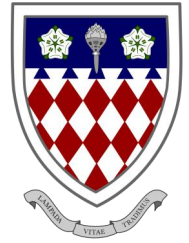


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

26th September 2024



Whilst students and the majority of staff were away from school for the summer holidays, a small but important group of staff, governors and contractors were working on the summer projects around the site; and what a busy summer it was!

The School's wind turbine had reached end of life and so has been removed but the High School has made good use of the Government energy efficiency grant and installed 132 425w solar panels on two of the roofs. South Lincs Solar have installed 84 solar panels on the Sports Hall roof and a further 48 on the School Hall roof. The job was completed very efficiently and the good thing is that the panels generate electricity during normal daylight and not just sunlight. We have all been fascinated to watch the meter recording the amount of electricity being generated by the new panels and speculating how much they will save us on the School's electricity bill!

Sports Hall



School Hall



To further assist with efficient energy, and to reduce the School's utility bills, the Local Authority have replaced one of the older boilers and are in the process of replacing all of the old fashioned blow heaters across the site. This has proven to be a massive job and will be completed in the October half term but the new heaters are far more energy efficient and can be thermostatically controlled.

The biggest job over the summer holidays was, of course, the new front reception extension! This has been ten years in the making and for all of us involved with the plans (and delays due to Covid!) we have been thrilled to bits to see the project, quite literally, rise out of the foundations over the last three months. Legacy have done a brilliant job and the new reception provides not just a modern and new face to the School but also improved office space for the admin staff who work in this part of the School. The internal reception area has also been given a decorative facelift and, although it is exactly the same size as before, feels even bigger, lighter and airier. We just have a couple of last touches to add, such as the School crest on the glass entrance and a few electrical bits and pieces and it will be completely finished. There will be more pictures and information to share when we publish the HQ later this term.



Mr Gent, Mr Smith and Mr White (Site and IT) and the Finance Team, worked tirelessly on these three big projects and countless other "summer works" to ensure that the School was ready for the new year. Our Admin teams packed and sorted and then moved and unpacked again to create our new office spaces and we really could not have done this without the support and specialist knowledge of Mr Gregory and Mr Barks, two of our Governors. My sincere thanks goes out to all those involved together with the contractors who helped us!

PS – it is another great week for celebratory news in this week's edition of the bulletin so please keep reading about everything our wonderful students have achieved this week!

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
7N	Imaan Rehman	Mr Wright	Science
7N	Lois Howman	Mr Garbett	Music
7N	Maisie Booth	Miss O'Sullivan	English
7P	Milana Bairamova	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
8J	Saara Ravji	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
8N	Smeera Mehta	Miss Bailey	German
8P	Ava Willis	Mr Hemsall	History
8P	Darcy Gunter	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
8P	Mariam Walji	Mrs Jones	Latin
8S	Edith Pike	Mrs Cave	Religious Education
8S	Edith Pike	Miss Pascoe	Physical Education
8S	Umayyah Muhammed	Ms Busby	Food and Nutrition
8S	Umayyah Muhammed	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9C	Katie Bonarius	Mrs Knowles	German
9J	Lexi Duff	Mrs Webb	History
9N	Nagameenasri Gopinathan	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
9N	Poppy Crunkhorn	Mrs C Aurikko	Community
9P	Ali Inaya	Mrs J Lord	English
9P	Annie Clough	Mrs Gregory	Physics
9P	Arjanya Das	Miss White	Chemistry
10C	Chloe Matthews	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
10C	Shayna Walton	Mrs Rogers	Geography
10J	Darcey Grundy	Mr Blackbourn	Business
10N	Lola Willson	Miss Jones	Physical Education
10P	Issy Payne	Mrs Neal	Art
10S	Isla Saterlay	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
11C	Em Salter	Miss Pettefar	English
11C	Erin Nelson	Mrs Busfield	Physics
11C	Rhiannon Street-Ledger	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
11C	Ruby Hook	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
11J	Georgina Oselton	Mrs C Aurikko	Biology
11N	Ava Clark	Mrs Fisk	Drama
11N	Ava Clarke	Mrs Martindale	Biology
11N	Lola Connolly	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
11S	Teegan Wright	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
6GD	Freya Cundy	Mrs Tanner	Photography
6GD	Lucy Searson	Miss Jeffery	English Language
6GD	Savia Saju	Mrs Lees	Community
6JL	Isobel Kitchen	Mrs Tanner	Art
6LH	Lily Griemink	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6SC	Liz Mukama	Mr Love	Law

