

SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 4 2017

SPRING FAYRE 2017

Planning is already well underway for our second Spring Fayre. This proved an enormous success last year and raised over £3000 for the school fund. It was also a wonderful opportunity to invite parents and families into school and spend time enjoying the stalls and activities.

This year the Spring Fayre is on **Saturday 6th May** and will run from 11am – 2pm. We will draw the raffle at 1.30pm and the PTA have kindly agreed to run the tea/coffee and cake stall and the BBQ for us again. We are also very pleased to be welcoming Pedro the Clown back too!

Form groups are planning their activities and stalls and we will be sending more information home early in Term 5 so you know more about the attractions. We are also going to have a Pre-fayre non-uniform day on **Friday 5th May**. Students and staff can all come in non-uniform for the day in exchange for items that we can use at the Fayre on the Saturday. At the moment we are looking for donations such as those listed below but the list will grow as more of the form groups confirm their plans for stalls and activities.

We would be very keen to receive as many donations of the following items for the stalls and sale/raffle 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 for the raffle
- Bottles of wine for the bottle tombola (please bring these to reception rather than to school via your child!)

We are promoting this list with you well in advance so that you can start to collect useful items and plant some extra seeds or take cuttings for us! All of these items can be brought into school on Friday 5th May (or earlier by arrangement with reception).

This year we are also keen to develop a 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.

ITALY



Personally, going to Rome and Sorrento was one of the best trips I've ever been on. This is because, you get to experience many different things and taste some incredible food. The hotels were also really good and they're so fun when you get to share a room with your friends (it's an extended sleepover). Throughout the four days, the views we saw were unbelievable and the activities we did were a once in a lifetime experience and a definite recommendation for anyone.

On the first day we walked around Rome and visited places we had been studying in our Latin lessons from Year 8 and 9. We visited the Basilica, which is Rome's sacred, beautiful church which is filled with statues and intricate paintings. It was fascinating to look at all the detail which was displayed. After this we had the opportunity to go up to the Basilica and see the view of

Rome. To get to the top, we had to walk 551 steps, - totally worth it as you can see all over Rome! Once at the top, we took photos and then wrote postcards to families explaining what we had done so far, which we bought from a nun gift shop. After that, we visited the Pantheon which was the original church for the Roman gods, but then was changed to a Christian church and on the way we all bought an ice-cream, which was so good!

On the next day we went to the Colosseum and had a tour by a wonderful lady. We went around the whole of the Colosseum and then went to the gift shop. Seeing the Colosseum in real life was extraordinary because we got to imagine what sort of fights that would have happened. After that, we had a 5 minute walk up to the forum where we got to see many different sites and monuments that (again) we had studied in great depth in Year 8. I really enjoyed this because I found it fascinating that we got to see what we had learnt about and we could picture the different events that would have taken place in the forum such as; religious activities, markets, business, announcements and laws. After that we had a relaxing bus journey to Sorrento .



On the third day, our bus driver drove us to visit a house which would have been owned by the Emperor Nero and his wife Poppaea, a real couple. This is was very odd to think that someone would have lived in that house before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius took place. Even though it was odd, it was also very nice to think about the life they would have had and their background. The house was filled with detailed mosaics on the floor and detailed paintings on the walls. It was truly magnificent. After a long, careful look in the house, we went back onto the bus and drove to the Ancient town of Pompeii. This was one of my favourite parts because I love architecture. Throughout the day, we walked through many streets and saw how houses would have been decorated and the layout as well; we visited the baths where you could see the hypocaust and the forum where there are a few castings. We finally made it to Caecilius' house!!!

From there we went to the theatre which is still used occasionally for performances. Some of the Year 9s treated us to a song medley! Then we saw the garden of

the fugitives where castings of people trying to escape have been preserved. It was really haunting thinking that they are still trapped there, frozen in time.

Finally, on the last day, we did the most tiring activity: walking up Mount Vesuvius. This was tiring, but amazing. We got to see a view of Naples from half way up the volcano. After we bought things from the gift shop, we started our trek up the volcano, once again. Tip; when walking up, walk backwards, it releases the strain off of your calf! When we somehow managed to reach the highest point 1500m up, we got to see inside the volcano and walk around the crater, which was amazing. After this, we walked back down (which was a lot easier), got back on the bus and went to visit the town of Herculaneum. This was so amazing and another wonderful tour.

