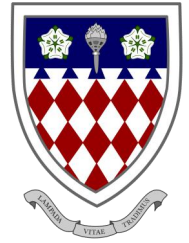


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

6th March 2025



National Careers week is always celebrated at the High School and well done to Mrs Bushell and the Careers Team for creating interesting and focused challenges and opportunities to get everyone thinking about their careers and career choices. Students, especially our older ones, spend significant amounts of time dwelling on what the next forty to fifty years of their life might look like. At times, they can be quite fretful over making the 'right' decisions and imagining the potential consequences of making the 'wrong' ones. As someone who is definitely much closer to the end of their career stage than the start of it as our students are, I would say that my biggest piece of advice (and very much based on experience) is that at each junction point in your career (and life) where you have to make a decision about what to do next, take the path that feels most right at that given point. This will take you on a journey that sits well with your character and moral compass and will hopefully ensure you are happier on the journey too. It might not be the fastest way to promotion or the dream job you have always believed you wanted to do but it will help you stay centred and focused on who you are as a person. My second piece of advice for when you are at those junctions is to not be fearful of taking a risk. Research says that girls (and women) read a job description and are more likely to apply when they feel they can do 80%+ of the role. The same research says boys (and men) are more likely to apply when they can do 60%+ of the role; although it is never as simple as gender. As I am frequently heard reminding students in assembly – don't create your own glass ceilings! Take a risk! Character, perseverance and resilience are just as important as experience. To do any job successfully you need all of these skills!

M K Anderson, Headmistress



Support Red Nose Day!

Friday 21st March is Red Nose Day, and we are asking students to wear non-school uniform (no inappropriate outfits or no offensive slogans to be worn) for a donation of £1 to help the numerous charities supported by Comic Relief. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a School to raise some money to help people through the toughest times of their lives.

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head Teacher And Safeguarding Lead

Image source: www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 24th February 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	Student2	Staff	Reason
7C	Amelia Zuk	Mrs Fisk	Community
7J	Faye Forsyth	Mr Wright	Science
7J	Brooke Ayris	Mr Garbett	Music
8J	Audrey Taylor	Mrs Jones	Latin
8N	Francesca Gorman	Mrs Bennett	Geography
8P	Kaelyn Velasquez	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
8S	Poppy Dunnett	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
8S	Eva Vere	Mrs Neal	Art
8S	Alaina Phiri	Mrs Clay	French
8S	Lucy Holland	Mrs Wilkins	Textiles
9N	Khaleesi Jerwood	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9P	Arjannya Das	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
9P	Leila Petraite	Mrs Knowles	German
9S	Isabella Ciuberkyte	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
10J	Lexi Embleton	Mr Blackburn	Business
10J	Izzy Herring	Helen Redman	Community
10J	Olivia Bowers	Mrs Martindale	Biology
10J	Lottie Burton	Miss White	Chemistry
10S	Maisie Doyle	Mrs Busby	Food and Nutrition
11J	Varisha Sultan	Mrs Gregory	Physics
11N	Daisy Davis	Mrs Busfield	Biology
11P	Ava Mason	Mrs Busfield	Community
11S	Lexie King	Miss Bailey	German
11S	Ava Ilott	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
6AF	Bella Li	Mrs Nowak	Community
6GD	Maisie Keeble	Mrs H Waldron	Community
6GD	Maisie Keeble	Mrs Bennett	Community
6LH	Grace Zacharkiewicz	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6LH	Sophie McGuire	Mrs Fisk	Drama
6SC	Chloe Matthew	Mrs Knowles	Community

Sports News

U13 Futsal Team

On Wednesday 26th February, the U13 futsal team competed at the annual South Lincolnshire Futsal Tournament. After opening victories against Bourne and Spalding Academies, the team were narrowly beaten by Bourne Grammar School 2-1 in the league phase of the competition. Although the team had more possession and more chances to score than Bourne Grammar, it did mean the team could only finish in 3rd or 4th position overall. The final game against Thomas Middlecott Academy was a repeat of the Bourne Grammar game where our team had most of the possession and most of the chances but could not score. The team finished in 4th place overall. However, SHS definitely had the youngest team on the day which bodes well for next year.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Farrell, Head of PE



Y7 – 10 Netball

On Thursday 27th February the Years 7-10 netball teams hosted Bourne Academy.

