



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

16th March 2023



We reached a milestone this morning as the current Y11 and Y13 had their school photographs taken just ahead of them starting study leave next term. Both year groups looked impeccable and so grown up and I reminded them all of my comments at the Y7 Information Evening all those years ago that the time would fly and before they knew it, they would be all grown up. Here we are, five and seven years later and, as predicted, that is exactly what has happened! For Y13, it is indeed their final official school photograph but for the majority of Y11 who are staying on with us next year, there will at least be one more final photograph to enjoy. It is an important rite of passage and it was clear from their reactions that the students understood this too. Well done to you all – the photographers were, as always, impressed with your conduct and co-operation.

There is news a plenty from the departments this week, including a really interesting piece from the Music Department on the benefits of singing. I think we would all agree with the evidence outlined in the report and I know, having read items the HQ Team are putting together for the next edition, that many of them feel the same about the music clubs they participate in. On that note, the Spring Edition 2 of the HQ is coming together nicely and we look forward to sharing that with you all just before we break up for Easter. As a result of The HQ being issued in those final few days, we will not have a School Bulletin that week as well, meaning next week's is the final one for the Spring Terms.

The School Run Drop Off and Collection - A Reminder

We have received a further complaint from a local resident regarding parking on Matmore Gate and the congestion caused by parents parking locally for the school run. Our Transport Plan advises that parents organise a safe place away from the School and local narrow roads for drop off and collection. We would also remind parents that there are new parking regulations, double yellow lines, zig zag lines and bus bays in the area around Matmore Gate, Tesco and Stonegate which must be observed.

Mrs M K Anderson, Headmistress

Red Nose Day is back! Friday 17th March



Friday 17th March sees the return of Red Nose Day, and we are asking students to wear non-school uniform (no inappropriate outfits and no offensive slogans to be worn) for a donation of £1 to help the numerous charities supported by Comic Relief. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a school to raise some money to help people through the toughest times of their lives.

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head

Student of The Week

Please find below 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.

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
7C	Trish Stoffel	Mrs Reddy-Devlin	Technology
7J	Aliyah Mohamed	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
7J	Olivia Duff	Miss Jones	Physical Education
8C	Annabel Duce	Mrs Chandler	Library
8C	Annabel Duce	Mrs Clay	Latin
8C	Jaz Steele	Mr Hemsall	History
8C	Karolina Gren	Miss Pettefar	English
8C	Morgan Davis	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
8J	Izzy Hurn	Mrs Rogers	Geography
8J	Millie Atkins	Ms Almasi	German
8J	Sunny Salkeld	Mrs Martindale	Science
8J	Zuzanna Poznaniak	Mr Cook	Form
8N	Ellen Wright	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
8N	Jasmine Bate	Miss Bailey	German
8N	Samantha Mathew	Miss O'Sullivan	English
9C	Sehrish Ibrahim	Miss Jeffery	Drama
9J	Abbie Brooke	Mrs Anderson	Geography
9J	Ruby Loveridge	Mr Farrell	Physical Education
9N	Ava Clarke	Mrs Knowles	French
9N	Wiktoria Kusy	Miss Parker	Physical Education
9S	Lilianna Wong	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
10C	Chessie Brice	Mrs Kelleher	Art
10J	Amelia Green	Mrs Bushell	French
10J	Holly Burchnall	Mrs Haunch	Physics
10N	Sophia Wheeler	Mrs Waldron	Biology
10P	Grace Huggins	Mrs Neal	Art
10S	Brooke Godley	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
11C	Gracie Lloyd	Mr Love	English
11C	Sophie Lewis	Mr Garbett	Music
11N	Elizabeth Neal	Ms Busby	Food and Nutrition
11N	Evie Duffill	Mr Blackburn	Business
11P	Josie Cotton	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
11S	Christelle Mazhindu	Mr Martindale	Technology
6AB	Elizabeth Buck	Miss White	Chemistry
6GD	Scarlet O'Hara	Mrs Busfield	Biology
6IW	Ellie King	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
6KM	Millie Williams	Mrs J Lord	English Language
6LM	Misha Rajesh	Mr Wright	Biology
6LM	Amelia Twelves	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6NG	Kacper Wielgosz	Mr McAlinden	Business
6SC	Krzysztof Palonka	Miss Dunbar	Criminology

