

# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin

### 30th September 2022



It is an absolute pleasure to be sending home our first bulletin for the academic year 2022-23. It has been a busy and entirely unusual start to the term. When Queen Elizabeth passed away in the first few days of the academic year, we felt that it was important for the School to observe the period of national mourning and sending home a school newsletter full of jolly news did not feel right. As you know from my earlier communication, the student body were tremendous during our special assembly the morning after the Queen's passing and the level of respect and recognition of the Queen's service has also been marked in the comments in the School's Book of Condolence. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions. Once the Book of Condolence is complete, we will display it in the School Library for students to view.

Ordinarily, our first bulletin of the academic year recognises the success of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, whilst also introducing our new staff. Despite the fact we are now three weeks into the year it is important to mark both of these topics. Joining the School this academic year we have Mr Cook who has joined the SEND Department as a Teaching Assistant, Mrs Kingerley as School Administrator and my PA, Miss Magnus has joined the PE Department and Mrs Reddy-Devlin, the Design Technology Department. We wish all of our new colleagues the very best of luck in their new roles and welcome them to the High School. We will also look forward to their contributions towards the end of this term when they tell us how they have enjoyed the first few weeks!

We are so proud of our Year 13 students who have worked tremendously hard on their sixth form studies over the last two years and achieved some of the best results the School has seen in recent years. Our students achieved 69% of their grades at A\*-B and the very great majority have secured places at their first preference university. Their results are a testament to their commitment and hard work alongside the support of their parents and carers and the dedication of our experienced staff. Notable achievements include Georgie Van Dyke (Spalding Guardian and Lincolnshire Free Press Student of The Year 2022) and Melissa Wales, both with four A\* grades in Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths and Physics. Georgie will be studying Natural Sciences at Cambridge University and Melissa, Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Birmingham. In the Careers section of today's bulletin you will see that Mrs Bushell has given further detail about the types of courses and qualifications our students have gone on to study and the wide range of locations across the country that they are now settling into. Our outgoing Year 11 cohort did equally as well in their GCSEs. Over 1500 qualifications were taken by our Year 11 students this summer and of those 52% were graded at Grades 7-9; the very highest grades possible. The High School has again bucked the national trends and our results compare very favourably with the national Grade 7-9 attainment rate of 26.3% and regional rate of 22.5% Grade 7-9. Our congratulations go to Fatema Jaffer, one of only thirteen students across the nation, to achieve twelve GCSE Grade 9s. Very well done Fatema!

In this week's edition it is lovely to read the reports submitted by students of all the adventures they had over the summer; well done to Jessica, Willow, Isla, Poppy, Isobel, Karina and Maisie on their tremendous achievements in Denmark; to Harriet in netball, to our tennis teams and Stars of The Week. Congratulations also to Harriet for conquering Ben Nevis and to Zofia for a successful Air Cadets Camp. Please keep these reports coming in as it is wonderful to hear about your achievements and successes. We would also invite parents to share reports and photographs of our students' achievements in activities outside of School.

#### **In Memoriam:**

It is with great sadness that I have to share with you the passing of Heidi McCartney after a long battle with cancer. Heidi was a PE teacher at Spalding High School who specialised in dance and hockey before moving to Australia with her husband to start a new life. Heidi was extremely popular with students and staff; she was kind, supportive, committed, and incredibly enthusiastic in all that she did. Heidi had time to talk to everyone; her positivity and amazing smile were infectious. She has been described as 'one of the most transparently nice people I've ever met' and that was Heidi – she never judged, she had time for everyone, and she genuinely cared. Heidi will be greatly missed by all of those whose lives she touched. We send our deepest condolences to her family at this sad time.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Building on the success of our Achievement Assemblies, we are pleased to announce the introduction of a new initiative at Spalding High School called 'Student of the Week'. Each week, staff will be invited to nominate their student of the week. Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused. 'Student of the Week' nominations will be published weekly in this bulletin.

