performances and the PE department, Sports Leaders and audience enjoyed these.

**Year 7 was won by 7J**

**Year 8 was won by 8S**

**Year 9 was won by 9N**

We look forward to House Diamond Cricket at the end of this term.

### PE Department

### Year 7





Year 8









## Classics News

### Greece Trip Easter 2024



On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 46 students set off to explore some of the well-known sites of Classical Greece. After a whole day travelling we landed at 9pm ready to start our tour the following day. Bright and early on 4<sup>th</sup> April, we made our way through Athens to the Acropolis and walked up the famous Panathenaic way, through the Propylaea and onto the top to marvel at the Parthenon and Erechtheion, still standing after 2500 years. From there we had a wide view of Athens as well as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus and the Theatre of Dionysus.



The weather was already sunny and warm edging 23\*. A little warmer than we had been used to! As we walked to the Acropolis Museum to see some of the marbles rescued from the Parthenon we crossed over the ruins of Ancient Greek houses, visible through the glass flooring outside the museum. From there we went to the Agora, the place where Socrates and Plato would once have debated and taught.





After a busy few hours seeing these wondrous sites it was time to head off for Delphi and the sanctuary of Apollo. The following day we headed towards the Tholos (round temple) dedicated to Athena and then walked round the road towards the main site where the famous temple to Apollo and his Pythian oracle once resided. Further up the mountainside we reached the theatre from where the uninterrupted view across the temple and the beautiful valley leaves you in no doubt that this site has something magical and spiritual about it. The tranquillity and natural beauty is breath-taking. After touring the museum which houses the Sphinx and the famous charioteer of Delphi it was time to head off again.



Once we'd lunched by the sea in Itea, we crossed mainland Greece into the Peloponnese, destination Olympia, origin of the Ancient Olympic games and inspiration for the modern games. The site of Olympia is still used for the torch-lighting ceremony that starts the torch relay for the modern Olympic games. It was exciting to run along the same ancient track that would have been used in 776BCE, imagining the hustle and bustle of Olympic season.



After Olympia, it was time for Tolo from where we could visit Epidaurus and the sanctuary of Asclepius, the god of healing. The theatre holds 14,000 spectators and is still regularly used for theatrical performances. We had to test out the ancient acoustics and with everyone scattered around the auditorium, were amazed that everyone could hear clearly! Next it was Mycenae, the palace of Agamemnon, its lion gate with four megalithic stones. The lintel is thought to weigh approx. 20 tonnes!!! How did they do this in 1200BCE? and the beehive tomb – an impressive underground tomb for the royal family.

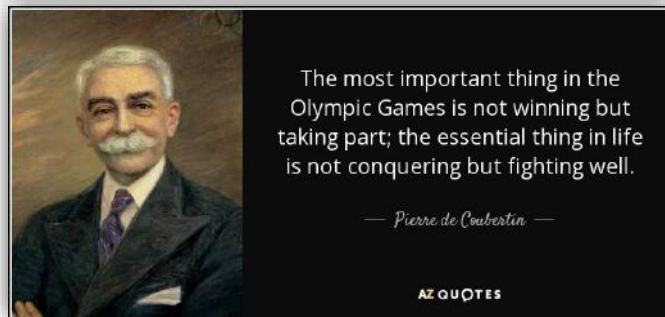


Finally, after departing Tolo on Monday, we took in the site of Corinth, the famous Corinth Canal, started by Emperor Nero and completed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.





The last stop we had was the Panathenaic stadium in Athens, where the handing over of the Olympic flame, from Greece to France will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Over 2000 years old, it was revamped in 144CE and is the only one to be completely built in marble.



The weather was superb and it made the trip even more fantastic touring these ancient sites. The students showed a great deal of interest in all they were shown, especially with our very own oracle, Maria, - but the main focus was definitely the cats of Greece!

**Mrs Jones, Head of Classics**





## Music and Drama News

### The Snow Queen

Producing The Snow Queen was an exhilarating experience. I think it has to be one of the most beautiful productions we have ever created at this school. It was visually stunning and the music was moving and ethereal.

We were initially both thrilled and terrified to take on the challenge of hosting the premier of this version of the play, written by the talented Claire and Scott (Noisemaker). They have been so supportive throughout our journey, sending written and video messages to the cast full of encouragement and excitement at seeing their show transfer from page to stage. This experience has been truly delightful for us all.