The Y7 team has made significant progress since the start of the year and kept possession of the ball well to win. A special mention to Darcy for stepping up last minute on the day to play really well due to some player absences through illness. Well done also to Elle for being awarded the opposition's Player of The Match for another excellent performance.



The Y8 team was made up of very committed players who have worked weekly to improve their skills and for most this was their first competitive netball match. They put up a strong defence preventing a few goals to the opposition. Whilst they had many scoring opportunities struggled to convert these into goals. The final score was 6-1 to Bourne Academy. Player of The Match was awarded to Kaelyn for her excellent ball delivery as Centre.

The Y9 team played very well and were clinical with their shooting, well done Anna and Lily, to secure a 10-3 win. Player of The Match was awarded to Alex for brilliant interceptions playing in various centre court positions.



The Y10 team worked cohesively as always, maintaining and regaining possession of the ball really well to win 28-2. Well done to Amiyah for being awarded the opposition's Player of The Match for another excellent performance in the goal third, an effortless performance missing hardly any shots.

Miss Magnus, PE Department

Maths News

Axiom Maths Club – Tuesday Lunch

Axiom Maths Club – Tuesdays Lunch Since October last year, ten Y8 Mathematicians: Alaina, Amisshah, Carmel, Eunice, Kathryn, Kira, Mariam, Poppy, Sakina, Tilly , spend every Tuesday lunch grappling with Maths problems.

They are dedicating their time to tackling challenging math questions. This initiative not only enhances their problem-solving skills but also fosters a collaborative learning environment. Students support each other, sharing strategies and deepening their understanding of mathematical concepts.

Mrs Nowak, Maths Teacher

Here is what our students say about Axiom Maths Club...

I really enjoy going to Axiom Maths Club at lunchtime as it challenges my brain. I enjoy the problem solving type questions so I can apply my maths skills to work the out!
Sakina Walji 8J

I enjoy coming to Axiom Maths because I come together with other peers to solve problems. It is a great teamwork, problem solving and communication skills practice. It is fun and enjoyable way to learn.

I enjoy going to Axiom Maths Club every Tuesday because I can socialise while solving problems and arguing about Maths with my friends! I feel excited about those sessions as I learn new skills while challenging my brain to think outside the box.



I enjoy Axiom Maths as it always feels enjoyable and fun as we talk together a lot about questions and do questions that are different from normal Maths and it is interesting.

Science News

Science Photo Competition

We asked all the year groups for photographs that showed Science from everyday situations, and a passage about the Science it showed.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough to make the calendar, as we hoped, but there were some lovely entries and Mrs Gregory, Mrs Tanner and myself have chosen a winner.

The winner is



Ada Waldron 8J

- not only was the composition of the photograph interesting but also the science behind it was very in-depth.

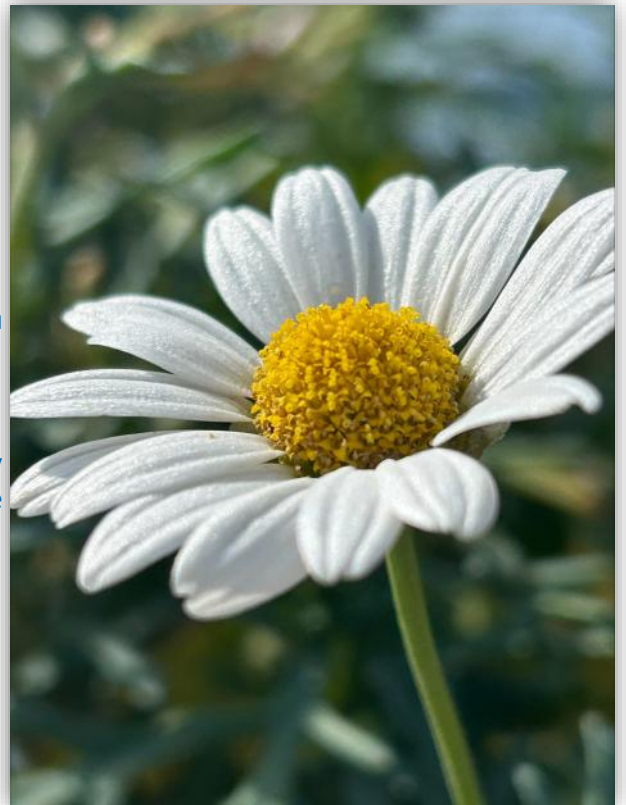
Second prize goes to **Amelia Zuk 7C**

– for her amazing picture and science explanation

Well done Ada and Amelia your prizes will be given to you shortly!

