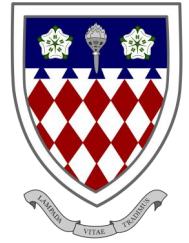


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

16th May 2024



Firstly, what an amazing week for sports! As you will see in this week's edition of the bulletin, the School teams and individual students have performed brilliantly across a number of different sports. Many of the teams (or individuals) are heading into the finals of the inter-schools' competitions or have perhaps won and so congratulations and very well done to everyone involved! It is also great to see that collaboration between the High and the Grammar now also extends to touch rugby – brilliant! Well done also to Beth Gough – what an amazing achievement!

I would like to welcome our new receptionist, Mrs Whiteway to the High School; we are pleased that you have joined the team! As we head towards the end of Term 5 (where has the year gone!?), it is time to start to share news of staffing changes for next year. In the summer edition of the HQ we will share interviews, reports and photographs of all of the staff leaving us this year and look forward to saying a big "thank you" for such committed service to the School, our students and our community.

As our Y11 and Y13 leavers' already know from his messages in their final assemblies, Dr Wardell, our Head of Chemistry, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Dr Wardell has served the School for many years and I am sure he will not be sitting with his feet up but be enjoying his small holding, growing potatoes and looking after the sheep! Although we will miss Dr Wardell's experience, humour and sacks of potatoes, leadership of the Chemistry Department will be assumed by Miss White. Congratulations to both Dr Wardell on his retirement and also to Miss White on her promotion!

The Pastoral Team at the High School has evolved greatly in recent years and much of the excellent support and care given to our students can be attributed to Mrs Schwarz, both in her role as Head of Main School and also in the training, coaching and mentoring of our Heads of Year and Pupil Support Coordinators when they are first appointed and then develop their experience in post. Mrs Schwarz is not retiring from the High School per se but is stepping down from being Head of Main School to enjoy life as a textiles and technology teacher. Thank you to Mrs Schwarz for her amazing contribution to the team and supporting thousands of students over the years in her pastoral role.

As you know from earlier editions of the bulletin, we have this term extended our team of Pupil Support Coordinators. In part this was to extend our pastoral provision but also because Mrs Jarvis has (sadly) decided to retire this summer too. I know she will be cross for me for using the word retirement because she has so many amazing adventures planned and also because she has already volunteered to come back and help us whenever she can with the array of school functions and trips that we run! Again, thank you Mrs Jarvis – you have helped and supported so many students (and staff!) in your years here!

As I have mentioned above – we will be sharing more stories about our staff changes in the Summer HQ!

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
7C	Hooria Kausar	Mrs J Lord	English
7C	Rehema Boreh	Mr Garbett	Music
7N	Lacey Bourne	Miss Bailey	German
7P	Abigail Wielezew	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
8N	Olivia Ward	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
8N	Ruby Coupland	Mrs Aurikko	Community
9J	Lexi Embleton	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
9J	Sophie Callow	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
9N	Natasha Smoczynska	Mrs Busfield	Biology
9P	Grace Manning	Mrs Dowson	English
9S	Isla Saterlay	Mrs Knowles	French
9S	Freya Willerton	Mrs Jones	Latin
10C	Erin Nelson	Miss Pettefar	English
10C	Julia Wawro	Mrs F Barats	French
10J	Tory Florkowska	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10P	Honey Smith	Mrs Neal	Art
10P	Yayra Doh	Mrs Clay	French
10S	Sophie Smith	Mr Hempsall	History
10S	Ava Ilott	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
6TD	Adya Saju	Mrs Busfield	Community

Y10 helpers required for Summer School 2024

We are looking for ten helpers who could assist in the running of the Y6 & Y7 Summer School this year. You need to be enthusiastic, a good communicator and have an interest in working with younger students. You must be available to work from Monday 22nd July – Friday 26th July. Successful applicants will be paid for the full five days. Application letters should be emailed or handed to Mrs Ray by **Friday 24th May**. Interviews will then take place on **Friday 7th June**.

