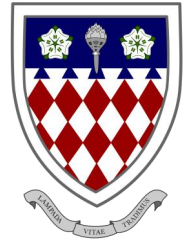


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

27th March 2025



It has been Achievement Week here at the High this week and hundreds of students have been awarded certificates, awards and badges celebrating their success across a number of areas of School life. The assemblies are always a pleasure to attend as it provides a moment of formal recognition of student effort and achievement. I know that the parental letters and emails we send home are also warmly received. Congratulations to everyone.

As we approach Easter, we begin the formal handover period between the 2024/25 Prefect Team and the new incoming 2025/26 Team. Thank you to the outgoing Prefect Team, Mentors and Sports Leaders, all of whom have played such an important and impressive part in school life during their year of service to the School. It was very pleasing to read your reports in this edition of the bulletin and see how many opportunities your roles gave to you and how you all feel that you have developed and grown as a result. Again, thank you and well done!

Well done also to Neev – wait until you read her report; what an amazing achievement.

As we head into the weekend, a couple of final messages and reminders:

It is Mother's Day on Sunday – don't forget that even a cup of tea and being extra helpful is just as kind as expensive cards and gifts....

The clocks go forward between Saturday and Sunday – Summer is on the way....

Happy Eid!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Energy Drinks

The consumption of energy drinks (e.g. Monster, Red Bull, Boost and other brands) is not permitted in school and pupils are asked not to bring them onto school grounds.

School Office

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 17th 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 |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 7C | Amelia Zuk | Mrs C Lord | Mathematics |
| 7N | Lily Jessop | Mr Garbett | Music |
| 7S | Safa Nadeem | Mrs Tanner | Art |
| 8J | Maggie Chipperfield | Mrs Martin | Mathematics |
| 8N | Maya Pahal | Miss Bailey | German |
| 8P | Eunice Kei | Mrs Schwarz | Textiles |
| 9C | Heidi Woodrow | Mrs Rogers | Geography |
| 9C | Iris Lucas | Miss Ashley | Mathematics |
| 9J | Holly Claydon | Mr Fovargue | Computer Science |
| 9N | Laila Chapman | Mrs Jones | Latin |
| 9N | Poppy Crunkhorn | Mrs Dowson | English |
| 9P | Diya Saju | Mrs C Aurikko | Chemistry |
| 9S | Reyah Ali | Mrs Spinks | Mathematics |
| 10C | Izzie O'Brien | Miss White | Chemistry |
| 10C | Karolina Gren | Mrs Barats | French |
| 10C | Jasmine Copping | Mrs Martindale | Biology |
| 10J | Oana Dascalu-Gavril | Mr Ganger | Further Mathematics |
| 10J | Holly Bignell | Mrs Busfield | Physics |
| 10N | Isabelle Chikanya | Mrs Nowak | Mathematics |
| 10N | Simona Moskova | Mrs Neal | Art |
| 10P | Milly Jones | Mrs Martindale | Community |
| 10S | Emilia Tokarska Da Silva | Mrs Lees | Community |
| 11J | Hannah Sporton | Miss Jones | Physical Education |
| 11P | Scarlett Ward | Mrs Knowles | French |
| 11S | Dilsha Joseph | Mrs T Waldron | Biology |
| 6AF | Evie Duffill | Mrs H Waldron | Religious Studies |
| 6GD | Lilli Bowman | Miss Jeffery | English Literature |
| 6KM | Neev Wahiwala | Mrs Nowak | Community |
| 6LH | Jasmine Jacklin | Miss Rossouw | Psychology |
| 6LH | Taelah Roberts | Mrs Hebblewhite | Psychology |
| 6LM | Harriet Drewery | Mr Hempsall | History |
| 6TD | Charlotte Knights | Mrs H Waldron | Community |

Music News



On Friday 14th March 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to perform at The Bhavan in London with the London Sitar Academy (LSA). The performance was a tribute to Ustad Vilayat Khan Sahab, who taught my teacher's teacher, making the concert even more special and nerve-wracking. Ustad Vilayat Khan Ji was influential in classical sitar as he revolutionised the style of 'Gayaki Ang', which attempts to mimic the voice, giving the audience the sense that the sitar is singing. The performance (named The Singing Sitar) lasted from 7:30pm to 9:30pm and was in front of an audience of 160 people. It was absolutely amazing to meet so many talented tabla players, sitarists, and classical singers, and I was ecstatic by the blessings and praise I received from so many people. The atmosphere was filled with respect for Ustad Vilayat Khan's legacy, and I am honoured to be a student of Ustad Ji's style of classical sitar. The whole experience was awesome and I was even offered to join LSA permanently despite it being strictly for London sitarists!

