

Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

9th March 2023



There were many things that we missed as a result of the pandemic and the impact that it had for our students in school. Large amongst those impacts was the inability to organise school productions as students were not permitted to mix with other “bubbles” and had to socially distance from each other. What an absolute joy it was, therefore, to have the first whole school production in the final week of Term 3! Seeing and listening to the songs and performances it is impossible to imagine that this was the first time we had celebrated the performing arts on this scale for three years. The significance of the event was not lost on the majority of those who attended and there were teary eyes all over the place as students sang, danced, performed and played their way through a magnificent rendition of “We Will Rock You”. The School had been living the show for many months prior to the actual week of the performances and we had all been listening to the rehearsals and sounds of the famous Queen songs that were played across the School and many of us found ourselves subconsciously humming or singing the songs during the day. However, nothing of the rehearsals could have prepared us for the actual live show and the comments from the audience and performers included in this week’s bulletin are a testament to the epic performance from everyone involved. It was fantastic to hear from such a large number of students across all of the year groups and reading the reports enclosed about how friendships have been formed really does highlight one of the key benefits of such an event of socialisation across the different year groups. Students will learn so much from each other having been part of the production. Friends will have been made. Confidence will have been built. Worries will have been put to one side. Satisfaction and achievement will have been gained. Memories will have been made and, most importantly, fun will have been had.

When Mrs Fisk and Mr Garbett write their reviews of the production they always extend their thanks to the performers, musicians and those involved back stage that make the production possible. I extend my thanks and congratulations to those people too. I also send my thanks to Mrs Fisk and Mr Garbett and all of the other staff involved in putting on the production. I know how much time, effort and energy you put in to such an event and I thank you wholeheartedly for providing such an amazing opportunity for our students and School.

To all of the cast and crew – thank you and well done. We were, indeed, well and truly rocked!

The School Run Drop Off and Collection

We have received a further complaint from a local resident regarding parking on Matmore Gate and the congestion caused by parents parking locally for the school run. Our Transport Plan advises that parents organise a safe place away from the School and local narrow roads for drop off and collection. We would also remind parents that there are new parking regulations, double yellow lines, zig zag lines and bus bays in the area around Matmore Gate, Tesco and Stonegate which must be observed.

Mrs M K Anderson, Headmistress

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
7S	Hollie Gibbons	Mr Garbett	Music
8C	Summer Atkins	Miss Pettefar	English
8C	Charlotte Smith	Mrs Bennett	Geography
8J	Holly Bignell	Reddy-Devlin	Technology
8J	Olivia Mumby-Croft	Mrs Neal	Art
8J	Zuzanna Poznaniak	Mrs Martindale	Science
8S	Amy Green	Mrs Love	English
9C	Lucy Gough	Mrs Lord	Mathematics
9J	Poppy Miller	Mrs Jones	Latin
9N	Sky Salkeld	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
9P	Klaudia Pacholska	Mrs Clay	Latin
9S	Alexis Bradshaw	Mr Hempsall	History
9S	Mika Clancey	Miss Bailey	German
9S	Alexis Bradshaw	Mrs Wilkins	Technology
10C	Cordi Mansfield	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
10C	Ava Smith	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
10J	Harriet Dunn	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
10J	Elizabeth Atolagbe	Mrs Knowles	French
10N	Lois Gator	Mrs Haunch	Physics
10N	Gabriele Kovanaite	Mr Martindale	Technology
10P	Natalia Procel	Miss O'Sullivan	English
10S	Emily Wright	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
11N	Alex James	Mr Blackburn	Business
11N	Chloe Matthew	Miss White	Physics
11P	Ellen White	Mrs Bushell	French
11P	Taya Yeowell	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
11S	Roselin Augustine	Mrs Kelleher	Art
6GD	Ella Kruh-Atar	Miss Jeffery	English Language
6GD	Poppy Neville	Mrs Waldron	Community
6IW	Sophie Carter	Mrs Rogers	Geography
6NG	Lucas Bordelo	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology
6SC	Bruce Thorpe	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics

PE News

U13 Football

On Monday 6th March, the U13 football team completed a convincing 6-0 win against St Albans High School from London. The girls now progress to round four of this national competition where they will travel to Bromley High School, Kent. They are only three games away from a potential national final. Well done!



