

# SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Term 6 2019

What an absolutely wonderful year this has been for the High School! So much success and achievement has been celebrated during the year in the termly newsletters, on twitter and Facebook, through achievement assemblies, sporting fixtures, school performances, grade cards and end of year reports. Well done to all of our students for working so hard (across so many areas) over the course of this academic year and achieving so much – you have so much to be proud of! Now for a well-earned six week rest! I am sure that the students will want to join me in thanking all of the staff who have supported and helped them over the course of this year – we certainly could not do it without them and I know that they are looking forward to the summer break too! Sadly though, we will be saying goodbye to some of our colleagues and you can read more about them in this newsletter.

Although Y11 and Y13 have been away from school for some weeks now, we are all looking forward to welcoming them back in on the August results days; 15<sup>th</sup> August for the Sixth Form and 22<sup>nd</sup> August for Y11. As I said in the Term 5 newsletter, they worked hard and coped very well with the challenges of the examination series and we are all looking forward to (hopefully) some excellent results so that they are able to take the next steps that they dream of. Good luck to you all and see you on results day.

You have heard me say so many times that a school is so much more than the buildings and site that it occupies. What defines a school are the people within it and all those who contribute to its character. With that in mind we were all so very pleased to have been nominated yet again for the Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Secondary School of the Year. This is the fourth time we have been finalists in the category and were pleased as punch to win the award for the second time; the first school to do so. Of course we just had to celebrate with another whole school “selfie”! The award is a testament to the academic, sporting, creative and community achievements of everyone at the High School. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributes to the High School and helped us to achieve this accolade.

Whatever your plans for the next six weeks might be; enjoy the break, have a good rest, stay safe and see you in September.

M K Anderson  
Headmistress



## Year 8—Undefeated in Rounders

After winning the local schools' rounders tournament, the Y8 team qualified for the South Lincolnshire finals on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July against Thomas Middlecott. We started well in the first innings, taking some brilliant catches and securing a 7-3½ lead. In the second innings we had some excellent individual performances. Scarlett scored an amazing 3 ½ rounders, Ella and Becky worked well as backstop and first to stump people out and Hannah and Pippa both took brilliant catches. They scored 11 rounders in the second innings to make the final score 18-8! A fantastic effort from all the Y8s involved over the summer. They still remain undefeated! Congratulations!



## Year 9 Rounders Team

The gifted Y9 rounders team remain unbeaten this season winning the South Kesteven & South Lincolnshire Schools rounders tournaments.



## Y7/Y8 Athletics Team

The talented Y7/Y8 junior girls athletics team finished 2nd at the regional track & field cup athletics finals held on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Saffron Lane athletics stadium, Leicester.

## Language Leaders Primary School Visits



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, seven of the Foreign Language Leaders took the minibus to Monkshouse Primary School in order to deliver four 20 minute German lessons to Years 3,4,5 and 6. Either individually or in a small group, the Foreign Language Leaders had prepared a lesson to teach four times over the afternoon.

We were welcomed by Mrs Wickham who had offered us this opportunity as part of the school multicultural week. Mrs Barats and Mrs Carthy helped us plan our sessions and accompanied us on the day. We even got to sit in the staffroom!

Many exciting activities had been planned for all of the pupils to complete, relating to the chosen theme for the session. These themes included German colours, numbers and body parts. Our Foreign Language Leaders prepared worksheets, matching up exercises and entertaining PowerPoints ahead of the day. There was some singing too.

The afternoon proved to be a great success for all of those involved and was definitely a rewarding and exciting opportunity for the Foreign Language Leaders. All of the pupils were eager to get involved and learn in a new, interesting way with someone from outside of their school.



By Georgie Van Dyke 10S

Mrs F Barats

## British Nationals for these Swimming Stars

We are delighted that a number of our Spalding High School girls have achieved entry to the English and British National Championships this year. They are held in July and August. The British Nationals are held in Glasgow and English at Sheffield. Open water Championships are also held at Sheffield.

