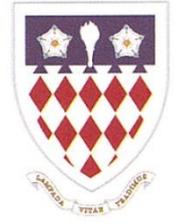




Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 03.02.22

Despite the fact that this is one of the shorter academic terms, I am not sure any of us can quite believe that there is only one school week left before the half term holiday! The weather has helped us feel that spring is on the way especially as the bulbs are starting to bloom too. It is especially lovely to see the daffodils planted by the current Year 9 when they were in Year 7. We have had a number of activities in school this week including fixtures and the Intermediate Maths Challenge; I am sure we will read more about those next week. Also this week the Language Orals have started and Year 11 and Year 13 are preparing for their mock exams after half term. Certainly, all indications at the moment are pointing to an examination season this summer. We look forward next week to hearing from the examination boards on any adjustments to content that they have decided upon. Year 9 are also progressing well through the Options Process and have continued to have subject talks and assemblies this week.

Positive Covid Cases

Positive cases across the school remain high but thankfully appear to be falling slightly in recent days. Please continue:

- To be vigilant about symptoms and take an LFD test before school if unsure.
- To organise a PCR test if you display symptoms of Covid – even if your LFD is negative.
- To remember to complete the twice weekly school LFD tests and submit results to Teams and the NHS.
- Email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk if your LFD is positive and include a list of the school based close contacts from the two school days prior to your positive test. Include the close contacts' first name, surname and form group if possible.
- Close contacts are those you have sat next to in lessons or had face-to-face contact with for more than one minute.



English Department Lunchtime Support



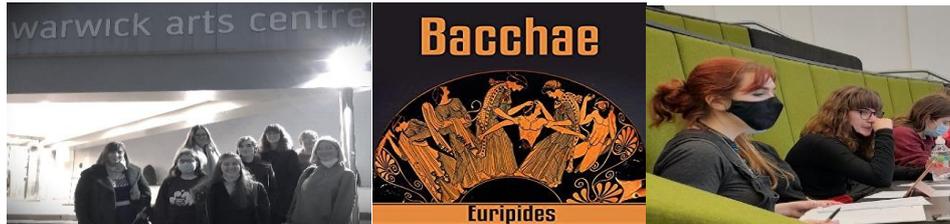
Day	Intervention/ Drop-in/ Clinic Room 5
Monday	A Level Language Clinic Y7 Spelling Club (R01)
Tuesday	A Level Literature Clinic
Wednesday	English Detentions 1:1 tutorials
Thursday	KS4 GCSE Masterclass Y9 Reading Support (R01)
Friday	KS3 Drop-in



Classics Warwick Trip

On Friday 28th January, the Year 12 classics group was able to visit the University of Warwick for an ancient drama day. It was an amazing experience where we went to multiple lectures on the play the Bacchae (which we will be studying in the Year 13 course) by Euripides - including ones led by Prof. Michael Scott and Prof. Fiona Macintosh. These sessions were really interesting and not only let us experience university lectures, but also what it's like to be on a university campus.

As an end to the day we watched a performance of the Bacchae performed by current Warwick classics students. The play, a tragedy by Greek playwright Euripides is a drama about belief and faith. This was incredible and as well as it just being really entertaining, we could see what the play would have been like performed and were able to compare what we knew and had learnt throughout the day with the students' own interpretation of the play.



By Jemima Gurney Y12

Another highlight of the trip (*besides the opportunity to have some off-site education for the first time in two years!*), was being able to catch up with former student Nick Carter who, after studying Latin, German, and English at SHS is currently studying linguistics and Arabic at Warwick. Myself and Mrs Cave were both pleased to see how much he is enjoying university life.

Mrs Jones
Head of Classics



Lights, Camera, Action!

I would like to thank the fabulous Year 9 students for inviting me to their adaptation of 'The Perils of Pauline', last Wednesday. The show was put together from scratch by Samia 9P, Edie 9P, Zora 9S, Nicole 9S, Lucy M 9S, Sophia 9N, Lowri 9S, Sophie 9S, Callie 9S, Lucy W 9S and Manasvi 9N. From the high-quality programme through suitable make-up and costumes to the remarkable acting, they all amazed me with their unique talents.

Mrs Fisk- you have a bunch of very gifted students!

Mrs Nowak





Careers Update

National Apprenticeship Week – 7th – 13th February

Please see the attachment from the Department for Work and Pensions regarding National Apprenticeship Week 2022. In school, we will be looking at apprenticeships during tutor time and in subject areas.

In Year 12, we have been discussing apprenticeships in careers lessons and have listened to a presentation from Liz King at Boston College. Boston College are setting up an Apprenticeship Talent Pool for students to join if they are interested in this route at 16 or 18. Boston College work with over 600 employers throughout the county and beyond.

<https://www.boston.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

Please also find attached two documents explaining more about apprenticeships and the levels available. In addition, here is the link for the January edition of the Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' and Carers' Pack which is full of information about apprenticeships:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents#>

On Saturday 12th February there is an online seminar from 9.30-10.00am for parents and carers run by the National Apprenticeship Service and the Department for Education. The seminar will provide information about Apprenticeships, traineeships and T Levels.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-an-apprenticeship-a-seminar-for-parents-carers-registration-245863172367?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Year 11 – Engineering Experience Opportunity 6th – 7th July at Loughborough University

If any students in Year 11 are interested in experiencing life at university and finding out more about what a career in engineering has to offer, please see the link below for a residential opportunity at Loughborough University:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/key-stage-four/engexp/>

InvestIN – Parent and Carer Events

We are a partner school with InvestIN – a company offering immersive career programmes for 12-18 year olds. InvestIN also offer free information events to parents and carers which we believe will be of interest to parents and carers of our students. Here are details of free upcoming events which are held from 7-8pm online:

Wednesday 9th February: Making it in Medical Sciences - Expert advice on breaking into medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

Wednesday 9th March: Women in Business - Inspiring entrepreneurship in our young women.

Wednesday 23rd March: The Ultimate Career Experience - Everything you need to know about InvestIN's life-changing Summer Experiences.

Wednesday 6th April: The Career Workshop - Helping your child to choose their future with confidence.

Wednesday 4th May: Through the Magnifying Glass - Uncover your child's future in forensic science.

Register for events here: https://investin.org/pages/parent-events?mc_cid=9c80b43ed8&mc_eid=UNIQID

Alumni

This week's alumni article is written by Will Blower who left the High School in 2016 and now runs his own accountancy business, having followed the apprenticeship route after A Levels. Will has written for the newsletter previously but agreed to write an update following his success running his own business. Will is a great supporter of the High School and is offering work experience to two of our Year 12 students in May. He also hopes to recruit an apprentice from school in the future. We are very grateful for his ongoing support.

Support:

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

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Mrs Bushell - Careers Leader