Y8 Achievements



Celebrating The Individual in Y8—Tillie Bowett 8P

We were delighted to receive an email from Cambridgeshire Libraries to congratulate Tillie on an excellent summer volunteering as part of their Summer Reading Challenge: 'Marvellous Makers'. The staff, and indeed many parents and carers, were very impressed with the enthusiasm, commitment and maturity shown by Tillie. Her contribution helped make this challenge another successful one for Cambridgeshire Libraries.

Tillie has shared with us what this involved:

“During the summer holidays, I volunteered at March Library to help with the summer reading challenge, a project that encourages children to read one book a week during the six weeks holidays. At the end of the challenge, the children are awarded a medal which encourages them to continue. I went to the library (usually twice a week) to talk to children about how many books they have read since somebody last spoke to them. If they had completed a new book, they would be given one of six stickers to prove they had completed that week’s book. It was really fun to be involved with such a unique activity. It helps you feel a part of the community and it boosts self-confidence and social skills.”



Y8 Hustings

Well done to the three students; Florence Wild 8J, Ava Willis 8P and Rosie Repper 8S who stood up in the Y8 assembly on Tuesday and presented their hustings in preparation for the year group to vote for their School Council representative.

All three spoke exceptionally well and have some excellent ideas to take forward to the School Council if elected. Y8 don't forget to vote!

Miss Pascoe, Head of Y8

Celebrating The Individual in Y10 — Amber Fleming, 10N

I started cheer and dance with Empire Elite All Stars in 2019 and continued to dance virtually on Zoom during the lockdown. Since then, I have expanded to new styles of dance and I now compete across England in Pom, lyrical, street and cheer. I am also a junior coach and I have completed two courses and gained a qualification from both. This season I am looking forward to competing at a higher level with more complex stunts. I am currently training for my first competition of the season in Blackpool which is only 11 weeks away. After joining Empire I have had many great opportunities and have improved significantly over the years. Not only has it improved my fitness but also my confidence. Going to cheer/dance has now become what I look forward to most in my day because no matter what kind of day I have had, I am always surrounded by positivity.

Sports News

U13 Football

On Tuesday 17th September, the U13 football team played their first game of the season away against Hampton Gardens, in the first round of the ESFA National Cup. Despite having only had two training sessions, the Y7 members of the team should be really proud of their efforts, and with guidance and support from the Y8s, the team played some good football to secure a win. With two goals each for Y8 students Ruby and Emily, the team progressed into the next round. Player of the Match was awarded to Annika for some fantastic defending and forward passes as right back.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

Sixth Form News

The Sixth Form Team would like to congratulate some of our new students on their GCSE results. They recently attended the SLAT Upper School Presentation evening where they were congratulated for their amazing achievements.

Karolis Bledis received the Performing Arts award from Spalding Academy and the KS4 Overall Achievement Award. Karolis was put forward for these awards due to his outstanding course work and his amazing results for all his GCSE subjects.



Seth Cook achieved four certificates for KS4 Mathematics Higher, KS4 Modern Foreign Languages, KS4 Business and KS4 Overall Achievement Award. Seth said "I think what enabled me to win these awards was my attitude towards my learning. It helps more than anything to be confident and positive during your GCSEs and beyond - you'll get nowhere by being pessimistic. Don't doubt yourself and have belief in your own ability: your results will reflect your positivity."