### *Latest nominations:*

Student Form	Name	Student Name	Subject
7C	Miss White	Lily Spridgen	Science
7C	Mrs Ray	Lucy Clarke	English Literature
7N	Miss Ashley	Grace Maycroft	Maths
7N	Miss Pettefar	Zofia Hemmant	English
8C	Miss White	Loma Mlunjwa	Science
8C	Mrs Cave	Loma Mlunjwa	Religious Education
8N	Mrs Neale	Lola Wilson	Art
8N	Mrs Rogers	Nikita Rudd	Geography
8S	Mrs Knowles	Robinson-Tait Amelia	French
8S	Miss McArthur	Isobel Wilkins	Religious Studies
9C	Miss Jeffery	Grace Bushell	Drama
9N	Miss Parker	Olivia Winter	Physical Education
9P	Mrs Busfield	Klaudia Pacholska	Science (Biology)
10C	Mrs Waldron	Fiza Niaz	Religious Studies
10J	Mrs Kelleher	Bella Kirk	Art
10N	Frau Almasi	Emily Partridge	German
10S	Mr Blackbourn	Cydney Wells	Business
10S	Mr Blackbourn	Eleanor Lloyd	Business
10S	Mrs Waldron	Julia Rusnarczyk	Biology
10S	Mrs Waldron	Megan Sieling	Biology
11C	Mrs Clay	Maddi Hanlon	French
11J	Mr Groom	Emily Franklin	History
11P	Mrs Love	Libby Blackbourn	Drama
11P	Mrs Hickman	Maddison Jackson	Spanish
11S	Mr Ganger	Oliwia Podlipna	Mathematics
6AF	Mrs Fisk	Bethany Walker	Drama
6EK	Mrs Fisk	Jennifer Harley	Drama
6GD	Mr Martindale	Emilia Topka	Technology
6KM	Mr Love	Kate Storey	Community
6LM	Mrs Rogers	Evie Patman	Geography
6SC	Mr Hemsall	Krzyszof Palonka	History

## PE NEWS

### Trampolining

At the beginning of August, seven Spalding High students (Jessica Ringsell, Willow Gill, Isla Saterlay, Poppy Neville, Isobel Wilkins, Karina Zokaite & Maisie Doyle) travelled to Denmark to compete on the trampoline & double mini trampoline in the Hans Christian Andersen City Games in Odense. The HCA City Games is a training camp followed by a competition which included international competitors from England, Ireland, The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Denmark.

### **Trampoline Results**

In the Under 12 Category, Maisie qualified through to the final in fourth and lifted her performance in the final to win a Bronze Medal.

In the Under 16 category, Isobel & Karina narrowly missed out on the final, finishing 12th and 9th respectively, Isla qualified to the final in 3rd and Willow in 1st. In a very close final, Isla finished 6th and Willow won Gold.

In the over 16 category, Poppy finished close to the final in 10th.

Jessica competed in the FIG Open group which is the highest level of competition you can compete in trampolining anywhere, requiring a very high level of difficulty, qualifying through to the final in 1<sup>st</sup>. She was just pipped into the Silver medal position in a close final.

### **Double Mini Trampoline**

In the Under 14 group Isla qualified to the final in 2nd and held onto this spot in the final to win Silver, only missing out on Gold by 0.1. One of Isla's passes was awarded the highest execution score in the whole competition. Jessica, again competing in the highest level, missed out on a finals place by a few tenths finishing in 7th.

All seven train with Abbey High Fliers Trampoline & DMT Club in Crowland. As a department, we know how much hard work goes into their training and we are incredibly proud of their achievements in Denmark. Well done to all involved!



## PE NEWS

### Netball

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Harriet Mowbray, who has been selected for the Loughborough Lightning U17 academy! The Lightning Academy's aim is to find and grow competitive players and coaches with the aspirations and ability to compete at an elite level. Harriet will follow the pathway, hopefully leading to the senior squad who play in the Netball Super League. Well done Harriet, and good luck!

### Tennis

Congratulations to the Year 8 and 9 School tennis team who successfully got through to the Division 2 Playoffs that took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Boston Tennis Club. After playing their singles and doubles matches, the draw was tied meaning two players had to play in the shootout. Unfortunately, Lincoln Minster were too strong in the final game and won 10-3. Well done to all the pupils in Y8, 9, 10 and 11 who were involved in this year's tennis season!



### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

What an Amazing array of cakes, biscuits and treats students, staff and parents donated to the High School's Macmillan Coffee Morning today! It is too early to reveal the total amount raised as the Finance Department are still counting coins! The School hall was full of students and staff at break time and there was very little left by the end! We look forward to the full report from the Sixth Form helpers and prefects next week.

Thank you for your donations and support.

Cake tins are to be collected from the hall.



## Celebrating the individual in Year 8

Honey Barnett in 8C climbed Ben Nevis in the summer holidays. Honey was the only child to complete it that day as the weather was so awful - freezing fog, high winds and rain. Honey and her dad completed the climb in 8 hrs. This is a great show of resilience and determination – well done Honey!

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for attending the Year 8 Curriculum Evening last Tuesday, it was wonderful to be able to welcome you into the School. If you were unable to attend the evening please find all the presentations on the school website – there are also two additional presentations from the English and Maths departments relevant to Year 8.

*Mrs Neal – Head of Year 8*



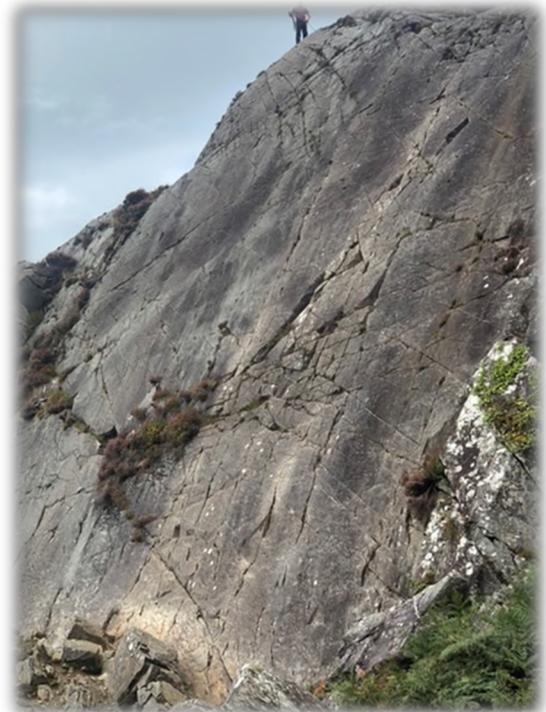
## Air Cadets Camp

At the end of the summer holidays, I was selected to go on an Air Cadets Camp in NACATC Fairbourne. I loved the location as Wales has a phenomenal landscape. It was a high-intensity week and overall, an amazing experience, packed with many extreme sports such as mountain biking, canoeing, cave exploring, hiking and after practising indoors, rock climbing on slabs which were 20 meters tall. The staff there were very encouraging and made all of us feel at home for the week. In my group, Charlie (C) flight, I got to meet new people with the same interests and aspirations as me.

I come from Spalding Squadron, also known as 1406 Squadron, and we regularly participate in flying, gliding, shooting (targets), athletics, orienteering and camps. If you are interested in DofE, you can also participate in this through Cadets. As well as this, you get the opportunity to learn essential first aid and meet new people. Air Cadets is a very inclusive organisation which can get you better chances in interviews to legitimate jobs in the RAF and military. As I have been fascinated with aviation and engineering, Air Cadets has created many opportunities so I can pursue my career in this direction. If you have any questions, please contact [1406@rafac.mod.gov.uk](mailto:1406@rafac.mod.gov.uk)  
Hope to see many of you there.

Zofia Nowak

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## SHS English Department enthralled by An Inspector Calls

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the English department was abuzz with the cheery sounds of chatter and a throng of excited Year 11 students all eagerly awaiting 'Our Big Night Out'.

Over 6 months in the planning, SHS staff were delighted to secure tickets which enabled us to take our Year 11 cohort to see National Theatre's West End production of An Inspector Calls at Milton Keynes theatre. Due to the pandemic, this trip was the first outing for the English Department in quite a few years. Head of Department, Mrs Lord, was ably assisted by Mrs Fisk, Mrs Love, Miss O'Sullivan, Mrs Ray, Mrs Chandler, Mrs Fox, Mrs Lees, and Mrs Pryke in a feat of logistics to ensure the event ran seamlessly.

