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# Spalding High School weekly bulletin 20th November 2025

## This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headmistress

Community is the largest word on The Spalding High School word cloud. It is the word students and staff think is the most significant characteristic that reflects our School and what is important to the people in it. This does not just mean the school community. We work hard every year to engage with the wider community for the benefit of our neighbourhood and town.

One of the ways we do this is with our "Bring-A-Tin Day". On the second Friday of December, just before we break up for Christmas, we hold a non-uniform day but instead of donating money for charity, staff and students bring items of food to support the Agape Care (Spalding) Food Bank. Without fail, the number of donated food items is impressive every year; another indication of how important this appeal has become to us. Since Christmas 2014, when the appeal first started, we have donated almost 17,000 items to the Agape Care appeal; a truly staggering number of donations!

The Sixth Form do a remarkable job every year promoting the event so that students and staff experiencing the appeal for the first time understand why it is so significant, not just to our School but to this important local charity and the people of Spalding and the surrounds. They organise boxes, posters, letters and lists of suitable items for donation; they collect, sort, and count; and, together with our Site Team, they pack, load up and deliver; and they do this all happily and willingly.

Today marks the launch of our 2025 appeal. You will find details of donatable items in this week's bulletin and make sure that you have marked the date on your calendar:

**Friday, 12th December.** Each form will have a box in their form rooms in the week leading to Friday 12th and whilst there is, of course, the honour of being the form who donates the greatest number of items, we know that what is more important is the fact that we are contributing to our community in such a positive way.

Everyone who has ever seen the stack of food in the School Reception on Bring-A-Tin Day has commented upon how touching and humbling a sight it is. Thank you for your continued support. Let's make 2025 a bumper year!

### **Christmas Disco and Bingo events**

The Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco will be on Friday 5th December at Spalding High School. Also on Friday 5th December there will be a Bingo evening at Spalding Grammar School.

## Student of the Week



Staff Name	Student Name	Student Form	Reason
Mr Fovargue	Isabella Neto	7C	Computer Science
Mr Garbett	Isabelle Sneath	7J	Music
Mrs Lees	Ellie Taylor	7J	Library
Mrs Rogers	Matilda Nizzer	7S	Geography
Mrs Hoodless	Isla Barnsdale	8C	Community
Mrs Nowak	Cimmy Alvarez	8C	Mathematics
Miss Ashley	Nawal Sheraz	8S	Community
Miss Bailey	Diana Zamura	8S	German
Miss Magnus	Diana Zamura	8S	History
Mrs Martin	Maya Pahal	9N	Mathematics
Mr Murphy	Smeera Mehta	9N	Latin
Mrs Jones	Maddi Cripps	10C	Latin
Mrs Busfield	Amber Wardill	10J	Biology
Miss Magnus	Poppy Wall	10N	Community
Mr Blackbourn	Jes Mills	10P	German
Mr Hemsall	Arjannya Das	10P	History
Miss Jeffery	Lexi Embleton	11J	English
Mrs Neal	Olivia Mumby-Croft	11J	Community
Mrs Bushell	Natasha Smoczynska	11N	German
Mrs C Lord	Lena Szybowska	11N	Mathematics
Miss White	Eleanor Seer	11P	Chemistry
Mrs Aurikko	Dilan Yildiz	11S	Biology
Mrs Neal	Imogen Mountain	12EO	Art
Miss Chalcraft	Alexa Grant	12TD	Mathematics
Mrs Martindale	Rhea Patel	12TD	Biology
Mr McAlinden	Isla Phillips	13AB	Business

Please find here 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.

## Sports News



On Thursday 13th November it was fantastic to see so many Year 10s at an additional netball practice after-school. The attendance and application of Year 10 at Monday lunchtime netball intervention has been excellent since the beginning of the year and we hope this continues. A longer training session enabled us to work on a range of defensive intercepting drills as well as some set plays and tactics for the School netball team to implement in their upcoming matches. Well done Year 10, the more you play the better you will become!



