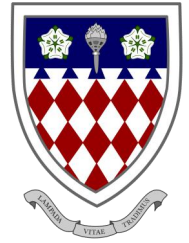


# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025



Here we are at the end of another academic year. It has flown by and been full of so many achievements and events. Students have done brilliantly well in all areas of school life – this year, a total of 6,438 certificates and awards have been presented in Achievement Assemblies. These cover an array of achievements such as academic progress, Shining Star, attendance and excellents, to name but a few - well done to all!

Last week, there was yet more to celebrate with Extended Learning Week and all manner of challenges giving students the opportunity to practice and develop our 4Rs – Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Reciprocity and Resilience. There will be full reports in the next edition of the HQ, together with lots of photographs and results, but for this week's edition of the bulletin, we have a teaser, with the Sports Day results and report, together with the House Competition results for the three house challenges students all took part in. As mentioned above, the full reports will be included in the next edition of the HQ, which will be published very early in September.

The academic year 2025/26 will be a very special year for the High School. Back in 2019/20 we had begun plans to celebrate the School's centenary (September 2020), but of course, come late spring Covid struck and school closures and Covid measures, meant that all of our plans had to be shelved. We committed then and there to celebrate 105 instead and here we are – on the verge of that milestone!

Next year will be full of centenary events, including a **monthly centenary competition for students**, starting with the writing competition listed below. If you are looking for something to do over the summer, consider the challenges below and submit your entries by email to Mrs Anderson. Winners and Highly Commended will be published in the HQ and there will be house points and prizes up for grabs!

#### Centenary Writing Competition:

##### **Creative Writing:**

##### **Either:**

1. Our Y7 students always conduct the New Intake tours on Open Day. Imagine you are doing that tour in 2055. Describe the tour of SHS from the perspective of a student guide.

##### **Or:**

2. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1920 and the High School opened its doors to students for the first time. The London Road site was not ready and so the first students attended school in separate rooms at Spalding Grammar School. Imagine you were one of those students starting school that day. Write a diary entry for your first day at school.

##### **Persuasive Writing:**

##### **Either:**

3. Is a selective (grammar school) education a thing of the past and no longer fit for purpose in the mid-2020s? Write a response outlining your top three points to support your view.

##### **Or:**

4. Is single sexed education (girls and boys being educated separately), a thing of the past and no longer fit for purpose in the mid-2020s? Write a response outlining your top three points to support your view.

**Non-Fiction writing:**

Write an explanation, drawing on your own experiences, of what “Lampada Vitae Tradimus” means to you.

**Deadline: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

All work must be your own. Reports should be in standard font and font size and reports no longer than two sides of A4.

**Centenary Art Competition**

The three editions of the HQ to be published during next academic year will have the Centenary celebrations and competitions running as a major theme - 105 Years On Part 1, 2 and 3!

Design one of the front covers for the three centenary editions. Your work must be portrait in orientation and all your own work. Deadline: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Hand your artwork into Reception making sure your name and form are written on the reverse.

**Centenary Christmas Card Competition**

The official SHS Christmas Card will be a special Centenary Edition! Are you the designer of our 105 Christmas Card 2025?

Designs can be portrait or landscape and must be all your own work. Deadline: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Hand your artwork into Reception making sure your name and form are written on the reverse.

That should keep you busy over the Summer Holiday!!

Enjoy a lovely break – have fun and stay safe and see you in September.

**M K Anderson, Headmistress**

**SHS Website**

Due to some scheduled server maintenance, the School website will experience around one hour of downtime from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August (between 6pm and 6am). Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Mr Love, Assistant Headteacher**

**Parental Survey – We Value Your Feedback**

We would be very grateful if parents and carers could take a few minutes (20 questions) to complete our **parental survey**, which covers many aspects of school life including Parents’ Evenings. Your feedback is extremely important to us and helps shape our ongoing development.

**[Click here to take survey](#)**

Thank you for your time and support.

**Mr Blackburn, Assistant Headteacher**

## Student of The Week - Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June and Extended Learning Week Champions

Please find below the latest 'Student of the Week' nominations plus special nominations for 'Extended Learning Week Champions'. Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

### Student of The Week - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
7S	Iness Korcz	Miss Bailey	German
7S	Safa Nadeem	Mrs Rogers	Geography
8C	Inaaya Alvarez	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
8P	Hollie Payne	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
8S	Jess Wright	Mrs Clay	French
9C	Freya Hampshire	Miss Jones	Community
9C	Leli Jenkins	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
9C	Freya Hampshire	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
9P	Leila Petraite	Mr Hempsall	Community
9S	Annabel Fyson	Mrs Busfield	Community
9S	Alena Golek	Mrs Bennett	Community
10C	Isobel Biggadike	Mrs Neal	Art
10J	Karolina Gren	Mrs J Lord	English Language
10P	Mia Pickering	Mr Blackbourn	German
10S	Gabby-Lorraine Muhammad	Mr Hempsall	History
10S	Dilan Yildiz	Mrs Busfield	Physics
10S	Mae Richardson	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
6KM	Lacie Holstead	Mrs H Waldron	Community
6LH	Sophie McGuire	Mrs Hebblewhite	Community