Your letter must include the skills and qualities that you have, any experience you have of working with younger students at school or in the community, and the reasons why you feel you would be suitable for this position. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your leadership skills and to be part of a great team!

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head

Week 17 - Challenge #17 - Answer

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

Answer	Mark scheme
14.5, 21	<p>for process to work with coordinates, eg $4 - (-3) (= 7)$ or $9 - 1 (= 8)$</p> <p>for process to use ratio, eg $"7" \div 2 (= 3.5)$ or $"8" \div 2 (= 4)$ or $"7" \times 3 (= 21)$ or $"8" \times 3 (= 24)$</p> <p>for complete process to find either the x or the y coordinate of N, eg $"3.5" \times 3 + 4$ or $"4" \times 3 + 9$ or $"3.5" \times 5 - 3$ or $"4" \times 5 + 1$ OR to find both the required distances eg $"3.5" \times 3 (= 10.5)$ and $"4" \times 3 (= 12)$ or $"21" \div 2 (= 10.5)$ and $"24" \div 2 (= 12)$ or $"3.5" \times 5 (= 17.5)$ and $"4" \times 5 (= 20)$</p>

Week 18 - Challenge #18

Festival A will be in a rectangular field with an area of $80\,000\text{ m}^2$
The greatest number of people allowed to attend Festival A is 425

Festival B will be in a rectangular field 700 m by 2000 m.
The greatest number of people allowed to attend Festival B is 6750

The area per person allowed for Festival B is greater than the area per person allowed for Festival A.

- (a) How much greater?
Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

Celebrating The Individual - Bethany Gough, 10J

On the 8th and 9th May, Bethany competed in the Lincolnshire Ladies' County Championships at Belton Park Golf Club in Grantham. Bethany finished in 6th place overall after the first day of 36 holes meaning she qualified as part of the top sixteen to go into the match play finals on day two and three. Bethany won her first match on day two to go into the quarter finals but unfortunately lost her final match that afternoon. Bethany did, however, win the best nett score after 36 holes winning the Presidents' Cup. This is the second time Bethany has won the Presidents' Cup which is a fantastic achievement as she is still a Junior! Congratulations and well done Bethany!



PE News

U16 County Cup Football

On Thursday 2nd May, the U16 football team travelled to Priory Pembroke Academy to contest the Lincolnshire Schools' County Cup Semi-Final before the Y11s began their study leave.

The team started the game very well and dominated the play with many great chances. Unfortunately, the game was brought to a halt in the 15th minute due to a serious injury to the opposition's goalkeeper. The opposition decided to abandon the game and conceded the fixture due to the imminent Y11 exams.

Although this is not the way we would like to reach a final, the team played very well on their journey to the final and fully deserve their place. We look forward to arranging a date for the final upon the completion of the exam season to finish Y11s School football journey on a high.

As you can see the team were in great spirits following their very short game.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Fenland Cross Country Relay

On Wednesday 8th May, sixteen students represented Spalding High School at the Fenland Cross County Relay. The team consisted of a Junior Girls' team and three Inter Girls' teams. The event hosted a supportive atmosphere with everybody cheering on all runners. Well done to all the cross country teams. Junior Girls finished 3rd place out of thirteen teams and the Inter Girls A team also finished 3rd Place. Teams B and C finished 13th and 14th. Once again well done, what a fantastic end to the cross country season.



U13 and U15 Outdoor Cricket

On Thursday 9th May, the U13 & U15 cricket teams represented the High School at the South Lincolnshire Outdoor Cricket Tournament held at Market Deeping Cricket Club. On a lovely day for cricket, the U13 team finished in 3rd place overall with over half of the team playing outdoor cricket for the first time. The more experienced U15 team comfortably finished in 1st position with big wins over Bourne Grammar School (128-32), University Academy Holbeach (106-34) and Bourne Academy (80-58). The U15 team will now represent South Lincolnshire at the County Finals on 4th June at Nettleham Cricket Club. Well done to everyone involved!