### Emma Croker (14yr)

British Nationals—50m free (ranked 5th in Britain), 100m free (ranked 3rd in Britain), 50m fly (ranked 7th). 100m x 4 under 16 relay.

English Nationals—200m free

### Elisha Cookson (15yr)

British Nationals—1500m free, 200m Individual Medley, 100m x 4 relay.

English Nationals— 800m free, 400m Individual Medley, 50m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke.

### Aurinja Maliauskaite (15yr)

British Nationals—100m x 4 relay

### Daisy Rummery (15yr)

British Nationals—100m x 4 relay

### Mollie Briggs (14yr)

English Nationals—400m, 800m, 1500m free



**Good Luck to you all from everyone at Spalding High School.**

## Careers Fair at Spalding High School – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The first ever Careers Fair at Spalding High School provided the opportunity for pupils in Years 7-13 to meet higher education providers and a variety of employers/organisations to find out more about progression routes and careers.

A wide range of over twenty different organisations attended to talk to pupils and staff, offering an excellent opportunity to find out information from experts in their field.

Careers provision at Spalding High School is an integral part of the curriculum from the very beginning of Y7. Next year Mrs Bushell, newly appointed Careers Leader in school, and Mrs O'Brien, Work Experience Manager and Careers Co-ordinator, will be working together to develop new initiatives in line with the new Government's Careers Strategy.

We would like to thank The Skills Service and all of the organisations that attended on the day.

If any local companies would like to find out more about how they could become involved in our careers programme, they should contact Mrs Bushell or Mrs O'Brien at School.



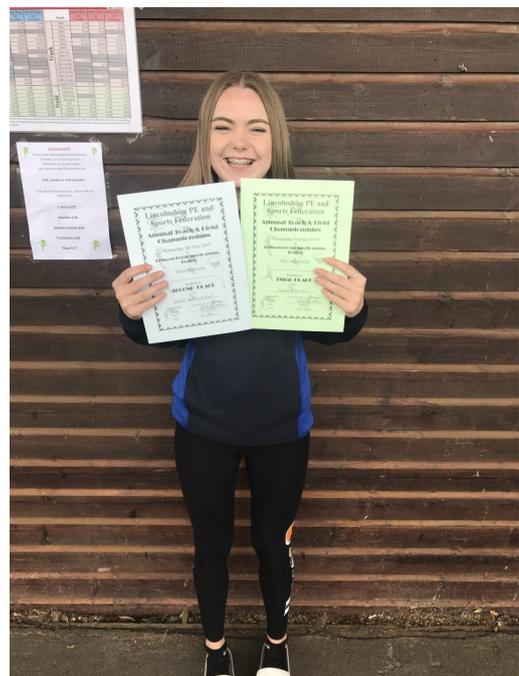
## County Athletics Champions

### Super Physics Competition

We (Anna, Megan, Mimi and Alice) went to Uppingham College for a Physics competition. Twenty three teams participated, we came 5<sup>th</sup> but were only 3 points behind the winners and won visual reality glasses. In the morning we had to complete some experiments and answer questions on them, which was then marked. In the afternoon we had to make a poster and present it to three different teachers. We were marked on the accuracy of our poster and teamwork. We also got a lecture on STEM career choices and the chance to ask questions. we tried our best and we think we make a very good team. We all really enjoyed it.



Keira Gilman & Chloe Voak finished 1,2,3 at the recent County Athletics Championships held at the Princess Royal Sports Arena, Boston on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Y9 pupil Chloe finished 2nd in Lincolnshire at junior girls long jump and 3rd in the 100m. While Y10 pupil Keira Gilman went one better being crowned intermediate girls County champion at 200m and joint first at 100m. The High School also had nine other girls representing South Lincolnshire at the event. Well done to everyone who took part on the day.



## Spalding High School Summer Concert

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July saw the latest spectacular concert from Spalding High School's Music Department. The evening celebrated the School's many very talented ensembles including four choirs, orchestra, wind, brass and string groups as well as vocal solos, duets and trios.



