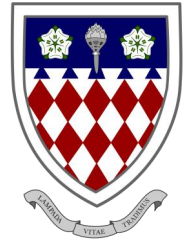


# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024



It was definitely touch and go on Friday as to whether the weather would hold for the whole School sponsored walk! If anyone has a curiosity over the contents of the SLT WhatsApp chat, I can tell you that for about twelve hours leading up to the walk it was all weather related. It was with a huge sigh of relief as Mrs Ray checked the course for the final safety check and declared we were 'good to go'. It was as if the weather had heard her, because all of a sudden the sun shone! It was great fun counting all the form groups out at the start of the walk and counting them all back in at the end. What a tremendous achievement! Well done to everyone involved and especially to Mrs Ray and Mrs Connolly for all the logistical arrangements and to students, parents/ carers/ sponsors and staff for making it such a tremendous success. Thank you.

**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

#### Sponsored Walk 2024

The sponsored walk was held on the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September; it was an extremely enjoyable and successful event. The whole school took part in the 5km walk along the Coronation channel and raised an incredible £9,507.25! The majority of this money will now be spent on projects decided by the students themselves, through the School council.

In addition to the walk, many students made or brought cakes for Macmillan coffee morning and these were enjoyed by students after the walk. We will be donating £1,000 to Macmillan cancer support.

There was a real community feel to the whole day with the whole School coming together. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and the sun shone for most of the afternoon. Many students sang their way around the course and all really entered into the spirit of the walk.

A special mention to 7C who raised the highest amount as a form - £736.00, and Neev Wahiwala 6KM who raised the most amount as an individual - £397.00. A massive thank you and well done to everyone who took part!

**Mrs Ray, Assistant Headteacher**

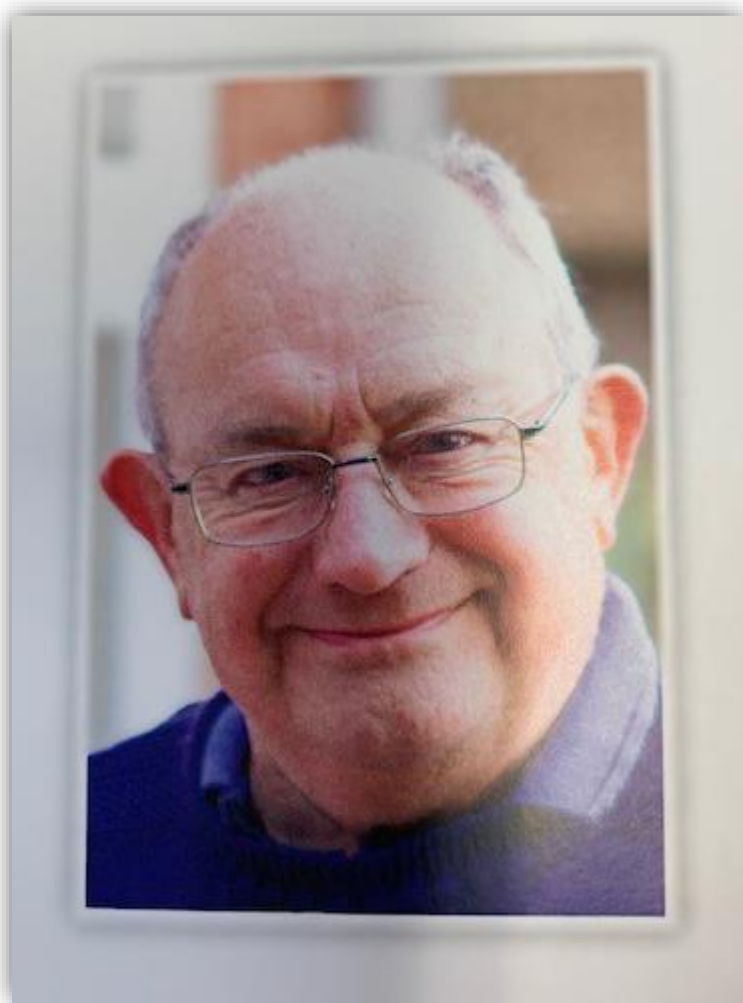


## Dr Peter Gorton

It is with great sadness that staff and former students of Spalding Grammar School and Spalding High School, attended the funeral of Dr Peter Gorton at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicholas yesterday (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October). Peter started at Spalding Grammar in 1977 as a chemistry teacher, then Head of Chemistry, Head of Science and Assistant Head Teacher, and served the School for more than thirty years. To the High School, Peter was one of the longest serving governors. Peter was also a governor at Spalding Parish and Spalding St John's as well as a lay minister at the Parish Church. Many staff and students will remember Peter for leading the annual Christmas Service for all the years he was able to.

