

SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 5 2018

What an exciting term it has been at the High School! Year 11 and Year 13 have had their final few weeks of examination preparation, master classes and revision sessions and with revision at home over the next few days we know that they have everything they need in order to secure success in GCSEs and A levels. The students have worked so very hard over the last 11 and 13 years and deserve to do so well. We also need to say thank you to the staff who supported the students over the course of their studies and prepared them so well too. Over the last two weeks Year 11 and 13 have enjoyed their final assemblies; real milestone moments to share memories and look back over all of the adventures they have had at the High School. There have been plenty of tears and we now need to restock the School's tissue supplies! It has been lovely to watch all of the films the students have created along with montages of photographs. Good luck to them all; we all have our fingers crossed for you.

We also had the excitement of the Spring Fayre and you will have received our Spring Fayre newsletter sent home a couple of weeks ago; again a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped and supported the event; we all had a lot of fun and raised an incredible amount of money for the School Council Locker Fund. If you missed the Spring Fayre newsletter it can be found via the School website home page. We hope that you will all come along and support us in the next PTA event which is our family film and pizza night on Friday 15th June. We are showing a sing-a-long version of a very popular Hugh Jackman film. Letters were sent home last week but if you need a new copy, please contact Reception. At the moment we are selling £1 pizza tickets and free tickets will be available after half term. Lots of other exciting events have taken place over this very short half term so please do read the newsletter carefully; we love to share all that the pupils have done with you.

No doubt you will have been bombarded with emails regarding the new GDPR regulations which come into effect on 25th May. Along with this newsletter you will find our updated privacy notice. Please do take time to read through it and contact the School if you have any questions.

Hopefully the weather over the Whit half term holiday will continue to prove that summer really is on the way at last; but I really must remind pupils and students that School Exam Week starts for Years 9, 10 and 12 on Monday 4th June and for Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday 5th June. Enjoy the break.

M K Anderson

Headmistress

PARK AIR SYSTEMS SPONSORSHIP

Mr Martindale attended the International Women's Day celebration conference at Park Air Systems and spoke about how important it was to encourage girls into engineering. While Spalding High School has seen recent pupils entering a wide range of engineering courses at university it is still seen by many as an oily and physical job. The sponsorship will be used to set up Spalding High School's all girls robotics team to compete in the First Lego League; a Lego robotics competition which promotes engineering as a problem solving activity requiring teamwork and analysis skills.

"We are extremely grateful to Mr Goodall and Park Air systems for their sponsorship, especially in the present economic climate. It will give our pupils both the opportunity to take part in such a wonderful competition, and will reinforce that engineering is a diverse world with fantastic opportunities."



Park Air Systems already sponsor teams at the Deeping School and in primary schools, but are particularly interested to see an all girls' team take part. "Since Mr Goodall first contacted me it has all been very exciting"

Mr Martindale above receiving £600 sponsorship from Mr Colin Goodall of Park-Air systems in Market Deeping.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our Year 7 pupils have recently been converting their chairs into drum kits and have been learning chair drumming rhythms which they will hopefully recreate as part of the upcoming Summer Concert. I will be looking for about 30 Year 7 drummers to take part! Our Y7 trumpet lessons have now come to an end and the

remaining two Y7 forms are now learning how to play the clarinet!



The Summer Concert will be a joint concert with the school from Lohne in Germany. We have a musical exchange with this school and they will be bringing 40 musicians over to England in June. The concert week will comprise of a smaller soiree type concert in the Performing Arts block on Wednesday June 27th, followed by the main Summer Concert in the School Hall on Thursday June 28th. The main concert will feature joint pieces between the two schools, and will feature music by Queen, the White Stripes, Coldplay (of course!) and music from the Greatest Showman amongst others. Ticket information will be issued shortly and I do hope you will be able to join us for the last concert of the year.

Mr Garbett

DRESDEN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE

On Sunday 20th May, the Year 10 GCSE Music group went on a trip to Cambridge to see the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Michael Sanderling, performing Weber's Overture to Euryanthe, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Beethoven's 5th Symphony, to help us with our GCSE studies. Joining the orchestra to play the

Tchaikovsky concerto was violin soloist Jennifer Pike, who had won the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2002, when she was only 12.

