



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

17th June 2022



Latest News and Events

Now that the summer term is here it is lovely to read about how well all the School's teams are doing in sports such as tennis, cricket and athletics. Well done to our Tennis Teams in Years 7-10, all of whom have done very well in their recent matches. Well done to our athletes too especially, Izzy, Karina and Lottie who all had amazing individual performances.

This week we have had some amazing events in school too. It has been wonderful to welcome back the Art Exhibition; such wonderful talent within our Y11 and Y13 artists and photographers and thank you to Mrs Kelleher and the Art Department staff for mounting such a professional exhibition to be enjoyed by staff, students, parents and families. We all have our fingers crossed that the Art and Photography moderators are equally as impressed.

Also this week we held our Year 7 Information Evening for the new Year 7 pupils joining us in September. The new intake were able to meet their form tutors, Mrs Schwarz and myself, pastoral and senior staff and ask questions of our current Y7 and Y12 helpers and prefects. Thank you to all who attended and all the staff and students who helped make the evening so enjoyable.

Accompanying this week's edition of the School Bulletin, you will find a letter from our Governing Body, who are seeking to appoint two new parent governors to the Board. Please do take the time to read the letter and give consideration to this important role. Our governors are a strength of the School and their experience and advice adds enormously to all that we are able to achieve.

Thank you.

Mrs M Anderson

Art and Photography Exhibition 2022

Thank you all for the amazing turnout to our first exhibition for three years! It was so great to welcome over 160 students and family/visitors to the School to see the fantastic work produced. Thank you for your engagement with the work; it was great to celebrate and discuss the achievements of our students with you all. We would also like to thank the Year 13 students who were present on the evening and helped with the arrangements and the Art prefects who made the evening run so effectively. Unfortunately, we are unable to publish photos of live work at this time as it contravenes AQA policy. We will be doing so in the future.

Art and Photography Department

Monitors for sale

As a result of some of the technology upgrades around the School this academic year, 24 monitors are available for sale to students rather than disposal to a 3rd party company. We have a mixture of HP monitors with the following range of specifications:

24 x HP Monitors – 5 x 15” and 19 x 17” screen size. All are Flat Panel TFT screens with a 4:3 (Square) ratio. They are VGA connections and come with the appropriate power lead. Even though the monitors do not come with a warranty, they are all in good working order.

If you would like to purchase one of these monitors, they are being sold for £15 each. Students will need to bring cash or cheque (payable to Spalding High School) to the Finance Office, and bring a receipt to Mr Fovargue in T6 to collect their monitor. ***Any money raised from the sale of this equipment will go to the school council funds and so students will be able to influence how these are spent.***

Mr Fovargue

Tennis

At the end of last term, the SHS Tennis team played their league matches. The tournament layout is that each player will play a singles match against their equally ranked opponent, and then a doubles match with a partner (1 full set, or 6 rubbers).

The Year 7 and 8 team have played against Bourne Grammar, Priory Ruskin and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (QEGS), and I am thrilled to

announce that they won all of their matches! The Year 9 and 10 team have played against Bourne Grammar and QEGS, beating Bourne Grammar and drawing with QEGS.

Throughout all of the games, I have seen some exceptional performances from the students, all of whom displayed brilliant sportsmanship and good humour when playing against their opponents. I am looking forward to the next stage with them all to see how far they can go!

The PE department



Athletics

On Thursday 9th June sixteen students represented South Lincolnshire at the County Athletics Championships. A massive well done to all students who competed. Three students finished 2nd in their events and will represent Lincolnshire Schools. This is a fantastic achievement for these athletes. The next athletics event will be Sports Day, I look forward to seeing most of the school compete!

Izzy Hurn ran a strong 800m in 2.38 minutes finishing in 2nd place.

Karina Zokate threw an impressive 6.73m in shot putt finishing 2nd place.

Lottie Hemmings competed in the 1500m finishing 2nd with an amazing time of 5.16 minutes.



The PE department



Cricket

Last week, every year group participated in the house diamond cricket competition. The idea is to score as many runs as possible in 4 minutes. There were some extremely close fought matches, some of them drawing on the number of runs scored which therefore meant it came down to how many each team caught, stumped or bowled out! Well done to all the students who took part; there was



some excellent teamwork and batting on display for the spectators who were watching and supporting their houses!

Congratulations to the winning forms in each year:

Year 7 – Johnson

Year 8 – Pankhurst

Year 9 – Johnson

Year 10 – Pankhurst

We are looking forward to the final house competition this year, which will be rounders.

The PE department



Sixth Form Entry 2022. Induction Day Tuesday 5th July

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our confirmed applicants for Sixth Form entry 2022 to our Induction Day on Tuesday 5th July. If you have accepted your offer of a place with us in September, please check your email inboxes for a letter outlining the information for the day. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions about the day. If you have not yet accepted a place to join us in September but would like to explore that possibility, please do get in touch, we are here to help.

Sixth Form Dress Code

Our Sixth Form students are excellent ambassadors for our school and are a fine example to the younger students in the way they conduct themselves and in their smart appearance. Our Sixth Form dress code outlines our expectations and is regularly reviewed to reflect the views of our students. Please click [here](#) to see the revised and most up to date version of the Sixth Form Dress code.

Mrs Haunch & the Sixth Form Team



Careers Update

Year 10 Work Experience Week 4th - 8th July

Year 10 students will be attending their work experience placements from 4th - 8th July. If students have not done so recently, they should ensure they have made contact with their employers to confirm arrangements for the week, such as starting and finishing times each day and what they should wear. Tutors will deliver health and safety briefings to students and help them to prepare for their placements during PSHCE lessons over the coming weeks. Students will also receive a work experience record book to take on their placement.

Year 12 Work Experience Week – Employer Feedback

Year 12 students completed their work experience week in May before the half-term break. Mrs O'Brien has received excellent feedback from many employers so far. Here is a selection of comments received:

"..... communicated well with everyone at all levels and was enthusiastic and engaged. She asked questions to further her understanding and had a positive work attitude."

"We wanted to say what an absolute pleasure it was to have here. Everyone was incredibly impressed with her and everything she did. Her professionalism and maturity were far beyond her years."

"Both students were excellent and an asset to have with us for the week."

"..... presents as a very able, confident and hardworking student who will be an asset to an employer. is a credit to Spalding High School."

It has been an absolute pleasure to talk to students about their work experience. One student in particular stood out when she said that she now has real empathy for how demanding it is for her parents to juggle work and home life.

Year 12 University Applications

Many students have now started their online university applications. In careers lessons in June and July we will focus on writing personal statements. There is a PowerPoint presentation with information about how to write a personal statement in the 'Year 12 Careers Team' which all students can access. Please discuss this at home and encourage your child to make the most of the coming months to continue with course research and to write an impressive personal statement. If open days are attended, could students please email me to let me know for monitoring purposes where they have been.

Support

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

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