



# Spalding High School



## Weekly Bulletin 10.02.22

It has been another busy term here at the High School and hopefully the weekly bulletin has given you a taste of everything we have done, including the wonderful achievements of our students. This week is no exception and congratulations “from dispatches” to our trampolining and gymnastics teams. What wonderful news to see how well you have all done in the regional competitions in which you have represented the School.

It has also been busy for Year 9, Year 11 and 13 this term with time spent on selecting routes and courses for study next year. Year 11 have their Virtual Subject Information evening tonight and many of our Year 13 are receiving exciting news about their next steps after the summer exams.

Finally, as we look forward to next term (after a pleasant half term break of course), we are hoping to further ease the Covid procedures as the Government make changes over the next few weeks. We will be in touch regarding this next term. In the meantime, have a lovely half term and Year 11 and Year 13 – make sure you spend time revising for the MOCKS!



### Sixth Form Entry September 2022

It was lovely to have our Year 11 students with us in the Sixth Form for their Taster Day recently. With application deadline day fast approaching; Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we continue to support them through this important decision making process.

Please join us today for our Virtual A Level Subject Information Evening. This is an opportunity to make individual appointments with subject teachers and Heads of Department, to discuss A Level subjects and have your questions answered. The Sixth Form Team; Mrs Haunch, Miss Jeffrey, Mrs Waldron and Mrs Bushell are also available for more general Sixth Form enquiries and progression route support. Please make appointments through the Schoolcloud system.

We look forward to seeing you there and to receiving your application for Sixth Form.



### Advance information for summer examinations

The advance information for the summer examinations was published on the examination board websites on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February and can be accessed by students and parents/carers and staff. Advance information is one part of the package of support for summer 2022, to help address the impact of the pandemic on teaching and learning. Many students have already accessed and looked at the advance information and our staff have started to plan how best to use it to support our students after the mock examinations. JCQ has published a student guide and some FAQs for students to answer questions they may have about advance information. The student guide has links to the examination board websites for the advance information.

### Testing and notification of positive Covid cases over the half term holiday

Please continue to test twice weekly over the half term holiday on a Sunday and Wednesday and report to the NHS website only. The only TEAMS assignment set will be for **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** in readiness for our return to school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Can parents continue to notify school via the [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) of students who test positive for Covid over the holidays. This applies even if students are able to return to school as normal on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February as we keep a record of those who have tested positive and might not be able to participate in the weekly LFD tests. Over the half term holiday, students do not need to send a list of their close contacts in to school but should notify them themselves, either through Test and Trace or phone/message.

## Trampolining

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January after already qualifying from the regional competition last year, Isla Saterlay, Maisie Doyle, Isobel Wilkins, Grace Manning and Willow Gill competed in the Zonal Schools' Trampolining Competition in Brentwood, Essex. It was an early start with Isobel and Maisie in the first flight for the 7-8 girls' novice at 9.15 and Isla and Grace at 9.55 in the second flight. It was a big group and the girls all competed exceptionally well. Isla placed 5<sup>th</sup> qualifying for the national competition as an individual and as a team they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning they will all compete there too in March! Also, in the 10-14 intermediate group Willow Gill competed two strong routines placing 12<sup>th</sup> in a very competitive group after upping her difficulty from the last qualifier. All competitors should be incredibly proud of their achievement and the team will be training hard for the nationals!



## East Midlands Floor and Vault Competition

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, the U14 Spalding High School gymnastics team travelled to Stamford for the yearly East Midlands Floor and Vault competition. All five students have worked exceptionally hard during lunchtimes for the past term, choreographing and perfecting their routines.

Despite the cold, all the girls performed exceptionally well on both floor and vault. Special well done to Megan for achieving the highest vault score in the U14 group, 15.7 out of 16. After all gymnasts have competed their top 4 scores on floor and vault get added up to total a team score, our team score was 115.70 putting us in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Well done to all five girls who competed on the day!



## Careers Update

Year 12 Work Experience – 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May

As we approach the half-term holiday, we would like to remind Year 12 students that the deadline for handing in work experience placement confirmation forms is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If students have already done this, Mrs O'Brien will

have made contact with the employers to start preparations for health and safety checks to go ahead. If students have found a placement but not yet returned their confirmation form, could they please do so as soon as possible to ensure that all administration can be carried out to meet the deadlines set by the health and safety company we use.

If students need assistance with placements, they can come to the careers office during a non-contact period and we will be happy to help.

#### National Apprenticeship Week – 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February

Here is a selection of some of the interesting apprenticeship opportunities advertised recently:

Ministry of Defence – Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S):

<https://des.mod.uk/careers/graduate-schemes-and-apprenticeships/>

MI5 Security Service:

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/opportunities/school-leavers>

Government Economic Service:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-government-economic-service-degree-level-apprenticeship>

The Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing – February 2022:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/11/Higher-Degree-Listing-FEB-2022.pdf>

#### Support:

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

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