



# Spalding High School weekly bulletin 4th June 2026

## **This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headteacher**

Welcome back to Term 6. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Whit half term, and that everyone was able to make the most of the glorious weather! In true British fashion, this week has brought thunderstorms and rain, but hopefully that will soon improve - especially as Term 6 is traditionally when a great deal of learning moves beyond the classroom and into the wider world.

School trips and fieldwork are vital in secondary schools because they bring learning to life. They help students develop practical skills, independence and confidence, while making subjects more engaging and memorable. Visits to historical sites, museums and natural environments deepen understanding and spark curiosity. Fieldwork, particularly in Geography and Science, allows students to collect real data and apply theory in meaningful contexts. These experiences also foster teamwork and strengthen social

skills. Ultimately, educational visits enrich the curriculum, support personal development and inspire a lifelong love of learning in ways that textbooks alone cannot.

With this in mind, it has been wonderful to see all of Year 7 heading off each day, full of enthusiasm, to enjoy their Rivers Day at Snipe Dales. Next week brings Biology and university trips, followed by History visits to Lincoln the week after. Shortly afterwards, we will all be looking forward to Extended Learning Week 2026. Plans are nearly finalised, and we look forward to sharing full details in next week's bulletin.

In the meantime, we hope students enjoy the wide range of trips and visits planned over the coming weeks - and that the weather improves to match the occasion!

PS The High Quarterly meetings will resume next week (Thursday 1.30 Sixth Form Study Room). It will be great to welcome new (and old) team members to the meetings.

## Student of the Week

Staff Name	Student Name	Student Form	Reason
Mrs J Lord	Scarlett Owen	7C	English
Mrs Fisk	Oluwatomisin Olasebikan	7J	English
Miss Bailey	Julia Laskowska	7N	German
Mr Garbett	Maddie Povey	7N	Music
Mrs Knowles	Felicity Gray	7P	French
Mrs Neal	Megan Page	7P	Art
Mr Fovargue	Anaya Fatima	7S	Computer Science
Mrs Spinks	Navodya Thebona Acharige	7S	Mathematics
Ms Busby	Shiloh Ngwa	7S	Food and Nutrition
Mr Garbett	Cimmy Alvarez	8C	Music
Mrs H Waldron	Maddy Jordan	9J	Religious Studies
Mrs Nowak	Hollie Payne	9P	Mathematics
Mrs Clay	Freya Sargeant	9S	French
Mrs Aurikko	Isla Stockdale	10C	Biology
Mrs Busfield	Natasha Darnell-Hodgetts	10J	Physics
Mrs T Waldron	Emily Venclovaite	10J	Biology
Mrs C Lord	Arjannya Das	10P	Mathematics
Mrs Martin	Sophie Smith	12EO	Community

Please find here the Student of the Week nominations for the week commencing 18th May 2026.

Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

## Sports News

A group of enthusiastic Year 8 students recently attended a T1 Rugby Festival, joining forces with students from Boston Grammar School to create two competitive teams for the event.

Despite only having three practice sessions to learn the game and rules, the girls showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and skill throughout the day. They quickly developed their confidence and understanding of the game, supporting each other brilliantly both on and off the pitch. They certainly 'sparkled' with the amount of glitter they were wearing!

Both teams performed exceptionally well against strong opposition, demonstrating excellent collaboration with the Grammar and positive attitude in every match. A special congratulations goes to the Grey Team, who won their pool and proudly brought home a tiny trophy to celebrate their achievement!

The festival was a fantastic experience for all involved, and the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts, spirit, and teamwork. Well done to everyone who took part.

Also, a massive thank you to Year 12 Sports Leaders for running the T1 festival. I am incredibly proud of your enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork you showed on the day! It isn't easy refereeing; it's even harder refereeing a sport you don't know. I received a lot of compliments about your leadership, so well done!

Miss Parker





## English News

### English Department Enrichment Opportunities

In association with The University of Cambridge Outreach Programme please be aware of this exciting opportunity:

#### Opportunity at Newnham College, University of Cambridge - The Woolf Essay Prize

In 1928, Virginia Woolf addressed the Newnham Arts Society on the Subject of 'Women and Fiction', and from this talk emerged her seminal text, *A Room of One's Own*. Newnham is very proud of its place in the history of women's education, and we are delighted in the continuation of the Woolf Essay Prize. *A Room of One's Own* raises a number of questions surrounding the place of women in society, culture, and education, and the competition allows students to contemplate these themes and ideas while developing the independent research and writing skills essential to university-level study.

