

Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

22nd July 2022



Well here we are! How we have completed an academic year so quickly, is really quite astounding. The year really has just flown by! It is fair to say that everyone is absolutely shattered. Looking around the hall this week as we have completed the Achievement Assemblies, we have been met by hundreds of very tired faces looking back at us, and not just the students! The heat this week has not helped and students (and staff) have coped remarkably well. We must not forget either, that this is the first full academic year back in school since the start of the pandemic and work has been both fast paced and challenging. The Achievement Assemblies this week, and earlier in the year, have provided us with ample opportunity to celebrate achievements and mark successes. Looking back over this year's bulletins, it is amazing to see how far we have come and all the things that have been achieved. This edition is no different and it really is a "bumper, end of year edition". Thank you to all the students and staff who have contributed throughout the year and also to parents/carers who have sent in items about their child's achievements outside of school; we always love receiving these items too. One of the Centenary plans (had we not gone into lockdown and school closures) was to establish a cross year group team of reporters and editors to restart the School magazine, The High Quarterly. I would be very interested in receiving emails for students from across the School who would like to work on this project next academic year. Any parents/carers who would like to offer advice and support (or items to print) in a school magazine, please do also make yourselves known.

Sports Day was a massive success again this year and please do take time to read the attachment detailing the achievements, results and new School records. Well done to the PE department on securing the School Games Gold Award for the High School – what a tremendous achievement. Well done too to our Cricket Teams who have finished the season on a high.

Staff farewells...

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to several members of staff this week:

Miss Barlow

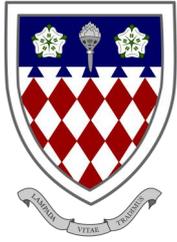
Miss Barlow joined the Art and Design Department in September 2022, to cover Mrs Neal's maternity leave. Miss Barlow has worked tirelessly on behalf of the students and the School this year and been fully involved with departmental activities, Arts and Technology Days and the Art and Photography Exhibition. Miss Barlow has also supported students pastorally as co-tutor for 8P. She will be much missed by students and staff and we wish her well in her new teaching post.

Mrs Shaw

Mrs Shaw joined the School as a TA in September 2020 and has worked closely with the students she supports and their teachers. Thank you Mrs Shaw for all you have contributed to the School.

Mrs Hagon

Mrs Hagon (Miss Deary as she was then) joined the School in September 2015 as a member of the Technology Department. Mrs Hagon has been a brilliant support to the department, the School and hundreds of students during her seven years at the School. She is an inspirational and dedicated teacher, with a calm manner and a real passion for her subject. Mrs Hagon has encouraged students to produce incredibly high quality work in Product Design, graphics and Textiles, which is a superb legacy. Mr Martindale (HOD) has said, "She is absolutely lovely and only ever brought sunny positivity and enthusiasm." Thank you Mrs Hagon, you will be missed by us all.



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Mrs Knight

Mrs Knight is retiring from the High School after almost thirty years service. She started in 1993 as a part time and temporary clerical assistant on just 15 hours per week but very quickly made her skills and experience known and was appointed to a permanent role very quickly! Over the 1990s and early 2000s, her hours increased and Mrs Knight acquired a growing number of responsibilities such as receptionist, EMA support, Sixth Form Administrator, Publicity Officer, Work Experience Coordinator and deputising to the Head's PA. Since 2011, Mrs Knight has held the role of School Administrator and Head's PA and in 2015, became the School's HR Manager too. Mrs Knight has been a tremendous support to students, parents and staff over the years. Her length of service, in so many roles, has made her central to the effective running of the School and a de facto member of the Senior Leadership Team. On a personal level, I cannot thank Mrs Knight enough for her support, wisdom and friendship from the very first day I took up post as the Headmistress. You will be missed by us all Mrs Knight.

