

# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025



This week's main event at School has been the Sixth Form Taster Day. Year 11 came to school today to participate in subjects they are considering for further study in Years 12 and 13. Our own Year 11 were joined by transferees from across South Holland and, in all, more than 250 students attended. This added to the buzz and atmosphere during the day, even if taster day class sizes were a little more cramped than normal! Year 11 certainly looked the part of professionally attired young adults but looking the part is only one small element of the story. Students were encouraged at the very start of the day to proactively and positively engage in all of their taster lessons and to ensure that all of their questions were answered. From my own observations and comments from staff, they certainly seemed to take this on board during the day. I hope that Year 11 arrive home tonight and share their experiences with parents and carers. I also hope that students finish the day with a clearer picture of the choices yet to come; that is, after all the point of the Taster Day. The process is not over yet, and students should still take the next few weeks to make their final decisions. The Joint SGS and SHS Sixth Form Application Form will be available from Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January and is to be completed and submitted before midnight on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. None of the applications will be considered until after the deadline and so, Year 11, you still have time to find out answers to any remaining questions and speaking to staff and parents for advice and support if you need to. Thank you to everyone, especially the Sixth Form Team, for making the day such a success.

Dates for the diary – please remember that it is the School Production of Chicago next week – book your tickets quickly before they sell out!

**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

#### Canteen Price Changes

As parents know, the catering was brought "in house" in September 2023 and prices have remained the same since then. Please be advised that from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, there will be a small increase in our food prices to cover increased costs. The menus on the website will be updated accordingly.

#### Road Safety Reminders and Parking

We have received reports from members of the public regarding concerns about student safety when crossing the road. Some students have been crossing without looking properly, often distracted by their phones. Please remind your child about road safety, particularly at the end of the school day when there is a great deal of traffic outside the school.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents and carers not to park on Stonegate and Matmore Gate or to use the Matmore Gate car park. These areas must be kept clear to ensure the safety of all pedestrians and road users, including the 600 students who catch the buses that have to queue outside the School at the end of the day. The additional parked cars are adding to the congestion and pose a safety risk to all pedestrians.

**Mrs Waldron, Deputy Head**

## **Student of The Week - Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Form</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Reason</b>
7P	Milana Bairamova	Gail Dowson	English
8J	Mollie Storrow	Miss Jones	Physical Education
8P	Ava Willis	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
8P	Riamae Boswell	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
8P	Riamae Boswell	Mr Cook	Mathematics
8S	Kathryn Jesson	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
9C	Freya Hampshire	Mrs Knowles	German
9C	Iris Lucas	Mrs Tanner	Art
9J	Evelyn Barclay	Miss White	Chemistry
9N	Shreya Dhawol	Mrs Tanner	Community
9P	Inaya Ali	Mr Garbett	Music
9S	Lana Conway	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
10C	Summer Atkins	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10C	Loma Mlunjwa	Mr Murphy	Chemistry
10J	Jenna Mackman	Mrs Jones	Latin
10J	Dolly Stevens	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10P	Tilly Buck	Mr Hempsall	History
10S	Giovanna Ramalho Gomes	Mrs Martindale	Biology
11C	Emily Simpson	Mr Blackburn	Business
11S	Ava Ilott	Mrs Neal	Art
6AB	Christa Ndoro	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
6AF	Alice Marston	Miss Dunbar	Sociology
6KM	Lacie Holstead	Miss Rossouw	Psychology
6KM	Emma Carter	Mrs Martindale	Community
6LH	Evie Daly	Mrs Nowak	Community

## Sports News

### U13 and U15 Indoor Cricket

The U13 & U15 indoor cricket teams recently took part in the English Cricket Board's National Indoor Cricket Tournament. Both teams reached the semi-finals of the Lincolnshire area. The young and emerging U13 team played Stamford School & Priory Ruskin Academy. The team played well but narrowly missed out on a finals slot. However, the U15 team remained unbeaten throughout their semi-final, beating opponents from QEGS Alford, Sir John Nelthorpe School and Caistor Yarborough Academy. The team will now play in the Lincolnshire Final on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Mr Farrell Head of PE**



## U12 Football

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January the U12 football team played against Queen Elizabeth High School, Gainsborough in Round One of the Lincolnshire County Cup.

Despite the long journey to Gainsborough, the Y7 football team started their first competitive game very well. We created some goal scoring opportunities early into the game but could not quite get the ball across the line until Lily found the back of the net after some excellent pressure on the defence to win the ball back.

Having only been asked to play at break time due to some weekend injuries, Darcy performed exceptionally well for her first game in goal, not conceding and playing some brilliant long goal kicks out of her hands.

'Player of the Match' was awarded to Annika for her excellent defending to minimise the QEHS attacks and the forward passes she made, creating promising attacks, once she had regained possession of the ball.

## **Miss Magnus, PE Department**



## Primary School Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January the Y12 Sports Leaders and selected Y10 students helped our local School Games Organiser hold the Annual Primary School Sports Hall Athletics. The Leaders were in charge of different field events including long jump, triple jump, speed bounce and vertical jump, as well as some indoor track events using the kickboards. They each took on a variety of roles including measuring, recording, motivating, and timing the events. As always the students were a credit to the School and engaged politely and kindly with the primary schools students and staff.

