



Spalding High School



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'Bring a Tin' Day

Christmas is almost upon us and hopefully festive cheer is beginning to infiltrate both our mood and the cold weather!

On **Friday 11th December**, we are holding our seventh annual 'Bring a Tin' Day. Last year the school community donated over 1,700 items of food in support of local charity Agape Care. This year we are hoping to beat that total!

Agape is a charity that provides support and food to homeless people and those struggling to make ends meet. This Christmas they are organising food donations for those in Spalding and the surrounds. We would very much like to help them and so, we are asking all students to bring in an item of food from the list below and we will pass them all to the local branch. This will make a huge difference to children and families living in Spalding.

In order to promote the festive spirit on 'Bring a Tin' Day we are allowing students to wear a Christmas jumper and non-uniform on Friday 11th. They do not need to bring any money. Please do not feel compelled to buy a Christmas jumper if your daughter/son does not already have one.

We very much appreciate that this has been a tough year, emotionally, socially and financially and we know that not everyone will be able to support this year's appeal. We very much hope that those who can will, and perhaps those who have been fortunate not to have been as economically affected might like to donate a few items. Whatever you are able to donate will make such a difference this Christmas.

Cardboard fruit crates will be placed in form rooms from Thursday 10th December. Students can place their donations in the trays that will be brought to the school hall on a year group rota basis. All food items will then be quarantined for three days over the weekend before being sent to Agape Care in town.

Food donation list: (all donated items must be non-perishable)

Milk (UHT)	Sugar	Squash	Baked Beans, Tinned Spaghetti	Tinned Vegetables (e.g. carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
Potatoes	Soup	Rice Pudding	Tinned Custard	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat/Fish	Tinned Tomatoes	Pasta/Pasta Sauces	Tinned sponge pudding	Meal in a can (e.g. stew, curry, etc.)
Noodles	Cereals	Jam	Biscuits or snack bars	Tea Bags/Instant Coffee

Merry Christmas

Mrs Anderson - Headmistress

Annie Vayro, Mary O Neill and Ryan Luck – Senior Students



Summer Exams 2021

Today, an announcement has been made by the Government regarding Summer Exams 2021. Please see link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-measures-to-support-students-ahead-of-next-summer-exams?fbclid=IwAR3D0_Jna37QJvUmAGD5iEPz1uyETjGIQoQ30LI8q4tAQIF_R-GNQyRKLu0

It is our intention to write to all Year 13 and 11 students, parents and carers before the end of term with information about interventions and our Assessment Week for these two year groups (22nd – 26th February).

Year 7 House Christmas Tree Competition

Thank you so much for all of your hard work making decorations, organising yourselves and decorating your trees. I have to say it was an extremely difficult decision as the standard was so high this year! All of the trees look amazing and we could see the huge amount of love, care and attention that had gone into the making of the decorations.

The results:

7C - Great use of paper in all its forms and lots of lovely intricate paper work. A beautiful tree - well done!

7J - The paperchain was a fantastic idea and it was lovely to see everyone's name on it. An original tree - well done!

7N - This tree looked very professional. It had many lovely decorations on it and every space was filled. Well done!

7P - Very good placing of the decorations - well planned & executed! The hats were particularly cute and really caught our eye. A very eye catching tree - Well done!

7S - Lots of variety on this tree. A really diverse range of original and interesting decorations. A very unique tree - well done!

Best decoration - 7C The Carousel is beautiful and extremely detailed. This looked like it took a lot of work. Well done!

Best Topper - 7J - The plane really made us laugh and linked so well with the theme of your House. This was a fab concept - well done!

Best Overall Tree - 7S - Wow! This tree really did fulfil the brief - every time we looked at the tree, we saw something new and exciting! Every single decoration was different and clearly handmade. We particularly loved the pine dwarf and the crochet Christmas Tree. Well done!



Well done to everyone and thank you for getting involved.

