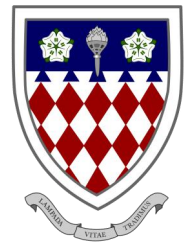


# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025



I know that this week I am not alone in being amazed that we have reached the milestone of the Year 11 and Year 13 final photographs! This morning, we all assembled in the hall for the individual and year group photographs and, as always, there is an excitable but poignant buzz, especially for Year 13. There is no denying that students appear to have spent a little longer on their hair on photograph day but bearing in mind these pictures will be returned to for decades to come that is not surprising! Although the majority of Year 11 will be returning to the High School for sixth form in September, this is the last official group photograph of our current cohort. For Year 13, the milestone is even greater: their last photograph before leaving the School and venturing out into the big wide world this summer. This is also a poignant day for the staff as tutors, pastoral staff, senior leaders and I also gather with the students for the photo. We feel the poignancy along with the students, although there is usually a little less evidence of hair products from the staff! I love photo day with these two year groups. I get a moment to admire them as they stand on the staging and see that they have indeed grown from the small little Year 7 five or seven years ago and are now confident and mature young adults ready to take the next step - just as predicted all those years ago. Well done and good luck to you all Year 11 and Year 13 thank you for all you have added to the High School over the years you have been here, be it two, five or seven. You make me proud, and I delight every year in telling you so.

Well done also this week to the amazing number of achievements in this week's bulletin reports. It has been a bumper week of success! Fantastic news!

**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

#### Support Red Nose Day!

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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: [comicrelief.com/rednoseday](https://comicrelief.com/rednoseday)

#### Year 7 and 8 Easter Extravaganza on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March



There are still a few tickets available for our fun themed Easter extravaganza on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March between 4pm-6pm. There will be games, crafts, an Easter themed 'trashion' show and an Easter egg hunt.

The cost for the evening is **£5.00** and will include entertainment, drinks and a goodie bag. Tickets are available to purchase online through your child's account (Scopay).

We are looking forward to an 'egg-citing' evening of fun and games.

**School Office**

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### **Student of The Week - Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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
7J	Katie Preston	Mrs Rogers	Geography
7S	Oluwaseyi Obhiebor-Thomas	Mrs Martin	Community
7S	Elana Fince	Mrs Martin	Community
8J	Mollie Storrow	Mrs Chandler	Library
8N	Hannah Lloyd	Mrs Bennett	Geography
8N	Carmel Joseph	Miss Bailey	German
8P	Ava Willis	Mrs Jones	Latin
9C	Katie Bonarius	Mr Garbett	Music
9J	Evelyn Barclay	Mr Martindale	Technology
9J	Andreja Ananjeva	Mrs Martindale	Biology
9N	Rimsha-Fatima Halani	Mrs Gregory	Physics
9P	Phemie Gray	Mr Hemsall	History
9S	Minahil Ali	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
9S	Ayla Grant	Mrs Bennett	Community
9S	Milly Talbot	Mr McAlinden	Community
10C	Ugne Grikietyte	Mrs Tanner	Art
10J	Lexi Embleton	Mr Wright	Biology
10N	Isabelle Chikanya	Mrs C Aurikko	Biology
10N	Samantha Mathew	Mr Murphy	Chemistry
10P	Eliza Morris	Miss White	Chemistry
10P	Abigail Grimer	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10S	Tilda Moss	Mrs Clay	French
10S	Isla Saterlay	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
11C	Yashica Aryan	Mrs Knowles	French
11J	Abbie Brooke	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
11N	Ruby Wadsley	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
11S	Sophie Edwards	Mrs Freeman	Community
11S	Sophie Edwards	Mrs Pryke	Community
6AB	Lily Stadnicka	Mrs Nowak	Community
6AF	Ashton Moore	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6LM	Connor Kinsella	Miss Jeffery	English Literature
6GD	Lilli Bowman	Mr Law	Law
6NG	Abbie Horspool	Mr McAlinden	Business

## Sports News

### U15 County Indoor Cricket Runners Up

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March the U15 indoor cricket team competed in the U15 County indoor cricket final against Kesteven & Grantham High School. After restricting the opposition to a reasonable 87 runs, the team just fell short of their target to finish runners up overall. Well done to everyone involved, especially Jessie who had a gutsy final batting stand.