#### Essay questions and submission

The [Information and Questions document](#) includes the questions, word limit, and submission details.

This year, the Woolf Essay Prize is open to all women in Year 12 (or equivalent), regardless of school or country. The deadline for submission is 09:00am BST on Monday 8th June 2026.

This prize may be of particular interest to those studying English Literature, History, Politics, Philosophy or Sociology, but we absolutely welcome entries from interested students studying *any* combination of subjects.

Please note that AI must not be used to formulate ideas or write prose for your essay. We will disqualify all entries that are reported by AI checkers to have significant AI content.

For any queries not answered here, please contact [essayprizes@newn.cam.ac.uk](mailto:essayprizes@newn.cam.ac.uk).

Find out more about [studying English Literature](#) at University of Cambridge and meet [Shakespeare scholar Dr Bonnie Lander-Johnson](#).

Why not enter?

Please let me know if you enter, if you are interested, and please do not hesitate to come and see me if you would like some help and support to enter this competition.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Lord, Head of English

## Maths News

Over 120 students took part in the Junior Maths Kangaroo on the 29th April 2026.

A total of 66 Year 7 students decided to give it a go for the first time – well done to all of them! Exactly 50% achieved either a Bronze or Silver Certificate.

Congratulations to Sophie (7N) and Felicity (7P), who were joint Best in Year 7.

In Year 8, 55 students volunteered to take part. Of these, 20 achieved a Bronze Certificate and 15 received a Silver Certificate. Jessica (8S), Holly (8S), Aaruni (8C), Freya (8S), and Lillie (8P) all achieved Gold Certificates.

Special congratulations go to Lillie (8P), who was not only the highest-scoring student in Year 8 but also the highest-scoring student in the school. As a result, she has qualified for the next round of the competition, the Junior Kangaroo.

A huge well done to everyone who took part!

Mrs Nowak





## Art News

We have our annual GCSE and A Level Art exhibition evening on Friday 5th June 2026 6pm-8pm.

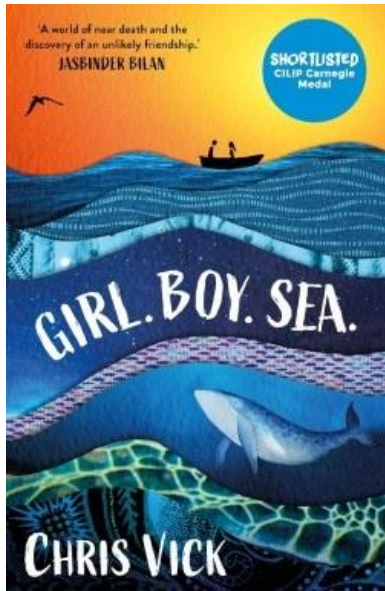
Year 11 and Year 13 students are invited to bring their friends and family to celebrate all of their hard work over the last two years!

All welcome - please do join us.



## Library News

### Carnegie Book Group Update



Our fifth book was *Girl.Boy.Sea.* by Chris Vick, a story of friendship and survival. Bill, a young British boy, narrowly survives the sinking of the yacht he is on, becoming separated from the rest of the crew in a devastating storm. After days alone at sea in a tiny rowing boat, Bill rescues Aya, a girl clinging for her life to a barrel. Aya is escaping to Europe when her migrant ship is destroyed in the same storm. Through countless days and nights, they drift on an endless, vast empty ocean. Aya tells Bill about *The Arabian Nights*, and Shahrazad, who told 1001 stories to save her life. As hope of rescue begins to fade, they find strength in these tales of magic, wily thieves, greedy sultans, and the courageous girls, who are always the heroes of the stories.

As a group we shared other books that had uncommon friendships, such as *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle, *The Star Outside My Window* by Onjali Q Rauf and *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We also suggested other books that we had enjoyed with a frame narrative (a story within a story). Much of *Girl.Boy.Sea.* focuses on Aya and Bill battling the elements and we had lots of suggestions for books that have this as a theme, such as *Tsunami Girl* by Julian Sedgwick, *Into the Volcano* by Jess Butterwoth and *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Finally, we thought about adventure as a genre and what key element we each wanted to find in an adventure book. Our opinions were varied with setting, conflict, friendship, unexpected tragedy, fantasy, mystery, action, escape and overcoming adversity all being elements that we looked for ... that's a lot to find in one book!