It was lovely to receive an email from Mr Gibson the organiser to say, "The primary schools had a great time and it went very smoothly. The leaders were excellent, as always. An absolute delight and they made it so easy for me."

I am sure you'll agree that they look very smart in their Sports Leaders' hoodies which were kindly ordered by our Finance Team, thank you to Mrs Pryke, Mrs Fox and Mrs Abrams.

## Miss Magnus, PE Department



## Drama News

Tickets are now available for SHS students' performance of Chicago via the [Parent SCOPAY App](#).

The hottest tickets in town are selling out fast (especially for Thursday's performance) so get them whilst you can!



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**SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL HALL**  
TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 7:15PM  
WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 7:15PM  
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 7:15PM

**£8/£6 CONCESSIONS**

Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse  
Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins  
Script adaptation by David Thompson

APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS INCLUDING INTERVAL

**TEEN EDITION**

THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF CHICAGO: TEEN  
EDITION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
CONCORD THEATRICALS  
LTD. [WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.CO.UK](http://WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.CO.UK)

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - House Charity Day

This is the first time we have run this event and it was suggested by the School council as they wanted more events where students in each House could work together. We really hope you will all get involved and have a really great week of fundraising and working as a team.

For this event each form has chosen a charity to support:



Curie	Marie Curie
Johnson	RSPCA
Nightingale	Little Princess
Pankhurst	Little Miracles
Sharman	Cancer Research



Image sources— [Mariecurie.org.uk](http://Mariecurie.org.uk), [littlemiraclescharity.org.uk](http://littlemiraclescharity.org.uk), [RSPCA.org.uk](http://RSPCA.org.uk), [Littleprincesstrust.org.uk](http://Littleprincesstrust.org.uk) and [cancerresearchuk.org](http://cancerresearchuk.org)

Please support your nominated charity by joining in with the following:

- ♥ Non-uniform Day - £1
- ♥ Cakes & savour treats
- ♥ Crafts & gifts
- ♥ Games and challenges
- ♥ Tombola
- ♥ Guess the sweets in the jar
- ♥ Lucky Dip
- ♥ Name the Teddy
- ♥ And much more...

The gifts, games, crafts and challenges will vary in price, starting at 20p. Some events will take place all week and others will just take place at lunchtime on the Friday. All details will come out in registers. The money raised by the students in each House will go to their chosen charity.

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head and Safeguarding Lead

## Art News

The Royal Academy of Arts have an exciting Art competition that is now open for entries for the 'Young Artists' Summer Show'. For those of you that are interested, the initial details are attached in this guidance document along with a poster advertising the competition.

We are registered as a School and can submit individual entries on students' behalf, or parents can enter if that is preferred. Please ask your Art teacher or see Mrs Tanner if you are interested!

Mrs Tanner, Head of Art

**\*\*Please see the documents attached to the Bulletin email for guidance for submissions\*\***





## Careers News

### Y9 Languages Day

It was a pleasure for the Languages and Classics department staff to work with students during Y9 Languages Day last Friday. This is an annual event which gives students opportunities to discover more about languages, cultures and careers using languages. There will be a full write-up in the next edition of the High Quarterly.

### National Apprenticeship Week – 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February

Unifrog is holding an online apprenticeship fair on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 - [Unifrog](#). If any students take part, could they please let me know for tracking and monitoring purposes.

### Year 12 Work Experience

Work experience week for Y12 students is 30<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July. Could parents/carers please ensure they have responded to all consent requests sent out at their earliest convenience. 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](mailto:Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

**Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader**

## Spalding Grammar School PFA - Quiz Night

Spalding Grammar School PFA

**Quiz Night**

**Friday 31st January**

**Eyes down 7:00pm**  
(doors open 6.30pm)

**Tickets £5** for 10 games  
**11-16 yrs £3, under 11 free**

- ✓ All proceeds directly enrich the education of our students
- ✓ Teams of 6 adults maximum (no limit on children)
- ✓ Quizzers welcome to bring own food, but drink refreshments must be purchased



# The Sandringham Estate Snowdrop Creative Workshops



**February Half Term**

**Tuesday 18th**

**Wednesday 19th**

**Thursday 20th**

1-2.30pm

**£20 per person**

Suitable from 3 years upwards.  
One adult receives entry to the garden with every child's ticket purchased. Parking extra.

Join the Sandringham Education Team for an afternoon of creativity.

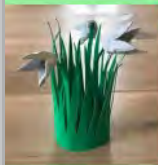
Make your own snowdrop design from a range of ideas and media.

All resources provided.

Located at the School Room in the Stables Courtyard

**Booking Essential**

<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/february-half-term>



# The Sandringham Estate Family Forest School February Half Term



Dens  
Crafts  
Fire  
Games  
Mud...  
and more

**Tuesday 18th**

**Wednesday 19th**

**Thursday 20th**

**10.30am-12pm**

Meet ups  
Friendships  
Play Dates  
Investigate  
Activate

Forest School Site (Entrance opposite the west carpark)

£10 per child adults free.

Booking essential.

Suitable for all ages.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/february-half-term>



February

# HALF TERM ARCHERY

FEB 15 16 22 23

£30 per 30 minute session  
for up to 6 people age 8 and upwards.  
Various sessions throughout the day.



**At The Sandringham Estate Forest School**  
**Booking Essential/ Parking Extra**  
<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/february-half-term/>