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# Spalding High School weekly bulletin 6th November 2025

## This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headmistress

Term 2 has arrived and I hope you had a pleasant and fun half term holiday. I was fortunate enough to spend a few days being a Geography teacher again and joined the department's biennial adventure to Iceland. You can read more about the expedition in this week's bulletin but I would like to thank the students and staff for being such great company for the trip and to Mrs Rogers for organising such an amazing trip; slick as always Mrs R!

Term 2 is always a busy term (aren't they all?), and next week kicks off some of the first of the "big" events. On **Thursday** we have the **16+ Information Evening**, and we can't wait to welcome the current Year 11 from the High School and other local schools as well, all researching and finding out more about the courses and subjects they are interested in studying in the Sixth Form. Subject teachers from all of the courses on offer will be available in subject bases to answer questions, explain content and tell you all about their subjects at KS5. They will be joined by subject prefects and sixth formers who are always a great source of information about what it is like to study a subject at A Level. They will also be on hand to answer questions about life in the sixth form. Year 11 - make sure you are there, even if you are pretty sure on your plans for next year; a good decision is an informed decision and so make sure you have collected everything you need to know. On that note, Spalding Grammar's 16+ Evening is Tuesday 11th November - make sure you attend that too!

Also next week, on Friday we have the **Children In Need Non-Uniform** day, so don't forget to dig out your Pudsey ears and outfits and help us raise money for this incredibly worth while charity. Whilst it is far too early (in my book at least), to really start thinking too hard about Christmas (!), I will remind Year 7 that they should have had the details for the annual **Christmas Tree Competition** and should all be planning and making things for your trees! Can't wait to see them!!



**Sixth Form Open Evening<sup>?</sup> Thursday 13th November | 5–8pm<sup>?</sup>**

***Talks at 5:15pm & 6:45pm in the School Hall***

Year 11 students and parents/carers - come and explore what makes our Sixth Form special!

- ✓ Discover our wide range of A Level subjects
- ✓ Meet inspiring teachers & students
- ✓ Tour our facilities
- ✓ Get expert guidance on your next steps

No need to book — just drop in.

We can't wait to welcome you!



***1 - Children in Need - Friday 14th November***

*On **Friday 14th November** we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the national 'Children in Need' appeal. We are asking pupils to please support this worthwhile charity by paying a £1 and coming to school in non-school uniform. There should be no inappropriate outfits & no offensive slogans to be worn.*

*This was originally on the school calendar for Friday 21st November – please note the change in date to Friday 14th November.*

## Sports News



On Tuesday 21st October we held the annual Sports, Music and Drama Celebration Evening for the 2024-2025 academic year. The evening was hosted by Millie Youngs and Evie Ireland from Year 13, who both spoke very clearly and confidently. The evening included a high-energy and brilliantly executed tap dance performance by Lola Willson as well as excellent musical performances from Chicago by Inca Bernasconi-Brown and Syisha O'Neill.

Students were awarded School Sports Colours for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement & positive attitude to a School team, Bronze/Silver Achievement Awards to School Sport for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement & positive attitude to at least three school teams, and School Performing Arts Colours for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement & positive attitude to the School production and musical concerts.

In addition to these awards there was one student per year group who was awarded the Outstanding Individual Contribution Award for both Sports and Performing Arts. The winners of the Sporting Outstanding Individual Contribution Awards were Elle, Megan, Alex and Freya as seen in the photo. The Performing Arts Outstanding Individual Contribution Award winners were Lois, Edith, Freya, Lilah, Syisha and Claude.

Well done to all of the Award winners and thank you for coming to celebrate your achievements.

We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who donated prizes to the raffle, particularly to Snap Fitness, The Riverside Inn, Surfleet and The Alpine and Grass Nursery for their extremely generous donations of a number of prizes. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets in support of the PE department, we were incredibly pleased to raise over £600 towards the purchase of new equipment and in support of our extra-curricular provisions.