**Mr Farrell, Head of PE**



### Y10 Futsal

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March the Y10 futsal team travelled to Haven High for the South Lincolnshire School's Futsal tournament. Due to many of the usual football team (and three usual goalkeepers) being unavailable due to the County Cricket match taking place at the same time Grace, usually a netballer and Eliza, usually a hockey goalkeeper said they would step in to help us out.

The team played three group games, winning two of them and drawing the third putting them into a 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup> play off against Bourne Grammar. The first group game was against Thomas Middlecott which we won 3-0 with goals from Nancy, Lily and Ruby. The second game was against Haven High and finished 4-4 with a Nancy hattrick and a goal from Abi. The third and final group game was against University Academy Holbeach and finished 4-2 with Lily scoring all four after a dominant performance against their defence. Two wins and a draw put us through as group winners to face Bourne Grammar School in the final. Despite some nice attacking play with goals from Abi and Lily, we were unable to stop Bourne scoring and lost the final 5-2. Both finalists proceed to the County Futsal Finals in Lincoln in April. Well done to all of the team for impressive performances with lots of goals scored, especially to Grace and Eliza for their efforts to help us progress into the finals!

**Miss Magnus,  
PE Department**



## Y7, 9 and 10 Netball

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Y7, 9 and 10 netball teams played University Academy Holbeach in their respective South Lincolnshire Sports Association league matches.

The Y7 team played some fantastic netball in their match against UAH. Some smooth passing up the court into the attacking third gave the shooters plenty of opportunities to score. A special mention must go to Elle, for being named Player of The Match by the opposition, and to Cimmy for some superb distance shots scored! The Y7 team have also recently won against UALS, and lost to Bourne Grammar. I look forward to seeing the team play in the upcoming Y7 tournament. Well done to everyone who has been involved this season.

The Y9 team played some lovely netball when they had possession of the ball with some great shots from distance but unfortunately lost aerial duels due to height which made defending very difficult. They lost 18-8 but should be really pleased with the progress they have made this season. Well done Lily for being awarded the opposition's Player of The Match for her excellent shooting.

The Y10 team played brilliantly, passing the ball confidently and consistently around and over the opposition to give our shooters lots of goal scoring opportunities. The team won 16-6 with Amiyah awarded the opposition's Player of The Match for an effortless performance as goalshooter.



Miss Magnus and Miss Jones,  
PE Department

### Y10 Netball

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March the Y10 netball team competed in the South Lincolnshire Schools' Association U15 Netball Tournament against teams from Thomas Cowley, University Academy Holbeach, Boston High, Bourne Grammar, Bourne Academy and University Academy Long Sutton. As they have done all season, the team played some really impressive netball, maintaining possession brilliantly using a range of passes and making some outstanding interceptions to regain possession of the ball. Despite a couple of close games against Boston High and UAH, the Y10's did win the tournament unbeaten to be South Lincolnshire Schools' Association U15 winners, well done girls on a fantastic season- you have been a pleasure to watch!

### **Miss Magnus, PE Department**



## House Dance Competition

The House Dance competition took place at the end of last term. This is always a competition that the PE department look forward to, as the students always put lots of time and effort into their performances. Thank you to all who took part. The judges had some very tough decisions to make!

### **The winners were:**

Year 7 - Nightingale

Year 8 - Johnson

Year 9 - Pankhurst

Year 11 - joint winners Curie, Nightingale and Pankhurst

A special mention must be given to the Y11's who performed their own rendition of 'What Makes You Beautiful' by One Direction in full costume that included microphones, wigs, hats, and the addition of some very realistic facial hair! This is exactly the kind of way we like to see Y11 embrace this competition - they definitely had the audience's attention! Well done and thank you Olivia, Lucy, Shylini, Ruby and Mathilda.