The outgoing Year 13 musicians who are moving on to bigger things next year sang with pure emotion; Beth Brown and Dilara Greene joining with teacher Mrs Webb to sing 'You Will Be Found' and Dilara also singing a tear jerking rendition of Snow Patrol's 'Run'.



The SHS Music Department boasts four choirs including a Chamber Choir, who gave a fantastic A Capella performance of the very technically demanding 'Northern Lights' by Ola Gjeilo, who then emailed the girls "Great to hear from you, Richard! A little message from me to the girls: *Thank you all so much for performing my music, that means the world to me! And so glad you enjoyed Northern Lights - very best wishes to you all in Spalding :) - Ola.*" A Pop Choir who gave us 'The Greatest' by Sia and the Songbirds choir who sang songs by Abba and from the musical 'Waitress'.



The varied programme included such classics as Deep Purple's 'Smoke on The Water', 'Superstition' and 'Faith' by Stevie Wonder and as the lights dimmed and the School hall was filled with stars, Coldplay's 'Sky Full of Stars' brought the concert to a rousing finale.



Head of Music, Mr Garbett commented that "this concert isn't just a quick evening to put together, the concert being the result of countless hours of rehearsing by deeply committed students who willingly give up their lunchtimes to rehearse week in and week out for months. The results are there in the concert for everyone to see and being incredibly proud of them has to be an understatement!" The amazing wealth of talent on show at Spalding High is surely more than enough reason to keep Music alive in our schools.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Year 10 dramatists travelled by train to London to the Southbank to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at The Globe Theatre. Instigated by American actor and director, Sam Wannamaker, The Globe is a replica of the original theatre space that Shakespeare would have been writing for. It is a timber framed, open air amphitheatre. The majority of the students acted as 'groundlings', and were frequently heckled and jostled by the cast as they moved through them to get to the stage. The students were enthralled from start to finish by the party atmosphere. We were thoroughly entertained by the Hackney Colliery Band playing well known songs in a jazzed up style. The performance contained music throughout and encouraged a great deal of audience participation. The direction of the actors was superb and brought out the humour in inventive ways, which is difficult for such a well known play. A favourite character was Lysander, played by Ekow Quartey. He was animated, full of humour and frequently demonstrated his smooth vocal skills. Everyone was amazed by the impact of the experience 'I didn't expect it to be that good, I loved it!'



## The Taming of the Shrew

Many students from SHS took up the opportunity to visit the Royal Shakespeare Company to see their reimagined version of "The Taming of the Shrew". The production was reimagined to be set in a matriarchal society where women hold all the power. Director Justin Audibert was originally inspired to make this change after reading *The Power*, a novel by Naomi Alderman. "At the moment, there is an important conversation about gender and power and where that lies, and whenever you make a play, you're always influenced by what's going on around you. I'm interested in seeing what happens when you get female actors to play traditionally powerful male roles, and vice versa." After a late start, we arrived at the theatre just in time for the performance. The production was energetic and beautiful. One student remarked 'I didn't know theatre could be like this!'. A great favourite of us all was Gremia, played by Sophie Stanton, who could make you laugh with a well-timed gesture or the raise of an eyebrow. We were all in awe of her movement and desperate to solve the mystery of how she appeared to glide across the stage as though she was hiding roller skates under her long dress! We all had a wonderful time.



## Year 7 Key Theatre Trip

For the joint English and Drama departments' day, we were fortunate to be able to arrange a day's experience with the professional theatre company Kindred at Peterborough's Key Theatre.

Splitting the year group into three, and mixing the forms together, new friendships were forged through the three different activities. The theme of the day was "The Greatest Showman" and the singing, acting and dancing tasks related to this. For acting, "We created an advert for our own circus and also did some improvisation and games. It was great to be so crazy!" Many students loved the dance session, feeling like members of the ensemble cast of the film. At the end of the day, each group performed their most recently learned skill to the rest of the year and everyone joined in singing A Million Dreams at the end: "I had shivers!"

