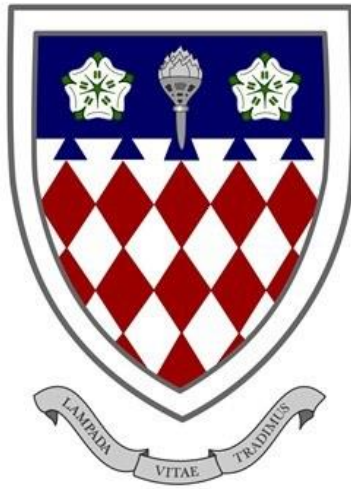




Spalding High School weekly bulletin 1st October 2026

This week from Mrs Ray, Assistant Headteacher

Sponsored Walk 2026

The sponsored walk was held on the afternoon of Friday 25th September; it was an extremely enjoyable and successful event. The whole school took part in the 7km walk along the Coronation Channel and raised an incredible £7,225.45! The majority of this money will now be spent on projects decided by the students themselves, through the school council.

In addition to the walk, many students made or bought cakes for Macmillan coffee morning and these were enjoyed by students after the walk. We will be donating £800 of the above amount to Macmillan Cancer Support.

There was a real community feel to the whole day with the whole school coming together. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and the sun shone all afternoon. Everyone really entered into the spirit of the walk and some of the sixth even ran the course.

A special mention to 7C who raised the highest amount as a form, and Bonnie in Year 7 who raised the most amount as an individual.

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who took part!













Student of the Week

Staff Name	Student Name	Student Form	Reason
Mrs Spies	Ella Watkin	7J	Community
Mrs Lee	Isla Hill	7P	French
Mr Garbett	Delilah Carrott	7S	Music
Mrs Lee	Olivia Brook	8N	Community
Mrs Spinks	Hallie Jeffery	8N	Mathematics
Mrs Busfield	Iris Thomas	9C	Physics
Mrs C Lord	Wiktoria Gren	9C	Mathematics
Mrs J Lord	Bhavya Warnakulasuriya	9C	English Literature
Mrs Nowak	Eliza Fathers	9J	Mathematics
Mrs Jones	Florence Chamberlain	9N	Latin
Mrs Rogers	Khadijah Yasin	9P	Geography
Mrs Martin	Jenna Green	9S	Mathematics
Mr Blackburn	Tilly Mansfield	10N	Business
Mrs T Waldron	Ruby Gallagher	10P	Biology
Mrs Bennett	Freya Sergeant	10S	Geography
Mrs Schwarz	Camilla Skaizgiraityte	10S	Textiles
Mrs Martindale	Georgia Bailey	11C	Biology
Mr Hemsall	Emily Webster	11J	History
Mr Fovargue	Olivia Ward	11N	Computer Science
Mrs Tanner	Poppy Crunkhorn	11N	Community
Miss White	Izzy Trinidad-Harding	11P	Chemistry
Mrs Bushell	Yogitha Velpuri	11P	German
Ms Shaw-West	Daisy Cockerill	11S	Physics
Mr Martindale	Jagoda Kurpiel	12FM	Technology
Mr Murphy	Karina Zokaite	12FM	Community
Mrs Tanner	Sasha Pretorius	12KM	Photography
Miss Ashley	Charlotte Shepherd	12NG	Mathematics
Miss Rossouw	Georgiana Jacob	13LM	Psychology
Mrs Bennett	Caitlin Loasby	13LM	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Miss Dunbar	Mathilda Simpson	13SC	Sociology

Please find here the nominations for Student of the Week for the week commencing 21st September 2026.

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

Sports News

Our cross-country runners were in action recently at Snowden Fields, Crowland, competing in the first race of the Fenland League Cross Country series.

There were some superb performances across the team, with a special mention going to Felicity in 7P, who raced brilliantly to take 1st place in the Year 7/8 category. Iris in 9C also delivered an impressive performance, finishing 4th in the Year 9/10 category.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented the School with such determination, effort and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing how our runners progress throughout the series!

PE department



Year 10 Netball Tournament Success

The SHS Year 10 Netball team took part in the South Lincolnshire Schools' Netball Tournament and performed fantastically throughout the competition.

The team played against seven other schools, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and tactical awareness. Our defensive players were outstanding, with strong defensive work, well-timed interceptions and crucial turnovers helping to create opportunities and contribute to the team's scores.

The centre-court players worked tirelessly to link defence and attack, while our attacking players showed great skill and tactical awareness to create scoring opportunities and put pressure on the opposition.

