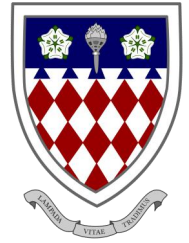


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

26th June 2025



Extended Learning Week gives us the opportunity to step outside of the formal curriculum and explore learning, knowledge and cultural experiences in a way that we cannot do during a normal timetabled week as well as providing a greater amount of time dedicated to a project, topic or trip.

Planning has been taking place for several weeks and staff are working in groups to plan an exciting week of opportunities, which not only support and extend knowledge and skills but also provide us with opportunities to develop further the School's 4Rs: Reciprocity, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness.

On Monday to Wednesday, each year group will follow a timetable of themed days as outlined below. On Thursday, the whole School will be involved in the Careers and Skills Day and on Friday, Sports Day and House Competitions.

Year 7:

Monday is Maths Day. This will involve a series of problem solving mathematical challenges and students will collaborate and work in teams to develop their understanding of Maths through practical and creative application. Students will be in normal school uniform and need their pencil cases and maths equipment.

Tuesday is PE Olympics Day and Year 7 will be participating in an amazing array of new sports with the PE Department for a day based on the goals of the Olympics/Paralympics. Not only will this involve team building activities but also new sports to try too. Students may wear PE kit for the day or bring their PE kit to change into in school (don't forget trainers!). They will need their water bottles and hopefully sunscreen!

Wednesday is Science Challenge Day when students will spend time working through experiments and activities focused on listening to opinions, developing strategies for being stuck and learning from making mistakes. Students will be in normal school uniform and need their pencil cases.

Year 8:

Monday is Stay Safe Day and Year 8 will work with a number of Lincolnshire Partnership agencies as part of our PSHCE programme with a focus on staying safe and good decision-making. Students will be in school uniform and need their pencil cases.

Tuesday is the Science Department trip to the **Leicester Space Museum** and Mr Wright has already written to Year 8 about this fantastic trip. Students will be in non-uniform and need a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Parents will need to drop students off that day, as everyone needs to meet on the front lawn **in time for the 8am departure**. The planned return time is 15.30, in time for the buses home.

Wednesday is Well-Being Day, which will focus on the skills of resilience and emotional health including looking at body image, media messages, digital platforms and social media. We will also spend time during the day exploring the importance of physical activities and hobbies/arts/crafts to support our emotional and physical well-being. Students may wear PE kit for the day or bring their PE kit to change into in school (don't forget trainers). They will need their water bottles and hopefully sunscreen!

Year 9:

Most of the year group will be in **Ypres** from Sunday to Tuesday, exploring the WWI battlefields and historic sites in Belgium. This will involve visits to the trenches, cemeteries and Menin Gate to lay a wreath and support not just the work students have been doing in History, but also in English when studying wartime poetry.

For those not going to Ypres:

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Tuesday is the Drama Trip to Tolethorpe and Stamford. Students will be visiting Tolethorpe with the English and Drama staff to watch an amazing production of *Wuthering Heights* adapted by Emma Rice and based on the novel by Emily Bronte and also to have a walking tour and explore the town of Stamford. Students will be in non-uniform, in clothes suitable to be outdoors all day and walking. They need to meet in the School Hall at 8.55am. Mrs Fisk has written home with further details.

Wednesday is Civil Rights Day for all of Year 9, in which the RS Dept. will explore the work of Dr Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in tackling racial inequality and prejudice. Not only is this an important humanist topic but also fundamental to the work students have been studying in RS. Students will be in school uniform and need their pencil cases.

Year 10:

Monday is Macbeth Day with the English department. Students will begin the day with a full screening of the Royal Shakespeare Company's acclaimed production of *Macbeth*, to be screened in the School Hall. This will provide a rich visual and dramatic interpretation of the play, helping students better engage with its complex characters and dark themes. In the afternoon, students will work through a series of activities based on the play. Students will register in the School Hall first thing and will be in school uniform and need their pencil cases.