A thoroughly enjoyable and tiring day out was had by all, even the teachers who loved joining in too!



## Y7/Y8 Puzzle Day

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July we held our first ever Y7 and Y8 Puzzle Day. What was your favourite puzzle?

Each one hour session required lots of teamwork, perseverance and good communication skills to solve a variety of problems and have lots of fun! As you can see from the photos the girls got completely engrossed with each new challenge, they constructed a musical marble run, worked as a team to follow building instructions that became increasingly more complicated to create structures that seemed impossibly precarious, then they had to use their logic to organise items onto a grid according to "shopping" instructions. The Grande Finale was sets of wooden puzzles that required perceptive visualization skills as there was no picture or instructions, for the final puzzle the pieces were double sided and unusual in shape to say the least. (The teachers really enjoyed these too!) Upon the completion of each new challenge the girls rewarded themselves with a round of applause in order to get the next puzzle and everyone involved enjoyed watching the pupils enjoy the tasks and recognise their sense of achievement.



During the summary of each session, the pupils were asked to consider their own levels of perseverance and how that matched up with their sense of achievement. So just remember that whilst a task set in school may seem difficult, it will never be impossible, so enjoy the challenges along the way!



I would like to add my thank to those of our Presenter, Karen from the Happy Puzzle Company, for how well you engaged with the challenges, every single member of Y7 and Y8 were exceptionally polite, participated fully and brought your own sense of fun which made the day really enjoyable for everyone so well done!



Date for your diaries; our next Puzzle Day for Y7 and Y8 will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2020.

On behalf of the Mathematics department, have a lovely summer everyone and should you want any extra puzzles and challenges to keep you going until September then check out <https://rich.maths.org/> where you will find some of the best puzzles and challenges around.

Miss Chalcraft  
Head of Mathematics

## Spalding High School Catering

As we come to the end of another school year we would like to thank you all for your continued custom. Edwards and Blake has now been your school caterer for eight years and Nicki and her team think of themselves as an integral part of the school.

In view of this we are actively supporting the School Council's efforts to reduce one use plastic and increase the use of recyclable packaging. These are some of the initiatives planned for September:

You will be able to purchase a re-useable lunch box from the School for £1 and will earn a loyalty point every time you use your box in the dining room – what do points make?!!

You will be responsible for your box and will take it home to wash;

If you eat in the dining room you will only be able to use crockery plates and traditional cutlery;

We will offer wooden cutlery for takeaways if you have not brought in your own;

We will stop using all polystyrene food trays and replace them with fully compostable/recyclable food boxes;

You will see new recycling bins in the dining room - so please separate your waste properly.

All of these initiatives will be monitored and their impact reviewed after the Autumn term when we will report back to the School Council.

We have encouraged all students to use their own water bottles which has already reduced the of plastic cups by approximately 750 per week – let's get to the magic "zero use" by Christmas!

Promotions in 2019 have been well received and have included Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday with the usual traditional pancakes plus a range of help yourself toppings including toffee sauce and marshmallows, Hawaiian Day offering Huli Huli Chicken with Rice and Sweetcorn, Vegetarian Week in May, Greek Gyros (all in one) Day and Mexican Day offering Vegetarian Quesadillas, meat and vegetarian chillies, spicy potatoes and homemade dips.



Pop Ups have included Noodle Day, Tacos Tuesday, Burrito Thursdays every week, Sub Station with Meatball Subs selling best and Afternoon Tea for July.

In September we will be introducing a help yourself salad bar (remember to bring your boxes!) which will offer a variety of salads and dressings. After half term you will be able to have FREE PORRIDGE at breakfast (08:30 – 08:55) to get the day started the right way!

Nicki, our Catering Manager, and her team are always happy to receive your feedback and ideas for theme days etc. so please come and see us anytime.