In conclusion, Italy is an amazing trip and is highly recommended by everyone who went on the trip this year. You are guaranteed to have an awesome time and the places you see are breath-taking.

Paige Nichols 9P

LANGUAGES DAY 2017

Bonjour! Guten tag! Hola! Hello! One word to describe the day...fantastic. A day full of laughs and new experiences. From quizzes to learning Russian; from learning Greek to conversations with Carly. The day was enjoyable from start to finish.



At the very start of the day we had a talk with Carly – an ex-High School student – who spoke to us about her career and how languages gave her opportunities she never thought she would have. As a year group we spoke about our futures, and learnt what jobs languages would help with. After a funny true or false game with the teachers, it was off to our first lesson and mine was with the language assistants. This was probably my favourite part of the day, as it was extremely funny. A battle of the assistants. We learnt about where they came from and some of the traditions they had there. We even got to try proper Swiss chocolate! It was now off to Spanish with Mrs. Hickman. Here we learnt to sing a Spanish song, and even got to dance with maracas to Mrs. Anderson!

After break-time, we were off to the computer room to learn about different countries. We were given a country and we had to find out many different things as well as drawing the countries' flags. This was a fun lesson, but it was now time for some Greek! With Mrs. Jones, we learnt the Greek alphabet and how to write it. We also wrote sentences in Greek for other people in our class to translate. If you thought learning the Greek alphabet was cool, next we learnt how to speak some Russian! And yes it's as difficult as it sounds, but with Madame Barats actions to remember words, we got there in the end!

After lunch we were back in the hall together again. We had a general knowledge quiz, which was challenging but fun. My team even won! We then learnt about more former language students and what they had gone onto and achieved. One even worked for Google! For the last hour of the afternoon, we completed three logo quizzes. One was for Spanish, one was for French and the last one was for German. This was a brilliant way to end a brilliant day. I never knew that some of the typical brands we all used were actually Spanish!

Overall it was a BRILLIANT day! Also, on behalf of the students at SHS, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the teachers who made it such an amazing day and also to Carly who spoke to us for the first part of the morning. Thank you!

Lara Sanderson 9S

YEAR 9 CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE VISIT



On Monday the 6th March, 25 Year 9s went on a trip to Cambridge to visit the university and the city. First, we had a talk at Christ's College about the university, the clubs and we heard about some of the courses from current students. It was incredibly interesting and informative. Then we had a guided tour of Christ's College so that we could see the facilities. We ate lunch in the college canteen and, after finishing the meal, we were given a tour of Cambridge which included a busy marketplace, brilliant architecture and stunning views. When we reached the river bank we were welcomed by the boats and lead on the punting tour. This included views of the Mathematical Bridge, King's College, Trinity College and many more. Although, the day was a university visit it was not all serious after learning that the

guide one of the boats had, was incredibly new to the job. Having fallen into the river only the day before, we were grateful to get on the bus at the end of the day and get home! Thank you very much to Mrs Spinks (Head of Year 9), Mrs Schwarz (Head of Main School) and other members of staff for allowing us the opportunity to go on this trip.

Hannah Palmer and Lucy Smith 9C

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



The South Lincolnshire Young enterprise Area Final was held at SHS on Wednesday March 22nd with seven YE companies from Spalding, Boston, Holbeach and Grantham taking part. The competition involves writing a company report, setting up a trade stand, interviews with judges and also a presentation about the companies journey through the year. This year's final was of an extremely high quality with all companies having exciting and innovative stands and products. Spalding High's company – Purity, the Candle Company competed very well and were awarded the trophy for Best Marketing.

Mr Garbett

MUSIC IN TERM 4

This term has been a busy one for Music and Performing Arts, with the annual House Music Festival and the production of The Wizard of Oz.