Mr Farrell, Head of PE

Y8 Netball

On Tuesday 7th March, the Y8 netball team competed in a tournament against eight South Lincolnshire schools. The team played very well in all of the matches. We demonstrated great teamwork and resilience throughout the whole tournament, even though it was very cold! We won the tournament overall, winning with an eight goal, goal difference. Well done to all of the players for all of their hard work this season! Our next game is the South Lincolnshire netball final.

Kari-Ella Bailey 8S



Student News

Futsal

You may remember that in our School bulletin on the 26th January 2023 we heard from Katie Bonarius, 7C about being selected to play in Barcelona against the USA and lots of Spanish teams in a futsal tournament. Katie has recently returned from her trip and has written about her experiences...

My trip to Barcelona was amazing! It was a great experience getting to play against the USA and Spain.

The flights each way were about two and a half hours and we got to fly over Austria and see all the beautiful mountains in the clouds. We stayed in a hotel near the venue.

On the Thursday, we had a training day with the USA team. It was really great to see the abilities that some of the USA players had. Spain were not as good, but they still tried their hardest.

On Friday, we played matches against USA 1, USA 2 and Spain. We beat Spain but they put on a great game. We lost to both the USA teams as they were really good and played proper Futsal.

Finally, On Saturday we went to watch some juniors and adults play Futsal. Some of the Keeper warm-ups were very strange. Saturday evening was the Gala. I was honoured to receive an individual Ambassador Award for my team. We were given the Ambassador's Award because we represented the 'United Futsal Futures' well and played our hearts out on the court.

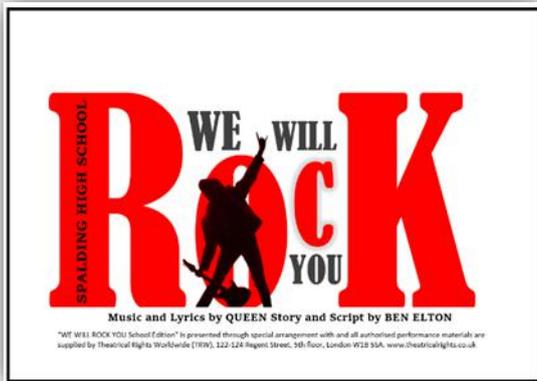
On Sunday, we left Barcelona and headed home. I will always be full of memories from my trip!

Katie Bonarius, 7C



Student News

We Will Rock You



Spalding High School presented the production of *We Will Rock You* (school edition) on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February 2023. The students have worked incredibly hard over the last four months and the Drama and Music Departments are so proud of each and every one of them. The pupils involved committed to lunchtime, after school and weekend rehearsals, and created a fantastic show full of excellent character acting, fantastic singing and incredible choreography.

Congratulations to you all. What we created together was EPIC! Thank you to the GAGA/ Yuppie army for the rigid discipline of your movements, your focus and spirited singing. The Bohemians exploded with energy onto that stage and delivered the dream of celebrating individuality! Brit and Oz, what a partnership! You made us all love Brit and feel so devastated when he died. Oz - what a voice! You also had the best air guitar of the show. I loved the comic, slightly bumbling Khasoggi! Wonderful facial expressions! Killer Queen was electric, scary and completely dazzling! I've lost count of how many people have told me that they are in complete awe of you! Buddy, you were SO entertaining and funny. Great delivery and ad-libbing! Galileo and Scaramouche. You are an awesome duo. Your relationship development was so compelling. I think the best interpretation of these two that I have seen. My favourite moment was seeing you all getting 'right down and funky' in the final moments of the show.