Lacie Holsted received the overall KS4 award for Performing Arts. This was for her contribution to all performing arts activities and the leadership roles that she took within clubs surrounding musical theatre and dance. Lacie said "I've always loved performing as I've done it since I was three or four years old!! It's a strong passion of mine and I always hope to continue into my future while enjoying performing arts."

Harvey Dalton received the KS4 Music Award for his fantastic contribution to Music within the School. Harvey plays the Piano at a Grade 5 level and was an ambassador for the music department at open evenings.



Mrs Rodgers, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Pastoral News

[County Lines and Child Exploitation Parent Webinars from the Ivison Trust 26th November 7:00pm - 8:30pm via Zoom](#)

From The Ivison Trust:

Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation including county lines is and how to spot signs it may be happening to your child or a child you know.

We cover what it looks like in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

The interactive webinar will also give you the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others.

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

The webinar will be hosted live over Zoom, once you have registered, we will send you the log in details for joining.

All booking links are live now - www.ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars

Food Technology—Date for your diaries...

Exciting news, SHS will be hosting the Rotary Young Chefs Competition again this year! The competition will take place on Thursday 14th November from 4:00pm—9:00pm. More details will be announced in the SHS Weekly Bulletin in the coming weeks.

Careers Update

Open Events for Post 16 Courses

Over the coming weeks and months many schools and colleges will be holding open events for students and parents to attend. It is particularly important for students in Y11 to see what their options are for pathways after GCSEs.

Here are links to some of the events which will be taking place soon at colleges which have previously been popular with our leavers:

[Events Archive - Peterborough College](#)

[Events Archive - Stamford College](#)

[Events - Access Creative](#)

[Open Events | Boston College](#)

[Open Days \(cwa.ac.uk\)](#)

If students are interested in A Level studies, our open evening is on 12th November. We hope that many of our students and parents/carers will attend.

Stamford College Event

Stamford College is hosting a free webinar on 16th October at 6.30pm: 'Navigating Stamford Sixth and T Levels with Confidence'. The difference between A Levels and T Levels will be explained and how each pathway can support a young person's future goals. Please register for the online event:

[Navigating Stamford Sixth & T Levels with Confidence - Stamford College](#)

Studying in the United States

The Fulbright Commission is hosting an open day in London on 27th and 28th September in London for students and parents/carers interested in studying at undergraduate level at a US university.

[USA College Day 2024 | Fulbright](#)

Medic Mentor Conferences

Each year, the Medic Mentor group runs useful courses for students. Please see information from them below about medicine and dentistry conferences:

Gaining valuable work experience is a must-have for medical and dental applications, and we understand the challenges your students may face while finding the right placement. Luckily, medical and dental schools have accepted Virtual Work Experience as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing and it can play a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements through structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals.

Our Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic & Dental Mentor. It is free to participate in, and is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above who has attended one of our FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!

Our next Get Into Medicine Conferences are:

- Sunday 29th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Saturday 5th October, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sunday 6th October, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Register here: **<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZyTt3MGPjvO>**

Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- Saturday 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Register here: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAC19kE>

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process (such as the NEW personal statement structure), connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines*
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools*
- CV Building*
- Personal Statements - New format from 2026*
- Medical/Dental School Interviews*
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical/Dental School*
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes*
- Accessing Work Experience*
- Accessing Scholarships*

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be listed on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Please ensure you have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that you have a parent or guardian present at these conferences, not only for safeguarding but also to gain insight and guidance to support you effectively.

Our doctors, dentists and medical/dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conference and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: <https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email education@medicmentorfamily.org or call our team on 01530 417299. Thank you for working with us to make a difference to your students.

