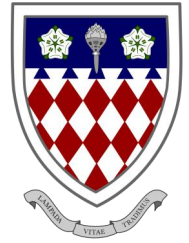


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

16th January 2025



January may be one of the bleaker months weather wise but there is certainly lots of bright cheery things going on at the High School!

This week we welcomed Year 9 and their parents and carers to the Y9 Option Information Evening. This is always a popular and well attended event as it marks the start of the Year 9 option process. This year was no exception and students and parents/carers benefited from not just a formal presentation but also the opportunity to visit subject rooms to find out more about each option subject. Subject staff were on hand to answer questions but were ably assisted by a significant number of KS4/KS5 students who were also able to help in promoting their subject and answering questions. My thanks to the students that helped - you were brilliant and lots of parents commented on your help on their evaluation sheets - Well done!

SHS PTA & SGS PFA

Please support the PTA! We will be holding a joint SHS PTA and SGS PFA meeting at the High School on Tuesday 25th February from 6pm - 7pm to discuss and organise a series of collaborative events for the next few months and into next academic year (2025/2026). The PTA and PFA raise important funds for both Schools which is used to purchase equipment and resources to support teaching and learning. The PTA and PFA is a friendly group of willing volunteers who, together with the Leadership Team, School staff and students, work to raise funds and bring the Schools' communities together. We would love to see you! 6pm - 7pm on Tuesday 25th February at the High School.

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Summer 2025 Examination Series

- ⇒ GCSE exams will take place from **Thursday 8/5/25** to Wednesday **19/6/25**
- ⇒ GCE (A Level) exams will take place from **Monday 12/5/25** to **Tuesday 24/6/25**

The Contingency Day is **Wednesday 25/6/25**, and there is a contingency afternoon on **Wednesday 11/06/25**.

These contingency days/afternoons will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. Students should be available to take examinations up until this date.

The generic timetables are available on the school website and individual student timetables will be issued in late February/early March 2025.

Mrs Smith, Exams Officer

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 6th January 2025

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	Aaruni Keshvara	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
7J	Esmae Lovett	Mr Garbett	Music
7S	Evelyn Jesson	Miss Bailey	German
7S	Emily Presto	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
8C	Elana Abraham	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
8J	Ada Waldron	Mrs Rogers	Geography
8N	Mia Clark-Atkins	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
8N	Surabhi Karekal	Mrs Spies	Community
8P	Flo Carlson	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Education
8P	Charlotte Ward	Miss Hammond	Drama
8P	Ava Willis	Mr Hemsall	History
9C	Narvada Maulloo	Mrs Martindale	Biology
9J	Emily Venclovaite	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
9P	Izzy Trinidad-Harding	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
9S	Scarlett Norman	Miss Jeffery	English Literature
9S	Greta Merkelyte	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10C	Poppy Allen	Miss Jones	Physical Education
10C	Jodie Powell	Mr McAlinden	Business
10N	Natasha Smoczynska	Mrs Neal	Community
10S	Emma Bayes	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
10S	Lisa Szymanowska	Mrs Clay	French
10S	Tilda Moss	Mrs Bennett	Geography
10S	Elsie Ellis	Mrs Fisk	Drama
11C	Ruby Hook	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
11N	Ava Brown	Mrs Knowles	French
6AB	Katie Simpson	Mrs Neal	Art
6AF	Sophie Gleave	Miss White	Chemistry
6SC	Zahra Shah	Mr Wright	Biology
6TD	Karolis Bledis	Miss Chalcraft	Mathematics

Sports News

South Lincolnshire Cross Country

On Saturday 11th January seven SHS athletes represented South Lincolnshire at the annual Lincolnshire Schools' Cross Country event. Held at Burghley Park, Stamford, the event is a qualifier for the Anglian Cross Country Championships in February. Although conditions were extremely cold and frozen under foot, the SHS athletes put in some great performances.