The whole company worked incredibly hard during the rehearsal period and truly deserved their sell out audience on Friday evening. The message of the production, which is about finding courage within yourself, to take risks and to 'be more than you are', is such an important message for our young people. We need to take chances, be curious and not hide in fear of judgement.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful, talented student body. I am excited about what the future holds for them.

### **Tanwen Fisk, Director**

Our production of The Snow Queen before Easter was an outstanding success in every way! Working on the music with our amazing cast for the months working up to the production was a fantastic experience and watching and listening to the inspiring songs taking shape will be a memory that lasts a long time! The shows we put on were just amazing - everyone who worked on the set and the costumes did a wonderful job of bringing the story to life and my grateful thanks go to all the people who helped with the show! The cast were superb, and worked tirelessly for months to produce a truly memorable experience and I echo Mrs Fisk's words about how lucky we are to have such talent at this school. I'm sure that Claire and Scott from Noisemaker Productions are going to be thrilled with the recordings we are going to make of their music! A huge 'well done' again to our wonderful cast! Those who didn't come to see the show really did miss out on a magical night!

### **Mr Garbett, Musical Director**





## English News

### Carnegie Medal Shadowing 2024 Book Group

We are excited to invite Key Stage 3 students to the Carnegie Book Group 2024.

Each Tuesday at 1pm, we will meet in the Library to discuss the eight books on the shortlist. In our friendly and welcoming group, we will examine the books from the covers and first lines to giving our final reviews and will end the group and school year with our balloon debate to decide on the group's favourite.

If you enjoy reading, sharing your opinions or listening to others share their opinions, please come along and you may even find a new favourite book!

Please see Mrs Lees or Miss O'Sullivan if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

<b>Tuesday 16/4</b>	<b>Judge a Book by it's Cover - we'll look at the covers and share our thoughts</b>
<b>Tuesday 23/4</b>	<b>Opening Words - we'll look at how each book starts</b>
<b>Tuesday 30/4</b>	<b>Book 1 - Choose Love by Nicola Davies</b>
<b>Tuesday 7/5</b>	<b>Book 2 - Away With Words by Sophie Cameron</b>
<b>Tuesday 14/5</b>	<b>Book 3 - The Boy Lost In The Maze by Joseph Coelho</b>
<b>Tuesday 21/5</b>	<b>Book 4 - Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan</b>
<b>Tuesday 4/6</b>	<b>Book 5 - The Door Of No Return by Kwame Alexander</b>
<b>Tuesday 11/6</b>	<b>Book 6 - The Song Walker by Zillah Bethell</b>
<b>Tuesday 18/6</b>	<b>Book 7 - Steady For This by Nathanael Lessore</b>
<b>Tuesday 25/6</b>	<b>Book 8 - Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher</b>
<b>Tuesday 2/7</b>	<b>Carnegie Balloon Debate - Argue for your favourite book ... who will win?</b>



## Careers Update

### Year 10 Work Experience – 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March

We hope that our Year 10 students enjoyed their work experience placements before the Easter holidays. We have received positive feedback from many employers. Students must bring their work experience logbooks back to school this week as there are some follow-up activities for them to complete.

### Year 12 UCAS Evening – 25<sup>th</sup> April 6pm

As typically around 80% of our sixth form students apply to university, we will be holding an information event on 25<sup>th</sup> April and sent out a letter to parents/carers about this on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Could parents/carers please confirm whether they will attend or not by using the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/tG27KjC9qS>

### Year 12 Work Experience – 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July

Many students in Year 12 have already organised a placement for their work experience week. The deadline for handing in placement confirmation forms is 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### Year 13 – Student Finance

Students who intend to go to university in the autumn can now apply for student finance. Please note that students do not need to have chosen their firm choice university to be able to do this as the final university destination can be changed.

### **Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**

### Lincolnshire Talent Academy – Aspiring Theatre Careers Event

For students interested in finding out about working in a hospital theatre in roles such as nursing, operating department support workers, anaesthetists, recovery practitioners and theatre managers, there are two upcoming evening events in May. This is for students aged 15-19 who are living or educated in Lincolnshire. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Please note that the closing date for registration is 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Lincolnshire Police Cadets – Applications now open

If students aged 13-16 are interested in joining the Police Cadets, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter as applications are now open.

### Careers Clinic for opportunities at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn and in the NHS – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information about this upcoming event for students and their parents/carers.