Students and staff were amazed by the spectacle of the opening of the production.



The bell rang to signal the end of the school day and exuberant Year 11's descended on the English corridors. Timed to perfection: we had opportunity to change into our evening attire, embark on our coach trip, stop at the services to grab a bite to eat, arriving in perfect time before the final curtain call and lights down...

"In the 30-years since its first performance at the National Theatre in 1992, Stephen Daldry's production of An Inspector Calls has won a total of 19 major awards, including four Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards, and has played to more than 5 million theatregoers worldwide. An Inspector Calls is the most internationally-lauded production in the National Theatre's history.

JB Priestley's brilliantly constructed masterpiece powerfully dramatises the dangers of casual capitalism's cruelty, complacency and hypocrisy. Stephen Daldry's epic production highlights the play's enduring relevance. Written at the end of the Second World War and set before the First, An Inspector Calls is a compelling and haunting thriller.

The story begins when the mysterious Inspector Goole calls unexpectedly on the prosperous Birling family home. Their peaceful family dinner party is shattered by his investigations into the death of a young woman."

[An Inspector Calls Cast - An Inspector Calls UK & Ireland Tour Cast \(britishtheatre.com\)](https://www.britishtheatre.com/cast)

After the performance everybody was in high spirits, discussing the power of seeing 'live' theatre.

We wended our way home via Peterborough to enable some students to be collected nearer to their home locations. All three buses terminated at Spalding Bus station at 11:40pm; it was a very late night, however it was tremendous and an incredibly valuable enrichment opportunity for our Y11.

There was certainly a buzz about the play and 'Our Big Night Out' in school on Wednesday morning!

As we expected, SHS students were outstanding, their behaviour was exemplary, and indeed it was a pleasure to take them out. However, none of the evening's event would have been possible without parent and carer help and support. Thank you from me, on behalf of my team and our fabulous students for promptly collecting your children; the swift dismissal and departures at the end of the evening was much appreciated.

May memories of the event linger and may 'Our Big Night Out' go down in the annals of SHS English Department history.

*Mrs Lord (Head of English)*



The English Department are pleased to announce the Willoughby Memorial Trust,  
LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS POETRY COMPETITION 2022.'

The Willoughby Memorial Trust  
**LIBRARY AND GALLERY**

Moreley's Lane, Corby Glen, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG33 4NL  
Registered Charity No. 527647 [www.willoughbygallery.com](http://www.willoughbygallery.com)



LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS  
**POETRY**  
COMPETITION 2022



A poem on the subject of - **"The Environment"** ( National Poetry Day theme for 2022 )

Open to pupils of Lincolnshire Schools in the following groups as at 1st September 2022

Key Stage	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
1 (5-7 years)	£15	£10	£10
2 (8-10 years)	£20	£15	£10
3 (11-14 years)	£25	£20	£15
4 (15-16 years)	£25	£20	£15

A 4th prize may be awarded at the Judge's discretion.

Entries will be judged by **Scott Coe**, Stamford Poet Laureate.

Winning poems will be on display in the Library at the Willoughby Memorial Gallery from 16th November until 25th November 2021 (Tuesday – Sunday 12 noon to 5 pm.)

Prize-winners will be invited to read their poems in the Library at a prize-giving evening on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Conditions of Entry**

- Poems to be on the subject of **"The Environment"**, the theme for National Poetry Day (6<sup>th</sup> October).
- Poems must be in English and no more than 40 lines long.
- Poems should preferably be typed or must be written clearly in ink or ball-point pen on one side only of A4 paper.
- Each poem should have clearly marked at the bottom of the page the poet's name, Key Stage number, age of poet, date of birth and school—any entries not clearly marked may not be judged.
- Competitors may enter one poem only.
- No alterations may be made to poems once submitted.
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant.
- No prize will be awarded in any class where entries are not of sufficient merit.
- Poems will not be returned unless requested and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed.
- The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the decision.