The House Music Festival was the usual mixture of solo and ensemble pieces, choral arrangements and compositions and of course the Year 8 song in a foreign language – German this time. The adjudicator, Mr Anthony Baldery (former Head of Music at Spalding Grammar) was impressed by the overall standard

and variety of music offered, and chose Jessica Pearce in 9P to receive the trophy for Best Individual Performance of the day. Music Prefect Jade Lin must be congratulated for her support of a number of items as accompanist, and the House Music Captains worked hard too in preparing their choirs and ensembles. The competition results will be announced in the final assembly of the term.

The Wizard of Oz was a resounding success, with a large cast from all year groups and three sets of principal characters who all took their turn each night in the lead roles. There were some wonderful performances, and the singers were accompanied by an excellent orchestra. The set and costumes were colourful, and the technical effects were impressive. In particular, the use of pyros caused quite a stir when two Ozian sunflowers were momentarily set alight! Mrs Fisk and Mrs Loose would like to thank everyone who participated in or supported the production in any way. It was a fitting end to a great era of music and drama at Spalding High.

Mrs Loose

DofE



Our L6 Gold DofE groups have been busy preparing for their practice expedition to the Yorkshire Dales in July. Here we see some of them undergoing their 1st Aid CPR training during evening sessions. Our Bronze groups are also well underway with preparations for their practice expedition in the Peak District in June, some of them having already also completed their Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections of the DofE Award.

Mr Garbett

MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Year 8-11 students who have achieved a magnificent 11 Gold, 34 Silver and 41 Bronze Certificates in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2017. This total of 86 certificates is our best ever, and we have never had this many Golds before. We also had a record 9 students who qualified for the next round.

The Intermediate Mathematics Challenge is aimed at GCSE students in Year 9-11, and more than 3,000 schools

compete. We also allow top set Year 8 to sign up on a voluntary basis. Of these 13 students who are technically 'too young' for this challenge we achieved one Silver and two Bronze Certificates – fantastic results.

There are too many certificates to present today, so look out for them at the next Achievement Assemblies. Today we will present the top student in each year group:

- Annie Wakefield 11C – Best in Year 11, Best in School, a Gold Certificate and qualification for the next round.
- Niamh Mulley 10N - Best in Year 10, a Gold Certificate and qualification for the next round.
- Madison Tello-Espinosa 9N - Best in Year 9, a Gold Certificate and qualification for the next round.
- Hadleigh Devlin 8S – Hadleigh is technically 'too young' for this challenge so although she WAS the best student in Year 8, there is no official certificate available for this. However she came 22nd out of 211 older students, gained a Silver Certificate and was even one mark away from getting through to the next round!

The last Challenge of the academic year will be the Junior Mathematics Challenge on Thursday 27th April, so good luck to the 160 students in Year 7 and 8 who will be competing in that.

Well done to all!

Miss Ashley

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION IN FRENCH

What is the Spelling Bee about?

The Routes into Languages East Foreign Language Spelling Bee is a competition for students in Year 7 to build on the work they do with the Routes into Languages National Spelling Bee by practising and improving their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in a foreign language (French, German or Spanish).



showing of "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" and raised close to £100 for the PTA. Thank you very much to the sixth form and PTA for organising the night. The next Film Club event is Monday 24th April (4.15-6.45pm) and the school is currently voting on the film to watch. We are also advance planning for the 10th May event which is likely to be a "musical" marathon and pizza night. A letter will be sent home shortly confirming the films. Students, parents and staff are welcome to attend but will need a ticket. Tickets are free from reception although you can buy a £1 drink and popcorn ticket which is cheaper than the items at the tuck shop if you would prefer.

RED NOSE DAY

The High School supported Comic Relief again this year and there was a sea of red noses last Friday. Over 300 were sold and combined with the non-uniform day collection we donated over £1180 to the charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

U13 & U15 INDOOR CRICKET



The U13 & U15 indoor cricket teams finished 1st & 2nd at the County finals on 21st & 22nd March at Cherry Willingham School, Lincoln. Part of the Lady Taverners' initiative from the English Cricket Board the High School girls faced opposition from across the County. On

the 21st March the U13 team finished runners-up, a great achievement as most of the team were new to indoor cricket so this bodes well for the future.

