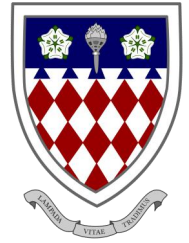


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

12th June 2025



Year 4 have been visiting this week from a number of our local primary schools. They have been in enjoying lessons in lots of specialist rooms with High School subject teachers and spending time finding out about “big school”. It is very sweet to see them walking around the site and I know that our students and staff have enjoyed having them in; I hope they have had fun too! This is a time of the year when we are not actually slowing or winding down to the summer but actually winding up to get ready for September! The School has its annual New Intake Information Evening for the new Year 7 joining us in September 2025. This is always a lovely evening as it is the first proper gathering of our Class of 2025! It is lovely to see the pupils grow from the shy little Year 6 into the mature and confident young adults that leave us seven years later. The School also has its annual Open Day next week for pupils in Y4 and Y5. Do come and join us for a look around on Thursday, 19th June.

Next week we also have World Music Day to enjoy on Monday, 16th June. Mr Garbett and the music prefects have a number of activities and events for us to enjoy during the day across a range of musical tastes and styles and so hopefully everyone will find something to suit. A special mention this week must go to Mr Garbett, Mrs Webb and the Chamber Choir on their incredible achievement award; very well done to you all!

There is lots of great sports news this week and so congratulations to all of the athletes on their achievements and PBs. Good luck to Issy (and dad!) on the London to Brighton Bike Ride too – let me know if you make it up Ditchling Beacon and Turners Hill on the bikes rather than walking!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 19th May and 2nd June 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	Holly Burton	Mr Garbett	Music
7J	Chivirnen Tivkaa	Mrs Fisk	English
7J	Diya Gopinath	Mrs Rogers	Geography
7P	Milana Bairamova	Mr McAlinden	History
7S	Safa Nadeem	Miss Bailey	German
8C	Megan Hogan	Mrs Dowson	English
8C	Immy Law	Mr Cook	English Language
8C	Isla Worrall	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
8N	Fatima Shamime	Miss Jeffery	English
8N	Jessica Smyth-Wood	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
8P	Darcey Gunter	Mrs Knowles	German
8P	Bea Snaith	Mrs Neal	Art
8P	Eunice Kei	Mrs Jones	Latin
8S	Bethany Johnson	Mrs Wilkins	Technology
9J	Holly Claydon	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9N	Grace Maycroft	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
9N	Neve Timmins	Miss White	Chemistry
10J	Ruby Forsyth	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10N	Julia Furmanczyk	Mr Murphy	Chemistry
10N	Lucy Henson	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10P	Tilly Buck	Mr Hempsall	History
10S	Emma Bayes	Mr Blackburn	Business
6GD	Vanessa Bulwa	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
6JL	Jasmine Jacklin	Mrs Tanner	Art
6JL	Isobel Kitchen	Mrs Tanner	Community
6LH	Jasmine Macasaddu	Miss Rossouw	Psychology
6SC	Matthew Harper	Miss Chalcraft	PSHCE
6SC	Matthew Harper	Mrs Neal	Community
6SC	Lexi Goult	Mrs Bennett	Geography

Sports News

Athletics

On Tuesday 3rd June, 15 pupils represented South Lincolnshire at the annual Lincolnshire Schools' Athletics Championships. In some challenging conditions (see picture of Mr Farrell who got soaked on the day) all athletes represented their districts with pride. Special congratulations go to Katie Cawson (discus), Mbali Mlalazi (100m/relay), Khanyi Mlalazi (100m/relay), Izzy Hurn (800m) and Iris Kwakye (100m/200m/relay) who will now go on to represent Lincolnshire at the regional (Anglian) athletics championships on 21st June in Peterborough.

PE Department



More Athletics

Following the Junior Girls' athletics team success at the ESAA Track & Field Cup athletics event on Thursday 15th May, they qualified to compete at the 'Regional B Finals'. On Monday 9th June the team travelled to Berry Hill athletics stadium, Mansfield to compete in the ESAA Track & Field Cup regional athletics event.