Peter played such an important part in our school communities for so many years and was integral to what we do and how we do it in so many ways. Lots of staff who worked with Peter at the Grammar both in Science and across the school as AHT have been recalling anecdotes of his professionalism, love of data and wonderful sense of humour. At the High School, Peter had a significant impact as Governor, Vice Chair and Chair. He was a critical friend, loyal Link Governor and a supportive ally who always focused on the student's experience and had a tremendous passion for education and the extra-curricular, especially music; something he was so fond of listening to, especially at Prize Givings.

Peter's kindness of heart, generosity of spirit (and time) and enthusiasm for positively supporting the communities he served, mean that he was much loved and will be much missed. We may be sad but will no doubt share anecdotes and memories of a man who played such a significant role in our Schools. On behalf of all members of the Spalding Grammar and Spalding High communities our deepest condolences are with Peter's family at this sad time.



**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

## Attendance

### Working Together to Improve School Attendance

We are pleased that so many students have 100% attendance so far this term. Excellent attendance is essential for students to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

The Department for Education published its revised statutory guidance on attendance in August, including a new national framework for issuing penalty notice fines. These changes are summarised in the following update:

**[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)**

We will be publishing our revised Attendance Policy in November which will include details of the penalty notice fines issued by Lincolnshire County Council for unauthorised absence, including unauthorised term time holidays.

### Reporting Absence to School

Parents/carers must ensure that they phone or email School before 9am to report absence. We must be notified on every day of absence, unless alternative arrangements have been made for long term illness.

Telephone: **01775 719714** or email [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

### Appointments

Every effort must be made to make medical/dental appointments outside of school time. Parents/carers must notify our Attendance Officer, Mr J Skinner, [Jason.skinner@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Jason.skinner@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) in advance of any appointments, including evidence of the appointment.

**Mrs T Waldron, Deputy Headteacher**

### Applying for Free School Meals

If you feel your circumstances have changed and you wish to apply for free school meals for your child, please click the link below which will take you to Lincolnshire County Council's website.

**[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)**



**The School Office**

## 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	Cimmy Alvarez	Mrs J Lord	English
7C	Magda Hemmant	Mrs Hickman	French
7J	Alanis Onions	Mr Garbett	Music
7N	Lois Howman	Miss Hammond	Music
7P	Pari Banerjee	Mrs Martindale	Science
8J	Calleigh-Louise Carter	Miss O'Sullivan	English
8J	Sakina Walji	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
8P	Ava Willis	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
8P	Kaidi Page	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
8S	Angela Pun	Mr McAlinden	History
9C	Zofia Hemmant	Miss Jeffery	English Literature
9J	Holly Claydon	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9J	Holly Claydon	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
9N	Olivia Ward	Mrs Clay	French
9N	Shreya Dhawol	Mrs Dowson	English
9S	Darcey Laithwaite	Mrs Bennett	Community
10C	Emily Briggs	Mr Blackburn	Business
10C	Summer Atkins	Mrs Gregory	Physics
10J	Olivia Mumby-Croft	Mrs Neal	Community
10J	Sumayyah Abbas	Miss Bailey	German
10J	Holly Bignell	Mrs Bennett	Geography
10J	Ruby Forsyth	Ms Redman	Community
10P	Jodie Mister	Mrs Tanner	Art
10S	Isla Saterlay	Mr Wright	Biology
11C	Grace Bushell	Miss White	Chemistry
11C	Grace Bushell	Mrs Knowles	French
11C	Em Salter	Mrs T Waldorn	Biology
11C	Ella Lynn	Mrs Jones	Community
11J	Carrie Bates	Mrs Neal	Art
11N	Daisy Davis	Mrs Rogers	Geography
11N	Ava Brown	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
11P	Rhea Patel	Mrs Busfield	Community
11P	Poppy Carr	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
11S	Emily Mortimer	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
6AB	Christa Nodoro	Mrs Busfield	Biology
6AB	Grania Santhosh	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
6AF	Izzie Thorne	Mr Martindale	Technology
6AF	Bella Li	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
6GD	Savia Saju	Miss Rossouw	Psychology
6GD	Lucy Searson	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
6JL	Grace Zacharkiewicz	Mrs J Lord	Community
6KM	Mark Edwards	Mrs Jones	Classical Civilisation
6KM	Daisy Wilson	Mrs Lees	Community
6LH	Izzy Blackbourn	Mrs Hebblewhite	PSHCE
6LH	Amelia Green	Miss Dunbar	Sociology
6LH	Sophie McGuire	Mrs Fisk	Drama
6LM	Emily Partridge	Mr Hempsall	History
6LM	Lucy Pitcher	Mrs Fisk	Community
6LM	Aliya Asghar	Mr Love	Law