The U15 team were crowned County winners 24 hours later with exceptional bowling and fielding performances throughout the



event. The team will now represent Lincolnshire at the regional cricket finals in Stoke on 2nd May.

U13 team: Alice, Mia, Daisy, Molly, Abbie-Louise, Maddie, Sophie, Eleanor

U15 team: Lydia, Freya, Grace, Cally, Macey, Emmy, Connie, Milly, Anisha.

Mr Farrell

Y7 FOOTBALL

On Thursday 9th March the Year 7 indoor football team competed at the County indoor futsal finals in Grantham. After successfully qualifying for the finals by winning the district indoor futsal event in December, the girls did tremendously well and finished a very respectable 4th place overall.



Pictured: Tori-Page, Emily, Abbie, Sophie, Alice, Emily, Immogen, Maddie.

Mr Farrell

CROSS COUNTRY

Lottie Hemmings, Molly Peel and Emily Richards pictured representing Lincolnshire Schools' at the regional cross country championships on 4th February at Abington Park, Northampton. In a highly competitive field Lottie finished 11th & Emily 65th in the U13 category. In the U15 category Molly Peel finished 12th overall, the second highest placed Lincolnshire athlete. Molly also gained qualification to the English Schools' National Cross County Final where she finished in 94th place.



In the more local Fenland Cross Country league of races more success pursued as Molly Peel won the 3 race series in the U15 girls category while Lottie Hemmings finished 3rd in the U13 category.

Mr Farrell

BRITISH SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS MILANO TEAM COMPETITION



On the 10th and 11th February, the School's Gymnastics team represented the East Midlands at the National Milano competition in Stoke on Trent. The gymnasts performed extremely well, which is reflective of the hard work and dedication that has resulted in such a successful outcome. The gymnasts also demonstrated an exceptional level of teamwork,

and were inspirational to other teams at the event. Congratulations to the U13 girls' team, Maddie Yellop, Emmi Bell and Charlotte Berry who came 10th place, the U13 girls' team, Evie Freeman, Liberty Foden and Amelia Fox who came 15th place and finally the U19 girls' team, Hannah Lawrence, Sian Matson and Miah Farrell who came 19th place. Well done to all of the girls who competed.

Miss Pascoe

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ACRO AND TUMBLING COMPETITION



On Sunday 26th March, the School's Gymnastics team went to Grantham to compete in the Regional Acro and Tumbling finals. After lots of hard work and dedication the U19 group, Hannah Lawrence, Sian Matson, Evie Freeman, Liberty Foden, Miah Farrell and Amelia Fox came 1st and will go onto represent the East Midlands at the National Finals in May.

Onto the tumbling category, all girls had to complete three different tumblers against some tough competition, in the U14 category, Liberty Foden came 3rd place and Lucia Walker and Rebecca Fones came joint 1st first. Then in the U19 category, Sian Matson came 2nd and Hannah Lawrence came first. Lucia, Rebecca, Sian and Hannah will all go onto represent the East Midlands at the National tumbling finals in May.

Well done to all of the girls who competed.

Miss Pascoe

YEAR 7 NETBALL

The Year 7 netball team have had a fantastic first season at SHS finishing 2nd in their league and 5th in the district netball tournament. Well done to the 10 girls, that have shown up each week to training and worked hard throughout.

Miss Dixon

U14 IN2HOCKEY

The U14 hockey headed up to Lincoln again to compete in a county 6's tournament after previously qualifying. The team was a mixture of Year 8 and 9 girls, and even one Year 7, Sophie Smith; playing up two ages groups. They came up against 5 other schools from across the county all champions from their district. After some

excellent hockey and several well battled games, the girls finished 1st place and county champions! The player of the tournament was Jess Burton for her super defending. Well done to all the girls involved.



Miss Dixon

SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL CROWNED 'SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2016' AT LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY TENNIS AWARDS

Spalding High School were crowned 'School Of The Year' at the Lincolnshire County Tennis Awards evening held last week. The school had a fantastic summer, becoming Aegon County Champions in both the U13 and U15 age groups. The U15 team then went on to the final regional round which effectively placed them in the last 16 in the Country before losing to Bedford School in a closely contested match. This was a particularly impressive achievement as most schools competing at this level are Independent schools with specialist tennis facilities and coaches. All players in both teams should be congratulated for their performances.