Mrs Ray & Mrs Waldron

Careers Update

The University of Reading have produced a short webinar with a festive theme aimed at students in KS3 and their families. Information about the webinar and how to register can be found here:

<https://uni4me.co.uk/activities/more-than-meets-the-pie-mince-pies-unwrapped/>

More than Meets the Pie: Mince Pies Unwrapped

Tuesday 15th December 4:30pm – 5:15pm FREE Online Webinar

Mince pies have hit the shelves again as they do every Christmas in the UK. Food Scientists help make this happen by making sure you have good quality, safe and delicious mince pies every year. If mince pies are not your cup of tea, Food Scientists are developing tasty alternatives, as well as tinkering with the recipe to appeal to gluten free, dairy free and vegan diets.

This short webinar features Food Science professionals (including Andrew Holt, Product Quality Assurance manager from Waitrose) as well as a recent Nutrition and Food Science graduate and a current Food Science student. We want to introduce you and your family to the world of Food Science focusing on the humble mince pie.

Year 10

In PSHCE on 10th December, Year 10 students will be encouraged to think about the transferable skills they have developed during the pandemic. Life has changed in many ways during the last year but in terms of self-awareness and developing skills that can be useful in applications for work or further study; the students have developed their resilience and ability to cope with previously unknown situations. We would encourage parents to talk to their daughter about this after the PSHCE session.

Mrs Bushell
Careers Leader

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our preference is that we do not have gift exchanges in school this year – if you are going to swap gifts with each other, wrap them, quarantine them for three days and swap in your social time outside of school. Meticulous hand hygiene at all times!

Form tutors may organise a “Secret Santa” with their groups. If tutors and their groups decide to do this, there are very strict rules in place that need to be followed. Form tutors should discuss this with the Head of Year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Each year group bubble now has its post box and students can post their cards! Cards can be posted to staff and students in other year groups in the box in your own bubble – you are not to go to post boxes in other bubbles!

Remember, envelopes must not be stuck down, but just tucked into the card and they must have the full name and form group on the front of the envelope: EG Brittany Spears 8K

All cards must be posted by Friday 11th December.

The cards will go into quarantine for 72 hours over the weekend/Monday and then sorted and delivered by the (gloved and masked) Christmas Elves!

News from Year 11

11C - Bella is out of hospital and we are looking forward to welcoming her back. Annie may be getting her braces off tomorrow and Trinity is looking forward to getting her braces off after Xmas – brace yourself girls! Mollie is back at swimming now, Jess is able to go trampolining, Bel is going back to the gym and Trinity is back in the dance studio. Both Sophie and Sophia took grade 5 piano exams and Sophie passed with merit. Several people are doing advent quizzes along with their calendar. 11C have their own playlist of 12 Xmas songs to count down to the holiday! 50% of 11C have their Xmas decorations up!

11J - We are writing this on the first day of advent - and counting down the days until Christmas.

Gym, dance and hockey are back on Wednesdays, athletics coaching is back on Sundays: we are looking forward to doing our activities again. Ebony completed a virtual ground school where she learnt all about how flying works! Hannah rescued a cat and adopted him - now called Loki. A quarter of us have our decorations up already providing some lovely festive cheer. We are planning our form time for tomorrow - making and writing Christmas cards and letters to those who will perhaps be lonely at Christmas time. It is lovely to be back in school again - both to see our friends and to be back in the real classroom instead of online learning.

11P – Hannah Rogers raised £400 for the charity Nystagmus Network UK through a bake sale, craft sale and a raffle which she organised all by herself. A huge congratulation to Hannah for this great achievement. The whole of 11P are very proud of her!

11S – Recently, 11S have been taking part in many activities in form time, such as Kahoot quizzes, but we have also enjoyed sharing jokes. Here are some of our favourites:

What do you call a man with no legs? Neil.

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back? A stick.

What is ET short for? Because he's got little legs.

I was sitting in traffic the other day. That's probably why I got run over.

What do you call a French man wearing sandals? Philippe Philoppe.