Our next book will be *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay - come and join us every Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Library.

Our vintage Carnegie shortlist and meeting dates are:

9th June – Book 6, *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay

16th June – Book 7, *Tinder* by Sally Gardner

23rd June – Book 8, *After the Fire* by Will Hill

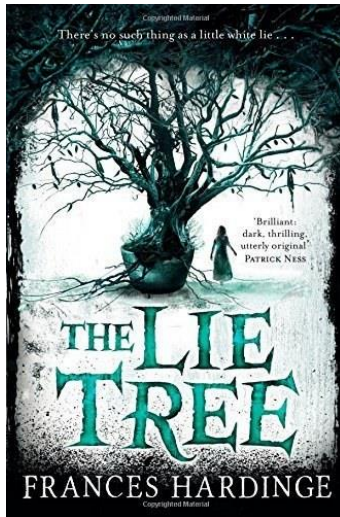
30th June – Balloon Debate, join us for manic fun and frantic book survival!

Happy Reading.

Miss O'Sullivan & Mrs Lees

## Book review

### The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge



The Lie Tree is a book that is set in the Victorian era on a small island called Vane, that a teenage girl (called Faith) and her family move to. Faith is described as a quite unique character for her inquisitiveness about everything around her. After a tragic event, she discovers a tree that feeds on lies and uses it and her father's letters to find out the truth. I've really enjoyed this book because there is a lot of suspense, mysteries and secrets you can ask questions about, especially at the end of the story. Faith's determination to solve the mystery and her courageous behaviour inspired me though out the story. I would totally recommend it to people who enjoy a bit of fantasy and historical suspense.

By Xien 8P

## Well-being Committee

My name is Imogen and I am a Senior Prefect for the Well-being Committee.

I'm excited to announce the start of the new Well-being Club that will take place every Week 2 Friday. All students are welcome to the club, where they will find a safe and enjoyable environment, to connect with others and take part in various activities each week.

Each session will feature different activities including origami, crochet, colouring in, loom bands and much more, whilst having the opportunity to discuss any problems or concerns you may have. I encourage everyone to come along, get involved, and have fun while looking after their well-being.

There will be more events in the upcoming year, for example Hello Yellow Day that we love to get involved in and raise money for mental health charities.

Imogen, Year 12

## High Quarterly Magazine



The High Quarterly is the School's Education Award-nominated, student-led magazine. Our aim is to enrich our school community and beyond, by celebrating achievement and knowledge.

From in-school events to personal hobbies and comic strips, members are free to choose and write about whatever they choose. We aim to produce three to four magazines per academic year; most with seasonal themes.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and approachable team open to all and any ideas, and on making meaningful contributions to our student body. Joining the magazine is a perfect opportunity to build your professional writing and editing skills, and is ideal for anyone interested in pursuing a future in journalism or creative writing.

We welcome students from all year groups and of all interests!

If you are as passionate about fostering an environment of collaboration and creativity, come join us! We are headed by Mrs Anderson and meet at 1:30 in the Sixth Form Study Room, on a Wednesday Week 1 and Thursday Week 2.

Poppy, Year 12

## Careers News

### Year 12 Work Experience – 29th June - 3rd July

Many students have now added their placements onto the Unifrog platform and more are being added each day. We would like to encourage remaining students to continue to make enquiries about placements and to add them onto Unifrog as soon as possible. Any support in helping students to find placements would be greatly appreciated from parents/carers, friends and family members.

### Year 12 – University Applications

A great resource to use to find out about applying to university, choosing subjects, university life, student finance and budgeting and much more is the UniTasterDays podcast – ‘The Uni Guide Podcast’. There are currently 52 episodes.

[The Uni Guide Podcast for students, parents and schools | UniTasterDays](#)

UniTasterDays has also published its 2026 edition of the ‘Parents’ Guide to University’ which can be downloaded for free here:

[Parents' Guide to University | Expert advice brochure to support parents and carers | UniTasterDays](#)

In careers lessons, students have been starting to fill in their online university applications. Over the coming weeks, they will be supported with personal statement writing for their applications.