Tuesday is the University College, Peterborough trip. This supports our work in Careers and our commitment to the Gatsby Benchmarks (7) 'Encounters with Further and Higher Education'. Students will see what a university setting looks like and find out about higher education level learning, courses, accommodation and student finance and to raise students' aspirations for their future. The trip is non-uniform but smart casual. Students should not wear short or cropped clothes.

Wednesday is Enterprise Day, and students will continue their Careers work on the Gatsby Benchmarks (5) 'Encounters with Employers and Employees' working with local employers on a Waste Not, Want Not Challenge. This will enable students to understand how a business operates, the different functions within the business, to work collaboratively with peers to develop employability skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem solving to plan and present their idea for the given brief. They will be in school uniform and need their pencil cases.

Year 12:

Monday is Careers Planning Day during which Year 12 will spend time with tutors on their careers plan, individual statements, CVs and, if applying to university, their UCAS applications. Mrs Bushell and the Sixth Form Team will be on hand all day for support. Students should be in normal Sixth Form dress code for the day and meet in the common room at the start of the day.

Tuesday is Life Skills and Well-Being Day, a rota of activities providing students with the opportunity to learn from each other and practice skills and techniques to support them now and in the future. Students should be in normal Sixth Form dress code for the day.

Wednesday is Challenge Day, a day based on fun-filled challenges and a walk to Ascoughfee in the afternoon for an ice cream! Students may wear PE kit for the day or bring their PE kit to change into in school (don't forget trainers!). They will need their water bottles and hopefully sunscreen!

Thursday is Careers Fair and Skills Day for the whole school. All students will be in normal school uniform/Sixth Form dress code and need their pencil cases.

Friday is Sports Day and House Competition Day for the whole school. Students may wear PE kit for the day or bring their PE kit to change into in school (don't forget trainers!). They will need their water bottles and hopefully sunscreen but no face or body paints/glitter.

There will be more about Thursday and Friday in next week's bulletin.

As you can see, this is an amazing week, which really does support learning at a broader and deeper level whilst developing important life skills. We are all very excited about the opportunities it provides!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 16th 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	Wiktorija Gren	Mrs J Lord	English
7N	Isla Collins	Mrs C Lord	Community
7S	Holly Woolsey	Mrs Martin	Community
7S	Sophia Omelcenko	Mrs Rogers	Geography
7S	Avilasha De	Mrs Tanner	Art
8C	Hooria Kausar	Mrs Dowson	English
8C	Rozee Khatri	Mr Cook	English Literature
8N	Caitlin Lanaghan	Miss Bailey	German
8P	Florence Carlson	Mrs Neal	Art
8P	Katie North	Mrs Jones	Latin
8S	Umayyah Muhammed	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
8S	Alaina Phiri	Miss Pettefar	English
9C	Amelia Fletcher	Mr Hempsall	History
9J	Olivia Duff	Mr McAlinden	Community
9N	Anna Blake	Mr Garbett	Music
9N	Eydee Chilvers	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
9N	Ema Timinskaite	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
9N	Emilia Wade	Ms Busby	Food and Nutrition
10P	Jodie Mister	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
10S	Emilia Tokarska Da Silva	Miss White	Chemistry
10S	Isla Saterlay	Mr Murphy	Chemistry
6TD	Evie-Mae Russell	Mrs Busfield	Biology
6JL	Zahra Shah	Mrs Martindale	Biology

Celebrating The Individual in Y10 - Issy Payne 10P

London To Brighton in aid of British Heart Foundation

I thoroughly enjoyed the London to Brighton bike ride and I would do it again. Training was the hardest part as it takes up so much time and effort to make sure I am prepared for the ride.

On the day, the atmosphere was so encouraging it felt entirely different to any training I had done previously. Everybody doing the ride were supportive and very friendly.

