



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

25th May 2023



It is a pleasure this week to congratulate staff alongside our students!

There is a very interesting item in this week's Bulletin in which Miss Ashley shares her experiences as former editor of SkyDive Magazine and the accolades she has been awarded both as editor and as a skydiver herself. Many Congratulations to Miss Ashley.

Many congratulations also this week to Ms Pascoe who has announced her second pregnancy and will be starting maternity leave in the Autumn. Year 10 have had a special assembly this week to explain how the year group will be supported next year.

It is fantastic to read about how well our Y7-Y10 students have performed in track and field—all of which bodes well for our Sports Day next term, and also well done to Isobel for her starring role!

The School's Catering Contract

Following a process of assessment and due diligence, we have served notice on our current catering contractors and informed them that we will be bringing the School's catering in-house. The Edwards and Blake/Elior contract will end on Friday 21st July. The team of staff who have been involved in this matter are very excited about the new systems and services we can put into place but there is a lot of work to be done between now and September! We are also looking forward to working on the menus, portion sizing, procurement and pricing and, in due course, the School Council and staff group will be involved in looking at some of these matters with us.

Mrs M K Anderson, Head Mistress

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	Heidi Woodrow	Mrs Bennett	Geography
7C	Trish Stoffel	Mr McAlinden	Computer Science
7J	Sapreet Kaur	Mrs J Lord	English
7N	Anastasija Rumika	Mr Garbett	Music
7N	Maddison Cripps	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
7P	Diya Saju	Mrs Aurikko	Science
8C	Sophia Brain	Mrs Neal	Art
8C	Roxanne Fox	Miss White	Science
8C	Roxanne Fox	Mr Ganger	Community
8J	Mahitha Suresh Babu	Mrs Rogers	Geography
8J	Mahitha Suresh Babu	Ms Almasi	German
8J	Lexi Embleton	Mrs Dowson	English
8J	Lucy Wilson	Mrs Dowson	Community
8N	Sasha Pretorius	Miss Bailey	German
8N	Amber Fleming	Miss Jones	Physical Education
8P	Cyra Mahmood	Miss Magnus	History
8S	Karina Zokaite	Mrs Knowles	French
9C	Lillie Tegerdine	Mr Hemsall	History
9C	Izzy Herring	Mrs Wilkins	Art
9C	Julia Wawro	Mrs Kelleher	Art
9J	Bethany Gough	Mrs Martindale	Biology
9J	Varisha Sultan	Mrs T Waldron	Physics
9N	Naomi Harte	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
9N	Pranjal Bishwokarma	Mrs Love	Drama
9P	Rhea Patel	Mrs J Lord	English Language
9S	Libby Machin	Mrs Busfield	Biology
10C	Erin Taylor	Mrs Bushell	German
10J	Lucy Duff	Mr Blackbourn	Business
10N	Sophia Wheeler	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
10N	Gabriele Kovenaita	Miss Pettefar	English Language
10N	Lexi Goult	Mrs Haunch	Physics
6AF	Archie Hodson	Mr Fovargue	Community
6GD	Amelia Layde	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
6IW	Bea Finch	Miss Parker	Physical Education

PE News

Track and Field

On Thursday 29th May, Miss Parker and Mr Farrell took two teams of athletes to a Track and Field competition. The athletes were split into two teams; Juniors (Y7&8) and Inter (Y9&10). The competition involved each athlete completing in one track event and one field event, the athletes earned points for their team based on how fast they ran or how far they jumped/threw. Well done to both teams, it was a fantastic atmosphere to see you cheering on your team mates! You did the school proud.

The Junior Team finished 2nd scoring 286 points and the Inter Team finished 3rd scoring 297 points. Both teams have qualified for the Regional Finals in June.



Miss Parker, PE Department

Celebrating the Individual in Year 8 – Isobel Wilkins

“I go to drama at a club called Act II. Throughout a couple of months we practice to create a show. Then we perform the show in the South Holland Centre. The show we are doing now is Big Fish and I am playing Sandra Bloom, the main character’s wife. I have lots of lines and a few solos and I am really happy about it. Everyone in the club is so kind and getting the show ready is really fun.”



Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

"How lucky we are to have something so special, that makes saying goodbye so hard."

On Friday we celebrated the time that our Year 13 students have spent with us and wished them well in their exams and future endeavours in our final assembly. This was a lovely occasion befitting our fabulous students. There were tears at the heartfelt votes of thanks to tutors, giggles and groans at the baby photos and cheers for the prefect's alternative award ceremony.

