

Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

7th July 2022



Everyone is getting very excited for Activity Day on Monday! Year 7 have a Maths Day with lots of activities planned such as code breaking and puzzle solving. Remember to bring your calculators! Year 8 will be having a creative art and technology day (see the flyer at the end of this week's bulletin) and Year 9 will be learning about the Civil Rights Movement and Martin Luther King. The focus for Year 10 and Year 12 will be on plans and next steps as they participate in a variety of careers related activities across the day. Normal timings apply across the day and all students are to be in normal school uniform with the exception of Year 8, who, due to the activities they will be participating in, may come in non-uniform appropriate to school.

We are currently preparing the assembly rota for next year and I have asked tutor groups to discuss and nominate an important date to be included in our assembly rota. It would be great to have students nominate a variety of more recent "historic" events and people who represent a range of issues that are important to our students. Form groups should discuss their ideas and make suggestions for dates/people to be included and send them to me on the school email.

The weather next week is set to be very warm and sunny. Please ensure students have sun cream, plenty of water and sunhats for outdoors. This is especially the case for Friday when we will be holding Sports Day - good luck to everyone. Congratulations and well done to our swimmers, Emma Croker, Mollie Briggs and Emily Briggs – fantastic performances from all three. Also well done to the Rounders Team – what a result!

Lovely Prom and Leavers' Ball photographs in the local press. Y11 and Y13 – you all look amazing (the staff as well!); we are all really glad that after the last two years everyone had the opportunity to enjoy themselves and have a good time!

Tonight we will be attending the Spalding Free Press Education Awards. Good luck to Emma Croker, Hannah Willis, Georgie van Dyke, The Sixth Form Prefect Team, Mrs Knight and the School; all of whom are finalists in their categories.

Mrs Anderson

Year 9 RS Day Monday 11th July

Students will be learning about the life and work of Martin Luther King, the leader of The Civil Rights Movement. They will be examining how he fought to bring an end to racial segregation in America and how he campaigned for equal voting rights.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

What a fabulous evening to celebrate end of exams and their time at Spalding High School! Last Thursday, staff and students from Year 13 enjoyed a fabulous evening of fun, laughter and dancing at the Cley Hall Hotel. These students have been a huge part of our school community and they will be sorely missed, we wish them all the best in their next steps. Although we do hope to see them all again on A Level results day!

Mrs Haunch (Head of Sixth Form)



Year 11 Prom

What a fantastic evening we had on Saturday 2nd July.

Year 11 students from Spalding High School and Spalding Grammar School celebrated the end of their exams in style! Students arrived in a variety of vehicles, lorries, tractors, sports cars and even one on a mobility scooter! The evening was spent laughing, dancing, taking photos and enjoying the sweets and donut wall!

Special thanks go to Mrs Fox, Mrs Pryke and Miss Kent for all of their help, organisation and getting Springfields 'Prom ready'. I couldn't have done it without you!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you and well done to our Year 11 students. It has been a pleasure being your Head of Year this year, you should all be so proud of yourselves and for all of the hard work you have put in throughout your time at school, particularly in the last few years. I am very proud of you all and I am sure that when results day arrives in August, you will all have grades that reflect your efforts.

I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing those of you who are coming back to join the Sixth Form in September, as I head back to my role as Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

Take care!

Mrs. H Waldron

PE NEWS

ROUNDERS

Congratulations to the Y7 rounders team who won their tournament last week! They now progress to the finals and will be playing Haven High on Thursday 7th July - good luck!



SWIMMING

European Junior Swimming Championships

Emma Croker put in a superb swim in her 200m freestyle heat in Bucharest, Romania. Emma touched fifth in her heat with a time of 2.05.91 which is a new Lincolnshire County record. Emma placed 17th overall, narrowly missing out on progression to the semi finals and was third out of the British swimmers contesting the event. We are all very proud of Emma's achievement. She has the 200m x4 relay on Thursday.

Emma's Head Coach

We wish Emma best of luck for the X 200m relay on Thursday and in the Education Awards, where she is finalist in the Sporting Achievement category.