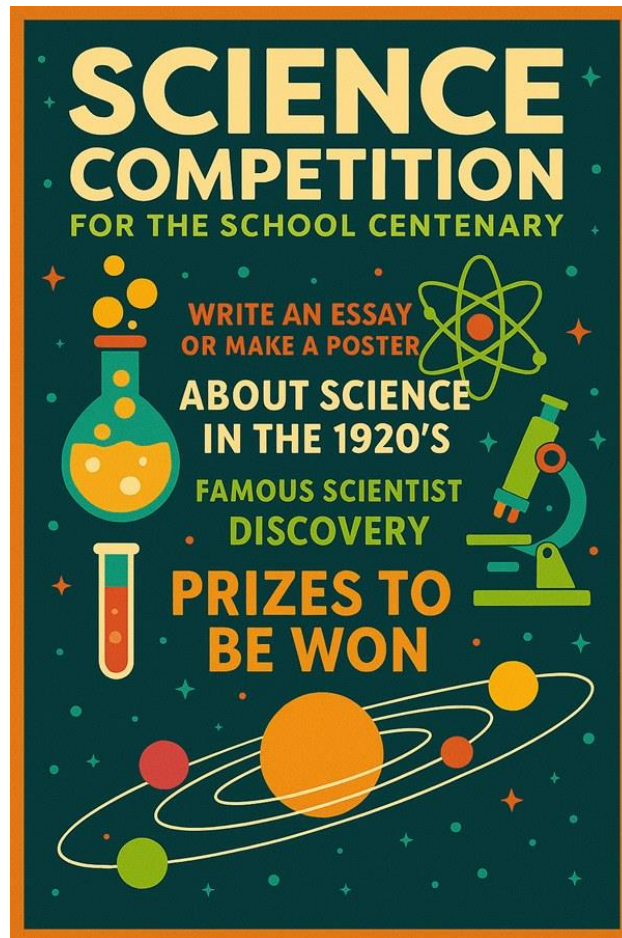


On Monday 17th November the Year 10 netball team played University Academy Holbeach in a South Lincolnshire League match. A slow and sloppy start to the game in the first quarter led to a 5-1 deficit but a couple of tweaks to our defensive strategy and better decision-making when in possession of the ball led to the score being 9-4 after the 2nd quarter. A really strong team performance in the third

quarter led to us closing the gap and bringing the score to 12-7. The final quarter was again a really impressive team performance and we actually won the quarter 3-2 but we suffered a narrow overall defeat of 14-10.

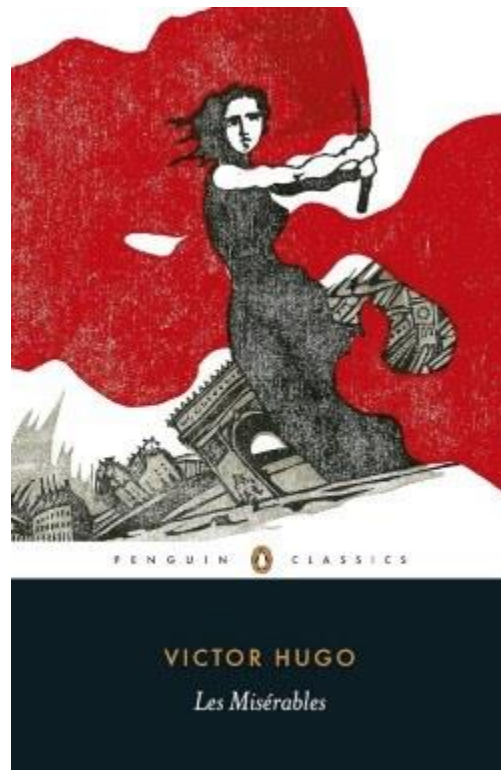
Poppy was awarded the opposition's Player of the Match for an excellent performance as goalkeeper, making vital interceptions and showing great reach when marking the goal shooter. There were other notable performances including Olivia in the centre of the court, and Lily and Anna in the shooting circle. I was really pleased to see that what we had worked on over weeks of after school sessions was evident in the performance - well done, I was very proud of you all!!

## Science News



Please see details of the Science Department competition for the School Centenary.