### Extended Learning Week Champions

Form	Student	Staff	Activity/ Trip
7C	Aaruni Keshvara	Miss Magnus	Careers Day
7P	Evie Warren	Miss Rossouw	Strands and Connections
8J	Maggie Chipperfield	Mrs Fisk	Leading and organising the class for the house competitions on Friday
9N	Eydee Chilvers	Miss Goulding	Year 9 PE Day
9N	Jessica Pilgrim	Mrs Aurikko	Superb effort on Sports day - outstanding performance in 800m!
9N	Ema Timinskaite	Mrs Tanner	Community
9P	Chloe Bragg	Mr Hempsall	Ypres
9S	Annabel Fyson	Mrs Bennett	Charity collection
10J	Dolly Stevens	Mrs Clay	Making a standout contribution to the English workshop
10S	Amelia Robinson-Tait	Mrs Jones	UCP Peterborough, media session
6AB	James Hawley	Ms Busby	Trashion Show Model
6AB	Morgan Theyer	Mrs Neal	Gold DofE
6AF	Fiza Niaz	Mrs Schwarz	Gold DofE
6JL	Ryan Busby	Mrs J Lord	Sixth Form Teambuilding and Careers Day
6NG	Cordi Mansfield	Mrs H Waldron	Year 12 'Trashion show'

## Sports News

### School Games Mark Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we, Spalding High School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The top award!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

#### Athletics

U15 South Lincolnshire Championships Winners

U12 South Lincolnshire Championships Runners Up

U13 Regional B Track and Field Cup Championship Finalists

U14 South Lincolnshire Championships Runners Up

Five students qualified to represent Lincolnshire at the Anglian Championships

#### Cricket (Indoor)

U15 County Runners up

#### Cricket (Outdoor)

U13 Fred Trueman State Schools' Regional Finalists

U15 Fred Trueman State Schools' Regional Finalists

#### Football

U13 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Futsal Runners Up

U15 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Futsal Runners Up

U15 County Futsal Runners Up

U16 County Cup Winners

U14 and U16 reached Round 5 of the ESFA National Cup

### Netball

U15 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Winners

U15 South Lincolnshire Schools Sports' Association Tournament Winners

### Rounders

U12 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Runners Up

U14 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Winners

U16 South Lincolnshire Schools' Sports Association Winners

### Trampolining

East Midlands Regional Schools' Trampoline Championships Y10-14 Girls Novice Team Champions & Zonal Qualifiers

East Midlands Regional Schools' Trampoline Championships Y10-14 Girls Novice Regional Champion & Zonal Qualifier (Laura Young-Hardy)

East Midlands Regional Schools' Trampoline Championships Y10-14 Girls Elite Team Champions and Zonal Qualifiers

East Midlands Regional Schools' Trampoline Championships Y10-14 Girls Elite Runner Up and Zonal Qualifier (Isla Saterlay)

### SCHOOL GAMES MARK 'GOLD'

With a large number of young people competing in local inter and intra school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to everyone involved.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

**Mr Farrell, Head of PE**



### Y7, 8 and 9 Rounders

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we hosted the South Lincolnshire Schools' Association rounders finals for Year 7, 8 and 9. Both our Year 7 and 9 teams reached the finals night having won their respective tournaments.

The Year 7 team started the game really well, scoring 5½ rounders whilst batting and a really strong and cohesive fielding performance meant Boston High School only scored 4½. Unfortunately, the finals are played over two innings so both teams bat and field twice. There were some well taken catches by Boston which led to us having a few outs but with 6 ½ rounders scored we finished batting with a score of 5. A few lapses in concentration when fielding and some individual errors led to Boston scoring 7 in their second innings. The final score was Spalding High 10½ to Boston High 11½. The team should be proud of their efforts and for finishing runners up in their first year of rounders. Well done to Megan who was voted 'Player of The Match' by the opposition for some excellent batting contributing to many of the rounders and great fielding decisions.

The Year 9 team played against Giles, again playing two innings of 20 good balls. The Year 9 team has to be commended for an outstanding team fielding performance in both innings, with excellent bowling from Katie and the tremendous backstop to 1<sup>st</sup> duo of Annie and Lacie. We managed to keep Giles to a score of 0 over both innings and got their whole team out having only played 15 of the 20 balls. The Year 9 teams batting has improved significantly this year as shown by their final score of 16½!! Well done to Antonina for scoring 5 of those with her impressive left-hand hits and to Anna for scoring 3. Lacie was selected as Player of The Match by the opposition for some really good catches and quick pick ups to throw to Annie on 1<sup>st</sup> post getting lots of the opposition out.