This production was the best example of what a school production should be, a life-affirming, exhilarating, enabling, collaborative celebration. Thank you all!

Mrs Fisk, Head of Drama



We Will Rock You

I have been a Music teacher for quite a while now and I've been involved in many, many productions! I can honestly say that We Will Rock You is probably amongst the best shows that I've ever been a part of! We have been rehearsing this show since last October and all of the countless hours and countless rehearsals were worth every second when the show finally hit the stage! What a spectacular and amazing show it was! From the musical point of view you all nailed every song: from the very opening with Killer Queen's superb offstage vocals in Innuendo, the Bohemians rocking out to Headlong, the tear-jerking No One But You and then the whole cast singing Bohemian Rhapsody at the end! I could keep talking about every song in the show - they were all incredible! All supported of course by my amazing band of professional and student musicians in front of the stage! The feel good factor from the show lives on in the Performing Arts Department, it's a show I'll never forget! Thank you all!

Mr Garbett, Head of Music



We Will Rock You

Views from our audience:

I just wanted to send a message to say how fantastic 'We Will Rock You' was! It was wonderful to see the amount of talented students and the professionalism with which the show was staged. The dedication and hard work from all was obvious to see.

Jo West (Parent)

Last week, I and my family went to see the We Will Rock you production at SHS and we were amazed! Everyone could clearly see the huge amount of effort put into the production. My Step-daughter Sophie played Oz and we were all astounded with not only the music, songs and choreography but also the amount of students from so many different year groups that took part. She's really enjoyed being in this school production, (and we enjoyed watching it) especially as she missed out on 2 years of shows because of covid, and can't wait for the production next year!!

Ella McGuire (Parent)

Thank you to everyone involved in this excellent production. Set, lights, sound, wardrobe, front of house, were all top class and gave the performers such sound support for their spectacular performances. Scaramouche killer Queen and Oz stood out amongst such talented young people and their contribution to an enjoyable experience for their Audience.

Well done to the staff who obviously put such effort into pulling the whole thing together and the young people who brought it to life.

Best Regards

Peter Ayre



We Will Rock You

Views from members of the cast:

The high school production of We Will Rock You was the most amazing experience to be a part of, I made so many new friends and everything about the production was enjoyable. From October last year, we would have at least one rehearsal a week which would be either singing, acting or dancing and as the show days got closer, the more exciting the rehearsals became. Even though show week was the most chaotic, I would do it all again just to be with best people in the best environment. The whole cast are so grateful for the opportunity to have been in the production and are extremely grateful and appreciate the effort and dedication that members of staff, especially Mrs Fisk and Mr Garbett, put into it. Rock on!!!

Sophie McGuire, 10S

We will rock you was the best experience I've ever had. The excitement, talent, passion and fun I had the privilege to spend every day surrounded with for those months is something I will never forget. The play itself was incredible, a brilliant script and overall performance which teachers worked tirelessly to create and which we are all extremely grateful for. There are no words to describe the sense of joy and love you feel meeting those people who are just like you in every way, who share the same passions as you and those who you just completely connect with. My we will rock you family is the best gift I could ever receive, and I strongly believe all students should have the opportunity to experience a play like this, and having my family in tears on Friday night from the pure talent of my fellow cast is a once in a lifetime feeling. Thank you for this show, WWRY FOREVER

Bella Kirk, 10J



We Will Rock You

Views from the band:

We are Holly (percussion) and Sophie (guitar 2) and we would both like to thank Mr Garbett for giving us the opportunity to be part of the band for We Will Rock You. It was great fun and we enjoyed playing amazing songs with some very talented and inspirational musicians. It gave us a chance to step out of our comfort zone and perform in a pit orchestra for a musical (something we both have not done before). We both thoroughly enjoyed the experience and improved upon skills such as teamwork and organisation. The cast were brilliant and the shows were all spectacular! Overall, We Will Rock You was an unforgettable experience that helped us progress as musicians and make new friends.