## We say Goodbye to:-

**Mr Manton:-** Mr Manton joined us as an NQT in September 2016, having worked at Bedford University for a number of years. He has been an invaluable support to the Computing Department and Mr Fovargue. Mr Manton has been a Year 7 form tutor and helped to induct and settle a number of new students into the ways of the High School as well as teaching Mathematics. He has also taken part in many activities with his tutees as well as supporting school life, frequently as part of the stocks team at both the Spring and Summer fayres. Mr Manton is joining the Computing Department at Spalding Grammar School from September and we thank him for his service to the School and wish him "good luck" in his new post.

**Miss Dixon:-** Miss Dixon joined the High School in 2015 as a trainee teacher. She has enjoyed teaching PE to all year groups as well as dipping into KS3 Geography. Miss Dixon will be remembered for her striking resemblance to 'Jess Glynne' the pop star. Throughout her time at the High School she has supported countless extra curricular sporting activities and fixtures as well as organising the many house sporting events across the school. She will be sorely missed by the PE department and especially by her form. We would like to wish her every success in her new job.

**Mrs Lane:-** We have been incredibly lucky to have had Mrs Lane working with us as our Cover Supervisor for the past four years. It is by no means an easy job and we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mrs Lane for her dedication, professionalism and ability to throw herself into everything from Sixth Form PE to German vocabulary and from solving chemical equations to banging on chair drums! In addition to supporting with cover, Mrs Lane is always the first to offer her assistance in other areas when cover is light and we'd like to extend particular thanks from the Library, Admin and Finance teams where her willingness to pop in and say 'can I do anything' has been so welcome. Mrs Lane has a passion for the outdoor life, expeditions, walking and running. Mrs Lane will no doubt enjoy these hobbies in Yorkshire with her husband and wish her every health and happiness in the future with huge thanks once again for everything that she has done for the High School.

**Mr Jones:-** Mr Jones joined the High School in September 2014 as Head of History. His warm manner with the students, amazing subject knowledge and passion for his subject are evident in all that he does. He is an extremely supportive Head of Department and his staff have truly benefitted from his time, guidance and care over the years. As we all know, Mr Jones places the students at the very heart of all that he does and we know that he will miss them enormously. He always goes above and beyond to ensure that his GCSE and A level students are prepared for their examinations and forensically analyses the results to look for ways to improve in the future. Mr Jones has given of his time freely to support the School and its students in activities such as the debating team, assemblies and numerous trips and visits. More recently, he has served as a staff governor and has completed his NPQSL. Mr Jones leaves the High School to become an advisory teacher within a large multi-academy trust

**Mrs Barber:-** Mrs Barber started at Spalding High School in January 2013 as our Sixth Form Administrator and Student Support Co-ordinator. She became very popular with students and staff with her friendly, caring nature and positive, upbeat personality. She helped so many students who needed pastoral support or just a few friendly words of encouragement. She became a trusted and valued member of the Sixth Form team, supporting the Head of Sixth form, the Deputy Head of Sixth form and the team of Sixth Form tutors. Mrs Barber had a wide skill-set; she could turn her hand to almost anything. Our Staff and Sixth Form Christmas Meal in December and the Sixth Form Leavers' Ball in June were largely organised under Mrs Barber's direction and her creative flair was always apparent; there had to be colour co-ordination at all costs! Since leaving at Christmas in 2018, Mrs Barber has been greatly missed. We wish her a happy career in her new role as Careers and Progression Manager at Spalding Academy and Bourne Academy.

**Mrs Stoffel:-** Mrs Stoffel joined the High School in 2011 as Fitness Centre Manager, a role created following the successful bid for the School to become a sports specialist school. She developed and built the fitness centre with skill and good humour, looking after customers, introducing new classes, personal training and massages whilst also giving several of our sixth formers the opportunity to have their first job. In recent years Mrs Stoffel has become a foster parent and left us at Easter to dedicate more time to this role and the new challenge of being a teaching assistant.