Please note the attachments to this bulletin:

- ◇ The School Calendar 2022-23
- ◇ Sports Day Results
- ◇ Message from Shotbowl — our uniform suppliers
- ◇ Poster re. Bag 2 School Fundraising
- ◇ Chitty Chitty Bang Bang workshop (August 11-18 yrs)

Finally, thank you very much for your continued support. Have a lovely summer and a relaxing holiday.

Best regards

Mrs Anderson

Whole School Photo September 2022

The Whole School Photograph is always a memorable occasion. It is scheduled for the morning of Thursday 8th September. Could parents and carers ensure that all pupils wear WINTER UNIFORM on this day i.e. a jumper and tie.

Staying Safe this summer

We have several important safety messages to share with you before the students start their summer holidays.

As we have shared in a previous bulletin, Spalding High School is a member of South Holland Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP). CAP links together local schools, the Police, Supermarkets, the NHS and other organisations to help reduce alcohol related harm involving children & young people.

In School this year, Years 8 and 9 have had sessions on drug and alcohol awareness as part of their 'Stay Safe' days and more information about issues related to alcohol can be found at <https://alcoholchange.org.uk/>.

Lincolnshire Police are also increasingly concerned about the use of Nitrous Oxide amongst young people. Please follow the link for more information: [Nitrous Oxide | Laughing Gas | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](#)

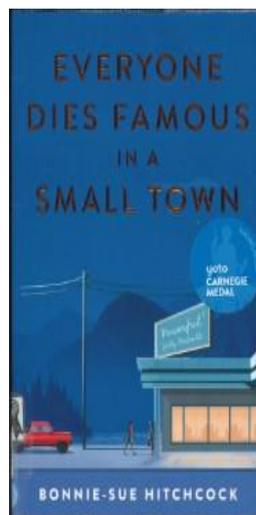
Finally, the community safety officer at Network Rail has been in touch with the School to ask parents and carers to talk to their children about rail and water safety over the summer holidays. A railway foot crossing in Spalding has been subject to youth trespass. Trespassing on the railway is highly dangerous and can result in significant life changing injuries and possibly fatalities, it is also illegal and anyone aged 10 and over can be arrested and fined for misusing the railway.

The safety officer has asked us to share the following video with you: <https://network-rail.wistia.com/medias/v4w489cvz7> and to ask you to encourage your daughter/son to watch it. They believe that the incentive was to trespass from the crossing to the bridge to access the River Glen. They would also like you to stress to your children the dangers involved in swimming in the river during the hot weather: Stay safe around rivers - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

We hope that all of our students and their families have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Library News

We've marked the end of the year with balloon debates for our Year 9, 10 & 11 Murder Book Group on Monday 11th and Year 7 & 8 Carnegie Book Group on Wednesday 13th July. Our students passionately debated their chosen books right to survive and they relished the challenge a good debate brings. For Carnegie Book Group our winner was Eve Goodall with 'Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town' by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock, with Alexis Bradshaw a hard fought second with 'Guard Your Heart' by Sue Divin and Honey Smith a valiant third with 'Tsunami Girl' by Julian Sedgwick. Evie Ahearn triumphed with 'The Girl's I've Been' by Tess Sharpe, Roisin Williams and Sakina Walji came a close second with 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder'. Fantastic debates were had by all members in both groups and Alexis, Eve and Evie have kindly shared their experience.



Mrs Lees

For the debate we all imagined we were in a hot air balloon and it was sinking; each book for the Carnegie Award shortlist was represented by a member of our book group.

We had to argue why our book shouldn't be thrown out of the sinking balloon, we then voted for our favourite argument to stay in the balloon. We had less time to make our points with each round of votes. I represented 'Guard Your Heart', because of the way the author explored the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement and the Troubles. Guard Your Heart includes a realistic romance that wasn't rushed and it was set out in an engaging way.

The debate was extremely fun, and as it went on it became even more challenging as we only had ten seconds to argue our point. I ended up making it to the final two, yet got outnumbered on the final vote. I loved the activity so much; I would definitely do it again.