I hope to do it again in the future!!

Issy Payne 10P



Y9 Rounders

On Thursday 12th June the Y9 rounders team played in the South Lincolnshire Schools' Association Tournament. Their first game was against Bourne Academy which SHS won 9-3 ½, with Lacie selected by the opposition as Player of The Match for her great pickups and throws to 2nd post from back stop.

Our second game was against UAH. Fielding first, we managed to get their nine players out in 17 good balls which was an impressive fielding display particularly between back stop, 1st and 2nd posts. This effective fielding led to UAH scoring only 1 ½ rounders. With some good batting we managed to score 11 rounders to win the game comfortably with Antonia scoring our most with 2 ½. Player of The Match was awarded to Annie by the opposition for excellent catches on 1st post being responsible for getting lots of the oppositions batters out.

Our third game was against UALS. We batted first and with some big hits and determined running managed to score 18 ½. An excellent team fielding performance then allowed UALS to only score 2 rounders. Player of The Match was again awarded to Annie by the opposition for excellent catches on 1st post and some good hits whilst batting.

The final game against Spalding Academy took place on Wednesday 18th June during a lunchtime due to an injury on the tournament night. We batted first and were only able to score 4 rounders due to some difficult bowling by the SA team. An outstanding fielding performance led to us winning the game 4 ½ to 2 ½, with brilliant catches across the field getting most of their team out very quickly. Well done to Katie who was awarded Player of The Match by the opposition team for her bowling and batting performances.

The team now progress to play at the finals night next Thursday 3rd July against the Boston area winning school.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Sports News

Year 10 Rounders

Congratulations to the Y10 Rounders team who participated in the SLSSA Tournament on Wednesday 18th June.

Despite the heat, students demonstrated great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the afternoon, which saw four schools in attendance.

The team started strong with a convincing 12–2 victory over University Academy Long Sutton. Their second match was against Bourne Academy, who showed admirable spirit by competing with only six players – Spalding High School secured another win in this game.

The final and most crucial match, determining qualification for the finals night in July, was against University Academy Holbeach. It was a closely fought contest with excellent fielding on display. Unfortunately, Spalding High School were narrowly defeated by just one rounder, with a final score of 6–5.

Well done again to all the players for their effort and teamwork!



Miss Jones, PE Department

Y12 Field Events

On Wednesday 18th June, Y12 students took part in their field events ahead of our upcoming Sports Day on 11th July. Each student was asked to choose two field events (high jump, long jump, discus, javelin or shotput) to compete in during their usual Wednesday afternoon PE slot. Despite the heat, the PE department were very impressed by the engagement and enthusiasm of the students and would like to congratulate them on their attitude and achievements. Results to follow after Sports Day!

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Primary Liaison Week

Recently, we were delighted to welcome Y4 pupils from several local primary schools as part of our Primary Liaison programme. Throughout the week, these young learners had the opportunity to experience a taste of secondary school life here at Spalding High School.

Each visit included exciting sessions in two different subjects, giving our young guests a chance to explore a variety of topics and get a feel for the learning environment at secondary school. From science experiments to creative art activities, everyone got involved with enthusiasm and curiosity. In a geography session, the pupils were looking at animal adaptations for a rainforest creature and they made models showing their animals.

It was wonderful to see the pupils enjoying themselves. A big thank you to all the staff who helped make the week such a success — and well done to our Y4 visitors for their brilliant participation! We look forward to seeing some familiar faces again in the future.



Mrs Spinks, Head of Y7

History News

On Monday 16th June, Mr McAlinden and I took the Y12 historians to Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln, for their History NEA [non-examined assessment] workshop. Students attended different workshops on analysing historical arguments, researching archives, and writing skills. They were also given a campus tour by a current undergraduate, helping students build an understanding of what life for a student is like when studying History or similar disciplines.