SHS had an excellent tournament, losing just one game, 2–1, in an incredibly close and competitive match. The team went on to finish second overall in the tournament, an excellent achievement.

Every player should be extremely proud of their performance, effort and teamwork. Well done, Year 10 Netball!

VS	SCORE	Player of the match
Bourne Academy	6-0 W	Violet
UAH	3-2 W	Megan
Spalding Academy	7-0 W	Ishy
Cowley	4-0 W	Mbali
Boston High School	4-0 W	Violet
Bourne Grammar	2-1 L	Mbali
Haven High	8-2 W	Lily



Computing News

Last week we had the end of topic Binary Game Challenge for top score across forms. Everyone took part and the highest score in each form was recorded along with who achieved it. These are the results.

Sophie 8N **30000** - a very high score!

Willow 8C **22650**

Isabella 8S **21050**

Binaya 8P **19350**

Rachel 8J **18950**

Honorable mention to Rosa in 8N who scored **28325** which was more than everyone one else except for one other player who happened to be in her form!

House points will be awarded for these top 5 placements. All students who scored over 16000 earnt an excellent for their effort - about 40 Excellents were awarded.

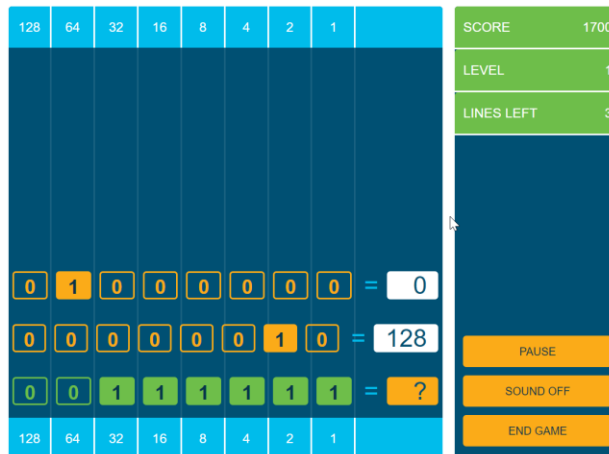


Image from the Cisco Binary Game found online
at: <https://learningcontent.cisco.com/games/binary/index.html>

Library News



Extended Library Opening Hours

We are pleased to offer extended after-school library opening hours for students in all year groups from **Monday to Thursday, 3:45pm to 5:00pm**.

This provides a quiet space for independent study, homework, reading, and research.

Parents/carers of students in **Years 7-9** must complete the online form ([Extended Library Opening Hours for Independent Study - September 2026 to July 2027 – Fill out form](#)) in order for their child to attend. This form only needs to be completed once. It will be parents/carers' responsibility to ensure that their child will be collected at 5:00pm or allowed to leave and travel home independently.

Students in **Year 10 and above** are responsible for informing their parents/carers that they will be staying until 5:00pm and for making appropriate arrangements for their journey home.

Please note that those students who are attending these sessions will need to stay in the library until 5:00pm at which time, the supervising staff will take them out to the front entrance.

We look forward to welcoming students to make the most of this additional study opportunity.

Year 7 - 11 Book Group

This week's Year 7-11 book group was certainly a controversial one! Our theme was 'books or series we have not finished'. This was our largest club to date, and it was great to have so many students sharing their views and engaging in friendly debate.

There were some suggestions of books or series that they hope to finish (Killing Jericho and Finding Sky), but most took the opportunity to air grievances of the books that had wronged them. Powerless, The Cruel Prince and Harry Potter were just some of those mentioned and Percy Jackson was a particularly popular pick.