Entries should be submitted by email to [poetrycompetition@willoughbygallery.com](mailto:poetrycompetition@willoughbygallery.com) as attached 'Word' documents or jpegs if scanned from hand written originals.

or entries may be posted to:

W.M.T. Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition  
c/o Graham Underhill  
Old School Yard  
8 Bourne Road  
Swinstead  
Grantham, Lincs., NG33 4PQ

Enquiries, please telephone 01476 550972

**Closing date for entries Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

## **Careers Update**

### **Year 11 and Year 13 Successes**

We are extremely proud of last year's Year 13 students as they leave us to move on to new ventures.

75 of our Year 13 students gained a place at university to study a wide range of degree courses, including Natural Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Economics, Physics with Astrophysics, Business Management, Psychology, Fine Art, Nursing, Pharmacy, Paramedic Science, Interior Design, Criminology, Primary Education, Law, History, Accountancy & Finance and many more. In addition to a wide range of study disciplines chosen, the range of 48 universities is equally impressive. Our students are heading off to universities such as Cambridge, Bath, Newcastle, Nottingham, York, UCL, Leeds, Lincoln, Nottingham Trent, Loughborough and many others.

One student has secured a degree apprenticeship in Business Management. Other students have chosen to take up various employment roles within retail and the leisure industry, whilst others have decided to take a gap year to work or volunteer before applying to university next year.

We are equally proud of our last year's Year 11 students, almost all of whom are now undertaking further study, here at the High School or in other schools or sixth form colleges. Three students have started apprenticeships. We are delighted to welcome back former students and our new transferees from other schools who have enrolled into our sixth form.

Our current Year 13 students are busy this term preparing personal statements for use in university or apprenticeship/employment applications. It is a busy time between now and Christmas and we are pleased with the preparation work students carried out during the last sixth months.

We wish all our students the best of luck for the future and hope that those who have now left will keep in touch to share their future successes. We welcome registrations with our Future First Alumni Hub:

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

### **Allied Healthcare Opportunity**

'Your Medic Family', a non-profit social enterprise which specialises in helping students get into medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and allied healthcare professions. Allied Healthcare Mentor offers a programme of virtual work experience for students interested in the following healthcare professions – Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech and Language Therapy and Pharmacy. The virtual events take place once a month on Sundays and are aimed at supporting students in Years 10-13. The sessions are £10 per day to cover administrative and technical costs. Could students please let me know if they take part. Please see the information in this link about the first session on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and subsequent sessions:

[Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme - Allied Healthcare Mentor \(alliedhealthmentor.org\)](https://www.alliedhealthmentor.org)

## **Success at School Guides for Parents & Carers**

Please see the following information from Success at School:

*We are delighted to announce that our brand new 2022/23 **guides to university and apprenticeships** will be released digitally on the **week commencing 12th September**. Both guides will be available for parents and carers to access for **free** and will be sent directly to your inbox along with a **free bonus STEM careers guide**.*

[Get Your Downloadable 2022/23 Parents' Careers Guides \(successatschool.org\)](https://successatschool.org)

## **Careermag for Parents & Carers**

The September issue of 'Careermag' for parents and carers is now available to read online. There are some very informative articles about how to support your child with choices in education and training:

[Careermag - Parents - Careermap](#)

## **Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue 'Positive Action Day' – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10.00am-2.00pm at Sleaford Fire Station**

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue are holding a 'Positive Action Day' to raise awareness for females (in particular) interested in becoming an 'On-call Firefighter'. This is at the Sleaford Fire Station on Sunday 2nd October between 10.00am -2.00pm (no booking required). There will be the chance to chat with female operational firefighters, have a go at some of the job-related tests and to find out about the recruitment process. This would be a great gap year opportunity alongside another part-time job. Contact the recruitment team for more information:

Tel: 0800 3580204

Email: [RecruitmentFire@lincoln.fire-uk.org](mailto:RecruitmentFire@lincoln.fire-uk.org)

Web: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lfr](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lfr)

## **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](mailto:Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

*Mrs Bushell (Careers Leader)*