Students conducted themselves well, and it is hoped that this experience will further support their NEA work, which is a 4000 word essay worth 20% of the final A-Level History grade. Our thanks go to Bishop Grosseteste University's History Department for hosting this free event.

Mr Hemsall, Head of History & PSHE

On Monday 16th June, Y12 history students embarked on a trip to Lincoln at Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) for support in completing their coursework NEA.

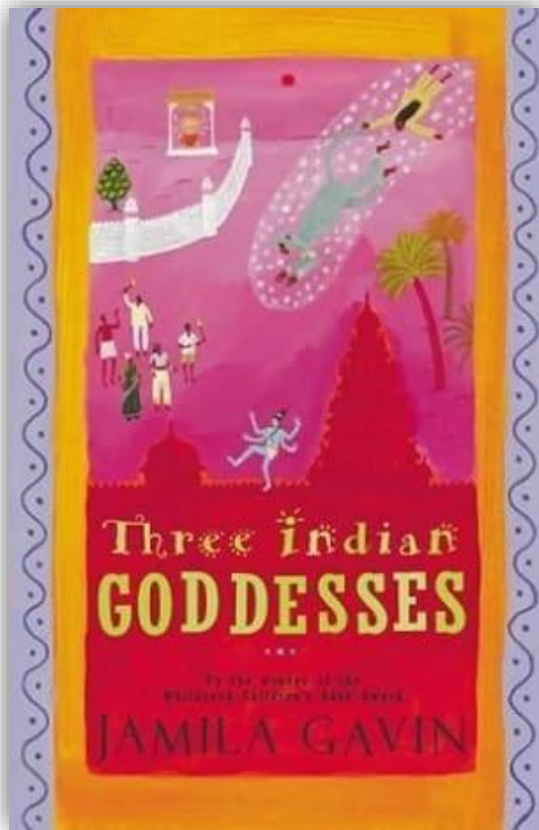
The trip helped us develop our research, interpretation and analysis skills and was finished off with a lovely tour around the campus, where the student ambassadors were very informative and helpful in answering any questions that we may have.

Regardless of whether we may be considering BGU or university for the future, it was an all-round insightful trip that we are all grateful for.

Liz Mukama 6SC

Bookworm Bulletin

Three Indian Goddesses by Jamila Gavin



Enter the magical and exotic world of Indian goddesses!

This book is jam-packed with adventure, and if you're someone who loves getting lost in exciting stories, this is definitely written for you. It includes three unique tales, each featuring a different Indian goddess. One story follows a brave monkey, full of action and loyalty who sets out on a dangerous mission to rescue his beloved Master's wife. Another centres on a girl named Mira, who dreams of dancing like one of the goddesses she admires. Each story is full of culture, courage, and heart.

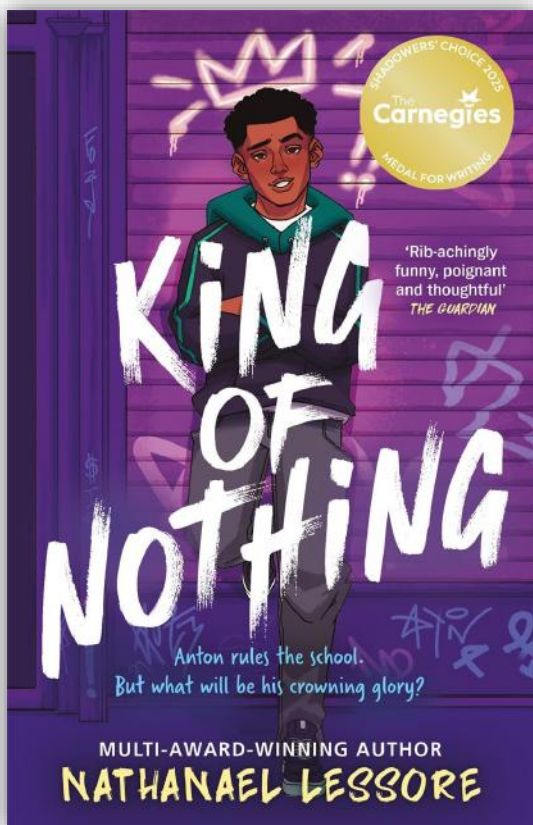
So far, this is the best book I've read in Y7. I really enjoy multicultural books because they're adventurous, exciting, and full of interesting new ideas.