Mrs Anderson



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PE NEWS

SWIMMING

Mollie and Emily Briggs travelled to Gloucestershire on Saturday 2nd July to compete at the Regional Open Water Championships. Emily competed in the 13 year old girls 2km category and after a hard fought race she finished 2nd in the East Midlands. This automatically qualified her for her first National event at the age of 12 as she will swim at the National Open Water Championships on 10th August. She will join her older sister Mollie who competed in the 5km race in the 17/18 age group category. Mollie swam a superb race and won the gold medal for East Midlands and the silver medal for the Midlands (East and West Midlands combined). This also qualified Mollie for the National Open water Championships. This follows her success last month at the British Selection trials in Wales in the 7.5km swim where she finished 8th in her age group. Mollie has also qualified to swim at the British Summer Championships in Sheffield (200m butterfly and 1500m freestyle) and the English Summer Championships (400m freestyle).



CLASSICS

THE ANCIENT WORLD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK...

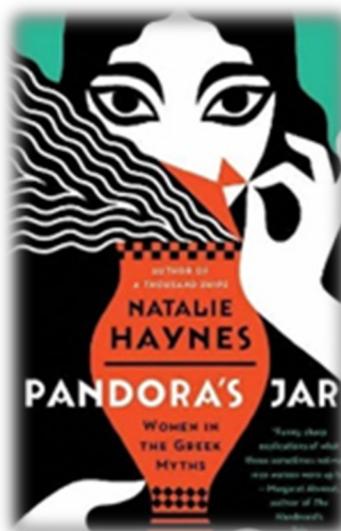
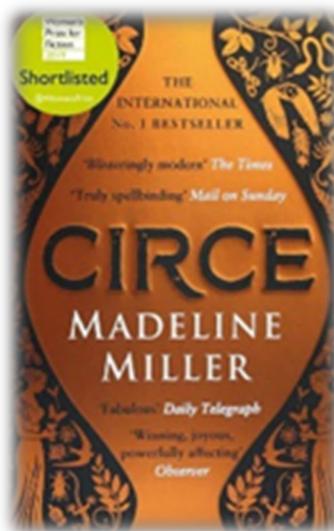
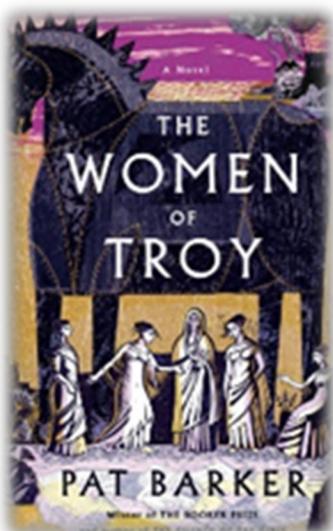
The sporting and festival seasons are well under way, but have you ever wondered why they are so important to today's culture? When did it all begin? Both were introduced by ancient Greek city states nearly 3 millennia ago as a way of worshipping the gods and honoring ancestors. With Wimbledon on, the Commonwealth games set to take place in Birmingham next month, the Isle of Wight Festival, Glastonbury and Latitude all highlights of the season, we took time to reflect on festivals in the ancient world, and to appreciate their similarities and differences. You might be thinking that the ancient Olympics was a lot less hassle in terms of organisation, participation and running, more peaceful and less damaging to the environment - but it came with a whole host of ancient issues. Imagine 50 000 people camping, the adoration directed towards epic icons, the constant cooking of meat on open fires and flies that feast on a heady mix of sacrificial blood and the sanitation areas: No, this wasn't Glastonbury!

The ancient world still resonates with the modern world today. We may sometimes think there is nothing more the ancient world can teach us, but in truth, there are still strong echoes of the ancient world in many cultural practices. Studying the classical world is fascinating and I for one, love travelling back in time.

If you fancy a trip to an idyllic Greek island or Turkey **AND** go back in time this summer - we recommend the following:

Mrs Jones

Head of Classics



CLASSICS

On Wednesday 29th June the Classics department attended an incredible Ancient Festivals Day hosted by Warwick University. Six lectures were given on varying topics around ancient festivals and were presented by experts such as Professor Michael Scott (centre picture). These topics included 'Realities of the Ancient Olympic Games', 'the Edge of Glory: Pindar and the Meaning(s) of Victory', 'Musical Contests at Athletic Games', 'Athletic Politics' and 'Greek Festivals in the Roman Empire'. Through this variety of lectures, we were able to learn more about how ancient festivals worked and the significance of the glory that came with winning them i.e., the Athenians bestowed their victors with front row VIP seats at the theatre – the Spartans however, honoured their victors by allowing them front row in the next battle! We were also shown how festivals and glory were recorded in classical literature, and, how they were so good the Romans copied them.

As well as offering interesting lectures, they even gave us free lunch – which helped our approval of them!