The orchestra created a wonderful atmosphere with their outstanding playing. They worked very well together as an orchestra and brought life to the pieces. Our favourite piece was Beethoven's 5th Symphony, this was because it was dramatic and powerful. We thought that Jennifer Pike's playing in the Tchaikovsky concerto was outstanding and virtuosic, it blew us away! She complemented the orchestra very well. The conductor's enthusiasm spread throughout the orchestra, transporting the audience through their imagination.

Overall, the concert was amazing and there were even two encores!

Year 10 GCSE Music Group

JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2018

Congratulations to the 180 students in Years 7 and 8 who competed in the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge on 26th April 2018. They achieved a fantastic seven Gold Certificates, 26 Silver Certificates and 54 Bronze Certificates. This is a huge improvement on 2017 when we achieved an already-excellent 3 Gold, 12 Silver and 39 Bronzes. We also had four students who got through to the next round of this prestigious national challenge on 12th June (compared to just one last year).

Best in Year 8 was Jessie Avery, who also earned a Gold certificate.

Best In Year 8

Jessie Avery 8S

Through to next round (82+)

Jessie Avery 8S, Anna Arakkal 8C, Olivia Derewonko 7N.

Gold Certificate (75+)

Jessie Avery 8S, Anna Arakkal 8C, Olivia Derewonko 7N, Beth McFarlane 8C, Charlotte Smith 8J, Lily Prudham 8S.

Silver Certificate (61-74)

Rheanna Morgan 8N, Annalise Childs 7N, Katelyn Parrin 7N, Alice Gamman 8S, Georgia Smith 7J, Mimi Bradley Wright 8S, Hannah Willis 7S, Alicia Nicolaou 7J, Rachel Preen 7P, Erin Barlow 8S, Anna White 8J, Eliana Piraino 7S, Honey Harrison 8P, Hannah Rogers 8P, Molly Paxton 8P, Diana Dourado 7J, Macy Tello 8N, Paige Burton 8N, Elizabeth McNicol 7N, Maya Middleton 7C, Maddie Haunch 8S, Abi Barks 8S, Elizabeth Buck 8P, Abbie Beeson 8S, Emma Croker 8P, Keris Moore 8N.

Bronze Certificate (49-60)

Marta Kazmierczak 7J, Eleanor Boyd 7J, Rhiannon Baker 8P, Daisy Darley 7J, Daisy Cross 8P, Elizabeth Tansley 8N, Emese Kalman 7P, Misha Rajesh 7J, Meg Williams 8C, Genna Pogson 8N, Hannah Bantoft 8J, Skyler Williams 7J, Evie Booth 7P, Poppy Neville 8P, Megan Rowbottom 8C, Rebecca Fones 8N, Amelia Williams 8C, Fatema Jaffer 7C, Jess Smith 7P, Natalia Hulley 7S, Annie Tinkler 7J, Jasmine Heron 7S, Tara Seaman 7C, Lucy O'Neill 8C, Tabi Nieburg 8S, Sophie Knapp 8C, Scarlet O'Hara 7C, Lizzie Parish 7S, Demi Morphew 8C, Yan Yee Lin 8N, Rhiannon Leyshon 8J, Anya Strickland 7N, Hollie Goult 7N, Grace Carr 7C, Charlotte Pool 8S, Sophie Smith 8N, Bethany Jarman 8S, Lexie Cave 8S, Pippa Bembridge 7C, Abi Gillespie 7N, Summer Quinn 8J, Elizabeth Gavrila 8P, Naomi Smith 8C, Elsie Lewis-Smedley 8S, Louisa Fordham 8P, Eleanor Mowbray 8J, Safiyya Mavani 8P, Ella-Beth Lancashire 7N, Millie Cowling 7P, Chloe Wright 7N, Jasmine Maladi 7S, Louise Chaplain 8S, Tammy Franks 8P, Ashleigh Rogers 7S.

Please ask your maths teacher for your individual mark. Well done to all.

Miss Ashley

AZORES TRIP 2018



What an amazing experience the Azores trip was! It was packed full of exciting and wonderful experiences.