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



## Sports Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July saw the completion of another successful Spalding High School Sports Day. Due to the hot weather forecast the format of the day was changed so that the track events were completed during the cooler hours of the morning and the field events could be completed with adequate shade provision in the afternoon. The 1500m races had already taken place on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes for Years 7-10.

After registration, the students prepared for a morning of races on the track, sat in their Houses. There were some remarkable individual performances on display with students showing determination and resilience in the hot conditions. It was lovely to have the whole School on the field to celebrate one another's successes, with banners made by form groups, cheering and Mrs Anderson's signature Mexican wave.

The field events for Years 7-10 (shot, discus, javelin, long jump and high jump) were scheduled throughout the afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many students had signed up to participate in the field events, with long jump and javelin proving to be the popular choices. Participation points were awarded to every athlete in each event, with additional points awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> place- 5<sup>th</sup> in each year group competition. The students were focused, determined and very encouraging of one another despite the heat. Well done to Mrs Bennett for her commitment to take part in order to encourage more of her form to participate - we loved the enthusiasm!

Each member of the PE department was responsible for officiating a field event and would not have been able to do so as efficiently without the assistance from the Year 12 Sports Leaders and Year 10 helpers who measured the distances of each event, so thank you for your help!

The Sixth Form field events were completed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June with their points being added to the total House points. Well done to the following Year 12 students for breaking our School Sports Day records:

**Y12 Girls 100m Eden Isaac 14.31s**  
**Y12 Girls 200m Izzie Thorne 32.09s**  
**Y12 Girls Long Jump Macy Howitt 3.92m**  
**Y12 Boys Shot Seth Cook 11.42m**  
**Y12 Boys Javelin Seth Cook 31.05m**

The PE Department would like to thank all of the staff members who helped on the day, whether that be as starters, track judges, place judges, or first aiders, we could not run the event without your support. Please see the overall results of each event below:

<b>Overall Sports day positions</b>				
<b>House</b>	<b>Winning Points</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Point Total</b>	<b>Position</b>
C	184	197	381	1st
J	159	202	361	2nd
N	137	217	354	3rd
P	149	186	335	5th
S	144	200	344	4th

Miss Magnus, PE Department

## Year 7 Girls

Event	1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
<b>Shot</b>	Lexii Tilbrook		Seyi Obhiebor-Thomas		Sophia Neno		Nicole Pacyga		Beau Skinner	
	Curie	5.20	Sharman	4.88	Johnson	4.30	Curie	4.20	Nightingale	4.15
<b>Discus</b>	Elle Bush		Macie Bowater		Pip Dalton		Emma Marks		Jasmine Stevens	
	Johnson	13.74	Johnson	10.73	Johnson	10.34	Sharman	10.10	Johnson	9.47
<b>Javelin</b>	Darcy Skinner		Eli Laimins		Eva Steele		Sophie Dennis		Aaruni Keshvara	
	Johnson	10.50	Sharman	10.30	Curie	8.56	Johnson	8.40	Curie	7.77
<b>Long Jump</b>	Anya Carr		Viggie Chung		Maria Sroka		Freya Blackshaw		Skye Atkins	
	Curie	3.62	Curie	3.52	Nightingale	3.46	Sharman	3.36	Curie	3.28
<b>High Jump</b>	Amelia Zuk		Alanis Onions		Amelia Everitt		Emily Carr			
	Curie	1.15	Johnson	1.10	Johnson	1.10	Nightingale	1.10		
<b>Hurdles</b>	Sahashi Bhattarai		Annika Beitane		Priya Naghen		Brioney Richardson		Evah Goult	
	Curie	15.84	Pankhurst	16.26	Sharman	17.12	Curie	17.23	Johnson	17.38
<b>100m</b>	Amelia Zuk		Elle Bush		Anya Carr		Lacie Parker		Antonina Mirek	
	Curie	14.87	Johnson	15.19	Curie	15.43	Pankhurst	15.64	Nightingale	16.09
<b>200m</b>	Emily Presto		Maria Sroka		Hailey Antonio		Hadiya Zainab		Mary Atolagbe	
	Sharman	33.10	Nightingale	33.43	Pankhurst	34.80	Curie	35.15	Johnson	35.42
<b>400m</b>										
<b>800m</b>	Isla Collins		Alanis Onions		Pip Dalton					
	Nightingale	3.12	Johnson	3.39	Johnson	4.15				
<b>1500m</b>	Iris Thomas		Katie Preston		Emily Carr		Safa Nadeem		Alyx Pauine	
	Curie	6.27	Johnson	7.10	Nightingale	7.42	Sharman	8.31	Sharman	8.40
<b>Relay</b>										
	Curie		Sharman		Nightingale		Johnson		Pankhurst	

