

# SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Term 4 2018

Another busy term at the High School has been both short and sweet and seen the weather range from snow to glorious sunshine! Everyone has worked so hard (again) this term and I want to say a particular well done to all of our exam classes who are nearing the end of their courses as Easter approaches – keep going! Revise hard; you are nearly there!

As you can see from the photograph below Phase 1 of the locker replacement is very nearly finished and the new lockers are being enjoyed by a range of year groups with bases on the English corridor and South Porch. They also make the corridor look much brighter and tidier!

Best wishes for a Happy Easter

M K Anderson  
Headmistress



## SPRING CONCERT

Thursdays' fantastic Spring Concert was an excellent production comprising of many hours of resilient practice from everyone who took part, either behind the scenes or actually performing on the night. After missing 3 days of vital rehearsals due to the snow of the previous week, it was fantastic to see how well the whole concert came together. The evening was introduced well by 'In the hall of the mountain king' by Grieg, which consisted of the whole orchestra working together to make a powerful opening to the concert. Both the Year 10 and 11 GCSE music groups performed so confidently, along with two beautiful duets from Melissa Galloway and Mary Catherine Dunne singing 'Listen' and then 'The power of love' sung by Diana Charaviciute and Holly Mansworth. Beth Brown's solo 'Never Enough' from the Greatest Showman was stunning and a real highlight of the evening. Every member of the orchestra also took part in individual pieces which were all stunningly played and a delight to hear. The whole ensemble worked so hard and so well together to achieve this fantastic end result, their dedication definitely paid off.



As a student performing both in the orchestra and choirs, I can say that the evening was thoroughly enjoyable and was such an amazing conclusion to the hard work and effort that everyone had put into every rehearsal. I am so proud to say that I was a part of such an amazing concert.

It was great to see such a joyful and exciting atmosphere in the school hall and all of the marvellous comments from the audience that everyone has received prove that we weren't the only ones who had an unbelievable night.

The evening was so exciting and so well constructed. Mr Garbett's dedication and love of the subject ensured the

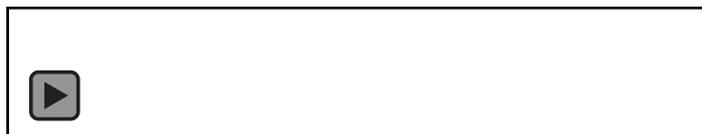
spring concert was a wonderful experience. I can speak on behalf of all of the pupils and audience when saying that we can't wait for the Summer concert!



Thank you to everyone that contributed anything to the performance, the teachers involved and especially Mr Garbett without whom, the whole event wouldn't have been possible.

Georgie Van Dyke 9S

**Please click on the play button below to listen to a recording from the Spring Concert**



## Y9 LANGUAGES DAY BY ADITI AND AQSA, 9N



The exciting day started off with an inspirational speech from Carly (an ex-student of Spalding High School) who travels to many countries and without languages this would not have been possible.

After this, we did a quiz about languages to test our knowledge of the cultures of France, Germany and Spain. We also had to translate a German role play, which was used further in lessons in the week after Languages Day.



Once this had finished, we set off in our forms for a fun, action-packed day. The first lesson was learning about a completely new country and the language spoken there. This was one of our favourite activities.

We also learnt many phrases in Polish, Russian, Greek and we even learnt about Yoda and his word order!

At the end of the day, we went back to our assigned groups and did another quiz about logos in the everyday world which come from Spanish, French and Latin.

Soon after, we departed for the day, but not empty handed! Some of us got sweets but everyone got a free pencil that was either German, Spanish or Latin (the languages we took this year).

### **MATHS FEAST 2018**

On Tuesday 27th March, four Year 10 students headed off to Peterborough's Thomas Deacon Academy to represent our school at the FMSP Year 10 Maths Feast. Not only did this test our maths skills but also our team-work and communication skills. This event gathered together eight other schools from around South Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire to complete four food themed rounds: starter, main, practical interlude and dessert.

The starter was called "What No Words?" We had to complete 8 questions in 25 minutes but had no words telling us what to do so. We had to interpret the diagrams!

The main round was named Problems, Problems..... and involved solving four out of 6 problems.

Round 3 was called Practical Interlude and was probably the most challenging as it really got us all thinking with five different tasks that all linked together.