The first day was mostly taken up with travel to the islands, but when we arrived we immediately started exploring. We went to Sao Miguel's longest lava tube complex, learning about the history of the island. On the second day, we had a photo opportunity at Lago de Fogo. This was a crater lake with an extensive nature reserve- it was stunning. We then visited a geothermal plant which has been utilised on the island since 1980, we couldn't bear the smell! Following that, we had a forest trek above Ribeira Grande, it had some spectacular views and full of geographical features! On the third day, we visited one of the 7 natural wonders of Portugal- Sete Ciadedes. This was a green and blue lake situated in one of the largest volcanic craters of the Azores. We also travelled to the western-most point of the island to look at the magnificent coastal erosion and amazing clifftop views. The final part of the day was a visit to a pineapple plantation; we had a tour of the site, learnt about the process of pineapple growing and spent some time in the gift shop! On the fourth day we visited the thermal pools! After going to an information centre and for a lakeside walk in the rain, we headed off to the pool! We were all in very quickly, relaxing, swimming and enjoying the warmth. We could've spent all day in the pool! After this quick swim, we visited a tea plantation with free tasters before heading back to the hotel. The last day was taken up travelling back here, we waved goodbye to the Azores and had two relaxing flights home. Overall, the Azores was an incredible trip filled with fun and new experiences.

By Amelie and Flo

EQUESTRIAN TEAM SUCCESS

More success for the riding team! In the Easter holidays, two teams were entered into the jumping with style competition held at Codham Park in Essex with hope to qualify for the JWS championships held in October, but unfortunately the injury of Lucy's horse meant that the team had to withdraw from the classes. However, Amy Whittington went to the competition as an individual and represented the school beautifully. Amy and her horse Vernon (Newmarket Adventure) rode a stylish clear round a technical course to finish 6th out of a large number of competitors in the 90cm class. They then went on to the 1m class and again rode a fantastic round, with an unfortunate pole dropping them to 5th place. However, the final and biggest class of the day, the 1.10m evidently suited Amy and Vernon the best with them winning the class and gaining an individual championship qualification!

Lucy Daly

U16 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY CUP WINNERS - FOOTBALL



On Friday the U16 football team won the Lincolnshire County Cup final. The match was played at Sleaford Town Football Club against Bourne Grammar School. The girls gave an outstanding performance on the day and were convincing winners, scoring 4 goals and also keeping a clean sheet.

Mr Farrell

GYMNASTICS—NATIONAL FINAL SUCCESS

On 5th and 6th May, the Spalding High School Gymnastics team took part in the British Schools Gymnastics National finals in Stoke on Trent. There were three different categories qualified for, U14 and U19 tumbling, U19 pairs and group acro and U14 and U19 floor and vault.



Saturday saw Maddie Yellop tumble her way into an excellent 11th place in the U14 tumbling category, then in the U19 tumbling Amelia Fox tumbled into 15th place. An amazing start to the day! Following that was the group acro routine,

always a difficult round, but the routine was performed exceptionally well with the girls finishing in a respectable 12th place. Finally was the U19 pair, Liberty Foden and Maisie Foden who after a long day finished in 12th following another excellent routine.



After a lovely evening celebrating at Pizza Hut, we were ready to compete again the next day. Sunday saw us

compete in the floor and vault; there is always tough competition from across the county, including those from specialist gymnastics schools. U14's were first to compete, with an outstanding combined score of 112.05 putting them in 6th place. A difficult act to follow the U19 went out performed some outstanding floor routines and vaults finishing with a combined score of 114.35 putting them in 8th place. An excellent achievement for both teams at a National Event.

All the girls were exceptional at the competition and should be very proud of their achievements across the weekend.

Miss Pascoe

DATES FOR DIARY

25th May	End of Term 5	26th June	Y8 Geography Hunstanton Fieldtrip
25th May	Y13 Leavers' Ball	27th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
04th June	Start of Term 6	28th June	Y8 Geography Hunstanton Fieldtrip
04th June	YR7—10 & YR12 Examinations Start	28th June	Summer Performance 7pm
05th June	Art Exhibition 6pm—8.30pm	29th June	Fringe Friday / Year 11 Prom
08th June	YR7—10 & YR12 Examinations End	6th July	Y7 New Intake Day
11th June	Y8 Black Country Museum Trip	6th July	PTA KS3 Party in the Park 7.15pm
15th June	PTA Family Film & Pizza Night	16th July	Summer Fayre (pm)
18th June	Y12 Biology Fieldwork Assessed (Res)	17th July	Sports Day
19th June	Y12 Biology Fieldwork Assessed (Res)	18th July	Y9 Ypres trip departs
21st June	New Intake Evening 7pm	19th July	Reserve Sports Day
25th June	Y10 History (Medical Museum) Trip	20th July	End of Term 6 (Half Day)