

Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

20th May 2022



Today it was the turn of Y13 to say farewell to the High School (at least until their first exams on Monday!) and what a wonderful day it has been. Yesterday at lunchtime we had the staff vs Y13 rounders match and sadly the sixth form lost but much fun was had by all, along with a good dose of competitive banter. At lunchtime today, we had a wonderful picnic in the quad and thankfully, the sun came out. Lots of Y13 have spent today telling me they were determined not to cry but by the end of the Leavers' Assembly, there was barely a dry eye in the house, including Mrs Haunch. I had the honour of opening proceedings and Mrs French and I always see how long it takes before tears start to flow – barely under two minutes today! However, it was definitely Ocea and Megan's song that really triggered the tears with such pertinent words and wonderful music. Well done to you both and to Mr Garbett for his accompaniment. Y13 parents will know what I mean when I say, thank you for your support and contribution – the reaction from the students was great! The Sixth Form Prefect Team and form group representatives made fantastic speeches and gave touching votes of thanks to form tutors and the Sixth Form staff; well done to Georgie and the team for such a wonderful afternoon – it truly was one of the best.

P.S. – Mrs Bennett has asked me to put out an APB for the quadruplet babies that have been taken from their nest on her desk. If you have been in the Y13 areas around school today, you will know what I mean! Mrs Bennett would like them returned.

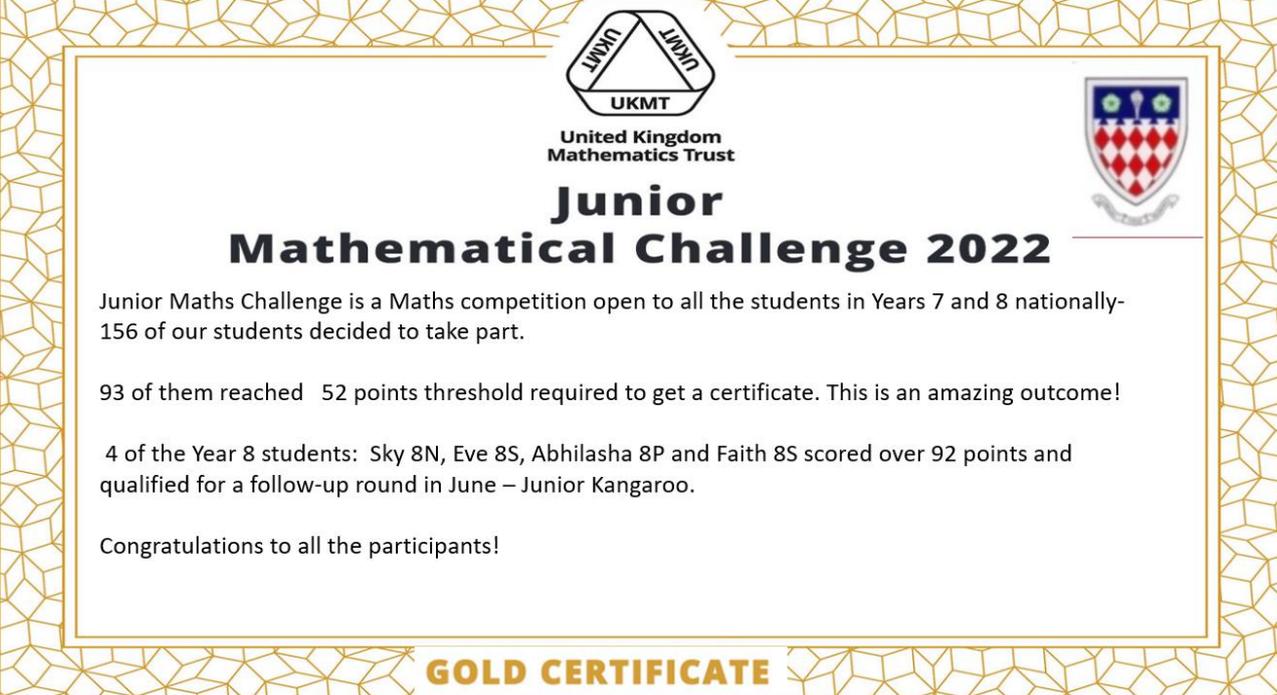


Picnic blankets

Now that we have fine weather, please remember that there are picnic blankets in the boxes in reception for students to use when sitting on the grass. These must be folded up and returned to the boxes when students have finished with them.