*2 - Outstanding Individual Contribution Awardees for Performing Arts*



*3 - Outstanding Individual Contribution Awardees for Sports*



*4 - On Monday 3rd November, the Y10 netball team played against University Academy Long Sutton.*

*The team was made of players that have been committed to training on a Monday lunchtime and have impressed me with their effort and application. For many of the players this was their first competitive netball match, and they had a great first experience.*

*We won 23-4 and played some really good netball with Lacie and Evie playing particularly well. Evie scored a large proportion of the goals in her first game playing for the School as a shooter and Lacie was a very effective defender, winning back possession on many occasions.*

*The opposition praised the team on not only how well they played but how well they conducted themselves throughout the game, commenting that it was the most enjoyable game they had played against any school this year.*

*Well done to all of you, you did the School proud!*

### **Gymnastics News:**

Two of our Year 8 students competed at the Witham Hill Autumn Invitational competition and again were very successful.

Marnie's results:

Vault🏅

Bars🏅

Beam🏅

Floor🏅

AA🏅

Silver level overall winner 🏅

Viggy's results:

🏅 Beam 1st

🏅 Floor 2nd

🏅 Vault 2nd

🏅 Bars 6th

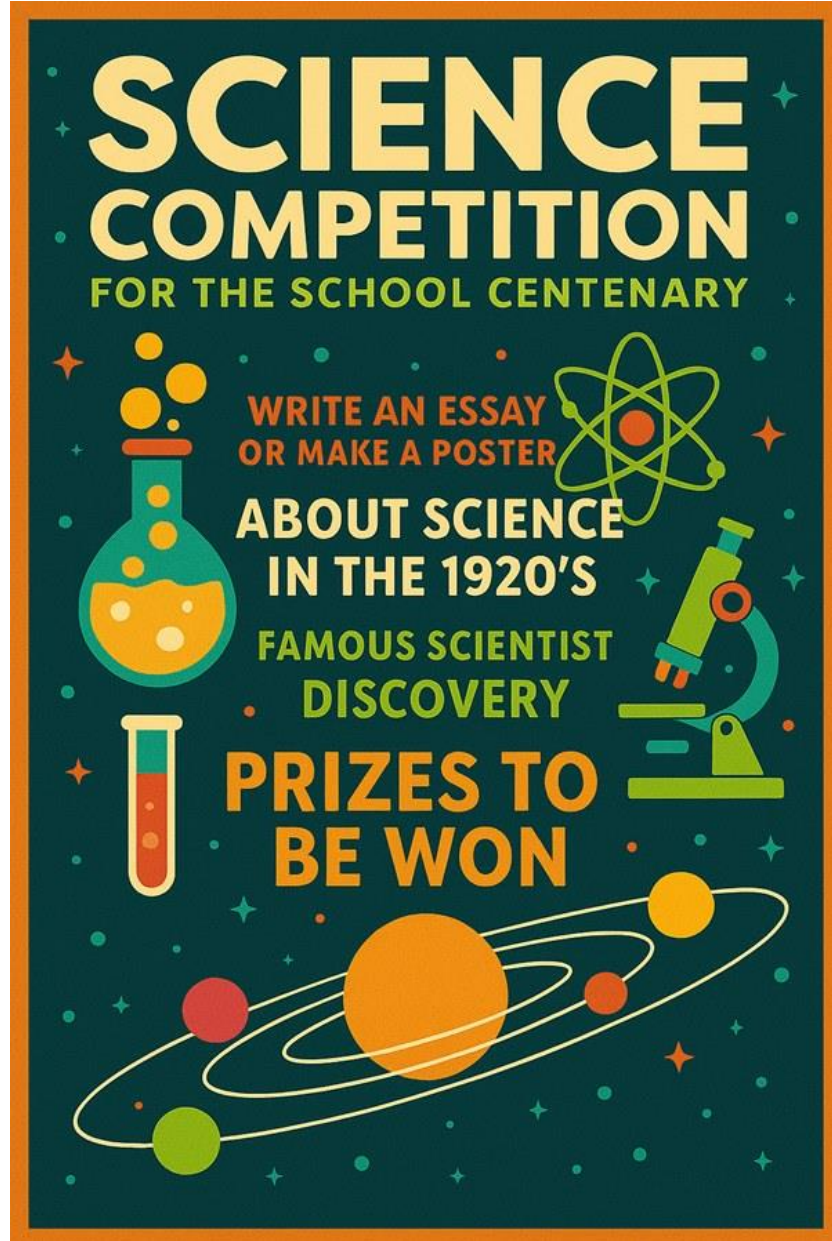
🏅 Overall 1st ✨

Well done Marnie and Viggy, you are both excellent gymnasts.