I highly recommend you read this book!

Dikshitha 7N

Image source: Amazon.com

Carnegie Shadowing Book Club Update



Last Tuesday, the Carnegie book group met to discuss 'King of Nothing' by Nathaniel Lessore. The book follows Anton, a Y9 student used to ruling the school. He enjoys his feared status until he gets into serious trouble and his mum makes him join the Happy Campers, a club filled with students he looks down on, including Matthew, the least popular boy in school.

Many of the group had read this book and we had interesting discussions around alternative titles and our opinions. The book also prompted conversations around misogyny and the importance of being exposed to healthy and unhealthy friendships in books to help us to understand what these can look like in real life.

Next, we will be discussing 'The Final Year' before the final balloon debate.

Miss O'Sullivan, English Department

Image source: Amazon.com

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



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 Work Experience – 23rd – 27th March 2026

Last week I spoke to current Year 9 students in assembly about their work experience week in Year 10 next academic year. I have added further information in the students' current Year 9 Careers Team and have written to parents/carers this week about this.

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.

Careers Fair – 10th July

We have our annual careers fair in school for students only on 10th July during the day. If there are any Year 11 or Year 13 students who wish to attend, they are welcome to do so from 1.30pm. They must enter via the main reception and sign in.

The following businesses/services/education providers will be present:

- ⇒ **Worldwide Fruit**
- ⇒ **Army**
- ⇒ **Boston College**
- ⇒ **Caterpillar**
- ⇒ **University of East Anglia**
- ⇒ **Calthrops**
- ⇒ **University of Lincoln**
- ⇒ **Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Services**
- ⇒ **Lincolnshire Police**
- ⇒ **NHS Talent Academy**
- ⇒ **Bakkavor**
- ⇒ **Burmor Construction**
- ⇒ **Alumni Stand**
- ⇒ **Guttridge**
- ⇒ **South East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership**
- ⇒ **St Barnabas Hospice**
- ⇒ **Inspire Education Group (Stamford College, Peterborough College, University Centre Peterborough)**
- ⇒ **Viridor**
- ⇒ **Coveris**
- ⇒ **De Montfort University**
- ⇒ **Outer Dowsing**
- ⇒ **Falmouth University**
- ⇒ **Anglia Ruskin University**
- ⇒ **Key Theatre, Peterborough**
- ⇒ **Lincoln College**
- ⇒ **College of West Anglia**
- ⇒ **Realise Finance**
- ⇒ **Military Preparation College for Training**
- ⇒ **University of Hull**

Aspiring Dentistry and Pharmacy Careers Events

Please see the flyers 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.

Webinar: 'Finished Year 11 or Year 13 and want to find an apprenticeship?'

Amazing Apprenticeships is hosting a webinar on 7th July 3.30-4.00pm for students in Years 11 and 13 who are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships. Students and/or parents/carers can sign up:

Webinar Registration - Zoom

Money Advice Workshops

The Communities Team Leader at South Holland District Council has asked us to advertise some free money advice workshops that have been organised by Project St Thomas based in Spalding. The sessions are aimed at young adults and will be delivered by a professional financial advisor. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information.