Classics

Virtual Lecture

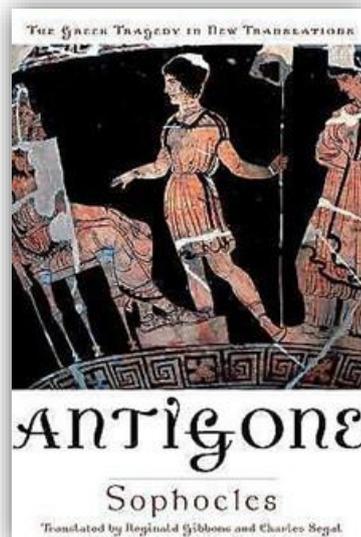
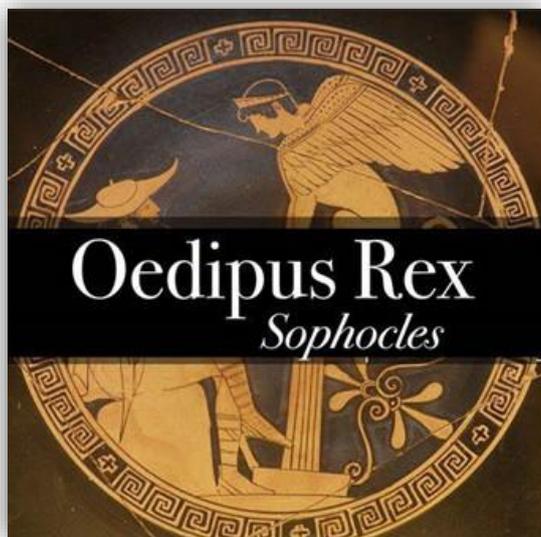
On Tuesday 7th March, the Classics Department attended a virtual meeting hosted by Dr Birgit Breidenbach at UEA about Sophocles' Theban Plays. This meeting was attended by schools and individuals across the country, and within the School, there were students from Year 12 and 13 Classics and even a few students from Year 11.

The lecture itself was incredibly interesting, with Dr Breidenbach discussing the context of Sophocles' plays, tragedy in ancient Greek theatre, and causes of suffering. By considering these topics we were able to learn about Sophocles' role in Greek society and how this affected his writing, the way tragedy worked in theatre, and what the causes of suffering within his and other tragic plays were. Sophocles is the renowned playwright of Oedipus Rex and Antigone.

With interactive elements where attendants were encouraged to answer questions in the chat, the lecture was engaging and the wide range of topics ensured that it was interesting to attend.

Altogether, the lecture was a brilliant opportunity for students from different years and subjects to widen their knowledge, and allowed for new insights into Sophocles' work and the genre of tragedy.

Jemima Gurney, Classics Prefect



Physics

Reflection on Prof. Averil MacDonald

On Wednesday 1st March, the Science Department welcomed Professor Averil Macdonald OBE, DSc, DUniv, FRSA as a guest speaker. Originally, she worked as a physics teacher and then moved to the university sector. She has done a lot of work getting women into science, such as working with WISE (Women In Science and Engineering) as well as the Athena Swan Charter. Her first lecture titled 'Getting to Net Zero- Myths and Facts' included debunking of environmental myths such as 'planting enough trees can get us to net zero' and gave realistic information into the UK's energy crisis. She spoke about the use of hydrogen to decarbonise transport and the UK's heating system as well as the potential global trade of hydrogen in the future. The second lecture, 'Plastic- Destroyer or Saviour of the Planet', included fascinating statistics of the greatest cause of micro polymers in the ocean; clothing and tyres of vehicles. We learnt about food packaging and the consequences of banning plastics in the food industry, as well as polymers in medicine such as dissolvable stitches, skin grafts and blood transfusions. Lastly, she spoke about technological advances in development of plastics and future uses. It was a fantastic experience, all students and teachers involved were left inspired by her passion about the subjects.