Neev Wahiwala, 6KM



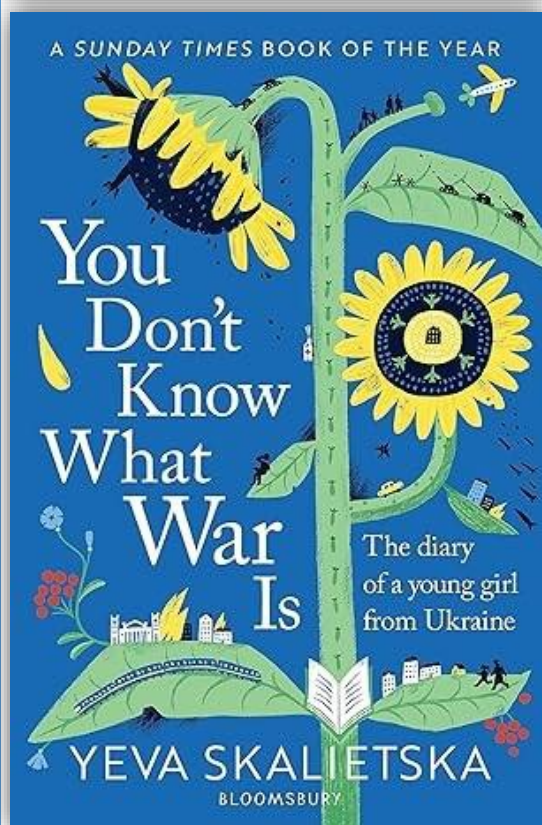
Bookworm Bulletin



[Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi](#)

Have you ever wished you could go back in time, even just for a moment? Before the Coffee Gets Cold explores this very idea, set in a small Tokyo café where customers can travel to the past—but only under strict conditions. They must sit in a particular seat, they cannot change the present, and most importantly, they must return before their coffee gets cold. Through four interwoven stories, we meet people longing for second chances - whether to see a lost loved one, undo a regret, or say what was left unsaid. The book is deeply touching, reminding us to appreciate the present and the people in our lives before it's too late. Kawaguchi's storytelling is simple yet powerful, and while there are moments of sadness, the overall message is uplifting. A gentle, thought-provoking read that stays with you long after you turn the last page.

Mr Blackburn



[You Don't Know What War Is by Yeva Skalietska](#)

This book really changes your perspective on war. It deepens your understanding of how war effects so many lives. The book unfolds through diary entries, news headlines and text messages between Yeva and her friends. The texts show how war affects everyone differently.

The book is written by a twelve year old girl Yeva, who has her birthday just before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. She lives with her gran in a flat in Kharkiv. There are rumours of war, but when war strikes it is shocking as bombs suddenly drop at 5.10am one morning. Yeva and her gran rush to the basement of their flat which has become a bomb shelter. They then flee across Ukraine. Yeva and her gran arrive in Western Ukraine, where they then seek refuge and are greeted by a Channel 4 television crew. Yeva tells her story and shows her diary to a presenter. They travel across Europe to Hungary, where they are allowed to pass through the borders even though they don't have their passports and papers. The television crew support and help Yeva and her gran to safety in Ireland, where her story continues.

This book is for everyone as everyone should read Yeva's words.

Roxy 9P



Image source—carngies.co.uk

We will be launching our annual Carnegie Book Group on Tuesday 1st April at 1.30pm in the Library Study Room, and then every Tuesday after. In this book group we discuss the eight books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal for Writing 2025. Our launch meeting will be an opportunity for you to borrow a shortlisted book for the Easter holidays. Subsequent meetings will focus on book covers, opening lines and then discussion book by book. We celebrate with a big balloon debate at the end of the summer term.

Whether you have lots of opinions to share, or would like to meet fellow book worms, this welcoming book group is open to all ... we'd love to see you there.

Miss O'Sullivan & Mrs Lees
English Department and Learning Resource Manager

Sixth Form News

Prefect Team 2024- 2025

After Easter our new Senior Prefect Team will be taking over from our current prefects. This year's Prefect Team have done an amazing job supporting School events and other students within the School. They have become involved in so many events and given up a lot of their free time to make them a success. We will miss working with them and thank them for their hard work. They have taken time to reflect on what the year as a Senior Prefect has meant to them and to wish the new prefects well.