The dessert was called Hexagrid. We had to try and answer as many questions as we could out of twenty in 20 minutes. However some question relied on answers from other questions to find the answer! The aim was to try and complete columns and create a chain across the grid in order to earn bonus points!

In the end, Leanne Arnold, Megan Preston, Beth Ransome and I came in fourth and we thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon completing all the challenges, even if some of them really stretched us!



Thank you to Miss Chalcraft, for allowing us all the opportunity to experience lots of fun maths problems that we don't usually come across at school!

Katie Matthewson 10N

### **REGIONAL FINALS OF THE TEAM MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the Spalding High School team that competed in the Regional Final of the Team Mathematics Challenge. Despite a complete lack of training due to three snow days, our students still performed admirably and came 6th out of 27 schools.

Our team of four travelled to the King's School, Peterborough, with Miss Ashley for a whole day. They

tackled a ten-question warm-up before competing in four rounds against the clock. The Group Round was a 45-minute challenge in which they had to work as a whole team to score the maximum points possible. Next came the Crossnumber which involved splitting into two teams of two, with each pair not allowed to talk to the other pair. A Crossnumber is like a crossword, with the same blank grid, but using digits instead of letters. The challenge was to fill in the grid within the time limit and it was made more complicated by the fact that one pair could only see the 'across' clues while the other pair only had 'down', and many clues depended on other clues (e.g. 4 Across might just say 'a multiple of 7 Down'). This was our best round, finishing with time to spare and scoring 56 out of 58. As we broke for lunch, we knew we were one of the top teams.



The afternoon brought the Shuttle, which was another round played in two pairs. Each of the four Shuttle rounds only had four questions but no question except the first one could be answered without the correct answer to the one before it, and teams didn't find out whether each of their answers were right or wrong until they had finished all of them. At that point, if answer 1 was wrong, it involved starting again! Also, each pair only had either question 1 and 3, or 2 and 4, so nobody had the full picture and everybody was dependent on the other half of the team.

The final round was the Relay. This was also done in two pairs but this time, instead of sitting across the table from each other, the pairs were separated in the large school hall. When Pair A completed their question, they had to run to the end of the hall for it to be marked. If it was right, they would get the next question to take to Pair B, but if it was wrong then they'd be given their own

question back to go and try again. This continued until each pair had done 15 questions each or until 45 minutes was up, whichever came first. 27 schools meant 54 pairs all running lengths of the hall so it was quite chaotic and the questions were so hard that most schools only finished half of this final round.

We were proud to finish just below the medals despite a very high standard of other teams. Congratulations to the SHS team: Aditi Aggarwal 9N, Hadleigh Devlin 9S, Ella Lakin 8C and Hannah Rogers 8P. All four won their place on the team by being top of their year group at the recent individual Intermediate Maths Challenge which was held in school in February. Aditi and Hadleigh won Gold certificates and got through to the next round, while Ella and Hannah were technically too young for this challenge but still won bronze certificates and beat many older girls in Y9-11.

Well done to all four students.

Miss Ashley

### **INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2018**

Congratulations to Year 8-11 students who have achieved a magnificent 5 Gold, 21 Silver and 43 Bronze Certificates in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2018. The top mark overall was Sanju Eravanan 11P with 88. This gains her a Gold Certificate and qualification for the next round, the Intermediate Kangaroo. There were a total of six students who have qualified for the Kangaroo on 15th March.

The Intermediate Mathematics Challenge is aimed at GCSE students in Y9-11, but we allow top set Year 8 to sign up on a voluntary basis. Of these eight students who are technically 'too young' for this challenge we achieved three Bronze Certificates – fantastic results.

### **ITALY REPORT – FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018**

Our trip to Italy was amazing and blew everyone's minds. After the trip everyone just wanted to get to bed because our legs were aching. However, it was worth it. During the trip, we saw some key parts of Italy. On the first day alone, we went to the Vatican City, the Pantheon and the Trevi fountain as well as the Ara Pacis.