## Year 8 Girls

Event	1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
<b>Shot</b>	Lily Kwakye		Erica Mandache		Catlin Mulambo		Eleanor Perkins		Edith Pike	
	Nightingale	7.11	Johnson	6.71	Johnson	5.91	Johnson	5.65	Sharman	5.57
<b>Discus</b>	Bea Snaith		Katie North		Sithuli Marasinghe		Ava Willis		Rebeka Joyce	
	Pankhurst	17.76	Pankhurst	10.89	Nightingale	10.74	Pankhurst	10.73	Curie	10.22
<b>Javelin</b>	Kaelyn Velasquez		Darcey Gunter		Maya Pahal		Poppy Dunnet		Isabella Gutane	
	Pankhurst	18.20	Pankhurst	16.10	Nightingale	14.10	Sharman	12.96	Johnson	12.90
<b>Long Jump</b>	Mbali Mlalazi		Lily Knox		Isla Smalley		Ruby Matthews		Emily Day	
	Curie	3.83	Pankhurst	3.49	Johnson	3.46	Curie	3.45	Sharman	3.37
<b>High Jump</b>	Maya Fraszczak		Kaidi Page		Mia Atkins-Clark		Grace Mulligan		Bethany Johnson	
	Pankhurst	1.25	Pankhurst	1.20	Nightingale	1.20	Johnson	1.15	Sharman	1.15
<b>Hurdles</b>	Maya Fraszczak		Ella Bird		Faith Winter		Bethany Johnson		Eunice Kei	
	Pankhurst	15.45	Nightingale	15.83	Curie	16.13	Sharman	16.35	Pankhurst	18.21
<b>100m</b>	Mbali Mlalazi		Maggie Chipperfield		Izzy Gutane		Isla Homden		Aimee Kierman	
	Curie	13.81	Johnson	14.76	Johnson	15.05	Nightingale	15.33	Curie	15.80
<b>200m</b>	Lily Kwakye		Lily Knox		Jess Wright		Kaidi Page		Alex Murawska	
	Johnson	32.93	Pankhurst	33.44	Sharman	33.70	Pankhurst	34.80	Johnson	35.94
<b>400m</b>										
<b>800m</b>	Megan Hogan		Isla Smalley		Freya Sargeant		Grace Mulligan		Alaina Phiris	
	Curie	3.14	Johnson	3.33	Sharman	3.35	Johnson	3.51	Sharman	3.58
<b>1500m</b>	Rehema Boreh		Edith Pike							
	Curie	7.47	Sharman	8.15						
<b>Relay</b>										
	Pankhurst		Johnson		Sharman		Curie		Nightingale	

## Year 9 Girls

Event	5		4		3		2		1	
<b>Shot</b>	Laila Chapman		Heidi Woodrow		Holly Roberts		Anna Blake		Annabel Fyson	
	Nightingale	7.06	Curie	6.48	Pankhurst	5.97	Nightingale	5.85	Sharman	5.62
<b>Discus</b>	Katie Cawson		Isla Stockdale		Annie Clough		Freya Hampshire		Flo McFarlane	
	Pankhurst	16.94	Curie	15.65	Pankhurst	13.04	Curie	12.73	Sharman	12.67
<b>Javelin</b>	Alex Baker		Antonia Nowak		Lexi Duff		Sarah Jones		Lacie Brookin	
	Curie	21.80	Sharman	19.60	Johnson	18.10	Sharman	16.90		
<b>Long Jump</b>	Charlotte Turner		Daisy Young-Smith		Trish Stoffel		Alyyah Mohamed		Roxy Acton	
	Sharman	4.07	Pankhurst	3.93	Curie	3.52	Johnson	3.39	Pankhurst	3.38
<b>High Jump</b>	Jessica Pilgrim		Ruby Mantle		Lola Gummitt		Eydee Chilvers		Hannah Jones	
	Nightingale	1.35	Sharman	1.30	Johnson	1.30	Nightingale	1.20	Pankhurst	1.20
<b>Hurdles</b>	Leli Jenkins		Emma-Jayne Willis		Olivia Ward		Annie Clough		Laila Petraitė	
	Curie	15.66	Johnson	16.12	Nightingale	16.23	Pankhurst	16.37	Pankhurst	16.42
<b>100m</b>	Khanyi Mlalazi		Charlotte Turner		Lily Tomlinson		Trish Stoffel		Flo McFarlane	
	Curie	14.37	Sharman	15.05	Johnson	15.30	Curie	15.63	Sharman	15.85
<b>200m</b>	Katie Bonarius		Ruby Spicer		Antonia Nowak		Alyyah Mohamed		Laila Chapman	
	Curie	31.62	Nightingale	31.93	Sharman	32.19	Johnson	32.65	Nightingale	32.96
<b>400m</b>										
<b>800m</b>	Jessica Pilgrim		Jess Mills		Bethany Taylor		Sarah Jones			
	Nightingale	3.15	Pankhurst	3.42	Curie	3.90	Sharman	4.27		
<b>1500m</b>	Ruby Coupland		Ella Skidmore		Sienna Wright		Izzy Trinidad-Harding			
	Nightingale	7.01	Johnson	7.05	Sharman	7.41	Pankhurst	8.58		
<b>Relay</b>										
	Sharman		Curie		Nightingale		Pankhurst		Johnson	