## Y8 Achievements



### Penny Maxwell, 8N

My name is Penny, my biggest achievement is teaching my Toy Poodle, Mimi, a sport called Agility.

A little bit about Agility - It is a sport where your dog relies on your hand and body language to guide it over jumps, through tunnels over a walk, through weave poles and up a seesaw etc. within a time limit. In this sport it is just you and your dog. It is a great way to bond with your dog and socialise them at competitions. With Agility you have to start with obedience where we do a lot of heel work and off lead training we also practiced learning to sit, stay and wait and many more things. When my dog was fourteen weeks old (I



had only had her a week) we trained and trained. It was frustrating at times as we did not always get it first time but with a lot of perseverance it became worth it because we could start agility. You have to work your way up as their bones are not strong enough so you have to start gradually and thanks to my dog trainer we are now able to do a full course that contains of about twenty pieces of equipment. Before competing with her, I must wait for her to become eighteen months old due to them not being ready strength wise. In agility there are grades and to move up a grade you must come first. The higher your grade the harder the course. Once you get to higher grades you will be able to qualify for competitions such as Crufts, which is my goal to do one day.

I may be able to do my first competition in December as Mimi only has to be sixteen months for this one. Before I got Mimi I used to compete with my grandparent's dog. We came away with a few clear rounds and some rosettes that hang in my bedroom. I also volunteer in the holidays to do obedience with other people's dogs. I am very proud of how far Mimi has come.

### Maya Pahal, 8N



Maya has achieved her Black Belt license for Kickboxing which will now allow her to grade for her Black Belt.

Good luck with all your training Maya and look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

**Miss Pascoe, Head of Y8**

Celebrating The Individual in Y8 – Flo Wilson 8N

*'I love art because you don't have to be perfect. I love the fact there's no right or wrong answer, that you can do whatever on your page and people can't tell you that it's the wrong answer.'*

Flo has been coming to Art Club on a Thursday every week. She has shown artistic curiosity and enjoyed taking ownership of her space in the art room. Flo designed and completed her design with confidence and skill - an Art Star in the making!! Well done Flo!

We will be starting the Y7 Art club on Thursdays in Room 11 after half term, if you are interested, please speak to your Art teacher and I look forward to seeing you there.