We first went to the St Peter's Basilica which took up most of the first morning. This was a very tiring and awesome experience as we had to climb a total of 651 steps to the top of the dome. As we climbed every flight



of stairs, they started to become smaller and the walls started to tilt inwards which made a lot of people a bit cautious. Even though we had a difficult build up, the result at the end was truly amazing. From the top of

the dome, we could see over almost all of Rome. We could also see all the way down into Saint Peter's square. Inside the building the group were amazed by all of the intricate detail and grand sculptures that climbed the walls and stood proudly. After everyone finished looking at the beautiful work, we moved on to our next site which



was the Pantheon. The only Roman temple to have become a working Christian church. While we were here we were given a mini task which was to find out how the water coming in from the top hole was drained. After a while of trying to figure it out, we spotted that it ran through small holes in the floor. Next was the Trevi Fountain. Seeing it was amazing because of all the detail that was put into it. However, it was very crowded because it is so popular.

On the second day, we saw the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. While in the Colosseum, we learnt about the background of the games and the people who attended. During our tour, we were fortunate enough to see all of the underground pathways where the animals would be kept and where the slaves would work. There were also remains of the 5 layers of seating. This

experience gave us a real insight to the way of life for different classes of people. We also learnt why the most outer layer of the Colosseum only covers half of the outside. Next we went to the Roman Forum which was very well preserved. Walking around, many people were mesmerised by the grandness of the arches and the buildings. The whole group were flabbergasted when we had a walk around the Emperors' palace on the Palatine, due to its size. While we were there we also had the privilege of seeing the remains of the Circus Maximus. After the Forum we got on the coach and headed down to Sorrento.

The following day we spent in Pompeii and the one thing that most people were excited about was finding the house of Caecilius. We saw lots of different remains of the town that once used to stand. In Pompeii, we went to many places including the amphitheatre, the



baths, the Forum and the theatre. We were all blown away by the acoustics in the theatre. To try them out, all of us split up and moved to different parts of the theatre, different heights and all the way around the outside. While a group performed, we all listened and to our surprise everyone could hear it very well: The Romans were very clever! Walking around we noticed stepping stones in the middle of the roads going from one side to another. This was for the people so they could cross the road if it rained a lot. We found out that the Romans didn't have a drainage systems and that all rainwater was collected in the road. This was also why they had very big

paths. The Forum was smaller than we expected. In it was a weights and measures counter machine which helped people buying things know they weren't being ripped off. The group were astonished and somewhat surprised. When we had a break we were free to go wherever we wanted to. It felt a bit weird because we were walking around this really old town in ruins but right in the middle was a modern café selling food and drinks. After this we made our way to Caecilius's house. Along the way we saw bars, mills and lots of houses. When we got there we all had a group photo in front. It was a little miserable that it rained but it was ok after a while. In the houses we could see remains of old mosaics and the columns that stood around the garden. We were all amazed by how clever and careful the Romans were.



On the last day we went to Mt. Vesuvius. This was a challenge but an awesome experience to get to the top because of how high it was. On the way up the volcano to the coach park we could see

across the whole Bay of Naples which was breath-taking. We could also see the lava flow from the eruption in 1944 which was cool. When we were at the coach park we all set off to the crater. This was a hard climb! When we were there we had a tour guide that told us all about the volcano and its history. We learnt that the crater made from the Pompeii explosion was in another, bigger crater that was there before. Looking into the crater we couldn't really see anything because it was cloudy. However we could feel how high we were because of how thin the air was.

After we were done here, we went to Herculaneum. Herculaneum was destroyed at the same time as Pompeii but there were a few differences to this town. One was that they had an underground drainage system so didn't have stepping stones. Another was that they had preserved wood. Walking around we could see lots of wood from the window frames and the wooden beams in the ceiling. No one could believe that wood could last this long. We also saw all the replica skeletons that were in the boat houses. The boat houses were where all of the people ran for safety so everyone was preserved in their last state and position. This was quite eerie because the victims had no idea what was to happen to them.

The overall experience was amazing and we all very much enjoyed experiencing the different places we went to.