## 2025 ELW House Competition Results

	Task		Curie	Johnson	Nightingale	Pankhurst	Sharman
<b>Y7</b>	Connect	Score	41	35	61	34	66
		Rank	3	4	2	5	1
		House P	30	20	40	10	50
	Jigsaw	Score	456(T)	456(T)	352	247	356
		Rank	2	1	4	5	3
		House P	40	50	20	10	30
	Quiz	Score	58	86	55	X	35
		Rank	2	1	3	X	4
		House P	40	50	30	X	20
<b>Y8</b>	Connect	Score	66	55	X	82	90
		Rank	3	4	X	2	1
		House P	30	20	X	40	50
	Jigsaw	Score	464	425	500(T)	336	500(T)
		Rank	3	4	2	5	1
		House P	30	20	40	10	50
	Quiz	Score	X	82	66	82	84
		Rank	X	2	3	2	1
		House P	X	40	20	40	50
<b>Y9</b>	Connect	Score	62	X	55	54	35
		Rank	1	X	2	3	4
		House P	50	X	40	30	20
	Jigsaw	Score	500(T)	500(T)	340	500(T)	500(T)
		Rank	4	3	5	1	2
		House P	20	30	10	50	40
	Quiz	Score	83	86	83	X	X
		Rank	2	1	2	X	X
		House P	40	50	40	X	X
<b>Y10</b>	Connect	Score	71	63	16	X	53
		Rank	1	2	4	X	3
		House P	50	40	20	X	30
	Jigsaw	Score	500(T)	500(T)	457	500(T)	500(T)
		Rank	1	4	5	2	3
		House P	50	20	10	40	30
	Quiz	Score	76	79	66	48	72
		Rank	2	1	4	5	3
		House P	40	50	20	10	30
<b>Y12</b>	Connect	Score	61	55	28	120	91
		Rank	3	4	5	1	2
		House P	30	20	10	50	40
	Jigsaw	Score	500(T)	500(T)	500(T)	472	500(T)
		Rank	2	4	1	5	3
		House P	20	40	50	10	30
	Quiz	Score	63	67	74	63	82
		Rank	4	3	2	4	1
		House P	20	30	40	20	50
<b>House</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>490</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>520</b>

T=Time Tie Breaker used

## Music News

### Summer Concert

I had an astonishing time at the concert! I loved every single part, and it was really fun. I loved all the moments when people were enjoying themselves, large smiles spread on their faces. It was funny to see their surprised expression to the sudden (but very good) drums, or when they sang along to some of the songs. The orchestra were brilliant, and I was amazed by how well they played all the tunes so nicely. It was really lovely to hear when all the instruments were playing the "Encanto" part or how they all looked so joyful to be there and playing. The chamber choir sang beautifully, and their harmonies in the songs we sang were just as good. The choir sounded amazing, every clap, stamp and tune music to my ears and the audience. Overall, it was a splendid concert and amazing like the winter one. I recommend going to the next ones!

**Aaruni Keshvara Y7**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July marked the Summer Concert of 2025 - and what a night it was! Every performer brought incredible enthusiasm, making it an unforgettable evening for everyone that attended.

The choir performed a selection of well-loved songs, including Shake It Off by Taylor Swift and Defying Gravity from Wicked. They were joined by the orchestra for a fabulous joint rendition of Paradise by Coldplay. The orchestra also delighted the audience with crowd-pleasers such as an upbeat medley of music from Encanto and an arrangement of iconic Queen hits.

This was my 14<sup>th</sup>, and final concert with the School. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of performing with the choir, orchestra, and chamber choir, each of which has introduced me to a wonderful group of friends. The memories I've made through music at Spalding High will stay with me forever.

I cannot thank Mr Garbett enough for the time, energy, and passion he puts into making every concert so special.

Thank you, Sir, for everything you do for the School's music department. I will miss it all greatly!