### **Miss Jones, PE Department**



### U16 Football

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the U16 football team faced Kesteven and Sleaford High School in the County Cup Quarter Final. This was not the U16 team's best performance, by a long way, but two well converted goals by Lily and Katie secured the win to get us into the semi-finals. We will now face Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School at the end of the month in the Lincolnshire County Cup Semi Final.



**Miss Magnus, PE Department**

### Debate Club

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, three teams from the High School took part in the Cambridge Regional Debate competition. Our teams placed 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> out of 73 teams. The two teams that finished 5<sup>th</sup> (Roisin Williams, 6AF and Ellie Griffin, 6SC) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Grace Bushell, 11C and Claude Ham, 6LM) have qualified for the Cambridge Finals due to take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Mr Wright, Debate Club and Science Department**

## Maths Department

We are delighted to announce the results of the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge!

A remarkable 56 Silver and Bronze Certificates were awarded, along with eight gold certificates, six of which were earned by our exceptional Y11 students: Lilly Howells, Zofia Nowak, Sky Salkeld, Amber Niebrug, Daisy Davis, Sophie Smith.

Congratulations to Olivia Ward, who got the Gold Certificate and was recognized as the best in Y9. The best in the Y10 was Millie Atkins, and in Y11 Lilly Howells, who was also the best in School.

We are especially proud of Olivia for advancing to the second round of the Grey Kangaroo competition, that will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Well done to all participants!





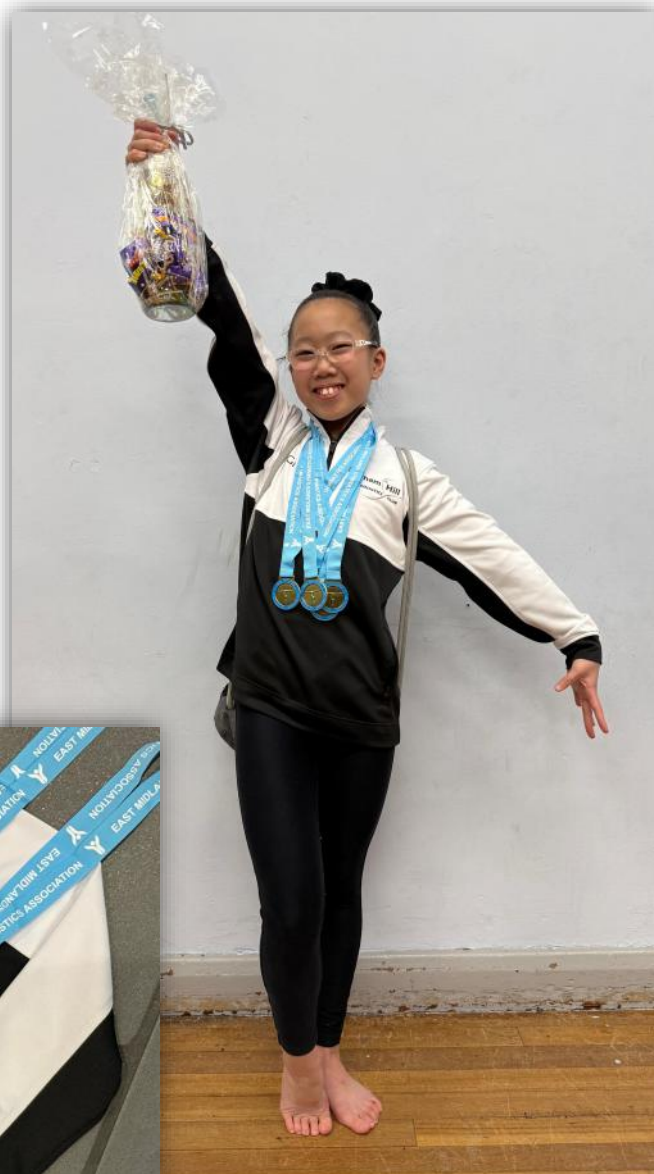
Mrs Nowak, Maths Department

## Celebrating the Individual in Y7 - Viggie Chung, 7C

Over the weekend Y7 student Viggie Chung competed in another Gymnastics competition called Preparation & Development Grades in Leicester. Viggie competed in the development 2 ~13 years age category. Her results are below, Well done Viggie on another great performance.!