Alexis Bradshaw

I would definitely recommend for everyone to pick up the Carnegie Award books. All of them have their own relatable struggles and characters; there's one for everyone. Even at the end of the debate where we fought for which is our favourite book, it was so difficult to choose since they all have their own amazing qualities.

Personally, I would recommend 'Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town' as it has many short interlinking short stories with a huge variety of characters. I think everyone will be able to find a character to identify with.

All the Carnegie Award books are excellent, including last year's shortlist and I think everyone who enjoys a good read should have a look.

Eve Goodall

In our Murder club debate we debated which book that we have read over the course of this year is the best. What I most enjoyed was the competition between us and I think we all did amazingly in describing why our chosen book should be the best. The book I chose was 'The Girls I've Been' which I won with in the debate. I described the chemistry between characters, the character development and the structure of the book which made it such an amazing read. This year Murder Book Club has been amazing and I can't wait for next year.



Evie Ahearn

Our Year 7 & 8 Carnegie Book Group recommendations are:

Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle

Crossing by Manjeet Mann

Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock (Our Book Group Winner)

Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin

October, October by Katya Balen (Carnegie Book Award Winner)

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi

Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

Our 9, 10 & 11 Murder Book Group Top Recommendations are:

The Girl's I've Been by Tess Sharpe

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Miss Lee (Not for much longer!)

Congratulation and Good Luck to Miss Lee, who over the summer holidays will become Mrs Hoodless! Have a lovely day!



School Calendar 2022-23

The 2022-23 School Calendar is available on the School website and we have attached a PDF copy with the bulletin for ease of reference. Although this is the final version, some events may be subject to change as the year unfolds. Any changes made will be shared with parents/carers via the weekly bulletin and the website version of the School Calendar will always be the most up to date.

PE NEWS

It has just been announced that Spalding High School has been awarded the top accolade for school sport and games: The School Games 'Gold' Award. The School Games Mark is a Government led scheme to reward schools for their commitment to school sport and sports competitions across their school and into the community. Schools in England are assessed across bronze, silver and gold levels of the quality mark.



Only the top 5% of secondary schools in the country achieve the 'Gold' award and can demonstrate that pupils have the widest range of clubs and sporting activities in which to participate.

We are delighted to have been recognised for our success!

Each School Games Mark application is divided into 4 sets of questions. They cover the following basic topics:

Participation - how many young people at the school are being engaged in sporting activity?

Competition - how many different sports are being played and how many competitions are being entered?

Workforce - how many pupils are involved in leadership activities alongside taking part in competitions?

Clubs - how many local links does your school have with clubs or establishments from the area?

The School Games Mark recognises that during school sport and games, pupils at the school:

- ◇ Have fun and enjoy themselves!
- ◇ Develop friendships and meet new people
- ◇ Become more determined and demonstrate resilience
- ◇ Understand and demonstrate the importance of respect for others
- ◇ Learn to develop self-control and manage emotions
- ◇ Experience being part of a team and understand their contribution to it
- ◇ Win with pride and lose with grace
- ◇ Learn the importance of practice and preparation
- ◇ Learn how to set realistic goals and work towards achieving them
- ◇ Aspire to improve and challenge themselves

The PE department are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young participants, volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. The PE department are committed to using the School Games to try and engage young people to be physically active and to ensure that all our pupils have a positive experience and want to try out new sporting activities both within and beyond school.

PE NEWS

Cricket

The U13 and U15 girls cricket teams finished a very successful season with a double victory at the Fred Trueman State Schools Cricket Tournament at Kimbolton School on 14th July.

(Right) Some of the team testing their crick-
eting skills at the Joe Root Academy.



Darcey Grundy receives a
Queens Jubilee gift from the
organisers for best batter of
the tournament.

The U13 and U15 cricket teams
celebrate their victories in front
of the castle at Kimbolton
School.



Cricket

As a result of winning the regional U13 cricket finals last month, the High School U13 team were rewarded with tickets to watch the England Women vs. South Africa in the ODI at Leicestershire County Cricket Club on 18th July.