## Library News

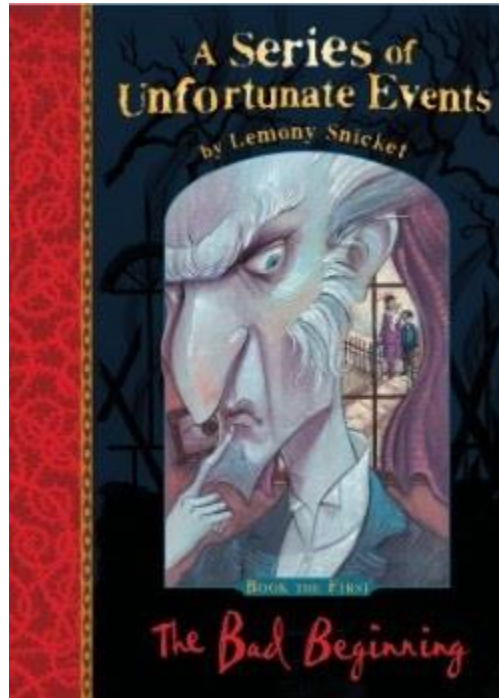


### **Les Misérables by Victor Hugo**

Les Misérables is a classic book set in 1800's France, about a man called Jean Valjean who, after leaving prison on parole, vows to become a better person. During his journey, he is asked to take the young Cosette into his care after her mother passes away. He takes her to Paris to keep her safe from the Thenardiens and Javert, the policeman who is intent on finding him after he broke his parole. When in Paris, there is a group of young revolutionaries, who wish for France to become a place of equality, and they do so through protests and revolts. This book is set during the June Revolution of 1832, and touches on themes of family, law, inequality and religion in this time period. I really loved this book as all of the characters are introduced in such a way that the readers can understand them and their beliefs, and it's a really emotionally powerful book. I would recommend this book to someone looking to

challenge themselves, or who enjoys strong historical themes, as it is a very long and exacting book to read.

Scarlett 10S



### **The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket**

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket was my favourite book from Year 7 because it's engaging and has lots of weird mishaps. The characters make it exciting too, as they each have big (but different) personalities which makes you like them. These characters consist of Count Olaf- the baddie in this book, who is cruel and torturing to his distant relatives, the Baudelaire children. The children are Violet- a keen inventor who likes to solve problems, Klaus- the second oldest who is very smart and Sunny- the youngest who likes to bite things and, just like the others, despises Count Olaf. It is definitely mysterious gothic fiction, because you have to keep reading to find out what happens and it's also gruesome, but in a funny way. If you like mystery books this would be my recommendation to you and overall it's just a great book.

Bea 9P

## Music News





## Sixth Form News

### Sixth form open evening

On Thursday 13th November, Spalding High School hosted an Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form students.

Students were given an insight into the life as a sixth former with Year 12 and 13s giving their perspective on general life in the Sixth Form as well as specific subjects and enrichments. The evening was busy, with students attending who are already in the School and external students too; it was well managed by all students and staff helping.

Mrs Anderson gave a talk to the students about A Levels followed by a performance from the choir and students speaking about their experiences. Potential students also had the opportunity to visit individual subjects where subject teachers and current students could give a deeper insight into the subject. The evening was full of information, but we received very positive feedback from those who attended.

Overall the evening was a success with many people attending and receiving lots of information.

Thank you to everyone who helped out, and we look forward to seeing some of you next year.

Lexi Withers, Deputy Senior Student

## Charity News



We had a non-uniform day at school last Friday in aid of Children in Need - the grand total of £812.12 was donated.

This is an amazing amount for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support.



This year, the Sixth Form will be raising money for the Lighthouse Project in Spalding. The charity provides social support and housing for people who are homeless or at risk, as well as for young mothers and those struggling with their mental health, helping them move towards a brighter, better future.

To support their amazing work, we will be holding a Bake Sale on Thursday 27th November at break time in the main school hall.

We hope to see many of you there!

Ruby Smith and Cordi Mansfield, Charity Prefects



### **Bring a Tin Day 12th December 2025**

We will be holding our annual "Bring a Tin Day" in aid of Agape Foodbank in Spalding on Friday 12th December.

Agape is a charity that provides support and food to homeless people and those struggling financially in Spalding and the local area. This Christmas, Agape are again collecting donations and we would like to continue to help them in supporting people in need. We ask that students bring an item of non-perishable food (or more if you feel able to) and we will deliver them all to the local branch. This will make a huge difference to children and families living in Spalding. We will send a list of items needed to families soon.

To promote the festive spirit the day will be a non-uniform day at School - please feel free to wear your festive Christmas jumpers!

Please see the list from Agape of items that would be particularly useful to the foodbank for the Christmas period. Items marked with \* are particularly needed.