Holly Emmott, 11N and Sophie Gleave, 11N



PSHCE

Please see the below information from Lincolnshire Police Prevent team. They have asked that you share with Parents.

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts, and if you are concerned, seek advice. ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned.

[ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation](https://actearly.uk)

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Mr Hemsall, PSHCE Coordinator

SHS Supporting Comic Relief



Red Nose Day is back!

[Friday 17th March](#) sees the return of Red Nose Day, and we are asking students to wear non-school uniform (no inappropriate outfits and no offensive slogans to be worn) for a donation of £1 to help the numerous charities supported by Comic Relief. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a school to raise some money to help people through the toughest times of their lives.

Mrs Ray, Assistant Head

SIMS Parent App

Thank you to all those parents and carers that have downloaded the SIMS Parent App. Encouragingly, we now have nearly 700 parents and carers registered.

You may have noticed over the weekend that we have turned on achievement comments so that any comments related to 'Excellents' are displayed. We hope this additional level of detail is helpful.

As always, if you have any problems registering for, or using, the SIMS Parent App, please contact enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk at first instance.

Achievement Assemblies

Every other term, the School comes together to celebrate the many achievements of pupils. Ahead of each achievement assembly, teachers and support staff are invited to nominate students for a range of awards across a range of categories including attainment, progress and contribution to the learning environment. Our second round of achievement assemblies will take place **W/C 20th March**.

A full list of awards can be found below. Also, at this assembly, certificates are awarded to those students in receipt of 'Excellents' according to the following totals: **Bronze (15), Silver (30), Gold (50), Platinum (75) and Diamond (100)**.

Mr Love, Assistant Head

Certificate Name	Awarded for...	Nominated by...	Frequency
Progress	Awarded to the student who, based on their starting point, has made excellent progress.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Contribution to learning environment	Awarded for full involvement in class or group activities, whilst having a positive impact on the learning of others.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Attainment	Awarded to the student who has reached the highest standard overall.	Subject Teacher	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Shining Star	Awarded at the discretion of the subject teacher in recognition of academic achievement, progress, effort, good manners and/ or exemplary behaviour.	Subject Teacher/ Form Tutor for PSHCE	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Community Award	Awarded for consistently contributing to the life of the School and helping to promote a positive community ethos.	Any member of staff	Achievement Assemblies 1,2 and 3
Attendance	Awarded in recognition of an attendance of 95% or over.	School	Achievement Assemblies 2* and 3** only
Attainment (Year Group)	Awarded to the student who has reached the highest standard overall within their year group for the academic year 2022-2023.	Head of Department	Achievement Assembly 3 only
Shining Star (Form)	Awarded at the discretion of the Form Tutor in recognition of contribution to form life, being a good citizen, good manners, exemplary behaviour and/ or effort.	Form Tutor	Achievement Assembly 3 only