In the Y7 Girls' category, Iris Thomas and Katie Preston finished in 13th & 36th place. In the Junior Girls' category, Mbali Mlalazi finished in 39th place. In the Inter Girls' category, Izzy Hurn, Grace Hurn and Lola Willson finished in 19th, 21st and 29th place. While in the Senior Girls' category, Evie Hemmings finished in 10th position.

Iris Thomas, Izzy Hurn and Evie Hemmings will now be invited to represent Lincolnshire at the Anglian Cross Country Championships.

PE Department



U14 Football

On Thursday 9th January, the U14 football team faced Thomas Estley Community College in round five of the ESFA National Cup. The team have done incredibly well to reach this far in the national competition.

We were winning 2-1 at half time through some excellent play and effective pressure on the Opposition's defence to force errors, with Kaelyn scoring both goals. Our defence held a very strong line which found the opposition's attackers in an offside position on many occasions. Despite a strong start to the game, we knew the opposition would have spells of the game they would dominate. Some unfortunate blocks and deflections led to them going 4-2 up in the second half. A final push to claw the game back late in the second half did lead to a goal by Annie to bring us to 4-3 but unfortunately there was not enough time left for us to maintain this momentum and equalise.

There have been some outstanding individual performances during this cup run, with resilience and perseverance by all, well done to Olivia who has really stepped up to be a great leader on the pitch, motivating and organising everyone.

ESFA Under 13 PlayStation 9-a-Side Schools' Cup

holders :: Shenfield High School

- **Round 1** : Last updated - 04 Dec 2024
- **Round 2** : Last updated - 14 Nov 2024
- **Round 3** : Last updated - 09 Dec 2024
- **Round 4** : Last updated - 08 Jan 2025
- **Round 5** : Last updated - 13 Jan 2025

Round 6

Round 7

Round 8 - Semi-Final

Round 9 - Final



Thank you to Y12 Sports Leader Millie, who took control of her first football match since taking part in the FA Referees course. Millie was confident in her decision making and communication of those decisions and showed real promise to be an excellent referee.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

Maths News

This year, three of our talented Y12 Maths students participated in the prestigious **Senior Kangaroo Challenge**, an international mathematics competition that tests problem-solving skills and mathematical reasoning. The competition is known for its rigorous questions, which challenge students' abilities to think critically and creatively, drawing on a broad range of mathematical concepts.

We are proud to announce that **Lucy Searson, Brioney Sweeting, and Claude Ham**, qualified for the competition and represented our School with exceptional skill and determination. Their outstanding performance in the competition reflects not only their individual talents but also the strong foundation of mathematical excellence nurtured at our School.

Lucy, Brioney, and Claude's participation in this prestigious competition speaks volumes about their mathematical ability and dedication.

"I was extremely excited to qualify for the Senior Kangaroo this year. The questions on the Kangaroo provide an interesting situation to apply all the mathematical skills we learn in lessons to unique problem-solving questions. There is a great satisfaction gained when finding an answer to these complex questions. I decided to do Maths and Further Maths at A Level due to the joy found at the end of a hard maths problem and the Maths Challenge and Kangaroo is a clear example of this. When we all finished the paper there was lots of discussion over which questions we did and how we got to our answers. I enjoyed the Kangaroo and am excited to try next year's Senior Maths Challenge."

Claude Ham

"This year's Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo was a lot of fun, with questions involving everything from functions to football! The questions asked us to give 3-digit integer answers to the problems written, which was definitely more challenging than the multiple-choice format of the Senior Maths Challenge that preceded. Despite this, we all managed to put answers forward for a good number of questions, leaving with a huge feeling of satisfaction, especially because the problems were often befuddling and seemed to have no easy way out! The paper was brilliantly put together with lots of interesting brain teasers, and we cannot wait to see what UKMT throw at us next year."

Briony Sweeting

The Senior Kangaroo Challenge is just one of many exciting opportunities for our students to showcase their mathematical talents. Looking ahead, the **Intermediate Maths Challenge** will take place on **Wednesday, 29th January 2025**. We wish the **96 students** who have enrolled for the event, the best of luck.