5 - Marnie's awards

## Science News



To celebrate our School Centenary, we are holding a Science Competition open to all students!

You can write an essay or make a poster about science in the 1920s — whether it's a cool invention, an interesting experiment, a famous scientist, or anything else from that time.

📦 Prizes to be won! We are excited to see what you come up with.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2pm.

Thank you and good luck!

Mr Leach, Alexa, Zahra, Leona and Grania

## Modern Foreign Languages News



Do **YOU** have what it takes to  
be a spy?

**GCHQ National  
Language Competition**  
17 - 21 November 2025



PRIZE INCLUDES A TOP SECRET VISIT TO GCHQ

Open to Year 9 students in teams of up to 4

  
nlc@gchq.gov.uk



#GCHQNationalLanguageCompetition

6 - See the attached, organised by the Modern Foreign Languages department.

## Geography News



### Geography Comes Alive: Our Unforgettable Iceland Adventure

Over October half term, 46 enthusiastic geography students embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Iceland - the land of fire and ice - where textbooks came to life in the most spectacular way. Over the course of several days, we explored some of the country's most breath taking natural wonders.

Our trip began with the immersive **FlyOver Iceland** experience. Soaring virtually over Iceland's stunning landscapes gave us a thrilling preview of what we would encounter over the next few days. The following morning, we set off on the **Golden Circle Tour**, where a dusting of snow enhanced the magical atmosphere. We hiked around the **Kerið volcanic crater**, visited the roaring **Gullfoss Waterfall**, and were mesmerized by the erupting geysers at the **Geysir Geothermal Area**. One of the most magical moments came later that night, when we gathered under the stars and were lucky enough to witness the **Northern Lights** dancing across the sky—a truly unforgettable experience.

The South Coast revealed even more wonders. We visited the cascading **Seljalandsfoss Waterfall**, although unfortunately, due to icy conditions, we couldn't walk behind it. We climbed to the top of the mighty **Skógafoss**, and stood in awe at the edge of the **Sólheimajökull Glacier**. At the **Lava Centre**, we explored interactive exhibits on eruptions and tectonics, and at the **Lava Show**, we witnessed real molten lava up close—the heat it gave off was phenomenal.

Our journey continued with a walk up the **Grábrók Crater**, by which point the snowfall had increased significantly, followed by a descent into the mysterious **Víðgelmir Lava Cave**, one of Iceland's largest lava tubes. To unwind, we soaked in the soothing geothermal waters of **Krauma Baths**, fed by Europe's most powerful hot spring.

Luckily, we were able to fly home the next morning after an amazing adventure—just in time, as **Reykjavík experienced its greatest October snowfall since 1921**, and flights were cancelled shortly after our departure.

Mrs Rogers







## SEND News

Specialist Teaching Team  
Inclusion Team

### Dyslexia Outreach

## Study Skills and Revision Strategies

A free online workshop for secondary-aged students and their families



Open to anyone preparing for GCSEs or A-Levels as well as any secondary students, from Year 7 onwards, who would like ideas on how to better retain and organise learning.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**7:00 – 8:00pm**

If your child would like to attend, please email Odette Read, stating your child's name and school:  
[odette.read@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:odette.read@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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### 7 - Study Skills Workshop

Please see information on a forthcoming online workshop from the Dyslexia Outreach Team.

*The workshop is aimed at providing secondary pupils (and above) with supportive strategies for organising and retaining learning and is open to all pupils that feel they would benefit; pupils do not need to have a diagnosed learning difference to attend. Please refer to the poster for details on how to attend this session.*

## **Celebrating the Individual: Grace, Year 7**



On the 19th October Grace Fox took her pony Diesel (who she'd had for only two weeks) to a show.

She won all of her classes and gained Reserve Champion in hand.

Well done Grace!

## Charity News



Please see here some photos from the Hello Yellow day on Friday 10th October



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## Careers News



### **Year 10 Work Experience – 23rd-27th March 2026**

Well done to Year 10 students who have already found work experience placements for March and added their details, their employer's details and their parents' details onto the Unifrog Placements Tool which we are using in school to manage work experience administration. Could students who have not yet found a placement please continue to make enquiries to try to get their placement secured as soon as possible.