After managing to find shade for the whole day, the team were treated to an incredible batting display by England, putting on a momentous score for South Africa to chase. They then went on to field extremely well, winning the game by 109 runs! Miss Jones, much to the dismay of the pupils, won a signed Heather Knight England cap after entering a twitter competition, and to top the day off, they managed to get a photo with England Vice Captain, and the world's best all-rounder, Nat Sciver, and England's leading wicket taker, Katherine Brunt. A fantastic way to end a great school cricket season!



Year 7 Assembly

On Monday the 6th June, 7J presented an assembly to the whole of Year 7. One idea was to have an assembly about important women that have made a difference. This was an important idea because especially in an all-girls school, we should learn about an equal number of influential women as well as men. Later Mrs Fisk (7J Form Tutor) thought of the idea to have a court case, taking the national curriculum to court over the idea that the curriculum is unfair and discriminatory against women.

Witnesses were produced including students playing Emma Watson, Rosa Parks, Dame Kelly Holmes, Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg. The Jury was convinced easily by their arguments. Case dismissed!

The assembly was successful, and the idea of a courtroom worked brilliantly. *Sophie Gilbert, 7J*



YEAR 10 DRAMA WORKSHOP

ACTING FOR STAGE AND SCREEN

On Thursday, we were introduced to the Theatre Company, Ratzcool, from the Angles Theatre, Wisbech. We began our workshop with games and activities designed to help us create an ensemble, which we learnt was a way of working together through movement without voice.



Following this, we studied improvisation. One such activity was 'The Bob Show'. In this, Joseph, one of the actors from the company, interviewed us as singers, reporters and contestants, all of us using the same enthusiastic tone that you'd expect from a talk show. We had a very engaged audience that interacted with the proceedings like a live studio audience. Here we learnt important skills such as coping under pressure when things go wrong in front of a live audience and how theatre is very much about the moment. You need to deliver every time as an actor!

Finally, we ended the day learning about screen acting. First of all we were taught about the different shots that a director might choose to take to tell the story of a scene. As actors, we had to adapt our skills to suit the shot depending upon wide shots and extreme close ups. It was really fun as Maddie and Joseph treated us like professional actors, calling out 'Quiet on set please' and 'rolling'.

Overall, we all thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. We all learnt about what it is like to be on set, exploring the roles of director, camera operator and actor. It was a valuable experience!

By Bea Feaviour, Year 10.



I loved it! There were no boundaries and I could really express myself. I was a bee, a frog, a yoghurt and a grandma!

Evie Ahearn, Year 10

'King Lear' at The Globe Theatre, London

On Wednesday 13th July, the English Literature and Drama departments went to watch 'King Lear' in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Despite the leading actress, Kathryn Hunter (Lear) not being able to attend, the show still went on with an amazing stand-in. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance in the beautiful weather.

"Seeing 'King Lear' was absolutely fantastic! In particular, Regan and Edgar's performances really stood out to me, and the costumes were spectacular - I want all of Regan's outfits for myself" - Anna Kennedy, English Prefect

"Despite the read-in, the Globe's production was highly entertaining and deeply moving. Seeing the play performed live brought life to our studies and the experience at the Globe will certainly be remembered." - Charlotte Smith, Arts Prefect

"Regardless of the heat, 'King Lear' was incredibly acted, to the point that I was somehow rooting for the villains." - Ben Parr, English Prefect



Careers Update

Year 8 'Employer Encounter' on 14th July

During their PSHCE session last week, the Year 8 students met Donna Garrard, our Enterprise Co-ordinator, and Paul Tomlinson, our Enterprise Adviser. Donna presented information about the importance of the fresh food industry in Lincolnshire:

- The centre of the UK's fresh produce industry is in South Lincolnshire with the area responsible for growing 30% of the nation's vegetables
- Poultry and meat processors are spread across the area, producing 18% of the UK's poultry
- The UK's largest fish processing cluster is located on the Humber, processing 70% of the nation's fish
- In total, the food chain provides 24% of jobs throughout Greater Lincolnshire (as compared with just 13% nationally)
- The future of the food chain is therefore absolutely vital to Lincolnshire and its population, and we are strategically important to national food security.