**Olivia Brown Y13**





## **Year 7 News**

### **Cake Sale in Aid of Cancer Research**

Year 7 decided during their first term at SHS that they would like to raise money for Cancer Research, and that they would raise money through each form holding two bake sales during the year. These bake sales were held in form rooms and only Year 7 students could buy the food. All sorts of cakes and sweet and savoury treats were on sale and the amazing amount of £505.64 was raised. This has now been received by Cancer Research and a letter of thanks received.



Well done to all of Year 7 for making, buying and eating the treats!

**Mrs Martin, Y7 Form Tutor**

*Image source: cancerresearchuk.org*

**YEAR 9**

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

**YPRES 2025**

**DO YOU HAVE LOADS OF GREAT PHOTOS FROM YOUR TRIP?**

**ENTER YOUR BEST PHOTOGRAPH TO OUR COMPETITION!**

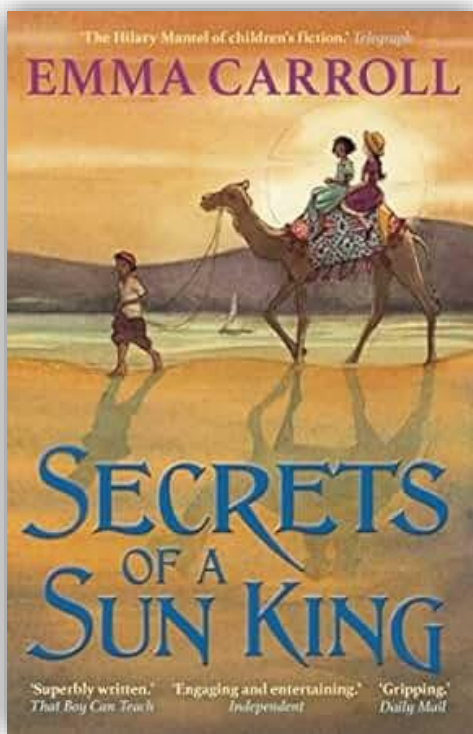
**YOU CAN EDIT/ENHANCE YOUR PHOTO IF YOU WANT TO!**

**TOP THREE ENTRIES AND OVERALL WINNER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT HQ MAGAZINE!**

**EMAIL YOUR ENTRY TO:  
MRS TANNER AND MISS JONES**

**BY 22ND JULY 2025**

Secrets Of A Sun King by Emma Carroll

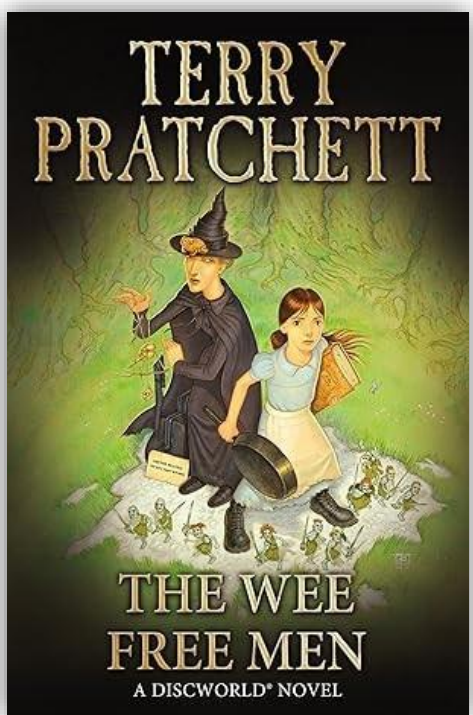


When Lil's grandfather falls terribly ill, Lil ventures to his house to tend to his cat who was left behind. But on his door-step she finds a package sent by an ex-friend of his distant past, who was found dead just that morning! Curiosity gets the better of her and Lil takes the package home. Little does she know the curses that the package holds and that it could harm all who come across it... Enthralled by the tales of Egypt her grandfather told her of, Lil decides to take matters into her own hands. Embark on an adventure to Egypt with Lil and her friends as they race against the clock to keep Lil's grandfather from death and put this ancient curse to rest.

I enjoyed this book because of the impressive growth Lil made as a character and the plot twists dotted around in the story. This book is perfect for readers interested in historical fiction and fantasy.

**Mary 7J**

The Wee Free Men by Sir Terry Pratchett



After being asked to write a book review, as staff are aware I read the Disc World Novels by Sir Terry Pratchett, I needed to take on the onerous task of choosing which book to re-read in order to write the review. I settled on *The Wee Free Men*, which is one of his later novels. The Disc World books are based on an alternative world which is a large disc travelling through the universe on the backs of four humongous elephants, which in turn travel on the back of the Great A'Tuin, a vast Turtle swimming throughout space among the stars, moons and suns.

