



Spalding High School

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This week we have received new regulations from the Department for Education, following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday regarding Step 4. At the moment we are reading through all of the information.

We will be writing to parents and students early next week once we have digested the new regulations and made decisions as to the processes we have in school – both for the final few days in this term and from September onwards.

Congratulations!

I am sure that the School community will join me in congratulating Mrs Webb, Mrs Hickman and Mrs Neal, and their respective husbands, in their recent announcements that they are expecting babies later this year. Congratulations and good luck to all three families!

Mrs Neal and Mrs Hickman are both Heads of Year and we are pleased to announce that Miss Lee has been appointed as temporary Head of Year for next year's Year 8. The transition between Year 7 and Year 8 is the normal point of handover from Mrs Schwarz to the Head of Year who will move up the school with the cohort. Miss Lee will work alongside Mrs Neal during this time and look after them during the maternity leave. Mrs Waldron, our current Deputy Head of Sixth Form, has kindly agreed to assume pastoral responsibility for next year's Year 11 and as an experienced pastoral leader is well placed to work alongside Mrs Hickman and look after the cohort when she is on maternity leave. We are also pleased to have appointed Miss Jeffery to assist the Sixth Form Pastoral Team for the year too. Mrs Webb will be working closely with members of the History and Music departments who will be teaching her classes and we look forward to introducing you to new colleagues in the September edition of the bulletin. All three members of staff will be here for Term 1 to support an effective handover to the colleagues assuming their responsibilities and teaching their classes.

The Weekly Bulletin Next Week.

Next week we will be issuing the Weekly Bulletin on Friday 16th July and not Thursday as per normal. Next week's edition will be a "Sports Day Special Edition", compiled and written by our new senior students and Prefect Team. We are looking forward to an action packed sports day with lots of school records being broken – we can't wait to share all of the news with you next week.

Sports Day – Tuesday 13th July. Students should wear PE kit and follow the instructions issued by Form Tutors. Covid secure measures are in place.

Congratulations to our new Senior Students and student teams!

Following a rigorous application and appointment process, we offer our congratulations to:

Georgie Van Dyke – Senior Student

Lucy Carter – Deputy Senior Student

Henry Wright – Deputy Senior Student.

We would also like to congratulate the new Prefect Team, Subject Teams and Peer Mentors and well done to everyone who participated. The standard of application was outstanding.

School Uniform.

Parents are politely reminded to refer to the school uniform guidelines when buying new items of school uniform over the summer holidays in preparation for September. We will issue the uniform guidelines with the final newsletter of the term on Wednesday 21st July.

Trousers in particular, seem to be the item influenced most by current fashion trends. They should be of formal, tailored fabric and style and long enough to touch the shoe. They should not be taken up or taken in at the ankle (as per the current fashion). The blue school trousers sold by NEXT are not compliant with our dress code and must not be worn to school. Socks should be plain – not with logos shown off under short (turned up/taken up) trousers!

Reading for pleasure, reading with purpose.

Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)

DEAR All,

With the summer holidays looming on the horizon what could be a better way than whiling away a few hours with a good book?

What to read can sometimes be a conundrum. Our School benefits from a well-stocked library and Mrs Lees and Mrs Chandler (our expert librarians) are only an email away with any recommendations and ideas for reading across a range of genres.

In addition, I recommend this website, it offers a host of ideas, recommendations and suggestions for good reading.

<https://funkypedagogy.com/the-reading-list-project-teachers-helping-teachers/>



Did you know: **“There are approximately 100,000 new novels published in the English language per year worldwide.**

Think about that. 100,000 new texts which we might potentially share with our students. No wonder English teachers sometimes feel overwhelmed by the enormity of it all!

Enter The Reading List Project. This is a host of texts curated by English teachers, for English teachers...

These are all texts sitting outside the traditional canon which are highly literary, challenging and deserving of our attention. Have a browse – you might find something which delights you!

Remember: reading waters the mind and gives you a place to escape to when you are stuck at home.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Lord, HoD English.

(I am reading: ‘Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah’)

Careers Update

Year 10 Futures Day – Thank you to our Year 10 students

On Tuesday this week, the Year 10 students participated in five different workshops relating to progression routes after GCSEs, employability and interview skills. They showed great interest and participated very well with the presenters. The feedback from students is very positive and Mrs Hickman, the Year 10 tutors, Mrs O’Brien and I are looking forward to supporting the students as they move into Year 11 in the autumn term.

Alumni Articles (see attachment)

This week's alumni article is written by Amelia Quince who left the High School in 2020 and now studies Law at Churchill College at the University of Cambridge. Amelia gives an excellent insight into life at Cambridge, including academic study and extra-curricular activities.

Digdata – Free online programme from September

Please see the information below from the Data Inspiration Group about a free online programme starting in September which will provide opportunities for students to find out more about careers using data:

Everyone should digdata!

Are you a student seeking exciting virtual work experience opportunities?

Our world is changing rapidly and data is at the centre of this transformation. With this comes huge career opportunities, indeed, in the last five years, the demand for people with data skills has more than tripled.

Careers in data range across multiple sectors, from fashion through to finance. So whichever area of industry you have a passion for, your data skills will help open doors to a great job and fulfilling career.

Available to all students in Year groups 7-13

Where to Start?

- *Digdata is a free, online programme that connects students with our industry partners from leading brands via bite-sized, virtual work-experience projects and live online career panels.*
- *We will introduce you to your favourite brands who will create fun, innovative challenges and show you how to use industry level data to explore real business or social issues and create solutions.*
- *All work you submit will receive certification from Digdata, confirming you have completed a virtual work-experience project with each relevant brand.*
- *You will engage with early-career data professionals for full visibility of how a data team functions in the real world and what their day-to-day work entails.*

A real benefit of considering a career in data is that you can take your existing skills, learn a range of new ones and blend these with your passion to find the job of your dreams.

So, if you are curious, love solving problems, and are looking for an exciting, future-proof career, give the Digdata programme a go.

Register now for our free events, commencing September 2021:

Home - digdata - a Data Inspiration Group programme

Support:

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

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