Abbie Horspool – Head student/ Social Media Committee

I am grateful to have had the opportunity of being Head Student. I have enjoyed being a part of the Senior Prefect team and have learnt some very valuable skills. I have grown my confidence through public speaking and have learnt organisational skills by helping with events such as open days. I hope that I have made a positive impact on the School, and I am excited for our Sixth Form Ball that we have been planning! Congratulations to Briony, I am sure you will do a fantastic job.

Being social media prefect has been very fun! I enjoyed working with the committee in making creative posts like our teacher interview series. I have learnt technical and management skills which will help me in my future careers. I'd like to thank the committee for their hard work in helping to make the posts!

Francesca Crossman-Vyse - Deputy Head Student/House Captain

This year I was Deputy Head Student and also a House Captain for Nightingale. I have really enjoyed these opportunities and have been able to work with a great team of prefects. As a House Captain, I helped organise and run a Charity Day, in which Nightingale raised over £400 for the Little Princess Trust, all through selling cakes and setting up activities for everyone to enjoy. As a prefect, I have attended open evenings and curriculum events, in which we have been able to promote the School. As Deputy, I have also been able to contribute ideas towards our Leavers' Ball, and help choose venues, decorations and themes, which I have really enjoyed.

Naomi Warren – Deputy Head Student

During my time as a Senior Prefect, I have been involved in a range of activities during and outside of school time. I represented Spalding High on Remembrance Sunday at the service in Ayscoughfee Gardens, helped the new Year 7 students in the summer of 2024, and volunteered in the School car park for the Flower Parade last May.

I greatly enjoyed helping at School open events throughout the academic year as I had the opportunity to get to know new people across the year groups. I especially liked assisting with the Careers Fair as I got to guide the visitors to the gym and have a sneak-peak at the overall layout of the event. I have loved working with the other prefects this year and wish the next team all the best.

Evie Ahern – House Captain

I have immensely enjoyed being a senior prefect over the past year. As a prefect I have been able to work with a lot of younger years and learn a range of different ideas and creativity. Additionally, as a senior prefect I have been a part of many School events and charity days over the past year and they have taught me how to be more organised and how to navigate larger events, especially the ones where the parents are involved. Finally, what I have enjoyed most as a senior prefect is being able to work with a fantastic group of people, we have had great fun helping the School and most recently planning our leavers' ball. For the next generation of prefects, I would say enjoy every moment with the people you work with along the way because a year will go by really fast, and I wish you all the best of luck

Abigail Armstrong – House Captain

As a senior prefect, I have had the opportunity to help with School events which has definitely made me more confident as a person. Talking to future students and their parents at open days and sharing their excitement has to be one of my favourite parts of being a prefect, as I remember being one of them so many years ago.

I was also able to help with the House Charity Day, organising and collaborating with others from my house which I really enjoyed. Working and communicating with my peers has been a really valuable and fun experience, not just during this event but as a senior prefect in general.

Roselin Augustine - House Captain

Being a senior prefect and house captain was an incredible experience that really helped me develop my confidence and interpersonal skills. I am genuinely grateful for the opportunities I had, from coordinating events to collaborating with different teams. One of the most memorable experiences was organising House Charity Day, where I was able to bring people together for a great cause while creating an enjoyable and lively atmosphere. These roles challenged me, but they also gave me invaluable leadership experience and some of my best memories.

Evie Duffill – Charity Committee

It has been lovely being the charity prefect, because I have been able to help organise a range of School events. One of the highlights for me was definitely the House Charity Day, as it was really successful, and everyone had a good time running the stalls and doing the activities. Being a prefect has been a brilliant experience, as I have enjoyed working together with the other prefects, teachers and committees, and it has been nice representing the School at open evenings.

Sophie Gleave – Creative Arts Committee

My time as the senior creative arts prefect has been very exciting, especially with many events such as the School Concerts and the production of Chicago. I would say that it has been great to work with the Senior Creative Arts Committee to organise events (such as the two Fringe Fridays) and to be able to see them materialise. Whilst these events have been great to organise, admittedly it can be quite stressful to get everything together for them, but usually this is not too bad as the Senior Creative Arts Committee works well together and we all contribute.

Overall, being a senior prefect has been exciting and had helped me to develop skills such as time management and organisational skills. I have also developed my teamwork and leadership abilities as part of the Committee and the Senior Prefect team.

Ellie Griffin – Environment Committee

I have enjoyed being Environment prefect this year. I loved getting to organise Bags2School alongside members of the Environment Committee, as it was successful! Overall, it's been a very rewarding position, and I have learnt a lot about teamwork and organisation as a prefect. I wish next year's prefect team the best of luck and hope that they have an amazing time!