Each athlete may do no more than two events: one track and one field event; one track and the relay; one field event and the relay. All teams MUST have a relay team. Competitions are scored on a points basis where better performances gain more points.

The team finished 6th overall but finishing with only 14 points less than 1st place it was an extremely close competition. Throughout the day there were lots of very impressive individual performances gaining personal bests which significantly contributed to our overall points tally.

Well done to:

- Mbali for an impressive 19pts for 100m and 17pts for Shot
- Diana and Iris for 19pts in 800m and 1500m respectively
- Darcey for 17pts in 1500m and 15pts in javelin
- Maya and Megan for their 16pts in High Jump and 800m



Miss Magnus, PE Department

Celebrating The Individual in Y10 - Issy Payne 10P

London to Brighton Bike ride

'Issy and her Dad are taking part in the London to Brighton bike ride on Sunday 15th June.

They are doing it in memory of Issy's grandad, and raising funds for the British Heart Foundation.

We are immensely proud of Issy and the time she has dedicated to training for the 54 mile ride.'

Mrs Payne



What a challenge! Well done Issy for all your hard work and dedication in memory of your Grandad and raising money for the British Heart Foundation – a very worthy cause. If you are able please support Issy with her fundraising and see the link below. We looking forward to hearing how Issy gets on and seeing the shiny medal at the end!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/issypayne-67c9ef2fe56c81420580691c>

Mrs Neal, Head of Year 10

Music News

SHS Chamber Choir

We are delighted to announce that the Spalding High School Chamber Choir has been awarded a Gold Award at the UK Schools' Music Festival 2024–2025.

Competing in the **Senior Choir/Vocal Group** category, the choir received an outstanding score of **96/100** for their performance of *You Do Not Walk Alone* by Elaine Hagenberg.

The Chamber Choir comprises some of the most accomplished singers at Spalding High School and regularly performs at school concerts and community events. Their repertoire often features highly challenging music, with pieces that frequently divide into as many as eight separate vocal parts and include intricate, close harmonies.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication, talent, and hard work of our Chamber Choir – congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Mr Garbett, Head of Music



Bookworm Bulletin

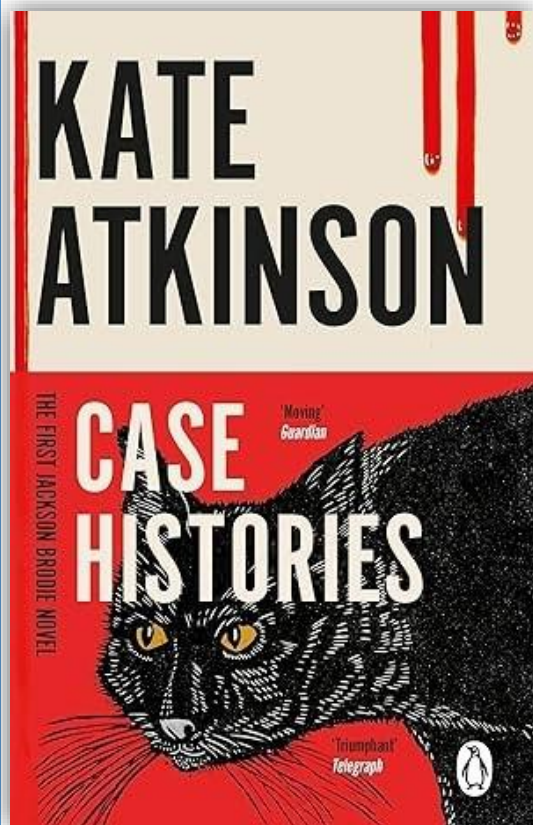
The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow



When I first read this book, I had just started Y7 and this book (a story about Year 6 and preparing to move up to secondary school) related to me and I connected with the book. Unlike other books, it is written in verse, which some may say is simple but it allowed the author, Matt Goodfellow, to touch on certain topics beautifully. The book may look small but inside there is heaps of character development which I love and believe enhances the story telling as you follow Nate throughout Year 6; friendship problems, school worries and more. There are many plot twists where you don't expect them - and it takes you by surprise, I truly mean it. Overall, in my words the book is beautiful and unbelievably emotional, from the covers it may look like a cute kid's book, but make sure to bring your tissues and tune in to an amazing story!

