

# SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Term 2 2017

There have been a number of times in recent weeks that the High School has brought a tear to my eye! In no particular order, just as I remember them, here are just a few:

The staff Christmas Panto, as always, so excellently penned and rehearsed by Mrs Fisk (well-done Mrs Fisk for at least trying to get the staff rehearsed!) This year it was an amalgam of Star Trek and Guardians of the Galaxy. There were plenty of laugh out loud moments (Mr Wright's tail falling off/Mr Martindale's interpretation of Drax), jokes (various items, including the school budget sucked into an ever expanding black hole), missed cues (you know who you all are!) and "spot the ingenious way the staff were carrying their scripts" (Great effort Miss Pascoe – really no one noticed you reading from your arm and as for you Mr Manton, you only had three words to learn!!) and of course plenty of hamming it up in outrageous costumes (too many to mention). The smoochy dance between Nebula (Mr Garbett) and Star Lord (Mr Jones) did bring me to tears (of laughter) and then I really did have tears (of fear) when crutch reliant Mrs Kelleher challenged Mr Jones to a dance off. Oh my word that scene had risk assessment written all over it! However, a comment my husband made to me at the end not only brought tears to my eyes but a hearty "here, here" as well. The comment? "Never before have you worked in a school where the staff are so willing and happy to send themselves up for the entertainment of the students. They were excellent!" I completely agree – and thank you and well-done to everyone involved!

The Christmas Concert was another event that brought tears to my eyes. I know that Mr Garbett was nervous about his first such performance as our new Head of Music, but my word he can put all of those worries from his mind. The event was seamless and smooth with stellar performances from choirs, soloists and musicians. We had a massive audience and many at the end gave a standing ovation such was the level of performance. It was absolutely lovely to see so many students (of all ages from little Year 7s to experienced Year 13s) along with a host of staff singing a number of songs in the concert finale. Again, well done to all involved.

Music continued to be a theme this week as we held our annual Carol Service at the Parish Church. Mrs Waldron did a wonderful job of organising the event and ensuring that over 1000 staff and students filled the church, with Dr Gorton leading the service. Readers from every year group did so very well in either readings from the bible or Christmas themed poems and again the choir and musicians did us proud. It was lovely to hear such rousing celebration of Christmas spirit, not least of all with the informal sing along as we exited the church and Mr Pitts played a medley of Christmas songs and carols.

The Sixth Form did a remarkable job on our fourth "Bring A Tin" Day and organised boxes galore for students and staff to fill with donations for the Agape Care food appeal. We donated over 1600 items of food to this very worth charity and also held a retiring collection at the end of the church service which raised £98.60. It took an awful lot of organisation, packing, collecting and counting to run the day. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

You will see from the rest of this term's newsletter that it has not just been the last few weeks that have been so busy and so successful, but as always the whole term. Well done to all of the students and staff for working so hard and achieving so much. Whatever your plans for the holidays we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

M K Anderson.  
Headmistress.

### **BRING A TIN DAY**

This Year was our fourth annual Bring a Tin day in support of the Agape Care foodbank appeal and I was yet again humbled and so, so proud of our school for their commitment to this important local charity. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> our students, parents and staff donated over 1600 items of food to our appeal; the highest number of donations to date. This means that in the last four years we have donated over 5000 items which enable Agape to help people within Spalding and the surrounds. I would like to extend my gratitude to all those who have donated. Thank you ever so much for your generosity.

M K Anderson.  
Headmistress.

### **SLEEPOVER**

On the 17th of November the Outlook team organised a school sleepover for the lower school to help raise funds for our 2018 expedition to Peru and Bolivia. They were all invited to come in their pyjamas (and without phones!) to our sleepover based on a survival challenge, giving them games and activities linked to our upcoming adventure. We started the evening (after setting everything up after school in the hall, common room and classrooms) with some team building, where each team set up 'camps' with their sleeping bags in the hall and came up with team names and flags to establish their team. We then tried to tire them out a little with a dance mats session in the sixth form common room, before sending each team to rotate around our different activities. These included a survival challenge, where they had to think of how they would escape survival situations by choosing only five items, pin the tail on the llama, creating bracelets from wooden beads, a scavenger hunt around the school and a Malteaser challenge with straws and a lot of restraint, as well as a tuck shop, provided to counteract all our efforts to make them tired with sugar! We finished the night with a sing along film, Mamma Mia, which made sure they all got up dancing instead of getting ready to sleep, not quite our intention... In the morning pupils were given breakfast before heading home, hopefully to have a good sleep as we did! This was definitely one of the most fun ways we have been fundraising (as a team we are also providing refreshments at school events and participated in a bag

pack at Morrison's) and we hope they all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Charlotte Reston