Altogether this trip allowed us all to develop our knowledge of the classical world, experience time on campus with some brilliant university level lectures and even meet the incredible classicist Professor Michael Scott.

Jemima Gurney
Classics prefect



Maths Achievement

Having qualified from the Junior Maths Challenge in April, three of our Year 8 students: Faith, Sky and Abhilasha, took part in the Junior Maths Kangaroo in June. Only the students across the country who did best in the Challenge earned a qualification spot for the Kangaroo and the complexity of the questions rose to another level! This is an example of a question they had to solve :

When it is 4pm in London, it is 5pm in Madrid and 8am in San Francisco. Julio went to bed in San Francisco at 9pm yesterday. What time was it in Madrid at that instant?

All students did extremely well, answering correctly at least 15 questions. We all say congratulations to the students for doing so well across the two challenges!

Mrs Nowak

Maths Department



Year 7 Dragons' Den Challenge

On Thursday 30th June, we held the final of the Dragons' Den Challenge which was judged by Mrs Schwarz, Paul Tomlinson, our new Enterprise Adviser from Davis Worldwide and Mrs Bushell. This was the second year we have run the challenge in Year 7 and I would like to thank Miss Parker for overseeing it, organising the practicalities and inspiring the students to work together so well.

During the final, a winning group from each tutor group presented their pitch for a new product or service and the judges were impressed that all groups had identified real problems and specific target markets. We also saw evidence of careful consideration of costings, eco-friendly materials and sustainability playing an important part in the ideas presented.

Congratulations to all groups who made it to the final but we had to pick a winning team. The winners of this year's Dragons' Den Challenge are Lola Willson, Lola McAllister, Grace Hurn and Amber Fleming in 7N with their 'Get Icy' product. Well done to you all. Here is the winning team's write-up of their Dragons' Den experience:

Our product was based on the summer and keeping desserts cool (especially ice-cream)! We designed a bowl that prevents your ice-cream from melting in the hot weather. It had ice thermal in the sides of the bowl...you don't even have to put it in the fridge! Since the start of the Dragons' Den project we have come up with many product ideas, but this was our best. We worked very hard to get it completed ready for performance day including making an advert, PowerPoint and business cards. The next week after we presented it to our class, we performed in front of Year 7 and to the Dragons: this was when they announced us the winners and we received our winning trophies! Of course we were very proud of ourselves and we put 100% effort into it!

By Amber Fleming, Grace Hurn, Lola McAllister and Lola Willson 7N

The winning team with the judges:



Year 7 Dragons' Den Challenge

Participants from the final with Paul Tomlinson, our Enterprise Adviser:



Year 10 Futures Day – 11th July

We have organised a 'Futures Day' for Year 10 students on Monday 11th July. Students will be off timetable for the day and will take part in five sessions:

Activity 1 - Focus on Higher Education – Lincoln University

Activity 2 - Focus on College/Further Education – Stamford College

Activity 3 - Focus on Employability and Interview Skills (DWP – Department for Work and Pensions)

Activity 4 - Focus on Extra-Curricular Opportunities – NCS (National Citizen Service)

Activity 5 – Employer Encounter – Head of Psychological Services – Whitemoor Prison

We hope that the day will offer students the opportunity to ask any questions they have and discuss their plans and future aspirations with each other, staff and visiting presenters. Students should bring their planner and pencil case but will not need their books for that day's lessons.

Year 12 Planning Day – 11th July

Year 12 students will take part in a 'Planning Day' on Monday 11th July. They will be off timetable and have presentations from three external providers and two sessions to work on personal statement drafting/research into progression routes post sixth form. If students have notes/drafts of statements, they should ensure they have hard copies with them on the day.

The external providers are from the Cyber Crime Unit at Lincolnshire Police, Lincoln University and the RAF.

Sixth form tutors and other members of staff will be supporting in all sessions during the day. This has been a worthwhile experience for students in the past as they have the opportunity to talk to a variety of staff and to seek advice and support where needed.

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/>

Alumni article (see attachment)

It is always a pleasure when former students send me an update on their progress. Please find attached an article written by Sophie Adcock who left the High School in 2019 to start her Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Nottingham. Many thanks to Sophie for such a detailed article which I hope students aspiring to work with animals will find useful.

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



**Spalding High
School
Summer concert
2022**

Tuesday July 12th

Refreshments 7.00pm

Concert 7.30pm

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for tickets**

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Monday 11th July