



# Spalding High School



## Weekly Bulletin 20.05.21

Despite the fact that the weather so far this month has not been what we would typically hope for in May, we are still planning for the sunny days of summer and autumn. This week the School governors have approved our plans to create an outdoor seating area with retractable canopy. The plan is to remove the old chain link fence along the field side of the Technology Block and install a retractable canopy to the side of the building between the first and second storey. We will also have new picnic benches installed on the hard standing and grass on the field edge between the ornamental cherry trees. This will give us additional covered break and lunchtime seating for as many as 60 students to begin with and hopefully more as we add picnic benches over time. This, combined with the ground work and refurbishment of the Memorial Garden recently completed by Mr Gent and Mr White will make a lovely area for students to sit on a sunny day. At the moment this is in the Year 9 bubble zone but hopefully when restrictions are lifted it will be enjoyed by students in all year groups.



### Year 11

As the Year 11's edge towards their last day, it is with a mixture of excitement, exhaustion and curiosity of what comes next. They have shown such compassion and friendship to each other and a powerful determination and maturity to do their best. 28<sup>th</sup> May, will see a celebration of their time at the High School including final assembly, signing shirts, memory videos, picnics, mini sports day and completing their leavers' books which were handed out this week. Leaving school is a special day, and I'm sure they will remember it for many years to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thank you to parents and carers for their ongoing support, understanding and positivity. The last 18 months have been incredibly challenging for us all and your support and trust in us has been invaluable. It has been wonderful working with you over the past four years and I'm sure the 28<sup>th</sup> will mark a special day in your hearts as your children continue their next steps.

I am incredibly proud of the year group and all they have achieved in ever-changing circumstances. I hope they have a wonderful, restful summer. As always, stay safe and stay strong Year 11. Go out there and show them what you can do and have an adventure!

Mrs Neal

### Uniform

We have been informed by our suppliers SHOTBOWL that they now have all sizes of school jumpers back in stock.

### Risk Assessments

The School Covid Risk Assessments have been updated and will be posted on the School website tomorrow. The updates reflect the national changes to the easing of restrictions and are noted in yellow for ease of reference. The risk assessments can be found in the Covid File in the useful links column of the home page.

### LFD Testing and Reporting over the Whit Half Term Holiday

Student LFD testing will continue over the Whit Half Term holiday and so students will need to test on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Their results need to be submitted to both Teams and the NHS each time. Next week we will send home the detailed holiday instructions for what to do if a positive test result is confirmed over the holiday period.

### Changes to lunch time bubble times for T6

Please find attached the new lunch timings for year group bubbles to take effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Dr Becky Wilson

We have been notified of the passing of former High School student, Dr Becky Wilson (1998-2005). We remember Becky as a happy and conscientious student and extend our condolences to her family and friends at this sad time.

### Term 6 NEW Breaktime rota

We are hoping to extend use of the school canteen to more year group bubbles after the half-term holiday. Please see the attached rota for Term 6. The sixth form (Year 12) will still be able to use the canteen for the first five minutes every day followed by staggered time slots for three other year groups. It is vital that year bubbles stick to their time slots and queuing arrangements. We will confirm the new schedule with students on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> based upon the position of Covid infection rates at that point.

### Careers Update

#### **Useful webinars for Year 13 students from LinHigher**

Please see the attached information about two virtual days LinHigher are running for Year 13 students. As students will no longer be attending school when the events are on, they will be able to join to make the most of the sessions throughout the day. One day focusses on the transition into higher education and the other on supporting students who are not going on to higher education or who are still unsure about their final decision. Students can attend both days if they are interested in both programmes. On both days there are sessions which are designed for parents/carers from 6.00pm which cover topics such as moving away from home, student finance and entering higher education as a 19+ learner.

The dates for the days are below and the links are on the attachment:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Going to Higher Education Information Day

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June – World of Work Information Day

#### **UCAS Applications for 2022 Entry**

Year 12 students are now able to set up their online applications for university entry in 2022. Students have been sent instructions via their Year 12 Careers Team. The priorities for the next few months are course research and signing up for open days, some of which are slowly returning to on-site experiences. We will continue to work on writing personal statements during careers lessons. Personal statements are extremely useful for all students to write as they can be used for many progression routes.

#### **'The Parent Perspective' podcast from Amazing Apprenticeships**

Here is what Amazing Apprenticeships have to say about their new podcast series:

*'The Parent Perspective' is an exciting new 8-part podcast series for parents and carers, helping them to support their children with careers advice and guidance.*

*Parents and carers are one of the biggest influencers on a young person making their career decisions.*

*Together with Not Going to Uni, we want to make sure that we are supporting parents to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to their child, so that they ultimately make the best decisions for them.*

*This podcast will provide a space for listeners to:*

- *Explore which careers are available today*
- *Showcase the experiences of interesting and diverse role models*
- *Provide real-time insights into how the world of work is changing*

*...all through a parents' perspective.*

Subscribe here in readiness for the podcasts from June onwards: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/registration-page/>

**Alumni Articles (see attachment)**

This week's alumni article is written by Isabel Ferris who left the High School in 2020 and now studies Dietetics at Coventry University. Isabel found out about Dietetics as a study discipline using the 'Fast Tomato' careers research platform we use here in school.

**Support:**

As always, we can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

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