This story is about a young person, Tiffany Aching, who is still a child but is very mature for her age. She is on the cusp of becoming a Witch. She is told of a school for witches and asks Miss Tick, the witch who she meets at a travelling school (where an hours education can be bought with a couple of carrots and an egg), whether a unicorn will be transporting her to the school. Miss Tick responds that she has never understood the hype around unicorns after all "they are just a horse which comes to a point".

Tiffany is set upon a quest to recover her brother who has been taken by The Snow Queen whose world is leaking into the Disc World. She is assisted by the Nac Mac Feegles, a clan of Pictsies, who call themselves the Wee Free Men.

The author's humour is so multi-layered, satirical, sometimes obvious, sometimes slapstick, and intelligent. All his words seem to be chosen so carefully and flow beautifully.

Pratchett has written many books, so there are many to choose from, some are linked or can be read as a sub-series, but all can be read independently. All "laugh out loud" funny.

**Mrs Lyford, Cover Supervisor**

### Carnegie Book Group Report

Our last Carnegie meeting for this year celebrated our favourite shortlisted books with a balloon debate. We imagined that all of the books were in a hot air balloon, which is rapidly sinking and needs to regain altitude by losing weight. Students championed their favourite book and one by one needed to justify their books spot in the hot air balloon. We had a series of rounds, with the time given to validate your book's place in the balloon shortening every time. Each round the audience voted off the book with the least convincing argument. The balloon debate is a bit of a tradition for us and is always so much fun. This year, although we discussed all eight of the Carnegie shortlisted books over the last three months, only six of them were championed by the group. Year 7, 8 and 9 debated the themes and messages of *The Final Year*, *The Things We Leave Behind*, *King of Nothing*, *Little Bang*, *Play* and *Glasgow Boys*. We had powerful, convincing and emotive arguments from Edith, Freya, Ava, Elana, Jessica, Diya, Holly, Arjannya and Emily. Very well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Emilia 10S for ruthlessly time keeping those rounds.

Emily in 9J triumphed with a well-deserved win for *The Things We Leave Behind* by Clare Furniss, a disturbing dystopian vision of a near future England struggling under a repressive regime and civil unrest.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Carnegie, we hope you've enjoyed reading the books and sharing your voice. And of course, all of the books are available to borrow from the library!

Lookout for Emily and Edith's Carnegie reports in the High Quarterly.



*Image source: Amazon.com*

### Book for Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Challenge yourself to read widely over the summer with our book scavenger hunt and be in with the chance of winning a prize.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

A winner will be selected at random. Each item on the list counts as an entry.

Challenge details and entries via page 16 of this bulletin, pop ups on the School website homepage or in the Library.

Happy reading!

**Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Lees**



## Scavenger Hunt: Booked for Summer

1. A book with a strong female lead: a book of any genre featuring a strong female main character. Remember: strength can mean many different things!
2. A book with a one word title: any book with a single-word title.
3. A book made into film: any book that has been made into a film or series. Which one is better?
4. A photo of your book in a fitting location: are you reading 'Glasgow Boys' in Scotland, 'The Hunger Games' in your kitchen or 'The Secret Garden' in your garden? Take a photo of your book in its natural habitat.
5. Draw a map inspired by your book. Upload a picture or drop it into the library by the closing date.
6. A book with a number in the title.
7. A book with a non-human main character: choose a book with an animal, alien, AI or any other non-human main character.
8. A book with a journey or quest: this could be a physical journey or an emotional one.

Closing Date: **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. A winner will be selected at random. Each item on the list counts as an entry. Entries can be submitted on this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/jcVF8FAyKv> or into the Library.

Happy reading!

Mrs Lees and Miss O'Sullivan



## **Bag 2 School**

We are pleased to announce that Spalding High School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with **Bag2School**

**Bag2School** is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Spalding High School, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Spalding High School on Friday 17th October 2025. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Spalding High School and help us have a really good collection. You can bring your bag (or bags!) any day during that week.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

**We accept** the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**We DO NOT accept:**

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

**Madam Barats, Head of MFL**

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Our next **Bag2School** collection  
has been arranged for

Bags can be brought into school before the Friday if it helps but all  
bags must in on

**Friday..17th..October..2025**

at .....9.. am / ~~pm~~

Any questions - please ask your  
school collection organiser **Mrs Barats / Caspian Y13...**

[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

## Careers News

### Year 12 Work Experience

Our Year 12 students were on work experience at the beginning of July and their feedback is extremely positive. We will continue to collate employer feedback over the coming weeks but in the meantime, students have some very positive experiences to include in applications for university places or jobs. Well done to all students.

### Year 10 Work Experience – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

I would like to remind current Year 9 parents/ carers and students of the dates of next year's Year 10 work experience week – 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March. The summer break may be a good opportunity for students to look for possible placements. I have added information in the students' current Year 9 Careers Team and I wrote to parents/ carers last month about this. If a student receives a confirmation of a placement from an employer, they do not need to do anything other than thank the employer at this stage and confirm that they would like to accept it. From September, all Year 10 students will have a careers lesson once a fortnight with me and I will explain next steps then. We will be using the Unifrog placements tool for work experience administration.