Madeleine McGovern – Well- Being Committee

Being a senior prefect has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my time at the sixth form. Not only has it given me the opportunity to become close to a wonderful group of people, but it has allowed to me contribute and give back to the School. It has given me the chance to improve my confidence and public speaking skills, as we have helped with various open evenings and presented some assemblies to the school. Being the mental health and wellbeing Prefect has allowed me to promote a positive mental health across the School, which I believe is extremely important, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to do so.

Isha Shogy – High Quarterly Committee

I have really enjoyed working in a team with other senior prefects and collaborating in weekly meetings to discuss improvements for the sixth form and common room, organise and help in events such as prom and the sixth form open evening, and voice opinions and feedback on behalf of other sixth formers. I have also enjoyed joining weekly meetings and collaborating with other committee members for the HQ committee, writing various articles and being a part of the magazines released. Overall, I have gained confidence, leadership skills and communication and teamwork skills through being a senior prefect and I am so grateful for the experience and skills this role has provided me with.

Sakina Walji – Library Committee

This year as the library prefect, I implemented a summer reading challenge. We had three different categories and a lot of participants from across the School. Alongside working in the library desk, I have helped advertise the sixth form book club. Overall, it's been a great experience, and I have learnt a lot.

Roisin Williams – Common Room Committee

This year I have been the common room prefect. In this role, I have been responsible for ensuring the kitchen remains clean and in usable condition. I have made the checklists for clean-up and made sure there are sufficient cleaning products. I also began the process, with the Environment and Creative Arts prefects, of planning to decorate recycling bins to improve the amount of recycling the sixth form is doing.



Spring into Spalding Bake Off Competition

South Holland Council are pleased to announce the return of the Spring into Spalding Bake Off Competition which will be taking place on Saturday 29th March at the South Holland Centre in Spalding.

This is a brilliant opportunity for students to showcase their baking skills. Matty Edgell, Great British Bake Off 2023 Winner will be judging the cakes, giving all participants the opportunity chat and take a photos with him! There will be prizes for the winners too!

For more information or to participate, please email samantha.bradley@sholland.gov.uk



Cake Bake Off Competition

**AT THE SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE
MARKET PLACE, SPALDING
AT 11AM ON SATURDAY 29TH MARCH**



**YOUR CAKES WILL BE JUDGED BY
MATTY EDGELL, THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE
OFF WINNER 2023 & BY THE CHAIRMAN
OF SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
& SARAH HALGARTH OF BOOKMARK**



**BRING ALONG YOUR CAKES AT 10AM FOR SETTING UP
JUDGING WILL BE AT AT 11AM**

For more details contact Samantha Bradley:
email: samantha.bradley@sholland.gov.uk tel: 01775 764694

*The cakes will be sold to raise money
for the Chairman's Charities*



Careers News

Year 13 – Student Finance applications

Student Finance England has now opened its application window for students to apply for finance for university tuition fees and maintenance loans for starting university in the autumn:

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

Channel Talent Webinar – Managing Your Money at University

Channel Talent is hosting a webinar presented by students from the University of East Anglia about managing money at university on 29th April 4.30-5.15pm. Students and parents/carers are welcome to register:

[HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? Hear From Current Students With Georgina May & Jim Carlberg, Higher Education Advisers & 2 Student Ambassadors From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

Work Experience in Years 10 and 12

Year 10 students will be out on work experience next week. We hope that students enjoy their time and develop their transferable skills. They will all have a logbook to complete during the week. Parents/carers and students are reminded that if they are unable to attend their placement, for example if they are ill, they must inform their employer and school each day that they are absent.

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.

Volunteer Police Cadets

Students between the ages of 13 and 16 have the chance to sign up for the Volunteer Police Cadets to learn about policing and supporting their community. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

University of Lincoln – Health Courses Open Campus Event

The University of Lincoln is holding their Health Courses Open Campus event on Saturday 5 April. It is designed to encompass all elements of health at the University of Lincoln, from apprenticeships and traditional undergraduate courses, through to postgraduate provision and post-registration programmes.

The event will be hosted in the Isaac Newton Building between 10am and 12pm with tours of clinical suites running during the event.

You will also be able to speak to their expert teams about a range of topics including practice placements, fees and funding, admissions, personal statements, interviews, and student support.

The link to register for the event is here:

[Health Open Campus | DD | University of Lincoln](#)

Courses in attendance at the event:

Nursing
Midwifery
Paramedic Science
Social Work
Diagnostic Radiography
Medicine
Biomedical Science
Sport Science
Biomedical Engineering
Public Health
Physiotherapy
Speech and Language Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy
Pharmaceutical Sciences


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

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