Mrs M Anderson
Headmistress

Maths Department



The certificate features a decorative gold border with a geometric pattern. At the top center is the UKMT logo, a triangle with 'UKMT' inside and 'JMC1' on each side, with the text 'United Kingdom Mathematics Trust' below it. To the right is the school crest. The main text is centered and reads: 'Junior Mathematical Challenge 2022'. Below this, it states: 'Junior Maths Challenge is a Maths competition open to all the students in Years 7 and 8 nationally- 156 of our students decided to take part. 93 of them reached 52 points threshold required to get a certificate. This is an amazing outcome! 4 of the Year 8 students: Sky 8N, Eve 8S, Abhilasha 8P and Faith 8S scored over 92 points and qualified for a follow-up round in June – Junior Kangaroo. Congratulations to all the participants!'. At the bottom, the words 'GOLD CERTIFICATE' are written in large, bold, gold letters.

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Art Exhibition

Its back! It is with great pleasure that we are holding our art and photography A Level and GCSE exhibition again, after several years absence! The opening is taking place on 10th June from 5pm—8pm. There is staggered entry and a sign-up system so please see our school website for details. We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your families and friends to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students.

Mrs Kelleher
Art and Photography Department

Y10 helpers required for Summer School 2022

We are looking for 6 helpers who could assist in the running of the Y6 & Y7 Summer School this year. You need to be enthusiastic, a good communicator and have an interest in working with younger students. You must be available to work from Monday 25th July – Friday 29th July. Successful applicants will be paid £150 for the full 5 days.

Application letters should be emailed or given to Mrs Ray by **Wednesday 8th June**. Interviews will then take place on **Friday 10th June**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your leadership skills and to be part of a great team!

Mrs Ray

7C - The New Litter Picking Gang!

Test run of the new litter picking equipment! 7C volunteered to clean up the playground during private study last Friday. It was the first trial of the new equipment that we have recently acquired. We were so happy to have 7C come forward to help Mrs Schwarz. Lots of smiles all round from the team last Friday after neatening the playground

Isabel Houchen



Spalding Youth Games Club

Spalding Youth Games Club has been running for nearly ten years now. Offering a Saturday morning of supervised board games, wargames and roleplaying games for 10-18 year-olds.

We are located at the Vista Hall, attached to St Mary & St Nicholas Parish Church in Spalding. The Club runs every Saturday during term time, 10am-1pm. One of the supervisors is a teacher at Spalding Grammar School and the other a DBS-certified youth leader. The fee is £5 – or £8 for a family group.

The Club maintains a big library of board games, covering family games, card games, adventure games, cooperative and social deduction and 'modern classics' like 7 Wonders and Root. We also have miniature armies and beautifully painted scenery and battle mats for wargames like Warhammer 40K. It's common for members to run roleplaying games like Dungeons & Dragons.

We make new members welcome (and the first visit is free) and teach the rules of games as they are played. There's a tuck shop where we sell drinks, crisps and chocolates at cost and we order in Domino's Pizza at midday for those who want to pay a bit extra (£1 a slice). We promote each meeting on the Spalding Youth Games Club page on Facebook; alternatively anyone interested can contact jrowe@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk – please note the Club is open to all young people in Spalding.

We're very keen to grow our membership now that we have moved into the spacious and secure venue at the Vista.

Jonathan Rowe (SGS)



Careers Update

Work Experience – Year 12

Good luck to our Year 12 students who are going out on a wide range of work experience placements next week. We hope that you have an informative and enjoyable week.

Students who are not going out on a placement will be taking part in activities in school, some of which are work related.

Spalding High School Medical Society

Members of the Medical Society met for the third time as a group on Monday 16th May. We looked at the differences between Medicine and Biomedicine degree courses. The students had time to start looking at Biomedicine courses on the UCAS website and our Year 12 and 13 students chatted to younger students about the courses they are considering.

Here is the link to the course search page for Biomedicine:

[Search - UCAS](#)

Alumni Articles (see attachment)

Many thanks to Katie Winfield for her article for this week's bulletin. Katie left the school last summer to study Primary Education with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) at Nottingham Trent University. She is thoroughly enjoying her course and gives us an insight into her experiences so far.

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