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# Foodbank

## Christmas Shopping List

Christmas food  
For families in need  
in the  
South Holland area

Bread Sauce  
Gravy Granules  
Christmas Cake  
Savoury Snacks  
Selection Boxes  
Chocolate Mints  
Pringles  
Mince Pies  
Christmas Crackers  
Colouring Books  
Felt tip Pens

The Lighthouse, 10 Haverfield Road, Spalding,

Lincolnshire PE11 2XP

Mobile: 07858 80208

email: [agapecare@livo.co.uk](mailto:agapecare@livo.co.uk)

The Market House, Market Street, Long Sutton PE11 9DD

A Social concern project of the Lighthouse Church - Charity no. 1052184



## Agapecare Foodbank Christmas Donations

### **Tinned**

*Potatoes (large size tins especially)\**

*Fruit*

*Rice pudding\**

*Custard\**

*Spaghetti*

*Baked Beans (with sausages)*

*Soup (Heinz Big Soup especially)*

*Ravioli*

*Ham\**

*Corn beef*

*Chicken*

*Meatballs*

*Tomatoes*

### **Packet**

*Noodles*

*Mashed Potato\**

*Pot Noodles*

*Hot Dogs*

**Thank you For YOUR Support**

## Celebrating the Individual: Holly, Year 11



Congratulations to Holly who has successfully achieved her Lunge Test, passing with flying colours.

She is now well on the way to completing her B+.

Well done Holly!

## 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. We are aiming to have all students logged on the placements tool by the end of this term.

### **Saffery Presentation**

Last Friday, students in Years 10-13 were offered the opportunity to attend a presentation delivered by two employees from Saffery - a top 15 accountancy firm offering a broad range of advisory and financial services in the Peterborough area. Saffery is holding an insight event on 26th November for parents/carers and students to attend if they wish to find out more about careers in this sector and network with current employees and recruiters. This will be especially relevant for any sixth form students wishing to pursue apprenticeships in this sector, possibly instead of going to university. Please see the flyer.

# Learn and Earn in *Peterborough*



**Register today** to attend our event

**Date:** Wednesday 26 November 2025

**Time:** 5.00pm – 7.30pm

**Location:** Westpoint, Peterborough  
Business Park, Lynch Wood,  
Peterborough PE2 6FZ



## Your future starts here

School leavers and graduates are invited to our Peterborough office for an opportunity to explore the accounting and finance career options at Saffery.

We recruit trainees and interns every year into our teams:

	Audit
	Accounts
	Corporate and Personal Tax
	Payroll

Whether you're considering apprenticeships or university, this event is for students who are curious about this career path.

We'd love to meet you in person, where our trainees will be on hand to speak to you about their journey with us and give you advice on how to apply. They were in your position not long ago, so don't be afraid to ask questions.

### What you'll take away from the event:

Insights into the role and clients

Professional qualification information

What life is like as a trainee

Networking with the team

CV clinic and application advice

With Saffery you'll work with people who know your name. Who know you as a human being, not just a job title.

*Everyone belongs here.*

### Agenda

5.00pm - 5.30pm	<b>Arrival</b>
5.30pm - 7.00pm	<b>Talks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The One Group</li><li>• Careers in finance</li><li>• Kaplan (training provider)</li><li>• Studying an apprenticeship in accountancy</li><li>• Saffery: Life as a trainee</li><li>• ARU Peterborough: Accounting and finance degree in the city</li></ul>
7.00pm - 7.30pm	<b>Meet the team – CV clinic</b>

Please keep an eye on our social media or set up job alerts on our careers site below.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact [EarlyCareersTalent@saffery.com](mailto:EarlyCareersTalent@saffery.com)

**Parking:** free on-site parking.

**Nearest train station:** Peterborough Railway station (15 minute drive).

**Nearest bus station:** Queensgate bus station – Peterborough City Centre (10-15 minute drive).

**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:**

21st November mock MFL orals start

26-27th November mock Art

28th November Christmas Tree competition

1st December Year 11 and 13 mocks start

5th December Year 7 & 8 Christmas Disco

12th December Bring a Tin day

15th December Christmas concert

19th December (Friday) Last day of term

6th January (Tuesday) First day of Spring term



**SPALDING  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

Friday 28th November  
4pm - 8pm  
Spalding Town Centre

◆ Christmas Lights Switch On ◆

- ◆ Food Court ◆ Seasonal Stalls ◆
- ◆ Children's Rides ◆ Festive Music ◆
- ◆ Street Entertainment ◆
- ◆ Fancy Dress Competition and much more! ◆

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