**Mrs Neal, Head of Year and Teacher of Art**



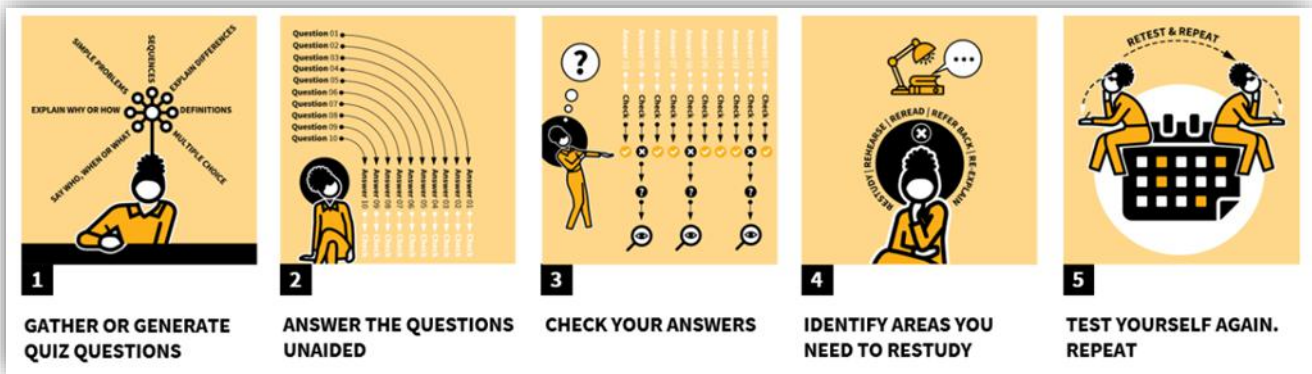
## Life in Y11

### [Celebrating The Individual — Grace Bushell, 11C and Zara-Jayne Odell, 11J](#)

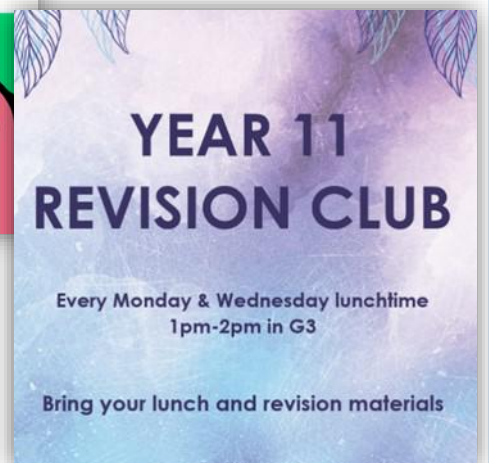
Grace and I took part in a demonstrator course run by St John's Ambulance. This course was fifteen hours long over two days at the weekend. The course taught us about communication skills and how to teach and lead a good session. We learned about the key concepts on the first day, and ended the second day with an assessment. We really enjoyed this course!



### Revision Technique of the Week – 'Self Quizzing'



More information on how to complete this technique can be found on the Y11 Student Team!





## Sports News

### U14 Football

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September the U14 football team travelled to Kesteven and Sleaford High School for round one of the ESFA National Cup. Despite some absences, the team played very well together, with four players rotating to have a turn in goal. The final score was 10-3 with some excellent passing and creativity to make the goals. Player of the Match was awarded to Bridget for scoring four of the goals.



### U16 Football

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, the U16 football team played their first game of the season against Kesteven and Sleaford High School in round one of the ESFA National Cup. It was pleasing to see how much progress many of the players have made even since the end of the last academic year. Some great teamwork, build up play and confidence led to a convincing 9-1 win. Player of the Match was awarded to Lily for not only scoring a hatrick but her hold-up play and application of pressure to the opposition's defence.





## Cross Country

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the cross country teams took part in the first round of the Fenland Cross Country series of races at the Snowden Field in Crowland. For many, this was their first competitive cross country race, and they should all be proud of themselves for their resilience and determination to finish the course.