The award was collected by U15 captain Lucy Hull, who received the award from the Lawn Tennis Association CEO Mike Downey. In addition, Lucy was also awarded the 'Junior Girl of the Year' title for her impressive performances during 2016, which included becoming County U16 and U18 singles champion and U18 County doubles champion, a fantastic achievement!

Mrs Beesley

CANTEEN

After Easter there will be a small increase on several of the canteen items. We have tried to keep these increases to a minimum in order to just cover the running costs of the School canteen. We have not had a price increase for several years. The canteen will be holding 'theme' months throughout the year in line with various seasonal events, featuring new and delicious food from around the world.

Due to the release of the new £5 note and now the £1 coin, which the canteen coin loaders currently do not accept, we would ask parents/carers to please use the online payment option to top up their daughter/son's

canteen account. This will reduce the workload on the finance office, who currently have to put any new currency on pupils' accounts manually.

As you can see from this edition we have had another tremendous term here at the High School. Last week's Achievement Assemblies saw students every year group rewarded for their successes across a variety of subjects and tasks. Both the range and number of certificates awarded demonstrates how hard our students work in their subject areas. Well done to everyone on their achievements and successes this term, including those who achieved the Maths Challenge certificates. The SHS Film Club has taken off and we look forward to welcoming students, parents and staff for our next two events on 24th April and 10th May. The It has also been a wonderful term for sporting achievements, the arts and for extra-curricular trips and experiences. None of this success would be possible without the commitment and dedication to the staff and so a heartfelt "Thank you" to staff too. Whilst many of the High School community will be looking forward to a rest over Easter we need to wish our examination groups in Years 11, 12 and 13 good luck with their revision over the holidays. Remember the point I made in the Term 3 newsletter, "prior preparation and planning prevent possible problems"! You still have enough time to achieve a vast amount of revision between now and the examinations; this will mean giving

up a sizable portion of the Easter holidays but you will be able to smugly sit back in June and enjoy a very long Summer Holiday instead! Whatever your plans for Easter, I hope you have a pleasant and restful break.

M K Anderson



Headmistress

PARKING

In recent weeks we have again written and asked that parents and sixth form students park sensibly and with consideration when using local streets. A small number of neighbours on Matmore Gate and Mulberry Close have raised concerns about the level of parking and the inconvenience this causes. We would again, remind parents that they should not be collecting by car from either of the car parks/gates and that a collection point a little way from the school is likely to be safer and quicker.

We have investigated the use of the 16+ centre car park for use by our sixth form but have been told by Spalding Academy that this is not possible. Sixth formers parking on local roads should do so with consideration and ensure that their vehicles are parked legally.

MRS SNEATH

Today we are very sad to say goodbye to our IT Technician Mrs Sneath. Mrs Sneath joined the school in October 1996 and initially worked in both the IT and Science departments. Over the years she developed her role and became our senior IT technician, part time IT teacher and valued colleague and friend. Mrs Sneath was been a tremendous support to the students over the years helping them with their IT problems and soothing tears and stress when the technology just doesn't seem to want to work the way they want it to. To be fair she has helped staff in exactly the same way too! Mrs Sneath is retiring from work although as she is in the middle of renovating a house and loves gardening so it is likely to be a busy time! We all wish her the very best of luck in her new adventure and a long, happy and healthy retirement.

MR WALLER

We welcome Mr Waller to the school. For the past month Mr Waller has been working alongside Mrs Sneath and will assume the role fully with effect from Term 5.

DIARY DATES

18th April	Term 5 begins	15th May	GCSE & AS Level Exams begin
20th April	Y7 Parents' Evening	18th May	GCSE Orals Start
26th April	UCAS Information Evening	26th May	GCSE Orals End
1st May	Bank Holiday		End of Term 5
5th May	Non-Uniform Day for Spring Fayre	5th June	Term 6 begins
6th May	Spring Fayre		School Exams begin (Y7 - 10)
12th May	PTA Disco	6th June	Art & Technology Evening
	Y10 Walsingham Trip	9th June	School Exams End (Y7 - 10)