



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

27th May 2022



Whether you support the monarchy or not, one has to recognise and respect the seventy years' service that her Majesty, The Queen, has given to the nation, the first British monarch to reach this milestone. Similarly, the fact that she is a 96 year old lady still working in her job is impressive to say the least. When the Queen ascended to the throne, Spalding High School had only just turned thirty, was still based on the Ayscoughfee site on London Road, was led by Headmistress Mrs Driver, and had 350 students and 28 staff. Below is the school photograph from 1950, the closest year to the ascension that we had taken.



Over those 70 years, so much has changed, historically, technologically, culturally, environmentally and of course for us, educationally. As a School, we have "Planted a tree for the Queen's Jubilee" and in doing so added to the Queen's Green Canopy. Today, students and staff will also bring home the Platinum Jubilee Spalding High School commemorative leather bookmark. The bookmarks are emblazoned with the official logo for the Queen's Jubilee and the SHS crest and are made from recycled leather. We hope this token to mark the occasion will be appreciated by students as a memento of this important occasion. Year 11 students will receive their bookmark at the end of an exam and Year 13 will be able to collect theirs from the Finance Office. Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and Jubilee celebrations, whatever you may have planned.

Bus queues

From Monday 6th June, the bus lines will return to being organised by bus number rather than by year group. This is in preparation for September and to ensure students know what to do. Students in Years 7-11 must queue together in front of the number for their bus. The exception is the Sixth Form, who will continue to wait together by the picnic benches in the courts.

Good luck to Ms Pascoe

Ms Pascoe leaves us to start her maternity leave after half term and so good luck and best wishes for the next few weeks!

We say farewell to both Mrs Earl, Attendance Officer, and Mrs Foster, Data Officer, this term. Both have been an asset to the School and will be sorely missed; we wish them well for the future.

Mrs M Anderson
Headmistress

PSHE News

Just after Easter, Years 8 & 9 were visited by Lincolnshire Police to discuss Cyber Crime and Fraud. Following this presentation, Lincolnshire Police have asked that the six key tips (in the attached document) are shared with all students and parents/carers, as this is a problem which is becoming increasingly prevalent at the moment. As well as the six key tips, the document also explains how to report suspected scam messages & emails to help catch scammers and stop them from defrauding other people.

It may be prudent for pupils to review their passwords and privacy settings, especially on social media, during the half term break to help protect their accounts.

*Mr Hempsall
Head of PSHE*

Ray Fenwick

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that our friend and great musician Ray Fenwick passed away at the end of April.

Guitarist, producer, songwriter, and session musician he was best known for his work in The Syndicats, The Spencer Davis Group, Ian Gillan Band, Fancy, Forcefield and Steve Howe's Remedy. His most recent project was with Garry Cobain. He made numerous appearances on TV and radio including Top of the Pops. He has recorded and performed with Jon Lord, Roger Glover, Geno Washington, Candy Dulfer, Cozy Powell, Bo Diddley, Sam Fox, Joss Stone, Mary Hopkins, and James Burton to name a few. Ray also co-wrote the theme tune to children's TV show Magpie. Ray was well known in the Lincolnshire community as a music lecturer, teacher, and fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Ray played guitar in many of our School concerts, both live and online during lockdown, and also played in our School productions. He was always a great supporter of what we do here musically and will be very sorely missed.

Richard Garbett - Head of Music

A large group of students in school uniforms are clapping on a stage. They are wearing dark jackets and ties. Some are wearing face masks. The background is a dark curtain. The floor is made of wood.

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School

Summer concert

2022

Tuesday July 12th

Ticket details coming soon!

Careers Update

The University of Cambridge monthly e-newsletter for parents/carers

The University of Cambridge is starting a new monthly e-newsletter for parents, carers and supporters of prospective applicants to Cambridge, offering support and advice throughout the admissions process.

The newsletter will address common questions and concerns and aims to offer guidance when supporting a student.

Here is the link to sign up: <https://app.geckiform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00rhrc4inv00kx4zcel9ro>

Opportunities with Springpod online

Springpod are developing a University Experience Hub which could help prospective university students with research. Here is what they say about it with the relevant links:

*"It's Jo from Springpod and I just wanted to drop you a reminder about our University Experience Hub! It's here that you and your students can find our Subject Spotlights. For those of you not familiar, **Subject Spotlights** are mini lecture series delivered by top university academics that dive deep into a course subject giving your students the chance to try a degree before they apply. They can also be the cherry on top of a personal statement showing that a student has gone above and beyond to explore content related to the subject they want to study.*

*We currently have Spotlights in **Law**, **Economics** and **Politics** from Durham University, New College of the Humanities and Oxford University. There are many more coming soon in a huge variety of subjects; right the way from business to canine therapy!"*

The University Experience Hub

Please share this around and encourage your students that are considering university to get stuck in and explore all the content on offer.

University applications for 2023 entry

Year 12 students who wish to apply for higher education courses have made a start on setting up their online UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) applications. I sent a letter out to parents/carers about this several weeks ago and have put PowerPoints and information in the students' Year 12 Careers Team to be discussed at home.

Competition Time!

Calling all creative students out there! Why not enter a national competition to develop skills and to gain an experience to include in future applications for courses and jobs. Here is the link to the information about the Young Animator of the Year UK competition for 11–18-year-olds:

<https://younganimator.uk/>

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

Library Opening Term 6

From the start of Term 6 the library will be back to being fully open and available for all years to access every day from 8.30am to 3.45pm. All students are welcome at break and lunchtime to select new books, enjoy a quiet read or a use the study space. Throughout June students will need to be mindful of GCSE and A Level exams running in the adjacent library study room.

The Sixth Form Library Committee, Mrs Chandler and I are very much looking forward to welcoming all years back in.

Mrs Lees

Learning Resource Manager

Vacancies

Midday Supervisor

38 weeks per year

For further details please contact:

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