They will be sorely missed but we know they are ready for their next steps and life after Spalding High School.

Good luck Year 13!

Mrs Haunch, Head of Sixth Form



Royal Aero Club Awards

Miss Ashley attended the Royal Aero Club Awards ceremony at the RAF Club in London's Piccadilly on 11th May 2023. Here is what she had to say about it.

I have been running two separate careers in parallel for many years, but I have finally retired from 'the other one'. As well as being a maths teacher, I have been Editor of British Skydiving's magazine, Skydive the Mag, since 2010. This is a bimonthly magazine that goes out to all members of British Skydiving and also has subscribers from around the world. I produced 75 editions in my time as Editor, as well as eight issues of Skydive Starter (for beginners) and thirteen annual calendars.

The Royal Aero Club are the national co-ordinating body for all airports in the UK, and their annual awards ceremony are a prestigious event in a beautiful building. I was honoured to receive Aviation Journalist of the Year in 2013, and now a decade later was being presented with a second RAEC award to mark the end of my tenure.

The awards were presented by the adventurer Sir David Hempleman-Adams. As well as climbing the highest peak on every continent, his aviation achievements are impressive - including having piloted a hot air balloon across the Atlantic in an open basket! He kindly helped to hold my certificate for the photo so that I could get my MagBag in shot. MagBag were a previous Spalding High School Young Enterprise company who made bags out of magazines, and who made me a bespoke bag out of skydiving magazines many years ago. This was the perfect occasion for that bag!

As well as receiving this Royal Aero Club award, I was also honoured with Life Membership of British Skydiving. This is my proudest ever achievement because it is so rarely given out. There have only been 43 Life Members in British Skydiving's entire history since 1961, of whom only 16 are still active skydivers. I never set out to be a magazine editor. I was just proactive about volunteering to write articles about the sport I love for the previous Editor, and it turned into something bigger than I ever expected. It's a great message that you can turn what you enjoy into a career if you work hard to spot the opportunities. It was really challenging doing both jobs alongside each other, especially through a pandemic, but the happy memories outweigh the sleepless nights. I am very much enjoying all the extra free time that I have now though, since becoming 'just' a maths teacher again!



Art Department

A Level and GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to celebrate the achievements of our A Level and GCSE Art and Photography students in an exhibition on Friday 9th June between 5pm and 8pm.

We are so excited to be holding this event and it will be especially poignant for me as it will be my last exhibition at the High School. As such, it will be so great to see many of you joining us in celebrating the work of our students with refreshments provided, during this really special evening. Please feel free to extend this invitation to friends and relatives.

Mrs Kelleher, Head of Art

Maths Department

The Maths Department will be holding pre-exam breakfasts in the hall from 8.30am until 8.55am on the morning of each Maths Exam.

The dates are:

- ◆ Wednesday 7th June
- ◆ Wednesday 14th June

Mrs Chalcraft, Head of Maths

Pastoral News

Young Carers

Carers Week is fast approaching (5th-11th June) and we are very excited about our new young carers group. During carers week we will be sending information home on how the school can help identify young carers within the Spalding High School community so that we can then further support them. We will be running drop-in sessions that week for students to come and chat to us. Please see two posters attached with further information on how parent/carers can get support and details of support for young carers.

Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Davies, Pastoral Department

Library

Book Returns

A reminder to all year 11 and year 13 students - please return any outstanding books to the library collection bins as soon as possible.

Careers Update

National Citizen Service

The National Citizen Service (NCS) still has places available on its summer residential courses for students in Years 11 and 12 who have not taken part previously. This is a great opportunity to gain experience and develop many desirable skills such as communication and team work. Students who have been on the experiences in previous years have always thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The government funded courses cost £95 for the week which includes accommodation, food, travel and activities. There are also bursaries available. Please see the attached flyer for details.

The Apprenticeship Academy for students in Years 10-13

I have been made aware of an opportunity for students to find out more about apprenticeships. Applications for the **Apprenticeship Academy** close on 13th June. The sessions start on 14th June and run for 6 weeks on a Wednesday from 4-5.30pm via Zoom. They are designed for students in Years 10-13 and cover everything students need to know about finding, applying for and interviewing for apprenticeships. **Students can sign up here.**

Future First Alumni Hub

We greatly value the support of our former students, many of whom are keen to maintain contact with school. We are hoping that the students in the current Years 11 and 13 who will be leaving us in the summer will also want to stay in touch. Students are invited to sign up to our Future First Alumni Hub using the link below.

<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/spaldinghigh>

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