Y7/8



Y9/10

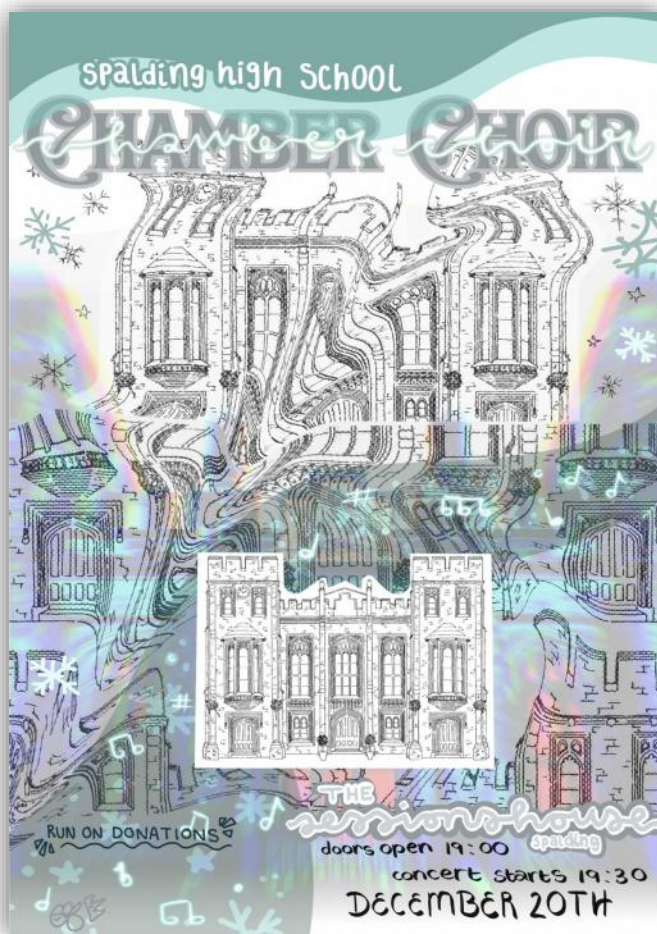
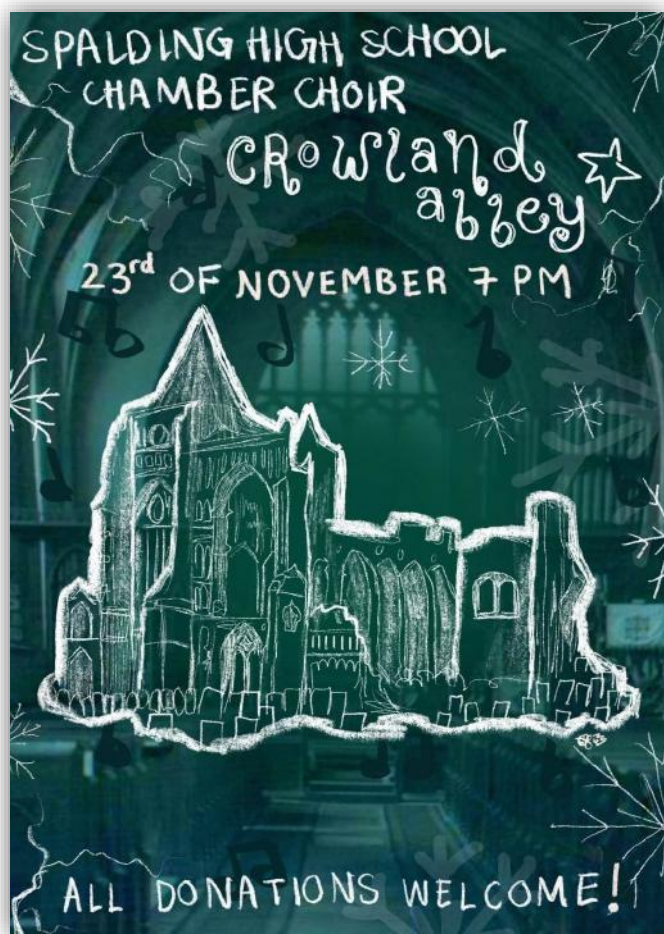
Congratulations to Iris Thomas, in Y7 who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 84 Y7/8 runners, beating lots of Y8s, a brilliant start! Also well done to Izzy and Pela for their top ten placings finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Y9/10 race.





## Music News

The Spalding High School Chamber Choir will be performing their own programme of beautiful contemporary choral music at Crowland Abbey on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and at The Sessions House in Spalding on 20<sup>th</sup> December. These concerts are free entry with donations towards chosen charities. The Choir would love to see you there to support them!



Mr Garbett, Head of Music

## Computing News

### Ada Lovelace Day 2024 - Promoting STEM for girls

#### Ada Lovelace Day - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Ada Lovelace Day (ALD) is an international celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). It aims to increase the profile of women in STEM and, in doing so, create new role models who will encourage more girls into STEM careers and support women already working in STEM. Founded in 2009 by Suw Charman-Anderson, it is now held every year on the second Tuesday of October. It features the flagship Ada Lovelace Day Live! 'science cabaret' in London, UK, at which women in STEM give short talks about their work or research in an informal, theatre-like setting.

The link to the national event held by the Royal Institute in London is here: <https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/ada-lovelace-day-live-1> It will be available as a livestream and afterwards through numerous websites.

#### Who was Ada Lovelace?

A daughter of Lord Byron, Augusta Ada Byron, Countess of Lovelace is widely known as the first person to recognise the potential of early computers and published what is known as an algorithm. Before most others, Lovelace recognised that computers could do more than simple number-crunching, opening the door to complex functions and ushering in the modern era of computing. She worked with Charles Babbage (considered the father of computing), and took his ideas further than even he imagined. She recognised that a maths machine could be engineered for more than just numbers, formulating the idea of developing music and images over 100 years before this was even conceived as possible.

In School we will be continuing our study of Babbage and Lovelace in Y7, with the History of Computing; beginning to look at the Core Components of a computer system with Y8, further developing our Programming with Python in Year 9 and are advertising the start of our programming club due to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.



**Mr Fovargue, Head of Computing**



# BOARD GAMES CLUB

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME – T3 (TEXTILES)

Open to all students, the Board Games Club is now live. Flyers have made their way to form trays with details. Come along on a Thursday lunchtime to chill out and play some board games with like-minded people.

Hosted by Sky and Eve, there are currently about 10 different games available ranging from 2 to 8 players. Come along and try board, dice, card or counter based games.