Elizabeth Buck, 6AB

SIMS Parent App

Thank you to all those parents and carers that have downloaded the SIMS Parent App. Encouragingly, we now have nearly 700 parents and carers registered.

You may have noticed over the weekend that we have turned on achievement comments so that any comments related to 'Excellents' are displayed. We hope this additional level of detail is helpful.

As always, if you have any problems registering for, or using, the SIMS Parent App, please contact enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk at first instance.

Achievement Assemblies

Every other term, the School comes together to celebrate the many achievements of pupils. Ahead of each achievement assembly, teachers and support staff are invited to nominate students for a range of awards across a range of categories including attainment, progress and contribution to the learning environment. Our second round of achievement assemblies will take place **W/C 20th March**.

A full list of awards can be found below. Also, at this assembly, certificates are awarded to those students in receipt of 'Excellents' according to the following totals: **Bronze (15), Silver (30), Gold (50), Platinum (75) and Diamond (100)**.

Mr Love, Assistant Head

Certificate Name	Awarded for...	Nominated by...	Frequency
Progress	Awarded to the student who, based on their starting point, has made excellent progress.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Contribution to learning environment	Awarded for full involvement in class or group activities, whilst having a positive impact on the learning of others.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Attainment	Awarded to the student who has reached the highest standard overall.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Shining Star	Awarded at the discretion of the subject teacher in recognition of academic achievement, progress, effort, good manners and/ or exemplary behaviour.	Subject Teacher/ Form Tutor for PSHCE	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Community Award	Awarded for consistently contributing to the life of the School and helping to promote a positive community ethos.	Any member of staff	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Attendance	Awarded in recognition of an attendance of 95% or over.	School	Achievement Assemblies 2* and 3** only
Attainment (Year Group)	Awarded to the student who has reached the highest standard overall within their year group for the academic year 2022-2023.	Head of Department	Achievement Assembly 3 only
Shining Star (Form)	Awarded at the discretion of the Form Tutor in recognition of contribution to form life, being a good citizen, good manners, exemplary behaviour and/ or effort.	Form Tutor	Achievement Assembly 3 only

*Based on attendance in Terms 1 and 2

**Based on attendance in Terms 3 and 4

Careers Update

Year 10 Work Experience – 27th-31st March

Work Experience Week is fast approaching for Year 10 students. Could parents/carers please ensure they have read the letter which went out this week via Parent Mail regarding final arrangements. Students should have contacted their placements to ensure they have all the necessary information they need, such as start and finish times and what to wear.

Year 12 Work Experience 3rd-7th July

We have been talking to students in Year 12 about their plans for work experience placements in July. Whilst this may seem a long way off, there is a great deal to organise in terms of checks to ensure students are able to go on placement. The deadline date for handing in placement confirmation forms is 21st April. If your child has not found a placement yet or proactively started to look, could you please support and encourage them at home. We are happy to offer advice and assist in school if students come to talk to us in the Careers Office.

Year 13 – Student Finance Applications

Student finance applications for university courses starting this autumn are now open. Apply by the 19th May to ensure that student finance is in place for the start of term. Students do not need a confirmed university place to apply as applications can be made by entering a preferred choice of institution and changed at a later date if necessary.

Student finance: get ready for 2023 to 2024! – Get ready for 2023 to 2024!

Useful webinars about student finance and budgeting to support parents/carers and students

UEA is running an excellent series comprising two online events designed to help students and their parents understand what financial support is available for university study (30th March) and how to budget and manage your money (April 27th).

Alumni Articles

It is always a great pleasure to receive an update from a former student. I was delighted to learn about Imogen Woolf's success in nursing. Many thanks to Imogen for kindly writing her alumni article – see attachment.

If any students are interested in nursing, they should come to talk to us in the Careers Office.

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