Chivirnen 7J

Case Histories by Kate Atkinson



I have always loved reading and it's often only something I get to do for pleasure in the school holidays, where I'll often get through a couple of reasonably sized books in a week, staying up late to see what happens next. I must be an author's dream for a cliff hanger; I always turn the page! I enjoy recommendations and I'm lucky to have several friends who I swap books with and we can then discuss them afterwards - the characters, the plots, the twists. I generally read crime fiction - I like the 'start, middle, end' structure they have and finding out 'who dunnit?' at the end. Recently I've read Case Histories by Kate Atkinson, which starts with three chapters about totally unrelated incidents, but as the book progresses, links are revealed and formed and an ex-cop private investigator has to solve the various puzzles before him. I have also read book one of the Harrogate Crime Series with a detective split across two demanding investigations, where seemingly innocent characters lied convincingly to his face at every turn, so he had to rely on his 'gut feeling' to bring the perpetrators to justice. Apart from those I'm loaned, I also like taking a punt on books I find in charity shops, as they are so cheap, contribute to the reuse/recycle ethos I'm a fan of, and provide the opportunity to try something different to the norm on occasion. Best wishes for your own reading this summer!

Mrs Busfield, Head of Biology

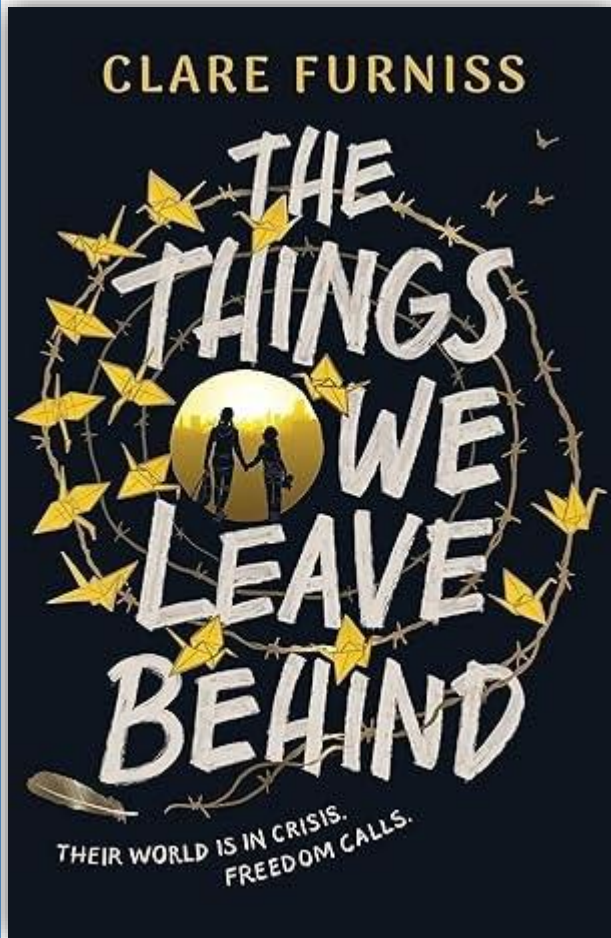


Image source: Amazon.com

In our last session we discussed *The Things We Leave Behind* by Clare Furniss. In this book London is a dangerous place to live; people are angry with the strict rules the government are putting in place and peaceful protests are answered with state brutality and violence. Clem flees the city with her little sister Billie and tells of their hazardous journey north to seek asylum in Scotland. Flashbacks throughout the story give insight into what has happened and why certain choices are made. But we soon feel that there is something awful that Clem is hiding.

The Things We Leave Behind is a powerful book about standing up for what you believe is right. Some of us didn't enjoy this book and found the mix of flashbacks and present tense confusing, but for others it was a heart-breaking, thought-provoking and compelling read.

Jess & Evelyn 7S

Front Cover Competition

Could you be the artist of the front cover for Edition 9 of the High Quarterly?