The **Junior Maths Challenge** is set for **1st May 2025**, providing another exciting opportunity for our younger students to engage with complex mathematical problems.

Their success highlights not only their individual mathematical prowess but also the strength of our School's commitment to fostering academic excellence in all areas.

Mrs Nowak, Maths Department



Careers Update

Y11 – Progression route planning

We are looking forward to our sixth form taster day on Thursday 30th January.

We know that some students have already researched and applied for college courses for after GCSEs. Further college open evenings coming up are as follows:

22nd January - Stamford College -

[Open Event at Stamford College on 22nd January 2025 Tickets, Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

30th January - Peterborough College -

[Open Event at Peterborough College on 30th January 2025 Tickets, Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

6th February – Boston College -

[Open Event Registration - February Open Event - Boston College](#)

National Apprenticeship Week -10th-14th February

Unifrog is holding an online apprenticeship fair on Wednesday 12th February 4.00-6.30pm. Students and parents/carers can register to attend the sessions to have the opportunity to meet 40 employers, explore the latest opportunities, attend live sessions and chat one-to-one to get top tips on how to find apprenticeships and apply successfully. Here is the registration link. If any students take part, could they please let me know for tracking and monitoring purposes.

Unifrog

Y12 Work Experience

This week marks the launch of our Y12 work experience process. Work experience week for Y12 students is 30th June - 4th July. Parents/carers will receive an introductory letter and students will be given further information during careers lessons.

Support:

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

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

Free Kooth Webinars in January

Returning to school after the holidays can heighten stress, with 78% of UK teachers reporting mental health challenges, while student anxiety also increases, according to research from King's College London.

Prioritising self-care is vital as you and your students adjust to post-holiday routines, anxiety, low motivation, and classroom disruptions. We're here to support you with free resources to ease the transition.

KoothKlass

Free mental wellbeing webinars to live stream to students

Managing anxiety with self care.

A 20 minute webinar for Primary school ages 10+ covering anxiety management tips, wellbeing exercises, and supported sign-up tutorial.

Let's talk about body image and self esteem.

A 20 minute webinar for Secondary school ages 11+ including body image myth busting and hearing from our Kooth clinical team

Coming up in February: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Set up by Place2Be, this year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' empowering young people to embrace self awareness.

[Book here for Managing anxiety with self care](#)

[Book here for Let's talk about body image and self esteem](#)

[Book here for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

KoothTalks Families

Free webinars helping parents navigate their child's mental health worries

The role of Kooth in the care pathway for young people with an eating difficulty.

Inform parents and carers on how our digital platforms can support young people with eating difficulties in this 30 minute webinar.

[Book here for young people with eating difficulty webinar](#)



'Free!'

Term Time Only

**Boston Carlton Road
Youthy - PE21 8LN**

**Tuesday - 5pm till 6.30pm -
Aged 8 to 12 Years (Juniors)**

**Thursday - 6.30pm till 8.30pm
Aged 13 to 18 Years (Seniors)**

For more info email:
F4Minterventions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Future4Me

Boston & South Holland
Youth & Community
Development Team



Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for a better future

WHO ARE WE?

Boston & South Holland Community Interventions Team within Future4Me.

The team consists of a fulltime Senior Youth & Community Development Worker (YCD) three part time YCD Workers, three full time Positive Future Workers, two part time Reparation Workers.

The Youth & Community Development and Positive Futures Workers offer wide range of open access youth activities for young people aged 8 to 18 years, as well as providing targeted sessions for young people who have been referred to us from other teams within children's services.

Open Access sessions during term time

Open to all young people within our age range 8 to 18 years

For more info on sessions email:
f4minterventions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Future4Me

WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?

Holiday Activities - Spring, Summer, Winter School Holidays Referrals only from Early Help Team, Social Care Team, F4Me Team, young people who attend open access sessions.

Community Resolutions and Match Meetings Targeted work by referral only from Early Help, Social Care, and F4Me Teams