Warm regards,

*Dr Siva
Chief Mentor*

Aspiring Allied Health Webinar

The NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy is holding a virtual event for aspiring allied healthcare students on 29th October 5.30-8.00pm. Please see the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

InvestIn – Upcoming Free Webinars

For students in Y11 and sixth form and their parents/carers, there are two upcoming webinars which may be very useful:

8th October at 7pm – Understanding UCAS

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter or visit the InvestIn website:

[Free Events – InvestIN Education](#)

Meet the Russell Group Webinars

The Russell Group, in conjunction with UK University Search, is running a series of free webinars. Taking place from the **1st to the 3rd of October**, there are **five 90-minute sessions** each featuring **four or five expert panellists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey. 18 members of the Russell Group will be present, including: Cambridge, LSE, Kings, Bristol, Durham, Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, UCL and Cardiff.

During each session the Q&A function will be available for students to ask specific questions and receive further information.

Each webinar will be recorded so students and parents should register if they would like to be emailed access after the session.

The schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - 1st October

An Introduction to the Russell Group and Why Choose to Study There? 12:00 to 13:30

Student life at University 16:30 - 18:00

Day 2 - 2nd October

The International Students Session 9:00 to 10:30

Day 3 - 3rd October

Researching University Options 12:00 to 13:30

Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University 16:30 to 18:00

To register for a place students and parents simply need to sign up on the UK University Search website – www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars

Army Apprenticeships Webinar – 16th October 6.00pm

The British Army has been announced as the number 1 Apprenticeship Employer in the UK and Northern Ireland for the 4th year running, offering over 40 different apprenticeships (from Level 2 through to degree level) in roles across engineering, medical, intelligence and comms, HR & finance, logistics & support, music, combat and more.

This webinar invites parents/carers to hear from Army colleagues and apprentices to learn more about: - The range of amazing apprenticeships available, training and qualifications, progression opportunities available, key benefits, such as starting salary of £25,000+, travel opportunities, sports & adventure training and healthcare.

Register here: [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](#)

Support:

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

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Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader



Aspiring Allied Health Careers



Explore the careers that play an important part in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients

Open to individuals between 15 and 20 years old, this event offers a chance to meet professionals in a range of roles and gain insight into the skills and knowledge required for a career in allied health.

Virtual Event

Tuesday 29th October
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration closes on 28th October

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Register Today!

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Free Event Series For Students & Parents



Details Below

As the new term begins, we're excited to launch our webinar series aimed at simplifying the university application process for students and their families. Join us to hear from experts who will provide insights on what makes applications stand out and how to navigate the process with confidence.

UNDERSTANDING UCAS

8th October, 7pm

Register Now

These events are ideal for both Year 11 and Sixth Form students who are looking to build excellent university applications!

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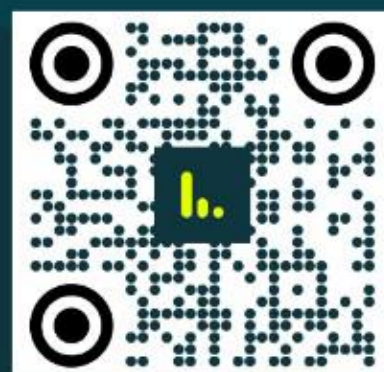
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Spalding Pumpkin Festival

Saturday 12th October 2024

11am – 3pm

Spalding Town Centre

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- Live Entertainment • Festival Market •
 - Pumpkin Crafts and Decorating •
 - Pumpkin Sculptures •
 - Harvest themed Fancy Dress Competition •
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Fancy Dress Competition

Saturday 12th October 2024

Spalding Town Centre


Show us your best
autumnal fancy dress
for a chance to win a prize!

To enter, come to the stage at 12:30pm

Judging will take place at 12:45pm



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these events for promotional purposes



Scarecrow Town Trail

12th–27th October 2024

Spalding Town Centre

Find our 7 scarecrows hiding in window displays
around the town to reveal the seasonal word.

Email your answer to community@sholland.gov.uk
and have a chance of winning a prize!

Competition closes at 9am on Monday 28th October



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