Support:

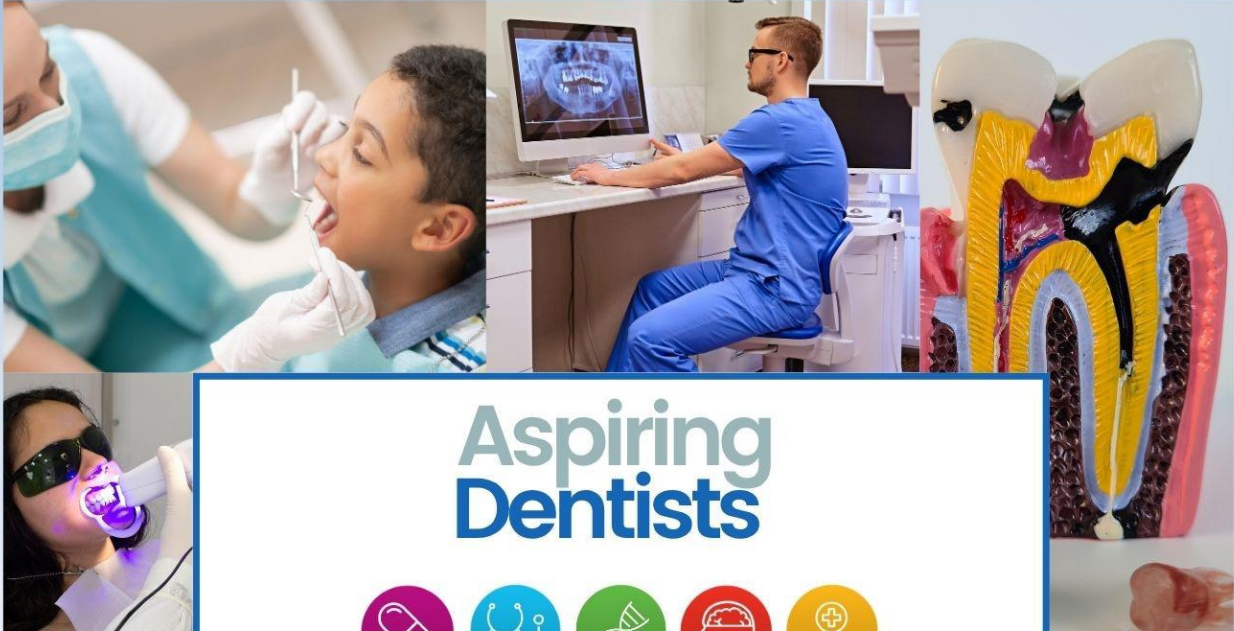
As always, I can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader



Lincolnshire
Talent Academy



Aspiring Dentists



Explore a career focused on alleviating pain and restoring confidence through empathy, clear communication, and scientific knowledge, centred on preventing, diagnosing, and treating dental issues.

Open to individuals between 15 and 19 years old, this event offers a chance to delve into the skills and knowledge necessary for a career in dentistry. Join interactive workshops and informative sessions guided by industry experts.