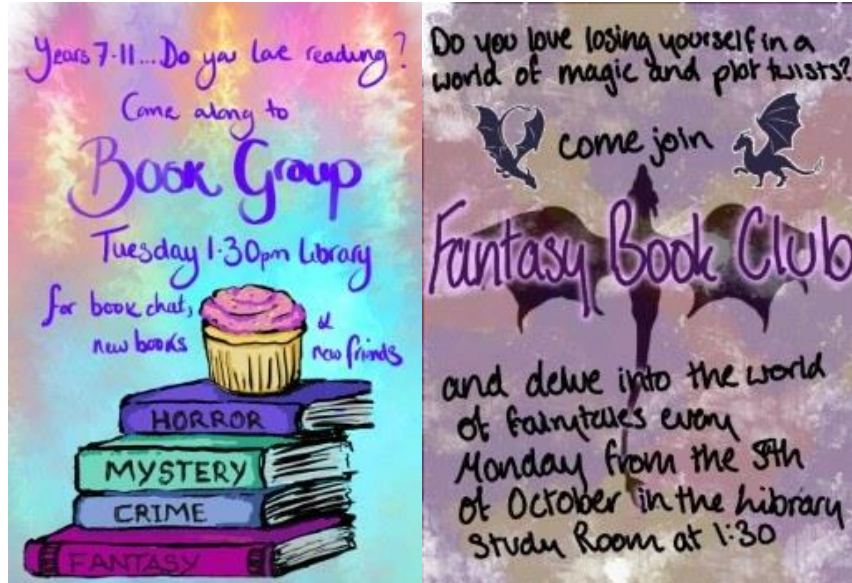
6th Form Book Group

The Sixth Form book group met for the first time this academic year and it was wonderful to welcome new members from Year 12. We chatted about how the book group would run this year and have decided to give recommendations each fortnight based on a theme. After lots of ideas, and even more biscuits, we decided to start with what we read over the summer at our next meeting on Friday 2nd October.

We meet each Friday Week 1 in the Library study at 1pm. All Year 12 and 13 students are warmly invited.

Happy Reading

Miss O'Sullivan, English Teacher, and Mrs Lees, Learning Resource Manager



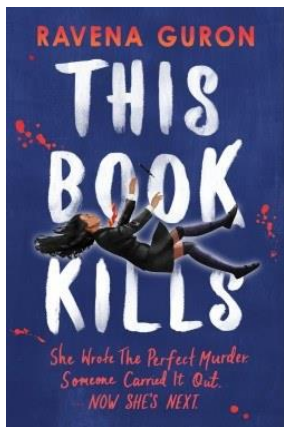
Book reviews



One by Sarah Crossan

This is a really lovely book follows the story line of conjoined twins (Tippy and Grace) and the way that they navigate through life. They face the challenge of going to school together, making new friends and surviving the impossible. I really enjoyed the storyline of the book and these characters. And I also enjoyed the unique layout of the pages as it is written in free verse, which makes the story immediate and easy to read. This was a very emotion filled story that I would recommend to anyone of any age and I hope the next person who reads it thoroughly enjoys it too.

Rosie, 10S



This Book Kills by Ravena Guron

'This Book Kills' is a murder mystery by Ravena Guron that led me to being absolutely speechless at the end. This was the second murder mystery book I had ever read and I can certainly say it raised the bar. The plot of the book was amazing, I couldn't stop turning the pages and it kept me on my toes while I was reading it. It's set at a strict private secondary school where Jess is a scholarship student. Everyone knows the drama and rumours are common. However, it quickly takes a big turn and starts going downhill when someone is killed and Jess is accused of being the murderer, even though it was her best friend Clem's secret boyfriend and she had no reason to kill him. After the murder takes place the school board wants the school to look good, so they want to change the rules for scholars to keep the school seeming

extraordinary. These rules have almost impossible expectations to follow and Jess has to do something about it. There are so many secrets at this school and Jess even tries to solve the case and she does (after she's almost murdered). Ravena Guron did an amazing job and I can't believe how everything links together - even the tiniest of details are all connected somehow and the several plot twists in the book are incredible, especially the ending.

