



Spalding High School



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Year 9 have been centre stage this week as they embark on the Options Process, in which they will learn more about the Core Curriculum for Key stage 4 and make their subject choices for next year. In study period last week, the year group had their Options Presentation from Miss Pascoe and me, with Science information from Mr Wright. There were some very good questions at the end, which helped everyone. The presentation is available for Year 9 parents to watch at home with their children too. This week we also had the two Options Fairs in the hall and I agree with Mrs Bushell's comments that the hall was buzzing and the Y10 and Y11 helpers were brilliant! This week subject talks continue and next week we have the Y9 virtual parents' evening.

Sadly, Mrs Broughton retires from the High School this week! She joined the School in 1996 and has served as a TA, SENDCo and more recently SEND Manager. Mrs Broughton's knowledge, experience, compassion and humour have not only made her very efficient at her job but also a pleasure to work with. She is retiring to become a "lady of leisure" and to enjoy a wonderful array of hobbies and activities which include baby/child minder so no doubt her days will be even fuller than they are at the moment!

Thank you Mrs Broughton, for your support of the students, the parents, the staff, and the School; you will be very much missed. Enjoy a long, healthy and happy retirement!

Road Safety

Students must remember to pay attention when walking or cycling to school.

- Cross at the zebra or island crossings.
- Look both ways and double check.
- Put your phone down whilst you cross.
- DO NOT cross between the buses – you cannot be seen by vehicles using the road.
- Wear a cycle helmet if you cycle. Also consider a hi-vis jacket or bands during the darker mornings and evenings.

Covid Update:

The Headmistress wrote to parents/carers and students earlier this week regarding the current rising positive caseload in school. The letter can be found on the homepage of the School website. We currently have the highest number of positive cases that we have seen during the pandemic.

- Everyone should be vigilant of any symptoms they might have.
- Do not come to school, even if you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Omicron presents very different symptoms.
- Take an LFD test if unsure or organise a PCR if you need to.
- Facemasks in lessons are a matter of personal choice but given the high caseload, we strongly advise students and staff to continue wearing them. For the same reason, we are maintaining face coverings in communal areas. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis.
- Complete your twice-weekly LFD test on a Wednesday and Sunday and submit your result to both Teams and the NHS. Please do this earlier rather than later so that there is time to make contact if we need to.
- Email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk if you test positive. Include your list of school based close contacts so that we can offer them testing and additional LFD kits if they need them.
- Enhanced cleaning is taking place across the site and in particular for the year groups where case numbers are especially high.
- Remember good respiratory hygiene - Catch it – Bin in – Kill it.
- Use the hand sanitiser when you enter buildings and classrooms.
- Keep a good free flow of air in the room by leaving some of the windows open.

Revision Masterclass

The Food Science and Nutrition Department are offering two masterclass revision dates for Y11 GCSE. These are Saturday 19th March and Saturday 23rd April. Letters are to be sent home next week.

PE Update

I want to congratulate 11(3) for taking part in 'The Floor is Lava'. Our PE group created an obstacle course for fun and once we practiced the course, we introduced a competitive element by timing individuals to see how quickly the course could be completed. We started off by walking along an upside bench and jumping onto a mat. We then had to step on the spots and jump off the spring board onto a crash mat. We made it even more fun, creative and challenging by turning the benches upside down and distancing the obstacles so we had to balance, jump and dive. In the final round students had to dodge balls whilst remaining on the course. Our PE group showed great perseverance and commitment in this obstacle course. Well done! Yelda, 11J.



Football

On Monday 17th January, the U16 High School football team played in the Lincolnshire Schools' Cup football competition. The team had a tough first round fixture against Bourne Grammar School and sadly, they ended up losing 4-2. However, the game was played between two very even teams. The High School team had several chances to score, particularly in the second half, as well as significant amounts of possession. Players of the match were Evie Patman and Grace Bradford.

Mr Farrell



Careers Update

Year 9 Options

There was a very positive atmosphere in the hall at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday this week as Year 9 students came to talk to Year 10 and 11 students about GCSE subjects. The Year 10 and 11 students represented their subject areas confidently and shared their learning experiences with the students who are about to choose their option subjects for GCSE study.

Year 10 - Uncover Engineering Residential at the University of Oxford

The University of Oxford are running a free residential course from 10th - 13th April for Year 10 students who are interested in finding out more about engineering. Applications are open until 9th February. Please see the link below:

<https://eng.ox.ac.uk/uncover/?fbclid=IwAR0HaSNVkrw5xjC0r2CvrfRpWVapdXf95ueeuS7QleAFvFsKCuYn1c42WGo>

Alumni

This week's alumni article is written by Tilly Garfoot who has gained a scholarship to attend the University of Memphis where she will also continue her golfing success. We wish her all the best for her exciting future.

Support:

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

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