Lincoln County Hospital

Thursday 17 July
6pm - 8:30pm

Registration closes at 4pm on 14 July

TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

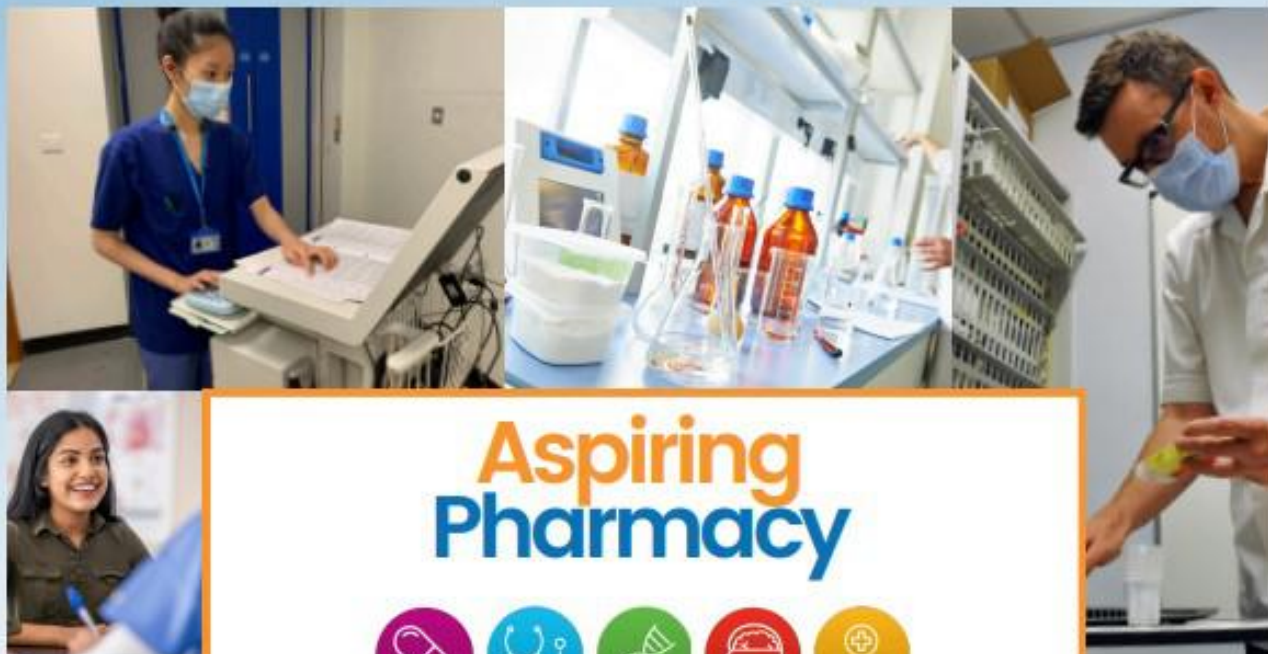
Register Today!

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Lincolnshire
Talent Academy



Aspiring Pharmacy



Explore a career that positively impacts people's lives by treating illness and supporting healthy lifestyles.

Open to individuals aged 16 to 19 years. This event provides an opportunity to explore the various roles and specialisms within Pharmacy through interactive workshops and informative talks led by industry experts. The experience also includes a half-day work experience placement, providing a practical insight into the field.

Lincoln County Hospital

Wednesday 23 July, 9am - 12pm

Half-day work experience placement on the 23 or 24 July

Registration closes at 4pm on 14 July

TALENT ACADEMY

Inspiring Futures : Informing Careers

Register Today!

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MONEY ADVICE WORKSHOPS FOR 15-20 YEAR OLDS

4.30-5.30PM
THURS 31ST JULY

6 WORKSHOPS HELD ON THE LAST
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Professional guidance and teachings for FREE ●

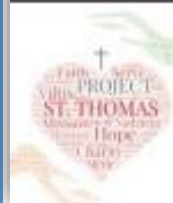
Each workshop will focus on a different topic ●

Workshop one- Payslips- what does it all mean?
Tax code, tax calculation, Nat Ins and much more ●

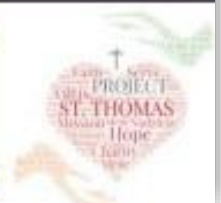
Get new knowledge and skills to help you throughout
your adult life ●

All 15-20 year olds welcome ●

Project St Thomas Hall, 52 St Thomas's Road, Spalding
PE11 2XX



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Buying alcohol over **Summer** for under 18s?

It is illegal to buy alcohol on behalf of someone who is under 18.
If you're caught you could get a **£90** on-the-spot fine or end up in court with a criminal record and an **unlimited fine**



Partners

Local council, Police, Trading Standards, alcohol retailers, schools and the community

Community Alcohol Partnerships
CIC number: 07476097

For more Information

If you have any information relating to the supply of alcohol to young people or street drinking, please contact the police on **101**

For more information on the harms underage drinking can lead to go to www.drinkaware.co.uk

www.communityalcoholpartnerships.co.uk
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