Bethan, 8P

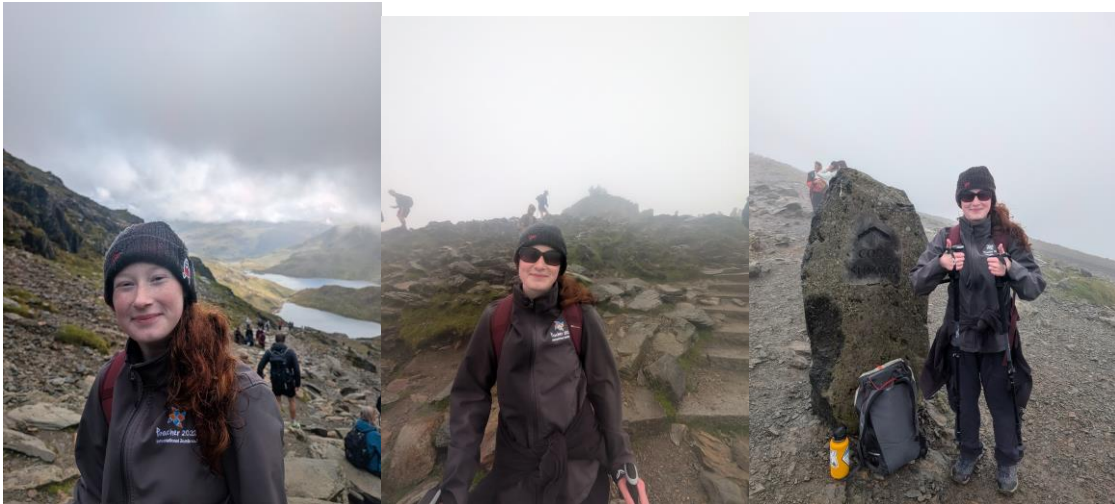
Charity News

The next charity event will be the Hello Yellow non-uniform day on Friday 9th October. We suggest that students donate £1 in return for wearing non-uniform - as much or as little yellow as you would like. The monies raised will be paid to the Young Minds charity, which provides mental health support for young people. Normal non-uniform rules will apply, ie no crop tops, no political or offensive slogans, and no excessive make up or jewellery.

Celebrating the Individual: Evie-Mai, Year 12

Evie-Mai climbed to the summit of Mount Snowdon last Saturday.

She has been selected to represent Lincolnshire at the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. To attend she needs to raise £3,800 and so she planned and prepared for the hike to raise the funds. This money doesn't just enable her to attend but it also supports others to attend as well.



Celebrating the Individuals: Abbie and Florence, Year 13

Charity Cycle Challenge Raising Money for The Lighthouse Project

On Saturday 26th September, Abbie and I took on our biggest fundraising challenge yet: cycling 79km from Spalding High School to Hunstanton Lighthouse in aid of The Lighthouse Project.

The Lighthouse Project is the charity that the Charity Prefects have chosen to support, and we quickly realised that bake sales alone were not going to raise the level of funds we hoped for. If we wanted to make a genuine difference, we needed to think bigger. Our original plan was to cycle to Sutton Bridge Lighthouse, but we decided that wasn't quite ambitious enough, so we extended the route all the way to Hunstanton.

Armed with absolutely no training, a KFC the night before, and a generous amount of sports tape, we set off from school at around 8.00am. We made excellent progress early on, reaching Sutton Bridge by 10.30am. Naturally, we refuelled like elite athletes with fizzy rainbow laces and Lucozade.

Everything was going smoothly... until the hills arrived.

After reaching Castle Rising and stopping for lunch, we were blissfully unaware of the challenge that lay ahead. Every incline seemed to burn through our quadriceps as experienced cyclists flew past us on sleek road bikes, dressed head-to-toe in Lycra. What felt like endless miles of undulating country roads tested our determination, but at around 2.00pm we were rewarded with our first glimpse of the sea.

With the finish line finally feeling within reach, disaster struck.

Just 10 kilometres from Hunstanton, Abbie's front tyre suddenly went flat. We called our support team, who rushed to the rescue, only to discover that our pump didn't fit the valve. With options running out, we briefly considered finishing the journey with Abbie perched on my handlebars! Thankfully, just as our hopes were fading, a kind couple appeared around the corner and, unbelievably, had a pump that fitted perfectly.

Back on the road, we faced a race against time as the tyre slowly lost air. Then, with less than 5 kilometres remaining, Abbie's chain slipped off. Fortunately, this was a quick fix and we were soon heading towards the lighthouse once again.

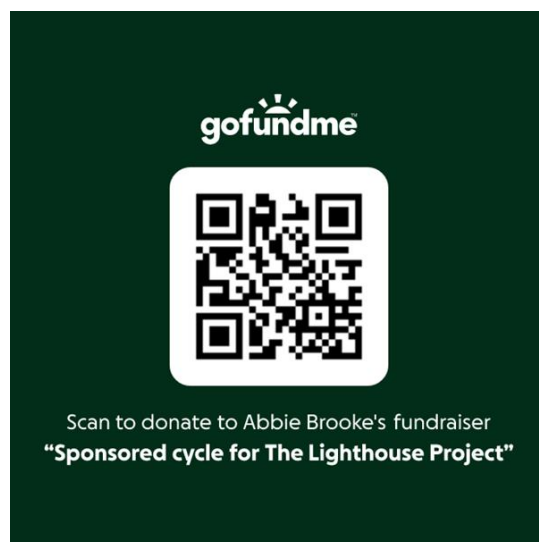
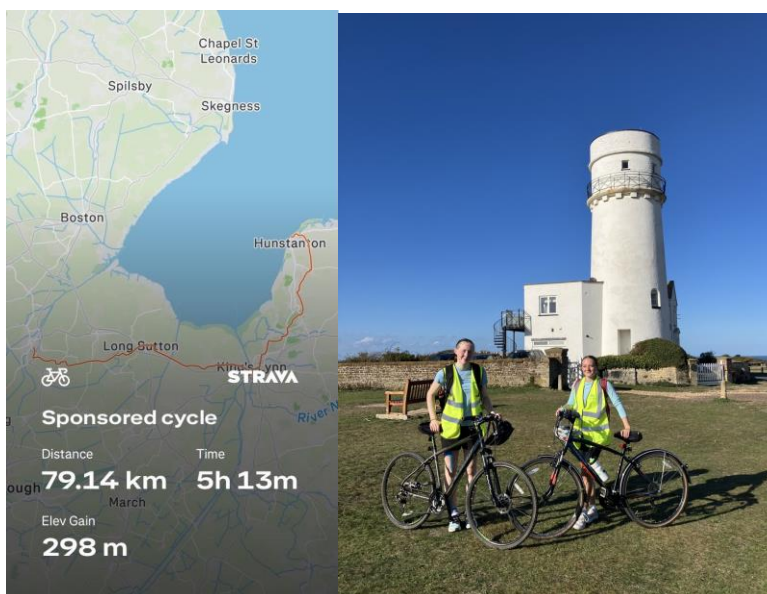
Around eight hours after setting off, we finally rolled into Hunstanton and reached our destination.