*Based on attendance in Terms 1 and 2

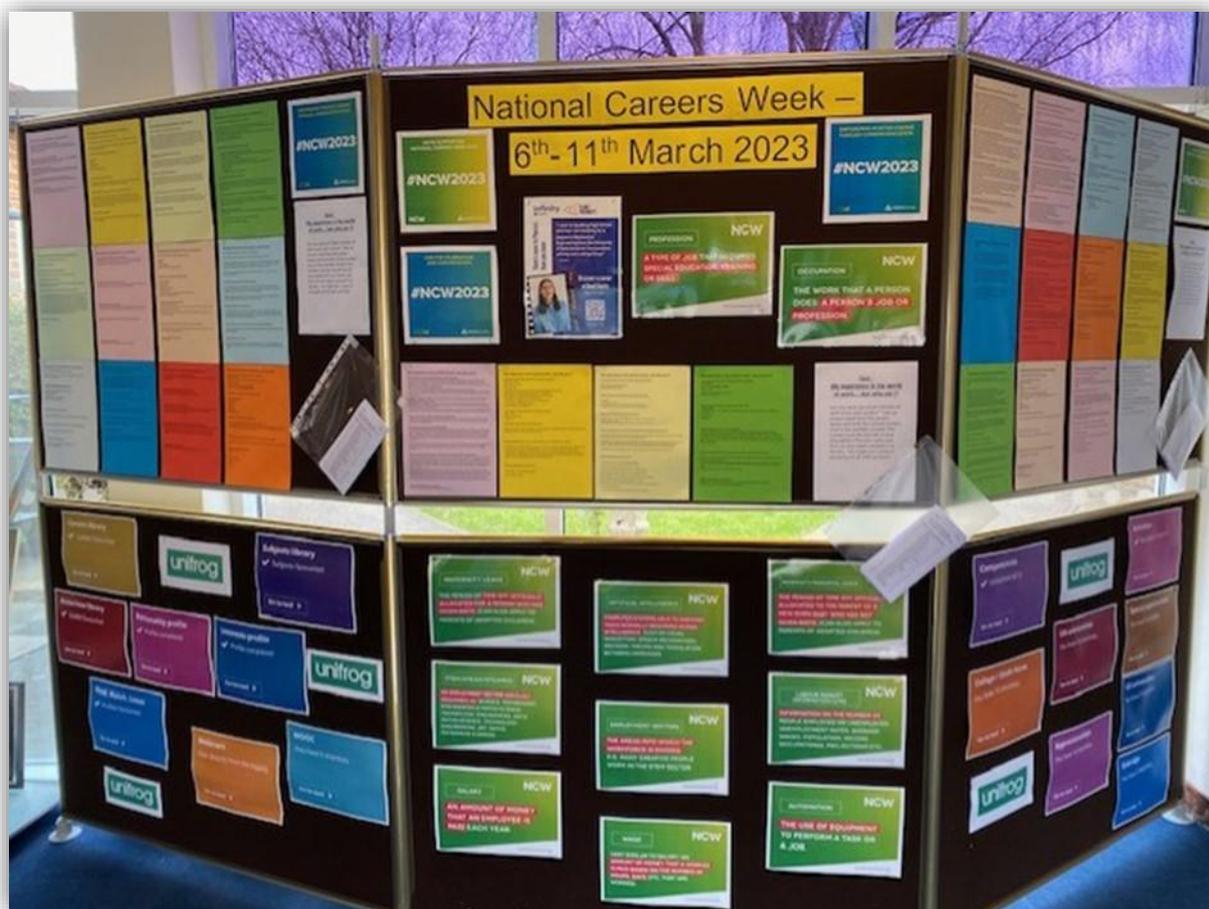
**Based on attendance in Terms 3 and 4

Careers Update

National Careers Week

It is National Careers Week this week. Students in school will be using resources in tutor time to find out more about different pathways in education, training and employment.

There is a competition in the school reception for students to match the member of staff with their career journey description. We hope student will participate – there is a prize!



Visit from Professor Averil Macdonald OBE

We were delighted to welcome physicist Professor Averil Macdonald to school on Wednesday last week. She delivered two very informative talks to over 80 students in KS4 and KS5 entitled 'Getting to Net Zero – Myths and Facts' and 'Plastic – Destroyer or Saviour of the Planet'. The students very much enjoyed her inspiring talks.

Year 13 – Student Finance Applications

Student finance applications for university courses starting this autumn are now open. Apply by the 19th May to ensure that student finance is in place for the start of term. Students do not need a confirmed university place to apply as applications can be made by entering a preferred choice of institution and changed at a later date if necessary.

Student finance: get ready for 2023 to 2024! – Get ready for 2023 to 2024!

Useful webinars about student finance and budgeting to support parents/carers and students

Careers Update

UEA is running an excellent series comprising two online events designed to help students and their parents understand what financial support is available for university study (30th March) and how to budget and manage your money (April 27th).

[HE Guidance: Understanding Financial Support At University With Higher Education Advisers From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

[HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? Hear From A Current Student At University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars](#)

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