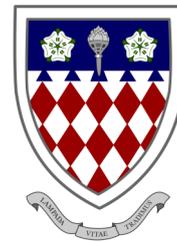




# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 5th May 2022



The summer terms in school are typically marked by two major features; public examinations and a significant increase in school sporting events. After two summers where these key features of school life have been severely disrupted by the pandemic, it is a relief to see that they are both firmly back on the school agenda. This morning we held the final examination briefing for Year 11 and Year 13; an important milestone in the journey towards their final exams. Students will return home tonight with an important information sheet which Mrs Waldron explained fully during this morning's briefing. It will also appear on the School website and further details regarding exam results days (18<sup>th</sup> August GCE and 25<sup>th</sup> August GCSE), will be sent some in due course. This week there is also much sporting news to celebrate! Well done to the Year 7 Netball Team who stormed to victory against Boston High and to Sharman and Johnson in the house netball competition. Our School Trampoline Team has also tasted success in the Interschools Competition - well done to all involved. Congratulations also to Bethany and Tilly (both Year 8) for their sporting achievements and all those who took part in the Maths Challenge. Fingers crossed for yet more examination and sporting success in the summer months to come!

*Mrs M Anderson*  
*Headmistress*

#### Update from the PE Department

##### House Netball

We are pleased to announce the winning forms from the House Netball competitions:

- Year 7 - Sharman
- Year 8 - Johnson
- Year 9 - Sharman
- Year 10 – Johnson

Well done to all the pupils who were involved. There was some excellent gameplay displayed with some extremely close fought games, with goal difference deciding some of the winners! We are looking forward to the House Cricket competition at the end of this term.

## Update from the PE Department (continued)

### KS3 Trampolining

On Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Year 7 and 8 inter-schools trampolining competition took place at Bourne Academy. The High School had nine competitors in the running; two in novice, six in intermediate and one in elite. Emma and Laura both completed strong routines in the novice to start off the day. We then had Grace, Lanie, Maisie, Karina, Teagan and Isobel in the intermediate category. The High School dominated, taking the top four spots, our three medallists being Lanie in 3rd, Isobel in 2nd and Maisie in 1st. Finally, Isla represented us in the elite category. Although she was alone in the group and guaranteed a win, she achieved the highest score of the whole competition! An amazing achievement.

Well done to all the pupils who represented the High School, and an extra thank you to Jessica and Willow for representing us on the judging panel too. It was a brilliant day!



### Year 7 Netball Final

On Monday 25th April the Year 7 netball team played in the South Lincs Netball Final after winning their league without being defeated. The team played Boston High School and won 14-0. All students played to their best ability, they had great attacking play and impressive defending. The team had great spirit on the day and it is lovely to see the bond they have created since joining SHS. A massive well done from the PE department. You should all be proud!



*Miss Parker*



### Tang soo do

Congratulations to Tilly Talbot who competed in the National Championships on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. She won two National Championship events and came 3rd in another. What a fantastic achievement! We would also like to say 'good luck' for the 14<sup>th</sup> May, when Tilly will be taking her first Dan Black Belt!

### Lincolnshire Schools' Golf Competition.

Congratulations to Bethany Gough (8J), who placed third in the U18 competition. Bethany was placed behind players much older than her (Y12/ Y13), and so very well done! Bethany shot her best round to date with a gross score of 81.



## Maths Challenge

The Grey (Year 9) and Pink (Year 10 and 11) Kangaroos are follow-on rounds to the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. They are 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenges consisting of 25 problems.

Each year, several thousand UK-based students are invited to take part in the Kangaroos. Entry to this competition is **by invitation only** and is based on a qualifying score.

This year, eleven students were invited to this challenge. Two of them, Emily W (Year 9) and a Year 11 student, received a **Certificate of Merit**. This accolade is awarded to the top 25% of entrants and puts our students among the best mathematicians of their age in the country.



Congratulations to all of the participants.  
*The Maths Department*



*“The Intermediate Maths Challenge is an amazing opportunity, especially for those who want to pursue Maths and/or Further Maths for A-Levels, but also for everybody else as it tests not only how well you memorise formulas, but also if you have good logic. Therefore, it is something that is beneficial for everybody that has a go! I usually enjoy the exam and although it is stressful, it can actually also be fun if you try your best. Because you score points, you don't have to worry about completing it and solving each question is a very satisfying feeling.”*

*Olivia Derewonko Year 11*



## Sixth Form Entry 2022

The Sixth Form Team visited Year 11 during assembly for the last time before they go on study leave to launch some exciting new enrichment opportunities that will be available to Year 12 students next year.

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ is an advance research project which allows students to plan and carry out research on a topic that they've chosen and isn't covered by their other qualifications. They can take inspiration from something touched on in class or something personal and unrelated to their studies. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production. This is a qualification equivalent to half an A Level and is highly valued by universities and employers alike. Students and parents/carers will have the opportunity to find out more and sign up for this in the autumn term of Year 12. The qualification will run from January in Year 12 to January in Year 13. For more information please see the link below:

[Be seen with an EPQ](#)

### Sports Leaders Award

Year 12 students will be given the opportunity to gain a qualification in Sports Leadership. They will learn and demonstrate important life skills such as effective communication and organisation whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people, their peers, older generations and within the community. Mr Farrell will give students more information on the Sixth Form Induction Day.

The Sixth Form team would like to extend their very best wishes to all Year 11 students for their GCSE examinations. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them into the Sixth Form for **Induction Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** where the start of their next adventure will begin! We are still here to support any student who has not yet made or accepted an offer with us for September. Please just get in touch. We are here to help.

*Mrs Haunch (Head of Sixth Form)*

## Careers Update

### Presentation by Head of Psychological Services at Whitemoor Prison

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Head of Psychological Services and a forensic psychologist trainee from Whitemoor prison visited school. Forty-nine students from Years 10, 11 and 12 listened to a presentation about the programmes that are run across the prison to support inmates and their families, staff and other agencies working within the prison sector. The students also worked in groups to answer questions that a forensic psychologist would typically use when working with different groups of people and this opened up excellent discussion. Forensic psychology is one of many roles open to students after a psychology degree. Psychology is a popular A Level choice in the sixth form and this event gave students an insight into one of the careers associated with it.

The link below provides further information about careers related to psychology:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/psychology>

### Coveris visit

Coveris is a leading European packaging company that manufactures flexible and sustainable solutions for some of the world's most respected brands. The company has 29 plants across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, including plants in Spalding, Wisbech and Boston. On Tuesday, the Recruitment Manager from Coveris in Spalding came into school to meet students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who are interested in pursuing apprenticeships.

Here is the link to the apprenticeships section of their website where students can register their interest:

<https://www.coveris.com/careers/apprenticeships>

If any other local companies have upcoming apprenticeship or employment opportunities, please contact Mrs O'Brien or me at school and we will ensure that students are made aware.

### Year 12

Two letters have been sent out to Year 12 parents/carers this week: one from Mrs O'Brien about work experience and one from me about applying to university.

### Support

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

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***Mrs Bushell — Careers Leader***