### **Year 13 UCAS Applications**

Now that the deadline for early applications to Medicine/Veterinary Medicine/Dentistry and Oxbridge courses has passed, I am processing applications for remaining students who are applying to other university courses. A reminder that the internal deadline date for handing in applications to me is 7th November. Many students have already handed in their applications and are starting to receive offers which is exciting and motivational.

### **Green Careers Week – 3rd-8th November**

Please see the Parents' Guide to Green Careers which is full of useful information about green careers and routes into them.

### **University Open Days**

On the 25th October, I attended a university open day at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. There was a welcome presentation, subject talks, a campus tour and a chance to look at student accommodation. Chatting to current students was also very insightful and aspirational.

This is a useful site to find open day dates: [Search the Opendays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day](#)

### **Student Finance Webinars**

For parents/carers and students interested in finding out more about student finance for university, there are two upcoming online events on 17th November and 25th November. Please see the registration links below:

[HE Guidance: Student Finance - Supporting Your Young Person - A Parent/Carer Event With Lois Braysher & Benjamin Pettitt, Higher Education Advisers From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

[HE Guidance: How Do You Pay For University & Manage Your Money Once You're There? Student Finance, Scholarships & Budgeting Tips With Harry Ward & Chris Hakes, Higher Education Advisers From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

### **Meet Local Employers Webinar**

The Greater Lincolnshire Careers Hub is hosting a webinar on Thursday 20th November from 6.00-7.00pm for students in Years 10-13, parents/carers and teachers to find out more from employers in the local community. This is a superb opportunity for students who do not wish to pursue higher education and would like to learn about opportunities on offer. Please see the information and registration link here:

[Grow Your Future: Meet Local Employers - Greater Lincolnshire Webinar - Pathway CTM](#)

### **Free Dance Classes in Spalding**

Please see the information below from Emma Morley from Children's Services at Lincolnshire County Council and the flyer:

*We're excited to invite your students to join our **free dance sessions at Bromley Memorial Hall, Spalding**, where they can explore creativity, teamwork, and choreography whilst working towards an **ASDAN qualification in Choreography**. Each week we will explore a range of styles from street and jazz to contemporary and musical theatre all whilst working towards an ASDAN qualification and rehearsing a routine for our annual **Positive Futures Dance Show** in February!*

📅 **When:** Wednesdays during termtime, 5:30–6:30pm 📍 **Where:** Bromley Memorial Hall, Bourne Rd, Spalding 🆓 **Cost:** Free!

*Our fun, inclusive classes are led by an experienced dance teacher who supports all ability levels — from complete beginners to confident movers. Students will learn how to create their own routines, express themselves through movement, and develop skills that count toward a nationally recognised ASDAN award.*

*We'd love to see some of your students come along and benefit from this opportunity, let's get them moving, creating, and achieving through dance!*

**positive futures**  
in Lincolnshire

ACHIEVE AN ASDAN  
QUALIFICATION IN  
CHOREOGRAPHY

**FREE  
DANCE**

**SESSION FOR AGES 13 - 18**

**WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME 5:30-6:30PM**  
**BROMLEY MEMORIAL HALL, BOURNE RD,**  
**SPALDING**

Contact  
Emma.Morley@lincolnshire.gov.uk

*9 - Information re: free dance classes*

**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

## Other notices and information



### **Upcoming diary dates:**

11th November Spalding Grammar School Sixth Form open evening

13th November Spalding High School Sixth Form open evening

14th November Non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need

18th November SHS and SGS PFA meeting - 6pm at Spalding High School

20th November Year 11 Parents' Evening

5th December Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco

5th December PFA Bingo at Spalding Grammar School



**BOSTON JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**  
Ages 8 - 12  
Tuesdays 5pm to 6.00pm during school term-time

Carlton Road Youth Centre  
Unit 5, The Carlton Centre,  
Carlton Road, Boston, PE21 8LN  
Tel: 01205 311794

What's on offer  
Arts & Crafts, Sports, Pool Table, Football Table, PS5 and Driving Wheel, Xbox and Cooking!

**FREE ENTRY**

Future4Me Lincolnshire  
Find out more: [F4MInterventions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:F4MInterventions@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

The poster features a purple and green geometric design with several hexagonal images showing children engaged in various activities: playing pool, playing a board game, playing a video game, and working on a craft project.



**BOSTON SENIOR ONE YOUTH CLUB**  
School Years 8, 9 & 10  
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Tel: 01205 311794

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