The year 7/8 sleepover consisted of many games some included a treasure hunt, pin the tail on the llama, survival planning, dance mats and the Malteaser challenge! These games were set up on a rota and there was time dedicated to the tuck shop where there were sweets, chocolate, cakes and crisps. After the activities we watched a film (this started at about 10:30 and ended after midnight). This film was Mamma Mia.

We were all expected to bring just a sleeping bag and a pillow and slept in the main hall on the gym mats, with the teachers and 6th formers asleep nearby. But before this we all brushed our teeth because we had eaten lots of sweets! Everyone was so tired that we fell asleep very quickly, much to the surprise of Mrs Bennett and Mrs Schwarz. In the morning Mr Smith came in and cooked us bacon rolls. We had a great time and would love to do it again!.

Llamas in pyjamas, 7C

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEADER AWARD**



Foreign Language Leader group 2016-2017

At the beginning of November last year, a group of twenty enthusiastic Year 10 students enlisted themselves to take part in a Foreign Language Leader Award. The students were assured by the departing group of Year 11's that this would be a very enjoyable and invaluable experience!

The Foreign Language Leader Award is an award in which students are encouraged to develop their love of languages by teaching groups of new Year 7s parts of the language they are learning, to help them with their studies. Over the course of a year, the Foreign Language Leader students worked hard to organise and plan several German starter activities, games, and trial lessons to enable them to gain experience of what teaching would be like in front of a large group of people, in the lead up to their final assessed lesson. To gain an insight into the culture of Germany and the language in which they were teaching, they also organised a fun and enjoyable German Cultural Evening in June.



Foreign Language Leader group 2017-2018

With the much-appreciated help of their teachers; Frau Carthy and Madame Barats, as well as Frau Knowles, the students felt that they had a lot of support to be able to develop some of the vital skills they needed to complete these tasks, with many of the students gaining not only confidence but communication and leadership skills from the award too.

One student, Kira Rickett said, 'Before starting the Foreign Language Leader Award, I had very little confidence speaking in front of a large group of people. However, I've found that my confidence has massively increased after stepping out of my comfort zone and I genuinely enjoyed the experience of teaching and the leadership that the Language Leader Award has allowed for'.

All the Foreign Language Leader students have now successfully completed and passed their award which they have unanimously agreed was a worthwhile and rewarding experience, not forgetting the benefits of the

delicious cakes baked by the students at the meetings every week! The teachers who organised this award commented that, 'The students have been committed, organised and have more importantly grown in confidence and self-belief'.

So, from all the students involved, we would like to thank Frau Carthy and Madame Barats for their support and guidance throughout the process of this award, and working tirelessly to make our achievements possible. In addition, we wish the new group of Year 10 students the best of luck in completing their Foreign Language Leader Award, and we hope that they enjoy the award just as much as we have!

Finally, we would also like to thank our sponsors Mr Harpham from Greenyard Fresh and Mr Hudson from Flamingo Horticulture without whom we would not be able to take part in this award.

MFL Department

### CELEBRATING ACCELERATED READING SUCCESS



Year 8, 9 and 10 students received prizes to note their achievement in reading over the last year with over 400 book quizzes passed. Every time a student passed an Accelerated Reader book quiz they had a leaf, with their name on the reverse, added to the Library book tree, with different coloured leaves used for each year group. Dedicated readers also given an extra gold leaf for every five book quizzes passed. Three helpful Year 7s Anya,

Adria and Olivia chose a random selection of five leaves of each colour and three gold leaves. Our luck winners who received a book prize and chocolate were: Kiera Berridge, Macy Tello-Espinosa, Nicole Ward, Elizabeth Buck, Honey Harrison, Hannah Rogers, Abbie Lees, Lily Prudham, Ellie Butler, Lara Pavitt, Olivia Elsdon, Maddie Harris, Abigail Hodgett, Megan Kierman, Megan Ripley, Paige Nichols, Freya Peters.

