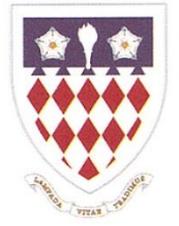




Spalding High School



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Very nearly forty years ago I had every expectation of starting a law degree at university and spending my professional life as a solicitor. It was all I had ever considered. Back in those days, careers advice in schools was weak, if it existed at all. There were few variations available at the end of sixth form other than university or work. Then I met a truly inspirational teacher, who happened to casually mention that he thought I might enjoy teaching and all my plans were suddenly thrown up in the air. The more I thought about it, the more I researched, the more I believed it sounded like just the right thing. The rest, as they say, is history! Thank goodness careers advice has changed and very much for the better. This week marks the start of National Careers Week and it is never too early to start reading the weekly information provided by Mrs Bushell and Mrs O'Brien; even if you are absolutely sure you know what you want to do, it is always possible that you will change your mind!! Get involved! Access the information available as part of National Careers Week and see where your future might take you!

Great news about the Futsal Team results and well done to our Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 teams – very well done!

Covid Risk Assessments and Contingency Plans.

Will be available on the school website from Friday 4th March. The documents can be found in the Covid file accessed in the menu on the right hand side of the home page.

South Lincolnshire School Sports Association futsal tournaments.

On the 1st & 28th February the Y9/10 & Y7/8 football teams took part in the South Lincolnshire School Sports Association girls' futsal tournaments. Futsal is a modified game of 5-a-side football played with a heavier ball, no offside and rules to make the game quicker. It is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. In the Y9/10 futsal tournament the High School pupils finished runners-up and in the Y7 & Y8 tournaments both teams finished winners.

Well done to everyone who took part.

The PE department.



Library News

Happy World Book Day

Every student has been given a World Book Day token that they can either exchange at a bookshop for a special £1 World Book Day or use it as a £1 discount off another book purchase.

Murder Book Clubs

Our Murder Book Clubs are proving popular and great fun; new members are always welcome. We are looking forward to discussing *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe with Year 9 and *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman with Years 10 and 11 later this term. We are also looking at starting a sixth form book club in the summer term. Please contact me if you are interested in joining any of our book clubs.

Year 11

For the remainder of this term the library will now be open to Year 11 every Thursday and Friday lunchtime (in addition to the usual Tuesday) for quiet study space and computer access.

Year 10

On Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes until 16th March second hand GCSE revision guides are available for sale, in the library, at £2 each on a first come, first served basis.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Lees

I am reading The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Careers Update

National Careers Week – 7th – 12th March



We are kicking off National Careers Week early on Friday 4th March with a presentation from a former High School student who is currently in her third year studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nottingham. She will be presenting to students in Years 9-12 who are interested in veterinary medicine.

In tutor time during National Careers Week, students will be talking about jobs and careers which might interest them. Subject teachers have been asked to include a careers information starter in their lessons.

On Monday lunchtime, the members of the Medical Society will meet to explore the different roles in medicine.

On Friday 11th March, the Year 11 students will have a presentation from the National Citizen Service about summer opportunities. Some students have already signed up for the programme following the initial introduction in January. Taking part in the programme not only develops students' confidence but also helps them develop transferable skills for future work opportunities. It looks impressive on a CV and very importantly, supports a social action project to make improvements in the community. Please see the attachment with this newsletter.

In PSHCE, Year 7 students will be collecting and sharing ideas in a session called 'All About Me'. Students will reflect on their interests and hobbies, preferred school subjects, and issues that they may want to help to work towards resolving in their futures.

Mrs O'Brien is busy contacting employers now that the deadline for handing in Year 12 work experience forms has passed. The majority of students have secured a work experience placement which is a great achievement given the difficult circumstances employers face with the ongoing effects of the pandemic. The dates for Year 12 work experience are 23rd - 27th May.

Year 10 students must submit their work experience placement confirmation forms to Mrs O'Brien by 22nd April. If any students are struggling to find placements, they should come to see us in the careers office and we will support them. The dates for Year 10 work experience are 4th - 8th July.

Please find attached a newsletter about National Careers Week put together by the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The links to everything in the content are embedded. We have a new Enterprise Co-ordinator called Donna Garrard who is supporting school to develop our links with employers.

The following events may also be of interest during National Careers Week:

UCAS/Discovery Event – 7th March – 10.00am – 8.00pm

UCAS/Discovery Virtual Days are a way of finding out more about progression route options:

- Explore universities, colleges, and employers
- Get inspiration and explore different career opportunities
- Understand if an apprenticeship is right for you
- Take part in live sessions and get your questions answered by the experts
- Get practical help on personal statements, accommodation, student loans, and more
- Hear from real students
- If parents/carers and students are unable to attend the live sessions, sessions can be caught up on demand afterwards. Here is the link to register: <https://www.ucas.com/registration/register/event/404021>

Google – Parents’ Insight Webinar – 9th March 6.30 - 7.15pm

If your child is in Years 10-13 and interested in apprenticeship opportunities at Google, including software engineering, digital marketing and information communication technology, this event will give parents/carers and students the opportunity to find out more and ask questions. The link to register is here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-apprenticeships-parents-insight-webinar-tickets-260281578207?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=62e83fc9e4&mc_eid=2be905a165&goal=0_65c6d67e71-62e83fc9e4-212066408

Student Finance Applications for 2022 University Entry

Students in Year 13 who have applied for university for 2022 entry may now apply for Student Finance:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

Support:

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

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