Miss Magnus, 7C Form Tutor

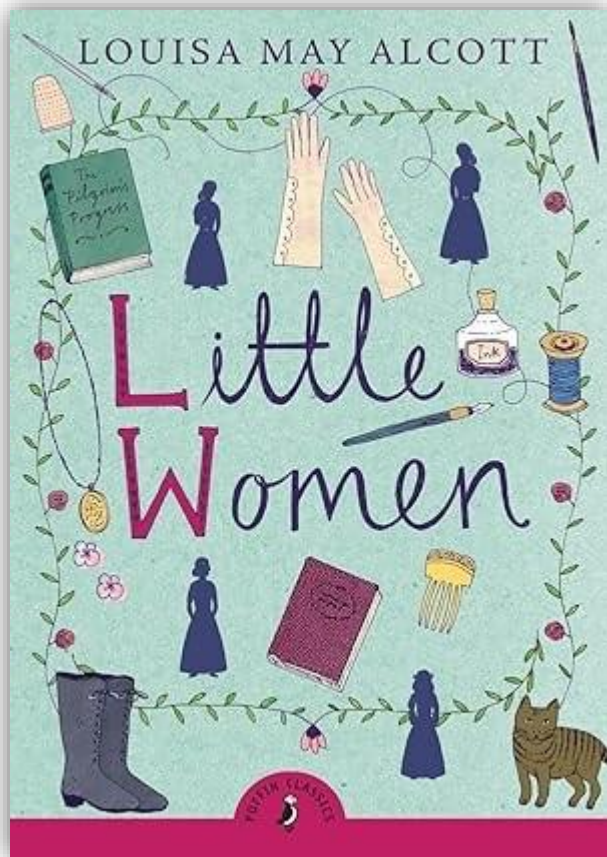
- \* Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place
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## Bookworm Bulletin

### Book Reviews

#### Little Women by Louisa M Alcott

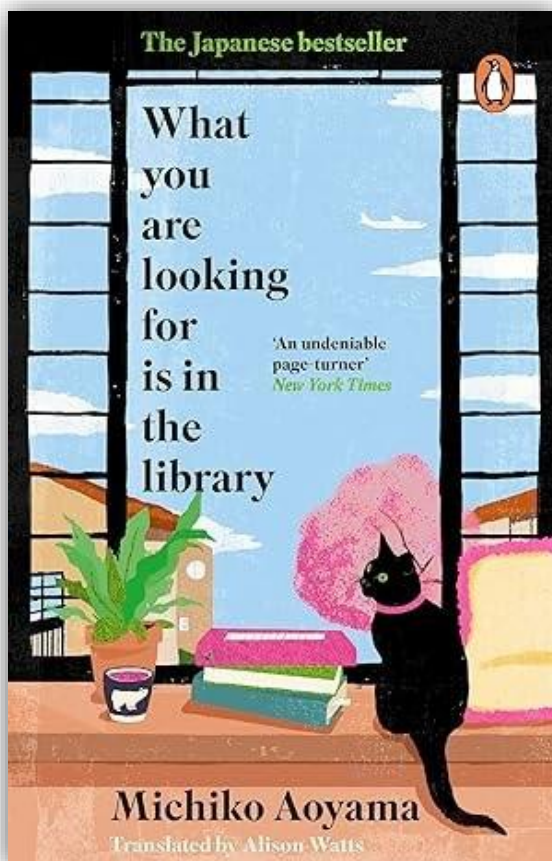


This book is about changing relationships, unexpected friendships, romance, moral development, difficult aunts, but also, how poorer girls struggle in society having to give up luxuries and face jealousy of richer girls. Grow up with the complicated March girls as you follow their fights and friendships. Set in 1860s America during the civil war, the girls and their mother have been left to take care of themselves. We follow the perspective of the second oldest daughter Jo, who is charmingly daring and feisty. Little Women has a feminist feel to it by breaking gender stereotypes of the time, especially through Jo's character. However, it is also a comedic coming of age story. This book has a warm atmosphere and delves into the difficulties of growing up, the problems you face and the lessons you learn. You can see their characters develop with the moral lessons, which makes you feel close to them. It's a good book to read around Christmas time, having an uplifting and merry feeling. I recommend anyone to read this, but especially to teenage girls who will find it most relatable. It's a fast read and I will definitely read it again. I loved this book!