Some of our winners pictured above with their prizes. Current Year 7s and 8s should watch out for the tree growing leaves again this year with their achievement.

Mrs Lees

Learning Resource Manager

### **WE ARE GOLD!**

30 students from Spalding High School enrolled with the National Citizenship Service this year and all of our students graduated from the programme. Adam Gardiner from NCS says 'I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff helping us get so many young people involved in the programme and congratulations in being awarded Gold recognition in the Champion of Schools in the Boston and South Hollands area, hopefully next year we can aim for Champion of Champion schools in the area.

These are the students who graduated from NCS this year (those marked with an \* are not current students):

Danielle	Brooks*
Sheharie	Ariyarathna
Laura	Gent
Dilara	Hussein
Maya	Jina*
Lauren	Kauw
Megan	Bellamy*
Charlotte	Reston
Leah	Clarkson
Chloe	Lees
Elizabeth	Boreham
Charlotte	Tulloch- Cotton*
Daisy	Parkes*
Megan	Murchie
Maryah	Hassan
Jessica	Holmes
Rebecca	Long*
Nicole	Sinnott*
Abigail	Bates*
Rebecca	Oglesby*
Clodagh	Wood
Caitlyn	Edwards*
Chloe	Hope
Tabitha	Cook*
Megan	Clarkson*
Sian	Matson*
Eve	Puskas
Rachael	McKenna*
Aleksandra	Godyn
Sophie	Fravigar

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE 2017



Our annual Craft Fayre took place at lunchtime Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th December. Fifty groups or individuals took part with the whole school from Year 7 to Year 13 actively participating. Students marketed,



packaged, priced and display their wares. Staff and students who attended the Fayre were impressed with the range and professionalism of goods for sale; with everything from

Christmas themed sweets and of course cakes, to cards, ceramics, cushions, decorations, jewellery, marshmallow snowmen, themed keyrings and so much more. Tombola's, games and raffles abounded along with Fairtrade Hot Chocolate to celebrate Yuletide.



Many charities were supported through the Fayre and



funds raised from the hire of the tables will be used in the Library to improve the teen self-help and advice section. Organising the Fayre is a monumental task and it could not be accomplished without

the unstinting support of Mrs Broughton, Mrs Lane, Mrs Fox, Mrs Somers, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Ayton-Smith, Ms Jeffery, Mr Gent, Mr Croker, Mrs Chappell and Mrs Coldham not to mention the table moving muscle, reliability and goodwill of U6JEF.



The Christmas Fayre is truly a whole school triumph and a fantastic way to start the festive season.

Mrs Lees

Learning Resource Manager

## EQUESTRIAN

The 90/95cm showjumping team of Molly Johnson, Helen Peach, Olivia Storer and Tabitha Leicester all put in excellent rounds with Tabitha going clear, but



unfortunately missed out on the placing's. The 90/95cm jumping with style team of Molly, Helen, Amy Whittington and Lucy Daly also rode brilliantly with Amy putting in a fantastic round on a new horse and Lucy coming fourth individually.

The final day of the competition however brought the



best results of the weekend, with all four members of the 1/1.05m jumping with style team putting in stylish rounds to secure a final team placing of seventh. Lucy and her horse Ralphie G also competed individually in the 1.10/1.15m jumping with style and were the only clear in the horse section of the competition, earning the national title for this class.

Lucy Daly

## HOCKEY

The U16 and U15 indoor hockey teams both won their district tournaments.



The U16 team only conceded 1 goal and scored an impressive 27 goals in total, with both Calypso Priestley and Yasmin Pritchard playing up an age group. Miss Bowtell from Bourne Grammar named Macy Carr player of the tournament for her fantastic individual skills.

The U15 team demonstrated an excellent level of skill too, winning all their games, and also scoring an exceptional 24 goals. Calypso Priestley was named player of the tournament, whilst Jessica Burton played up an age group.