### Careers Fair – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Our annual careers fair on 10<sup>th</sup> July during extended learning week was a great success. Many of the exhibitors commented on the excellent questions that students asked. I would like to thank all students for their excellent conduct and I hope that they found some interesting ideas for further research regarding future progression routes.

Thank you to the following businesses/services/education providers who were present:

- ⇒ **Worldwide Fruit**
- ⇒ **Army**
- ⇒ **Boston College**
- ⇒ **Caterpillar**
- ⇒ **University of East Anglia**
- ⇒ **University of Lincoln**
- ⇒ **Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Services**
- ⇒ **Lincolnshire Police**
- ⇒ **NHS Talent Academy**
- ⇒ **Bakkavor**
- ⇒ **Burmor Construction**
- ⇒ **Alumni Stand**
- ⇒ **Guttridge**
- ⇒ **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**
- ⇒ **Lincoln College**
- ⇒ **College of West Anglia**
- ⇒ **Realise Finance**
- ⇒ **Military Preparation College for Training**
- ⇒ **University of Hull**

### 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**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the 'Back to School' season approaches, we're excited to share some updates we've been working on to make your uniform shopping experience even smoother this year!

 **New Website – Live Now!**


We've launched a brand new website designed to be more user-friendly, faster, and easier to navigate – especially on mobiles. It's also super Google-friendly, so you can find what you need even quicker.

Take a look at [www.shotbowl.com](http://www.shotbowl.com) – we'd love to know what you think!




 **Click & Collect – Now Easier Than Ever**

No more appointments needed for collections!

When your order is ready, we'll send you an email confirmation. You can then pop in at your convenience during shop opening hours – just remember to bring your confirmation with you. (Please wait for the confirmation email before visiting – we won't be able to locate your order before it's ready.)




 **Summer 2025 – Key Dates to Know**

**Until Friday 18th July 2025**

-  Shop open for over-the-counter sales.
-  Online orders for Home Delivery (free over £75) or Click & Collect.
-  Sizing appointments available – perfect if your child needs to try on uniform.

We recommend measuring your child before your appointment (chest, waist, inside leg) to speed things up.

**From Saturday 19th July 2025**

-  Sales switch to online only – Home Delivery or Click & Collect.
-  No in-store browsing or walk-in purchases during this time.
-  Sizing appointments continue all summer – book early, they go fast! Uniform can be purchased during appointments.

Please arrive on time and stick to your 30-minute slot so we can keep everything running smoothly. If you can't make it, let us know and we'll offer your slot to another family.

 Book appointments at <https://collection.shotbowl.com/try-on-clothing> – instructions attached.

**Delivery Time Update**

From 11th August 2025, delivery and collection times may take up to 10–14 days, so please plan ahead to avoid any last-minute stress.

 **Back to Full Service**

We'll be back to normal shop hours and in-store purchases from Tuesday 9th September 2025.

We're here to help! If you need guidance, have questions, or your child requires additional support, just reach out – we're always happy to assist.

Wishing you a fantastic summer and a great start to the new school year.

Warm regards,  
The Shotbowl Team



## Sizing Appointment Booking Instructions

To book a school uniform sizing appointment, go to the Find Your School Shop page where you will find the button to take you to the sizing appointment calendar.

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### Welcome to Shotbowl's online school shop

Shotbowl are delighted to supply quality school uniforms.

We will do everything we can to ensure our service is the best it can be for all the students and parents.

From the whole team here at Shotbowl, thank you for your custom, we look forward helping you with your purchases.

- You can place your order for home delivery (free for all orders over £75) or collection at our store.
- To collect your order from our store please select the click and collect option on checkout. Then select your collection slot on our online booking calendar.
- If you would like to exchange or return an item, you can come into the shop (please call us first to make sure we have the product you need). Or you can post the item back to us with our returns slip.
- Please note that any item that is personalised or any specially ordered non-stocked items, are non-returnable. If you are unsure of size please check the garment fits before ordering, or requesting personalisation under the School Garment Personalisation Post Purchase section of our website.

Please call or email us if you have any problems or queries and we will be happy to help you.

To book a school uniform sizing appointment, please click on the button below to choose your date and time.

[Book Appointment](#)



### Book a Schoolwear Sizing Appointment

Please select a 30 minute time slot on the calendar below for your session.

Jun 28 – Jul 4, 2025

today < >

	Saturday 28/6	Sunday 29/6	Monday 30/6	Tuesday 1/7	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 3/7	Friday 4/7
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10:30am	10:30 - Fully Booked						
11am	11:00 - Fully Booked						
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