### Year 7 – Dragons’ Den Challenge

The annual Year 7 Dragons’ Den Challenge launched on 23rd April and we are looking forward to the final on 19th June. The challenge gives students the opportunity to work collaboratively in groups to research, develop and present a product or service to their peers and the winning teams go through to the final to present to a panel of judges. We are excited to see the presentations on the 19th June.

### Aspiring Theatre Careers

The flyer is for the 'Aspiring Theatre Careers' event, organized by the NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy. It features a teal and pink color scheme. At the top right is the NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy logo. The main title 'Aspiring Theatre Careers' is in large, bold, teal letters. Below it, a subtitle reads: 'Explore the careers that deliver skilled care before, during and after a patient's surgical procedure.' Further down, it states: 'Open to individuals aged 15 to 19 years. Join workshops and talks delivered by healthcare professionals.' The event details are listed: 'Lincoln County Hospital Tuesday 16 June' and 'Pilgrim Hospital, Boston Tuesday 23 June', both from '6 pm – 8:30 pm'. A QR code is provided with the text 'Register today!' and a blue arrow pointing to it. At the bottom, the website 'lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events' is listed, along with the 'TALENT ACADEMY' logo and the tagline 'Inspiring Futures - Informing Careers'. A small image of a healthcare professional in a blue scrubs and mask is also visible.

Please see the information below and the flyer about an upcoming opportunity.

The Lincolnshire NHS Talent Academy is running an Aspiring Theatre Careers event on Thursday 19th June, at Lincoln County Hospital and Wednesday 25th June at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This event is open to young people aged 15-19 years, living or educated in Lincolnshire.

There are many roles within the Theatre team, including Anaesthetists, Healthcare Support Workers (HCSW), Nurses, Nurse Associates (NAs), Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs), Orderlies, Surgeons, Theatre Managers and Theatre Support Workers (TSW). Participants will gain an insight into this high-pressure, rewarding team environment through interactive workshops and informative talks led by experts.

This is an excellent opportunity for young individuals eager to embark on a career working within theatres.

For further information about the event or for students to book their place, please visit: <https://lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events/>

If students sign up to take part, could they please let me know for monitoring purposes.

### **Year 13 Students - George Clarke Scholarship**

The George Clarke Scholarship is a charity set up under the terms of the will of George Clarke and is administered by Lincolnshire County Council. The Scholarship is available to students under 25 who attend courses of higher education (Level 4 or above) and whose home address is in the parishes of Long Sutton or Sutton Bridge.

Please see the flyer for details.

## **GEORGE CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Do you or your parents live within the parishes of Long Sutton or Sutton Bridge?**

**Will you be attending a course of higher education (level 4 or above) at University or College during the 2026/2027 academic year?**

**Are you under 25?**

**If you answered yes to the above questions you may qualify for a scholarship of up to £400 per year.**

For further information please contact

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**Closing date for receipt of applications  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

### **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:

Friday 5th June Year 10 RS trip to Walsingham 2

W/C Monday 8th June Year 4 Taster Week

Tuesday 9th June SHS & SGS PFA meeting 6pm @ SHS

Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th June DofE practice expedition

Monday 15th June World Music and Culture Day

Tuesday 16th June New Intake Information Evening

Thursday 18th June Year 4 and Year 5 Open Day

Friday 19th June Dragon's Den afternoon

Monday 22nd June Year 10 exam week

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June Year 8 Lincoln fieldwork trip

Friday 26th June Year 7 & 8 Disco and Year 13 Leavers' Ball

### Upcoming Free Parent Webinars

As part of Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's week, the Lincolnshire County Council Stay Safe Team will be hosting the following free webinars:

#### ***Navigating Teen Relationships Webinar for Parents***

Lincolnshire County Council DA Stay Safe Officer is hosting a free Microsoft Teams session to help parents support their teens with relationships.

Learn about:

- Signs of unhealthy relationships
- Coercive control & love bombing
- Red flags and where to get support

Monday 29th June | 6:30–7:30pm

Book your place: <https://www.tickettailor.com/.../lincolnshiresafe.../2068657>

#### ***Curious about AI and your child's world?***

Join our Stay Safe Team's free webinar on "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to learn:

- How AI can support learning and creativity
- What to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation
- Simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls

Empower yourself to guide your family confidently in the age of AI!

Wednesday 1 July, 6:30–7:30pm

Register your place

here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lincolnshiresafeguardingchildrenpartnership/2068715>

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