U14 also competed in their indoor hockey tournament. After some hard fought battles and strong competition, the girls finished a respectable 3rd.

The U13 and U12 indoor hockey tournaments are taking place in the New Year.

Miss Dixon

## TRAMPOLINING

13 Yr 10 students competed in the district Trampolining



competition last month in Deeping. All the girls completed excellent routines and displayed a high level of skill. Stand out performances came from Lily Lewis and Emma Agar, placing 1st in their category. Along with Evie Freeman and Amelia Fox, placing 2nd and 3rd respectively of their categories. Overall Spalding High School missed out on the 1st place team trophy by only 2 points! A promising start towards their GCSE practical.

Miss Dixon

## YEAR 11 NETBALL RESULTS



The photo above was taken as the final of the county championships ended on Saturday 18th November in Skegness. This was the end of a long day; the team had played and won all 6 of their matches, winning in a totally dominant fashion. The final finished with a simple 15-3 victory against Banovallum School to complete an outstanding performance. In all 3 age groups they were the only team to maintain a 100% record, they scored the most goals and conceded the fewest. This was a truly outstanding performance. The girls have never been beaten in 5 years of secondary education, they have been county champions for 3 years consecutively (all the years they have been eligible) and really wanted to show their class in this, their final county event together. They will now represent Lincolnshire at regional level in January. They were focused, highly motivated, played with class and sportsmanship and I could not have been more



proud! The photo below shows the girls with their medals.

**Lucy Hull (captain)**

**Olivia Thompson**

**Erika Webb**

**Macy Carr**

**Elly Simpson**

**Avnee Uglow**

**Ffion Lewis**

**Amy Carter**

**Milly Mason**

### PTA

The PTA has continued to work with the school to provide a range of opportunities this term and funds raised have recently been allocated to Library, Music, Science & Language resources.

We were delighted to see so many KS3s attend the Ice-breaker disco (including welcoming their parents into a somewhat calmer setting) and see them get 'glittered up' for the recent Yule Ball disco. There were some lovely prizes triumphantly won at the Family Bingo and an enjoyable night had by all.

We are looking forward to seeing parents, carers and students at events in 2018, starting with our Quiz Night on 2nd February and continuing with another Bingo Night on 16th March. In addition, students should look out for Film nights after school throughout the year. For further details on any event, please see the Parents/PTA page of the School website or advertising posters/emails from School nearer the time, when tickets will be available to buy.

The PTA are grateful for all your continuing support and if anyone wishes to offer help at an event or donate any item/s suitable for raffle prizes - again, please see the School website for contact details.

Wishing you all a peaceful holiday,

Mr R Hemsall, PTA Chair



# SHS STAR PARTY

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2018

6PM-9PM

Come and join us for our first ever Star Party! Star gazing (weather permitting) and planetarium show with Peterborough Astronomical Society. Presentation from Dr Carolin Crawford from Cambridge University entitled "The next big questions in astrophysics". The "Why do stars twinkle and build a comet" show from the A level Physics Starlets. BBQ, hot drinks and a raffle with fabulous space themed prizes.

Tickets on sale from 5<sup>th</sup> January

Children £3   Adults £5   Family of 4 £14

## PARKING NOTICE

A reminder to parents collecting pupils from school – please make arrangements to collect your child at a safe point but not within the bounds of the school car park on Matmore Gate. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and avoid blocking drive ways. Please also remember that we have one thousand children leaving school at 3.45pm and often there are still parents and children from other local schools and so pedestrian traffic is high. We would also request parents not to park within the vicinity of Stonegate at the end of the school day whilst the buses are aligning and collecting children. With our continued thanks for your consideration and support.

DATES FOR DIARY			
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Term 2</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	A Level Geography Assessed Fieldwork departs
	Christmas Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Start of Term 3</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	PTA Family Quiz Night 7pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y11 Mocks Start	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y9 Parents' Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7 Gallery Trip	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Classics Trip (Italy) departs
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Mocks End	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Ski Trip departs
15 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Film Club 4.15pm	9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Options Evening 7pm		
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Options Talks begin		
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y9 Options Fair		
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y13 Parents' Evening		
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Bletchley Park Trip		