By Victoria Joyce 9P



#### JESSICA RINGSSELL

Jessica competed in the East Midlands Regional NDP Finals in both Trampolining and Double Mini-Trampoline (DMT). This is the first year Jessica has competed on the DMT and she won the Regional Champion title at Level 2. On the Trampoline Jessica competed at the highest level (6) and added the Regional Champion title in that discipline to her DMT title. She will now go on to represent the East Midlands in both disciplines as part of the regional squad at the National Regional Team Finals in June at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

Miss Pascoe

#### COUNTY SUCCESS FOR U13 CRICKET TEAM



On Tuesday 20th March the High School U13 indoor cricket were crowned County champions following a convincing victory against Banovallum School, Horncastle. After victories against Bourne and Giles Academies in the area qualifying rounds, big hitting from Sophie Smith and Alice Gammon enabled the girls to win the County final with ease.



The U13 girls will now play in the regional finals of the Lady Taverners sponsored event in April. Unfortunately, the following evening the U15 girls team just missed out on the double finishing overall runners-up in the County final.

Mr Farrell

#### **CLEAN SWEEP IN FENLAND CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE**



On 16th March Lottie Hemmings and Molly Peel both finished first to secure overall winners of the junior and intermediate girls Fenland cross country league (a series of 4 races across south Lincolnshire/ Cambridgeshire). The duo then added (with the help of Alexa

Boole and Emily Richards) the prestigious relay shield to their victories.

Mr Farrell

#### **YEAR 7 NETBALL**

The Year 7 netball team have had a fantastic first season, with some excellent results. They won the Year 7 district netball tournament on March 13th, winning all their games and scoring over 30 goals. Not only were they unbeaten in the tournament, they are yet to lose a game, and find themselves in the league finals on Monday night. A brilliant debut season for the Year 7's!

#### **YEAR 8 NETBALL**

The Year 8's have had a mixed netball season, showing their best netball towards the end of the season.

They were runners up in the district tournament, with their only loss against the winners, Bourne Academy. With their last game of the season recently being against Bourne Academy, the girls were more than determined to get a second shot at beating a very skilled team, who were also unbeaten. Displaying their best netball to date and with the game tied for much of the match, they were narrowly beaten 17-13. A promising end for the Year 8's!

Miss Dixon

#### **DANCE WORKSHOP**

On Thursday 22nd March the Schools' dance club were lucky enough to take part in a contemporary workshop where they explored different movement and developed their own choreography skills. All girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to work with an external choreographer.

Miss Pascoe



## GYMNASTICS: MILANO TEAM NATIONAL FINALS

On Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March, the U16 and U13 Spalding High School Gymnastics team competed at the Milano team National Finals in Stoke on Trent. The girls had to perform an individual floor and vault routine as well as a group routine, all their scores were then combined to give an overall finishing score. The competition is always very tough on the day, but all girls



performed exceptionally well with the U16 team finishing in 14th place and the U13 team finishing in 12th place.

As well as competing as a school the competition allows you to place as a region. The U13's competed alongside St George's and as a region, East Midlands finished in 5th place which was an excellent achievement for all girls involved.

Miss Pascoe

## ACRO AND TUMBLING REGIONAL FINALS

Well done to the Spalding High School Gymnastics Team who put in another excellent performance at the Acro and Tumbling regional finals on Sunday 25th March, after some last minute rehearsals the girls performed outstanding routines on the day. The U19 group Maddie Yellop, Amelia Fox, Miah Farrell, Liberty Foden, Evie Freeman and Grace Mooney came 1st; the U19 pairs Liberty Foden and Maisie Foden also came 1st and in tumbling Maddie Yellop and Amelia Fox both came 2nd. All the girls will go onto represent the East Midlands at the National Finals in May. Congratulations to all involved and good luck in May.



Miss Pascoe

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

The School's equestrian team competed at Forrest Edge Arena last month to come home with some brilliant results and championship qualifications. It was a national show jumping competition and for the first time in two years, we were able to enter teams and individuals representing the school at every level. The 70-75cm team consisted of Rebecca Hoyle, Madeline Freeman, Emily Van Der Weyden and Milly Hastings, with this competition being the first time representing the school for each of the four riders. Each put in fantastic performances with a couple of unfortunate faults to finish in a very respectable 6th place. Rebecca, Milly and Emily then went on to compete in the 80-85cm class and were joined by Freya Yeoman's, with this also being her first time representing the school. Once again, all four members rode great rounds over a spooky course, finishing with two well earned clear rounds and an overall 5th place. Freya then went on to compete in the 90-95cm and was joined by Amy Whittington, Helen Peach and Tabitha Leicester, with the team again finishing in 5th place. The star of the show was however Tabitha who, despite riding a new pony, came 5th individually out of around 30 riders. Amy, Helen and Tabitha were then joined by Lucy Daly for the 1-1.05m, and four good rounds resulted in an individual 5th for Lucy and a well deserved win for the team, earning them a ticket to the national championships in October. Lucy and Amy then competed in the last class, the 1.10-1.15m, as individuals, with this being Amy's first

competition at this height. Both girls rode strong, fast rounds, resulting in them finishing 1st and 2nd in the horse section and again qualifying the championships! The day was an overall great success and we hope to continue our winning streak throughout the year ahead!