## **We say Goodbye to:-**

**Mr Crocker:-** Mr Crocker joined the High School as our Assistant Site Manager in November 2007 and very quickly established himself as an invaluable member of staff. His favourite saying really sums up his approach to life and work and how much he has helped all of us – ‘We don’t have problems, just solutions.’ How lovely if we all could adopt that approach to life. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Mr Crocker and to get to know him over the time he has been with us. He is always so helpful and willing, nothing is ever too much trouble for Mr Crocker, not even when he is asked to go back and unlock buildings at the end of the day because handbags, phones or car keys have been left in rooms. Mr Crocker has taken great pride in the School grounds over the years and has spent many hours making them look lovely. Those of us with a love of gardening have enjoyed many a gardening conversation and indeed many conversations of all kinds with Mr Crocker as he has a great sense of humour. Mr Crocker is leaving the High School to enjoy retirement; may it be a long, happy and healthy one!

**Mrs Campbell:-** We were delighted to welcome Mrs Campbell back for our staff end of year tea following her retirement at Easter. Three months of retirement and she looks so fit, healthy and happy! Mrs Campbell has had a number of roles in her 31 years of service to Spalding High School. She joined the High School in 1988 as School Clerk for 5 hours per week when Miss McClure was the Headmistress, more recently, we all know and love Mrs Campbell for her time in her role as medical and reprographics officer. Her no fuss and nonsense approach to the students (and staff) over those 31 years has earned her widespread respect and appreciation. She is always there with a calm, caring word which instantly helps to make one feel better. Mrs Campbell also instinctively seems to know who needs to be back in the classroom and who needs continued care in the medical room. No one argues – they all do what Mrs Campbell says. Of course, Mrs Campbell is also famous for her tremendous jams and chutneys all made from the produce of her allotment. All the money raised went to charity and gave the High School staff a good reason to recycle jam jars and takeaway containers. We are all delighted that Mrs Campbell has said that she will continue this tradition and regularly pop in with her wares from September (which we are all looking forward to.)

Mrs Campbell has served the School, its students and its staff with such care and commitment over the last 31 years that we cannot tell her enough how much she is missed but do wish her well for her retirement, her allotment, friends, family and grandchildren.

## **And lastly Congratulations must go to:**

Congratulations to Miss Deary who was married in May and will be known by her married name, Mrs Hagon from September.

Good luck and best wishes to Mr Hemsall, who is also getting married over the summer holiday.

## Access to Matmore Gate entrance/car park—especially on results days

The Matmore Gate car park will be out of use for the majority (if not all) of the summer holidays whilst the Local Authority complete resurfacing works. We are awaiting final confirmation of a start date but believe it likely to be the 5<sup>th</sup> August. Please be aware that when coming into school over the holidays you will not be able to park in Matmore Gate and should use the Vista or town car parks and walk. As always, please be considerate to our neighbours when parking on local public roads.

## Changes to Thursday Week One

As from September, Thursday week one will have the same pattern of lessons (six) as Thursday week two. This will be subject lesson time.

## End of long terms

With effect from September 2019 we will only close early at the end of Term 2 (Christmas) as the bus companies and other local schools now operate full days.

### Dates for your diary:

9th September	Y7 and Y12 photographs	10th October	Bags to School
12th September	Y9 photographs	11th October	Y8 Fright Night
21st September	Ashmolean Museum 7:30am depart	15th October	Y11 Assessed Geography Trip
23rd September	Y8 Geography to Lincoln	16th October	Y5 & Y6 Open Day
26th September	Y8 Geography to Lincoln	17th October	Y10 Assessed Geography Trip
1st October	Evening of Sport, Music & Drama 7pm	20th October	Florence Trip departs
<b>2nd October</b>	Y10 & Y12 Art Gallery Trip		
4th October	KS3 Icebreaker Disco 7:15pm		
8th October	Y10 & Y11 Prize Giving 2pm		
9th October	Y8 & Y9 Prize Giving 2pm		
	Y13 RAF Cranwell 9:45 am depart		