Current interesting games include:



Shoot for the Stars

Cobra Paw



King of Tokyo



The Crew



We are also looking for donations, if anyone has any short, multiplayer games that they no longer use, please drop them off at school for the attention of Mr. Fovargue.

## Sixth Form News

### Y12 Curriculum Evening

The Y12 Curriculum Evening received excellent feedback from parents. It was a pleasure to welcome parents and students to the evening to outline the journey that students were going to be on over the next two years. Mrs Waldron spoke about independent learning lessons and the importance of planning their time carefully when not in taught lessons. Students and parents then had the opportunity to hear Martin Griffin speak about their A Level journey and how to make the most of their time in the Sixth Form. He suggested useful strategies and techniques to try to improve study habits to enable to plan their time in non-contacts and how consistency rather than intensity is better in the long run to help you succeed and achieve the best outcomes.

On the evening, Mrs Bushell introduced herself and her role as careers leader in school. She works closely with sixth formers to support them in their progression route planning, whether that be looking at university, apprenticeships, employment or gap years. There are many opportunities available to sixth form students both inside and outside of school and Mrs Bushell encouraged students to be proactive about seeking out and applying for such opportunities to develop skills and their overall employability for the future.

Miss Jeffery spoke about the plans for Personal Development across the two years and how the school encourages and supports our students to become confident well-rounded individuals.

Mr Blackbourn spoke about Assessment and Reporting. He stressed how the students' journey has already commenced and how what they are doing right now is so important to their future grades. Students' Projected Grades are particularly important in the context of UCAS applications.

We are really proud of how our Y12 students have settled into their A Level studies and we hope that the advice and guidance given on the evening will help them to make the most of the next two years.

Feedback from Parents who attended -

*"Really useful insight into the importance of focus early on."*

*"Great knowing how to get involved with supporting my child's educational journey without taking over! - Very interesting"*

*"Found it helpful to know how important it is to work consistently from the beginning and the impact of it."*





## Careers Update

### Visit to Guttridge, Spalding

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, eight of our students across Y9-13 visited Guttridge in Spalding to find out more about engineering, industrial manufacturing and production. During the visit, we had a controlled tour of production areas looking at and hearing about industrial engineering equipment and the opportunity to use mini demonstration machines. We also watched a demonstration from the Chain Bridge Forge, Spalding, and had the opportunity to liaise with representatives from Boston College about engineering apprenticeships.

The students spoke about their interests and aspirations to do with various forms of engineering and it was a very positive experience. Thank you to Guttridge for hosting the event as part of National Manufacturing Day. Special thanks to Emma Lewis for organising the event and to Kirstie Chapman for being our tour guide and answering our questions.



### 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 Year 11 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 12<sup>th</sup> November. We hope that many of our students and parents/carers will attend.

### Stamford College Event

Stamford College is hosting a free webinar on 16<sup>th</sup> 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](#)**

### Unifrog's University Fair 16<sup>th</sup> October 4.00-6.30pm

**Unifrog's University Fair** is a great opportunity for students in Years 10–13 to meet up to 40 universities in two hours. Students do not have to attend the whole event, they are welcome to drop in whenever they can.

Sign up here: **[iVent Pro - Venue \(ivent-pro.com\)](#)**

### Allied Healthcare Mentor – Virtual Work Experience

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience programme offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals in Years 10-13. Many of our students have taken part over the past couple of years to gain insights into a selection of healthcare roles, including:

- ⇒ Nursing
- ⇒ Midwifery
- ⇒ Paramedicine
- ⇒ Physiotherapy
- ⇒ Occupational Therapy
- ⇒ Dietetics
- ⇒ Radiography
- ⇒ Prosthetics and Orthotics
- ⇒ Speech and Language Therapy
- ⇒ Pharmacy

This Saturday there is a session on speech and language therapy. Please see the information about the sixth month programme here:

**[Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme - Allied Healthcare Mentor \(alliedhealthmentor.org\)](#)**

If students apply and take part, could they please let me know for tracking, monitoring and support purposes.



### Aspiring Allied Health Webinar

The NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy is holding a virtual event for aspiring allied healthcare students on 29<sup>th</sup> 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:

8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm – Understanding UCAS

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter or visit the InvestIn website: [\*\*Free Events – InvestIN Education\*\*](#)

### Army Apprenticeships Webinar – 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

[\*\*Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk\*\*](mailto:Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

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**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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## 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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