Lucy Daly.

### **SHS SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018 11AM-2PM**

We are now just two school weeks away from our Spring Fayre!

Students and staff across the school have been busy planning events, stalls and activities and I know that the School Council are very keen to spend the money raised on even more new school lockers! After the Easter holiday we will write and give you a list of all of the activities and events that we have arranged but today we are focusing on the main event which is our cake and plant sale. A final programme will be available on the day of the fayre with a prize draw for one lucky programme owner.

On Friday 27th we are having our pre-Fayre non-uniform day to support the event and we are very keen to receive as many donations of the following items for the stalls and sale as possible:

- Homemade cakes or scones
- Homemade biscuits
- Shop bought cakes, scones, biscuits – all of which should be in date.
- Packs of unopened seeds (in date)
- Plants – named so we know what we are selling
- Seedlings – named so we know what we are selling
- Cuttings – named so we know what we are selling
- Chocolate bars or chocolate items (in date) for the chocolate tombola
- Soft toys for the teddy tombola
- A rather large softie or two for the “name the softie” tombola
- Books

- Unwanted DVDs (please be aware of content and age rating – we cannot sell age rated DVDs to anyone below the age classification for the DVD)
- Unwanted computer, Wii, X Box, Play Station games etc although the age related point above counts here too.
- Items and prizes for the raffle.
- Bottles of wine for the bottle tombola (please bring these to reception rather than to school via your child!)

Non-perishable items:

Students can bring a lot of these items into school during the week beginning Monday 23rd April. There will be boxes in form rooms to collect the items.

Perishable items:

Cakes, plants, perishable items etc should all be brought in on Friday 27th April and brought straight to the School Hall.

If parents/carers are able to help on Friday 27th or Saturday 28th, please contact Mrs Knight ahead of the day.

This year we are also keen to further develop our craft stall area of the Spring Fayre. Many parents will be keen crafters or perhaps know relatives and friends who are too. We are happy to hire a table (in the sixth form common room or outside if you wish) for £10 per table. Items to be sold must be appropriate for sale at a school fete. If you would like to hire a table please contact the school reception with your contact details.

Our community calendar is not just about fundraising. It is also about having fun and bringing the students, staff, parents and the school community together. Over the last two years, our Spring Fayre has raised more than £6,500 and attended by over 800 people. We hope to welcome even more people to this year’s event and all very much hope to see you on Saturday 28th April either as a volunteer or visitor buying items, having fun and raising funds! As always parking will be difficult on site and so please park with consideration to our neighbours or use the Vista or town car parks. Please see our website for further updates and information. We will also send In-Touch alerts as the fayre draws closer.

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**28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**11am to 2 pm**

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<b>DATES FOR DIARY</b>			
28th March	<b>End of Term 4</b>	11th May	Family Film & Pizza Night
16th April	<b>Start of Term 5</b>	14th May	External Examinations Begin
19th April	Year 7 Parents' Evening	21st May	Y10 Orals Start
23rd April	PTA Meeting 6.30pm	24th May	Y13 Exam Leave Begins
25th April	UCAS Information Evening 7pm	25th May	Y10 Orals End
26th April	Junior Maths Challenge	25th May	<b>End of Term 5</b>
27th April	Y10 PE Assessed Practical Trip departs Pre-Fayre Non-Uniform Day	25th May	Year 13 Leavers' Ball
28th April	<b>Spring Fayre</b>		
30th April	Y10 PE Assessed Practical Trip returns		
2nd May	Y10 Geography Assessed Fieldwork		
10th May	Y11 Exam Leave Begins		
11th May	Y10 RS Trip to Walsingham		