We are also awarding House points to Eloise Hodson, Libby Blackbourn, Philipa Dalton, Diana Zamura, Lillie Smith, Sophie Shrestha and Katarzyna Szumilow.

Evie Wilkinson, 6GD



Careers News

National Careers Week

This week is National Careers Week. We have a display in reception where we are encouraging students to join in and write down their aspirational future career or pathway and add their card to the display.

Parents/carers can sign up using the link below to receive information about different careers their child can take:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareersweek>

College of West Anglia, King's Lynn - Open Morning – Saturday 8th March

The College of West Anglia, King's Lynn, is holding its final open morning of the year for students and parents/carers to attend on Saturday 8th March – please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Hopefully, Year 11 students have now attended taster events and open events for schools/colleges they are interested in attending next year. It's not too early for students in Year 10 to attend such events to be well informed about progression routes after GCSEs.

University Centre Peterborough – Open Day – 15th March

Please find information below about an open event at UCP. UCP offers a range of degrees which may be of particular interest to sixth form students who do not wish to move away from home to gain a degree.

[Open Events at University Centre Peterborough - University Centre Peterborough](#)

Year 13 – Student Finance applications

For Year 13 students intending to go to university in autumn 2025, we are awaiting the opening of the application window for student finance which will be during March. It is extremely important that students apply promptly when the applications open to ensure that they receive their tuition fee loan and maintenance loan at the beginning of their course. More information about student finance can be found here:

[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)

Here is a short film with reminders about student finance:

<https://youtu.be/J6Alszv8uo>

Students and parents/carers can sign up here to be notified when student finance applications open:

[SFE - Student Timeline](#)

Work Experience in Years 10 and 12

Year 10 students will be out on their work experience week 31st March-4th April. Students will be given a logbook to use during their placement in their careers lesson over the coming weeks. They should check their emails regularly for updates from employers and also ensure that they have made recent contact with their employer. Again, we will talk about this in careers lessons.

Year 12 work experience week is 30th June-4th July. Students should return their placement confirmation forms as soon as they can so that the necessary administration can begin to enable the placement to go ahead.

Upcoming opportunities for students interested in healthcare

Please find details at the end of this newsletter about opportunities in the Easter holidays for students who aspire to study medicine or physiotherapy.

Unifrog – Virtual Event – 26th March 4-6.30pm

Please see the information below from Unifrog about a useful upcoming event:

*Calling all Year 10 to 12 students who are interested in university! If your students have any questions about what university life is really like, there's no-one better placed to answer than **current undergraduate students**.*

*By joining our 'Meet the Students' virtual fair, students will attend **live sessions** hosted by both students and admissions staff and be able to chat directly with students from 30 universities about **accommodation, societies, lectures and classes, living away from home**, or anything else that could influence their university choices.*

Don't worry if students can't attend the whole fair; they're free to drop in whenever they can. Teachers, advisors, parents, and caregivers are all encouraged to join too!

Please click [here](#) for more information.

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

College of West Anglia



You will be able to:

- **Explore** - our state-of-the-art campuses and industry standard facilities.
- **Meet** - our tutors and students, and get detailed course information.
- **Chat** - with our careers team - get careers information, advice and guidance to help you decide which course is right for you.
- **Discover** - everything you need to know from our Student Services Team about how to apply, additional learning support, finance and travel options to our campuses.

Pre-booking an arrival time is essential for all of our open events, so register your interest!

SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

cwa.ac.uk/openday



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Special Educational Needs (SEN) Learners: We have quiet time places available for SEN learners at most of our open events. These places are at the beginning of the events, before general admission starts. Select the SEN Quiet Time ticket to book your place.

