



# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin 06.05.21



There is a palpable level of excitement in School this morning and not just from the students but staff as well! Year 11 and Year 13 are having their Leavers' Photographs taken (all in a Covid secure manner of course!) It feels that at long last we are doing something normal and more typical of marking this important rite of passage for students. Both year groups tolerated the chilly weather with good humour though it did help speed things up as none of us wanted to be outside for any longer than was absolutely necessary. The students were, as always, impeccably behaved and looked very smart. Well done to Year 11 for all remembering winter uniform. We also saw some very smart suits in Year 13's attire too.

Both Year groups are working incredibly hard through these uncertain times as we gather information and evidence for their Teacher Assessed Grades following the cancellation of the summer exams. This final term for Year 11 and Year 13 is stressful even in "normal" years and ordinarily students would now be revising for an intense three-week period of examinations bridging the Whit half term holiday. We are all very much aware that students are revising hard for the final assessments and work for their evidence portfolios. Keep going Year 11 and Year 13 - the hard work will pay off – just as it would if you were revising and taking your external examinations at the end of the month. It will be worth it. I would also like to thank the continued hard work of the staff teaching and leading our leavers' year groups. Staff are responding remarkably to the very different means of assessment that the Government have created this year and have to adapt and react at very short notice to updated information from a variety of sources, not just the Government but examination boards and the like too. I know how much time, energy and work is being put in to this process by my colleagues and very much appreciate what they are doing for our students.

### **Thank you to Trimble MEP**

Sincere thanks to Mr Gutteridge from Trimble MEP for his kind donation of computer monitors

We are in the process of updating computers in a number of areas of the School and the additional monitors are a beneficial update for students studying in our Computer Suites. We have also deployed some for use in our office areas and they have proved to be an asset to the way colleagues can work.

### **Careers Update**

#### **Year 10 questionnaires**

May I please encourage all Year 10 students to complete the questionnaire set in their 'Year 10 Careers' Team by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. A letter was sent to parents/carers about this at the beginning of last week.

#### **Year 12 students researching university courses**

For students choosing university courses, it is a good idea to sign up for subject taster sessions which many universities offer. Information about these can be found on university websites or the UCAS website - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) The UniTasterDays website - <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand> also has videos on demand about many aspects of university study and subjects.

## Insight Evening with IBM – 13<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm

The company Young Professionals has organised an insight event with IBM. The opportunity is open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13. Please see the details in the advert below and here is the application link: <https://www.research.net/r/IBM-Insight-Evening>



## New Medical Society in school

Four of our Year 12 students who are intending to apply to study Medicine at university would like to set up a medical society here in school. Here is what they would like to achieve:

“We are aspiring medical students and would like to set up a medical society to work with other students in school who are also considering applying for medicine when they are older. We would like to discuss all aspects of applying to medicine courses, medical issues and the key skills required to become a doctor, to help each other to strengthen medicine applications we make in the future. We intend to send out newsletters each term about our application journey, along with providing information about useful websites and advice for other aspiring medics. We also hope to set up virtual meetings on Teams. If anyone thinks they would be interested in studying **Medicine** or **Medical Sciences** in the future, we would love them to get involved. If students in any year group are interested in this new, exciting venture, could they please email Mrs Bushell initially to register their interest. Thank you.”

*Abigail Hodgett, Elisha Cookson, Ariana-Fatemah Kurji & Eeshah Asghar*

## Roles in Healthcare

Medicine is not the only role within healthcare. There are more than 350 roles, with many of them part of the wider team which work alongside medical and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the public. We encourage students interested in a career within healthcare to consider the many options available. Useful websites include:

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/careers-information/>

<https://www.iseethedifference.co.uk/>

## Work Experience opportunity with Medic Mentor

Many students in school have already used the Medic Mentor website to take part in virtual work experience. The next NHS Virtual Work Experience day is on 6<sup>th</sup> June. It will cover the specialities below and students will be able to register places with this link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Careers that will be showcased on 6<sup>th</sup> June are:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Osteopathy
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry

**Alumni Articles (see attachment)**

This week's alumni article is written by Libbi Burchnall who left the High School in 2020 and now studies Medicine at the University of Nottingham. Libbi's article fits in well with this week's healthcare focus. I hope that all students find her article inspiring.

**Support:**

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

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