### Positions at Taylors Bulbs for 18 year-olds over the summer

If students in Year 13 wish to find a temporary job over the summer, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

### 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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[Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

**Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader**



# Aspiring Theatre Careers



Have you ever thought about a career in the field of Theatres? Want to find out more?

Open to individuals aged 15 to 19 years. This event provides an opportunity to explore the various roles and specialisms within Theatres with interactive workshops and informative talks led by industry experts.



Monday 20th May - Lincoln County Hospital  
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6.00 pm - 8:30 pm

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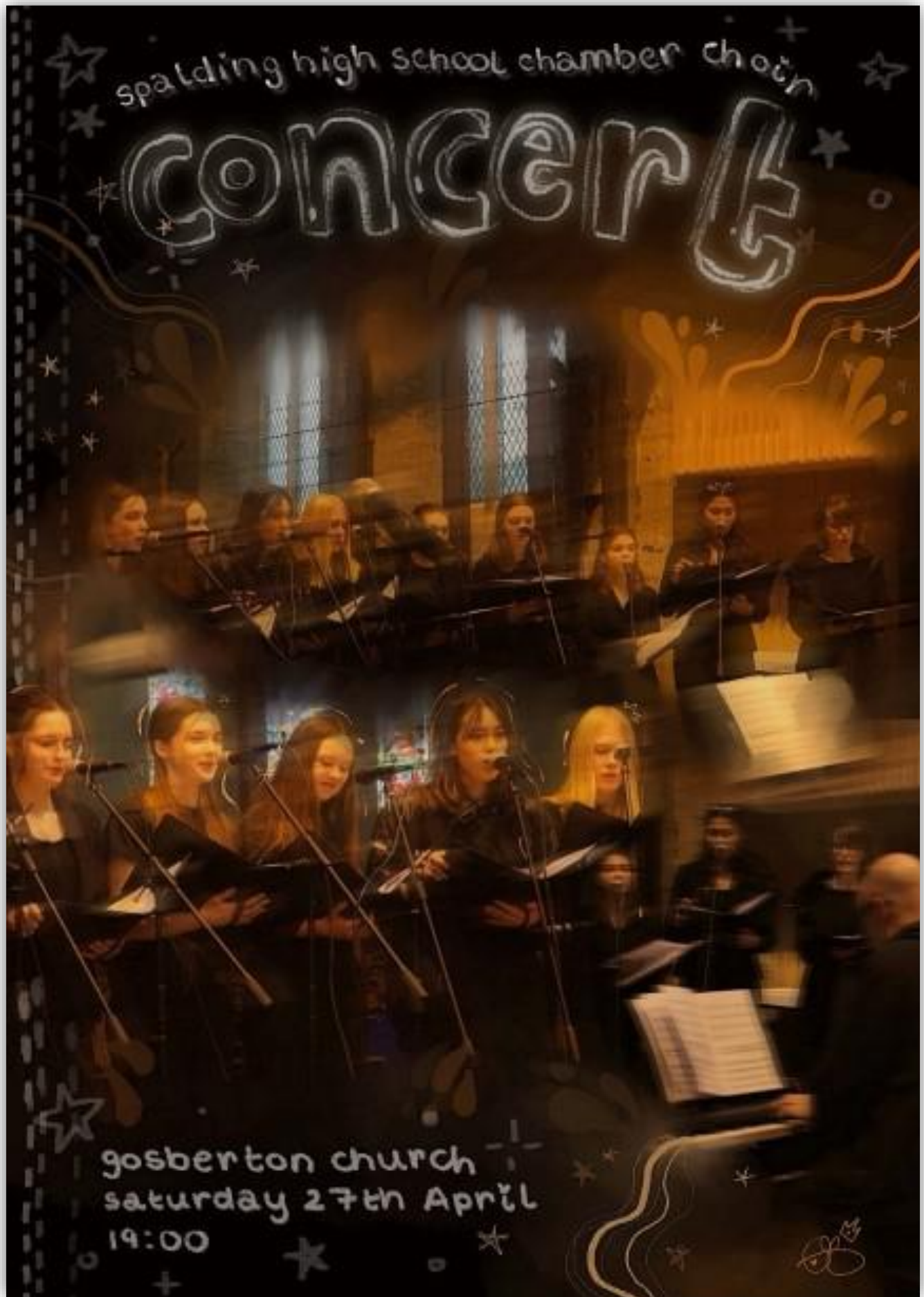
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