**Emily, 9J**

Image source - Amazon.co.uk

#### What You Are Looking for is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama



A gentle, quirky and charming read that I found to be original and refreshing. The book, set in modern day Japan, links five short stories featuring people who are at a point in their lives where they feel directionless: a young, undervalued shop assistant, a new mother struggling on return to work, an accountant in the wrong career, an unfulfilled manga artist and a recent retiree needing new purpose. Our protagonists all visit a local library where they encounter a very individual librarian, Sayuri Komachi. Upon their individual requests for specific books, Ms Komachi gives each of them a recommended book list and for each, one of the books seems a very bizarre choice. However, these bizarre books enlighten them and allow them to lead their lives in unforeseen and surprising directions.

What You Are Looking for is in the Library, delves into everyday Japanese life with a deceptively light touch that has you hooked nevertheless. I was enchanted by the enigmatic Ms Komachi, with her almost magical book recommendations and following the individual journeys is exceptionally heart-warming.

This truly is a beautiful book and a little homage to books, libraries and librarians. Happy Reading!

**Mrs Lees, Resource Manager**

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## Competition Time

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

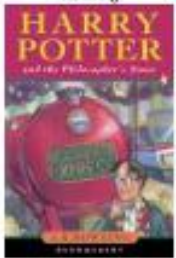
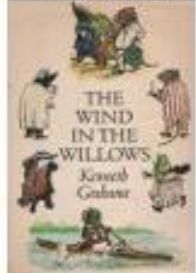



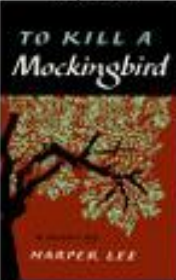
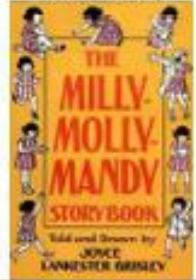

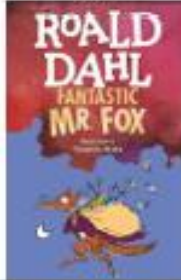



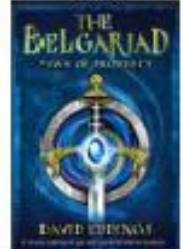



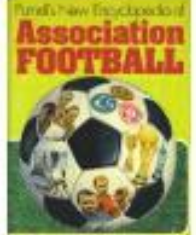
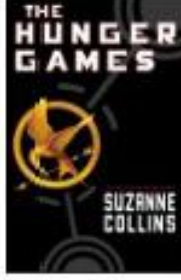


For World Book Day this year, form groups were challenged to match up the member of staff with their childhood favourite book. The answers and winning form group will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to the staff that contributed to the quiz and worked on this during form time and to the students for getting involved!

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### World Book Day Quiz 2025

Match up the member(s) of staff with the childhood books below. There will be a prize for the form with the most correct answers. Please return to Miss O'Sullivan by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**.

1. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling 	2. The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame 	3. The Famous Five Books by Enid Blyton 	4. The Secret Seven Books by Enid Blyton 	5. A Stitch in Time by Penelope Lively 
6. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee 	7. Milly-Molly-Mandy by Joyce Lankester Brisley 	8. Inkheart by Cornelia Funke 	9. Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl 	10. Rebecca's World by Terry Nation 
11. Each, Peach, Pear, Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg 	12. Shhh! by Sally Grindley 	13. The Belgariad by David Eddings 	14. The Six Bunkerby Children by Astrid Lindgren 	15. Now We Are Six by A. A. Milne 
16. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis 	17. Purnell's New Encyclopedia of Association Football 1978 	18. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins 	19. Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery 	20. Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling 