According to Strava, we cycled 79.14 kilometres (just over 49 miles), spent 5 hours and 15 minutes in motion, and climbed nearly 300 metres of elevation. Although, after a day like that, it certainly felt like much more!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our parents and supporters who kept us fed, motivated and hydrated throughout the day, and to everyone who donated. Your encouragement gave us the determination to keep pedalling up every hill.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far to making this challenge such a success. We hope the Lighthouse Project will be able to use the money raised to support people in our local community who need it most. Please continue to donate using the QR code or direct link. [Fundraiser by Abbie Brooke](#) : [Sponsored cycle for The Lighthouse Project](#)





Spalding High School Social Media

We would like to advise those students, parents and carers that are new to SHS that we have a Facebook page - you will find lots of interesting posts and updates, so please do follow us: [link here](#)

Gertie, our school dog, also has her own Instagram account - you'll find it at @gertiesshstail

She has settled in really well over her first week at SHS - please do follow her adventures on instagram.

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 11 – Life in Sixth Form

In PSHCE last week, Year 11 students attended a presentation from Mrs Waldron, Head of Sixth Form, and me about sixth form study at the High School. This was followed by a question and answer session with current Year 13 students. This week students have the opportunity to meet Year 13 subject prefects to talk about the A Level subjects they represent.

Our Sixth Form information evening is on 10th November and we look forward to welcoming students and parents/carers to continue conversations then.

Unifrog University Fair – 14th October – 4.00-6.30pm

The Unifrog UK University Fair is a great opportunity to find out about studying at university and to have your questions answered by the experts in just two and a half hours. Join over 30 universities from across the UK to speak to their representatives via Q&A and choose from 16 live webinar sessions to get an insight into all things university.

[UK University Fair 2026](#)

Success at School – Upcoming Webinars

‘Success at School’ is running some webinars in December regarding Accountancy – ‘University vs Apprenticeships’ which may be of interest to parents and students.

[Webinar Calendar 26/27 — Book your place](#)

Lincolnshire Safer Communities Leaders – Applications Open

A flyer for Lincolnshire Safer Communities Leaders. It has an orange background. At the top, it says 'Lincolnshire Safer Communities Leaders' in white and yellow text. Below that, it says 'Are you...' followed by three bullet points: 'Aged between 14-21?', 'Living, working or studying in Lincolnshire?', and 'Keen to share your views on crime, policing and community safety?'. At the bottom left is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a speech bubble that says 'For more information or to apply, scan the QR code or go to the link below!'. At the bottom right, it says 'Closing date: 5th October 2026'. At the bottom left, it says 'tinyurl.com/SCLLincoln'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for the Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner.

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Lincolnshire POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Please see the flyer for the opportunity to become a Safer Communities Leader. Following a successful first year, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire is recruiting a small group of young leaders aged 14 – 21 to be the voice of young people on crime, policing and community safety.

Support:

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

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

Other notices and information

Upcoming diary dates:

Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October Y11 GCSE PE climbing trip

Friday 9th October Hello Yellow Day non-uniform

Thursday 15th October Y12 Curriculum Evening 6pm

Friday 16th October Fright Night Y7 & Y8

Wednesday 21st October Evening of Sport, Music and Drama 7pm

Thursday 22nd October Y9 Yorkshire Sculpture Park trip

Thursday 22nd October Norway trip departs

Thursday 22nd October End of Term 1

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