Y9 Touch Rugby

On Monday 13th May, a group of Y9 students combined with the Grammar School to create a mixed touch rugby team. The team had three training sessions after school to prepare for the Touch to Twickenham event. It was a fantastic day full of giggles, laughs and skills. The team finished the pools stage unbeaten but due to tries, were put into the second league. After the afternoon pool, the team still remained unbeaten and finished fourth place overall. Our team was awarded first place for the team who demonstrated the core values of rugby (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship). Well done SHS and SGS!

Miss Parker, PE Department



Athletics

On Tuesday 14th May, two teams of athletes attended the Track and Field Cup. Each student had to partake in one Track event and one Field event. Unlike other athletics competitions, points were awarded based on how fast the athlete ran and the distance they threw or jumped. Despite the persistent rain in Spalding, Boston hosted the perfect weather for an athletic event, and the crowd cheering students certainly made it a bright day! Well done to all who represented SHS, the School certainly has a talented bunch of athletes! The Junior Girls' team finished 5th with 231 Points and the Inter Girls finished 4th with 287 Points.



Miss Parker, PE Department

Y10 Fitness Tests

In GCSE PE, Y10 have been learning about fitness testing in sport. They have learnt the reasons for, and limitations of fitness testing and the protocols needed to carry the tests out. These include the multi-stage fitness (bleep), the abdominal curl conditioning, the ruler drop, sergeant jump, stork balance, sit and reach, Illinois agility, and 30m sprint tests.

The class have engaged brilliantly in the lessons, setting up the equipment correctly, following the protocols and collecting/recording each other's results. Taking part in the tests and setting them up will hopefully form stronger connections for pupils, making the information easier to remember.

The tests pictured are the abdominal curl conditioning test, Anderson ball toss and the sergeant jump test.



Miss Parker, PE Department

Maths News

The Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge is a one hour test of your mathematical and logical skills. It gives you 25 questions, and each question has five options you could choose from. Each question on the test paper gets harder as you go through. In my opinion, this year's test paper was much easier than last year, and I improved as well. The Junior Maths Challenge has grade boundaries which determines if you got bronze, silver, gold for participation, or went to the next round (the Junior Kangaroo). It is fun to attempt and you get a certificate for your achievement.

Arjannya Das



The Junior Maths Challenge made us nervous at first and it tricked our brains, however we managed to get through it and did our best, achieving bronze certificates. It made us push our problem-solving skills and think very hard about every question.

Daniella Assiamah & Zoha Shahid

Eating Issues Support



If you are concerned about your child's eating, come for a friendly chat at our support group.

If needed, we can direct you to professional support / advisory agencies.

Does your child's eating cause you worry?

Does your child have any worries about their body image?

Does low self-esteem and confidence restrict their food choices?

Come for a chat and a cuppa at Moulton Village Hall. Alternate Saturdays at 11am, commencing Saturday 1st June 2024.

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Careers Update

Year 12 – University applications

Year 12 students will be able to start work on their university applications this month in careers lessons in readiness for submitting applications in the autumn term. If parents/carers attended the recent UCAS Information evening, they were given this link to join the UCAS parent newsletter which contains information and advice about higher education, apprenticeships, gap years and conservatoire courses:

[Sign up for our parent newsletter | UCAS](#)

The Complete University Guide has just released new UK university league tables and has provided this message for parents/carers:

Is your child planning to go to university? Recently released data* has shown that a university's position in league tables is second only to course content when it comes to a student making their university choices.

Some 38% of students and 40% of parents/carers are concerned about the impact of the cost of living on going to university. This means that making the right decision about university, and qualifying decisions already made, is crucial for both Year 12s and Year 13s, whatever stage they're at in deciding what to do when they leave school.

This week, the Complete University Guide has released new UK university league tables and we're sharing with you to help you support your child at home. We hope you'll take the time to look at the tables and talk to your child about their plans.

Alongside content written for you, the parent/carer, the Complete University Guide publishes advice for every stage of the journey to university together with a shortlisting tool, Uniselect, to help students to make their university shortlist based on what's important to them.

[You can access the guide here: The Complete University Guide](#)

****Source - IDP Connect Student Sentiment report 2024***

Support:

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