#### Members of Staff:

Mrs Bennett	Mrs Lord (Maths)	Mrs Lees	Miss White, Mrs Martin and Miss Jeffery
Mrs French & Mrs Martindale	Mrs Waldron (RS)	Mrs Chandler	Mr Love
Mrs Waldron (Biology)	Mr Blackburn	Mrs Spies	Mrs Iyfnrrt
Miss Magnus	Mrs Cave	Mrs Rogers	Miss Hammond
Mrs Hebblewhite	Mrs Fisk	Mrs Nowak	Miss O'Sullivan

## Competition Time

### Library Book Cover Competition



Image sources - Amazon.co.uk

Do you know your books? Would you like to win a copy of Sunrise on the Reaping, the brand new book in the Hunger Games series? Pick up an entry sheet in the Library and name all fifty book titles and authors, from the part of the book cover pictured on our display board.

The winning student with the most correct answers, will receive a copy of the book. In the event of a tie, a draw for the winner will take place. You have until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to return your answer sheets to the Library and be in with a chance of winning.

May the odds be ever in your favour.

**Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Lees**

## Careers News

### University Centre Peterborough – Open Day – 15<sup>th</sup> 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/J6Al\\_szv8uo](https://youtu.be/J6Al_szv8uo)

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 31<sup>st</sup> March-4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June-4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

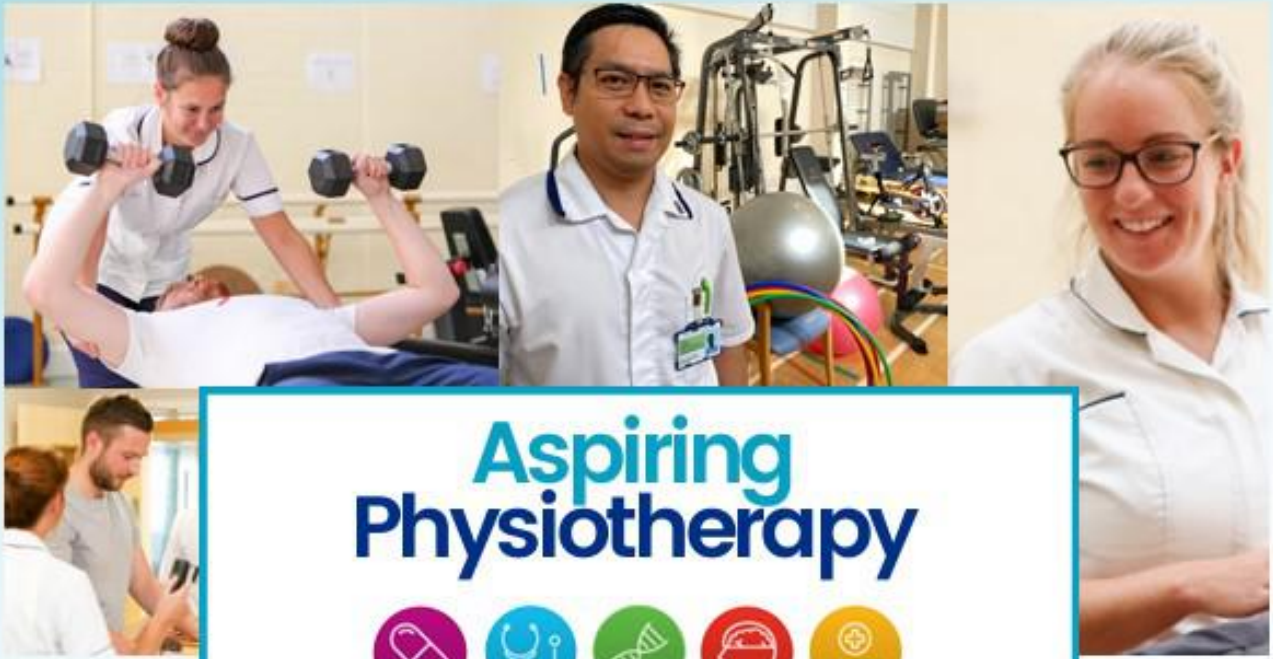
As always, I can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

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

**Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader**



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## 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



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## 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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