In groups of up to five students, teams were asked to discuss the different job roles they thought are involved in the journey of kiwi fruit from the grower in Chile to a fruit bowl at home. Through doing this, discussions opened up about the variety of job roles to ensure the supply chain is maintained. We also considered factors such as quality control and traceability of produce.

As the Managing Director of Davis Worldwide here in Spalding, we are very grateful to Paul for sharing his knowledge of this industry. Dawid Wygladacz in Year 12, completed his work experience at Davis Worldwide in May and was also able to share his experience confidently with the students in the session. He put a PowerPoint presentation together with excellent pictures of local storage facilities and quality control checking equipment.

The Year 8 students worked extremely well during the session and embraced the challenge of thinking about the provenance of food we eat and the complex processes involved in the supply chain.



A Level Results Day – Support Webinar

Channel Talent are hosting a support webinar to give parents/carers and students information about how clearing works. The session will be run by Alix Delany, Head of Admissions at the University of East Anglia on 25th July from 18.00-18.45. Whilst we hope that students will achieve the results they need to take up their university places, it is a good idea to be prepared for all eventualities on 18th August.

<https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-clearing-in-five-easy-steps-a-session-for-students-their-parents-or-carers-with-alix-delany-head-of-admissions-at-university-of-east-anglia/>

Thank you

As another academic year comes to an end, Mrs O'Brien and I would like to thank parents/carers and students for all their feedback as we continue to develop our careers education programme here at the High School. We would also like to thank employers who have hosted 259 students on work experience placements.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer.

Support:

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

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Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell

Careers Leader

Act II Theatre Company

Act II Theatre Company in conjunction with the South Holland Centre in Spalding, are delighted to be offering a week long summer drama workshop for ages 12 - 18, rehearsing and performing a licensed production of **SPAMALOT YOUNG@PART**. Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, this adaptation of Monty Python's Spamalot retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

Enjoying a jam-packed week of drama, games and music, participants will work towards a full-length performance of **SPAMALOT YOUNG@PART** for friends and family at the end of the week. The workshop runs from Monday 15th - Friday 19th August 10am - 4pm daily, with a 5.30pm show on Friday 19th. There is also an optional wraparound childcare offer from 8.30am and until 5.30pm daily.

Further information and bookings can be found through the South Holland Centre website www.southhollandcentre.co.uk or by telephoning the Box Office on 01775 764777.

Act II Theatre Company have almost 20 years experience in leading drama and music classes and workshops for children of all ages and are delighted to be working alongside the South Holland Centre to support their family friendly programme during the Summer.

I have attached a flyer for the **SPAMALOT YOUNG@PART** workshop and would be hugely grateful if you are able to share this information with your families.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer Break!

Liz Hallissey
Administrator
Act II Theatre Company



young@part
Edition
MONTY PYTHON'S
SPAMALOT

Book &
Lyrics by
ERIC IDLE
Music by
JOHN DU PREZ
&
ERIC IDLE

Act

 **SOUTH
HOLLAND
CENTRE**

Book via the South Holland Centre
www.southhollandcentre.co.uk

Mon 15th - Fri 19th August at the South Holland Centre For children aged 12-18
(for those currently in yr7 but have not yet turned 12, you can still join us on this workshop!)

10am-4pm Mon - Thurs 10am-end of show Fri

*A musical lovingly ripped off from the film 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' -
a gloriously irreverent parody of the King Arthur legend with laughs and silliness aplenty!
A perfect challenge for older children, guaranteed to provide a week of much fun!*

£120 per child Or £100 each if booking for 2 or more siblings.

*(early drop off available from 8:30am at a cost of £5 per day per child, late pick up available
till 5:30pm at £5 per child - booking details sent out after workshop booked)*