We are launching a competition to design the front cover of the Summer '25 Edition of HQ. Entries can use a variety of media or photographic techniques and will be judged by the High School Art Department.

Your entry must be your own personal work and can be colour or black and white but must be A4 in size and portrait orientation. Your entry should have your name and form on the reverse.

Hand your entry in to the School Reception, no later than **Friday 27th June 2025**.

Judging will take place in the week of Monday 30th June, and the winner will receive not just the prestige of having their artwork adorn the next edition, but also a wonderful prize!

Runners up will also receive prizes and their artwork will be published in the summer edition of the HQ.

M K Anderson, Headmistress



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



English News

The Henry Williamson Society

Please see below a flyer for The Henry Williamson Society Schools' Writing Competition for Y8 and 9 students.

Mrs Lord, Head of English



The Henry Williamson Society

SCHOOLS' WRITING COMPETITION 2025

For the attention of the Head of English

Theme: Nature-themed writing reporting for a school magazine, newspaper article, digital blog or holiday brochure

Entrants to choose *one* of these titles:

'A Favourite Nature Walk'

'A Gull's Life'

Age Group: Years 8 and 9

Closing date: 27 June 2025

Prize money:

To the school of the winning entrant – £500

To the winner – £100

To the two runners-up – £50 each

**Details and source materials available from our website
www.henrywilliamson.co.uk**

Entries by post only, sent to the address below

The Henry Williamson Society
c/o Louise McGlone
5 Framfield Place
Hammonds Green
Framfield
Uckfield
TN22 5QH

Enquiries to the above address, or email: competition@henrywilliamson.co.uk

Careers News

Year 10 – University Centre Peterborough Trip – 8th July

Last week we sent out information about a free upcoming trip for all our Year 10 students to University Centre Peterborough. Could parents/carers please complete the consent form at their earliest convenience.

Year 12 Work Experience – 30th June – 4th July

Year 12 students will be out on work experience 30th June – 4th July. If any students are not at a placement for the full five days, they will be expected to be in school where they will be able to complete virtual work experience activities and continue to work on personal statements and progression route planning with me.

University Applications for Year 12 students

We will be attending the UCAS Discovery Event at the University of Lincoln on 26th June where students will be able to meet representatives from a range of universities and employers:

UCAS Discovery Lincoln 2025 | UCAS

I will be assisting students who wish to apply to university with their online applications in the coming weeks and students have already started work on personal statement writing, which is recommended for all students, not just those applying to university. We hope that parents/carers will support students with applications and personal statement writing. Guidance on the new-style personal statement can be found here:

The new personal statement for 2026 entry | UCAS

A useful guide for parents/carers to learn more about university is produced by UniTasterDays.com:

The Parents Guide to University

Aspiring Theatre Careers

The NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy is running two events in June to give students aged 15-19 an opportunity to gain an insight into the high-pressure working environment in a hospital theatre. Students will learn about various career routes such as Anaesthetists, Healthcare Support Workers (HCSW), Nurses, Nurse Associates (NAs), Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs), Orderlies, Surgeons, Theatre Managers and Theatre Support Workers (TSW).

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details. If students apply and gain a place, could they please let me know.

Choices Magazine for Parents/Carers

Please see the Choices Magazine QR code in the 'information for Parents/Carers' section in the Careers area on the school website to sign up to this monthly publication with information, guidance and tips about apprenticeships and technical education.

'What next at 16?'

The Careers and Enterprise Company has produced a comprehensive guide about pathways for students aged 16 and above with information relevant to our geographical area. Please see the 'Information for Parents/Carers' and the 'Information for Students' sections in the Careers area on the school website.

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



Aspiring Theatre Careers



**Explore the careers that deliver skilled care before,
during and after a patient's surgical procedure**

Open to individuals aged 15 to 19 years. This event provides an opportunity to explore the various roles and specialisms within Theatres through interactive workshops and informative talks led by industry experts.

Thursday 19th June - Lincoln County Hospital
Wednesday 25th June - Pilgrim Hospital, Boston

6.00 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration closes at 4 pm on 17th June



TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

Register Today!

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