CAMBRIDGE

Thursday, 24th October 2024

Evening places available

Saturday, 23rd November 2024

Morning places available

Tuesday, 29th April 2025

Evening places available

KING'S LYNN & SPORTS

Saturday, 19th October 2024

Morning places available

Wednesday, 13th November 2024

Evening places available

Saturday, 8th March 2025

Morning places available

WISBECH

Saturday, 23rd November 2024

Morning places available

Saturday, 15th March 2025

Morning places available

A-LEVELS at King's Lynn

Wednesday, 23rd October 2024

Evening places available

SEMH at Downham Market

Wednesday, 13th November 2024

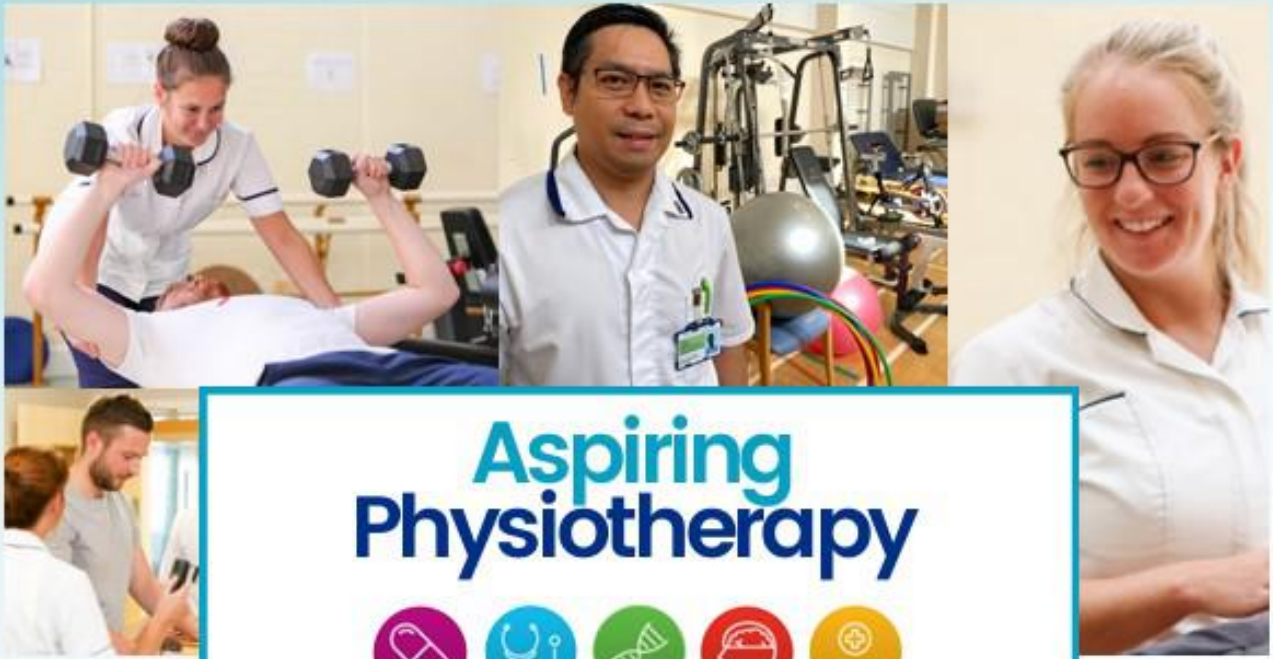
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Lincolnshire
Talent Academy



Aspiring Physiotherapy



Explore a career focused on improving mobility, helping patients regain independence lost through injury, ageing, or a disability

This two day event is open to individuals aged 14 and 18 years. Explore the different roles, skills and knowledge required for a career in Physiotherapy through interactive workshops and informative talks guided by experts.

Lincoln County Hospital

10th & 11th April
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Registration closes at 4 pm on 18th March



TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

Register Today!

lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events



Lincolnshire
Talent Academy



Aspiring Medics



Explore a career that transforms lives through exceptional communication, strong leadership, thorough research, and a holistic, compassionate approach to treatment

Open to individuals in year 12 between the ages of 16-17 years, this event offers a chance to delve into the skills and knowledge necessary for a career in medicine. Join interactive workshops and informative sessions guided by industry experts.

Tuesday 8th April - Lincoln County Hospital
Wednesday 9th April - Pilgrim Hospital Boston

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Registration closes at 4 pm on 18th March

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