



# Spalding High School



## Weekly Bulletin 10.06.21

Welcome back to Term 6! The summer most certainly seems to be here!

It is always poignant saying goodbye to our departing year groups and this year was no exception. However, Term 6 always means that we can now start to plan for some of the summer activities such as Sports Day so we certainly have something to look forward to. The slight easing of restrictions that we have had, and hopefully will continue to see as soon as the time is right, along with regular twice weekly testing in schools combine to mean that we are very optimistic that some of the normal school based events and activities will be able to go ahead. I stress this point not just because it is so important but also to encourage students to continue with their tests because their commitment is paying off. Please read the notice from the Covid Team though – we **all** need to be reporting those results to the NHS website too.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Dragon's Den entrepreneurs – fantastic experience and result – very well done to everyone involved!

### Change of dates to academic year 2021/22

We have received notification from Lincolnshire County Council that Term 5 in the next academic year (21/22) will start on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and not Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 as previously published. This additional day's leave is in lieu of the additional bank holiday created by Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee which falls in the Whit Half Term holiday.

### Students on School buses

Some students are leaving their form rooms later and later at the end of the School day and either missing their call for their bus or missing their bus completely.

On the first bell:

Town based students leave.

Bus students ready themselves, their belongings and their lockers etc.

On the second bell:

Bus students make their way straight to the queues in the courts.

We have been reminding students of these procedures but sadly, some bus students are still arriving 5-10 minutes after the second bell when we have already dismissed buses. Please can parents reinforce this message at home, as sadly you will also be inconvenienced if your child potters around with their friends at the lockers and they miss their bus. Thank you – your support is much appreciated!

### Careers Update

#### **Year 10 Futures Day**

Thank you to all Year 10 students who completed the Teams questionnaire about their future aspirations. If anyone did not complete it, it is still available and would provide us with useful information to offer continued support. Thank you to parents/carers who have supported with the completion of the questionnaires.

We will be holding a 'Year 10 Futures Day' on 6<sup>th</sup> July. During the day students will attend five sessions about next steps in education, work or training. The areas we will cover include apprenticeships, further and higher education, careers advice and employability and interview skills. We hope that the day will offer the students the opportunity to ask any questions they have and discuss their plans with each other and staff.

#### **Year 7 Dragons' Den Competition**

Last term, Miss Parker who is 7C's form tutor, organised a superb competition for all Year 7 students. It was based on the television series 'Dragons' Den' and students had to research, design and present a realistic product to their peers and

tutors. Students worked in small groups and followed guidance created by Miss Parker to help facilitate their learning. The students developed many skills working on the project together, including verbal and written communication, leadership and delegation, how to conduct market research, numeracy and business acumen. Miss Parker noted, "Prior to judging, it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of our Year 7 cohort and watch the innovative young minds create magnificent projects. When judging their work, it was evident that the students knew and believed in their projects. The students really thought outside the box, creating funny adverts, presentations and posters which were eye-catching."

After tutor group heats, one group from each of the five tutor groups proceeded to the online final via Teams where the pitches were judged by Mrs Schwarz, Mr Blackburn and Mrs Bushell. The judges were extremely impressed by the standard of the presentations and the products developed. The winning projects from each tutor group were:

**Wacky Water Bottle** - Antonina Such, Julia Wawro, Lillie Tegerdine and Chloe Setterfield - 7C

**The E-Bag** - Inca Bemasconi-Brown, Hannah Sporton and Rachel Clark - 7J

**Sensio** - Julia Jacewicz, Cheryl Kalane and Emily Matthews - 7N

**The Freezo** - Layla Khodri - 7P

**Porta Printer** - Zofia Nowak , Lilanna Wong and Dilsha Joseph - 7S

Julia, Cheryl and Emily in 7N were the competition's overall winners for their Sensio pen. They presented an excellent pitch which was clear and well-structured showing that they had created a product with a clear purpose. Here is what the girls said about their experience:

"For Dragons' Den Competition 2021 we learnt many fundamental skills needed for our future such as teamwork, leadership, intellectual thinking and the ability to compromise. This experience gave us the opportunity to explore different ways of catering for specific audiences. For us, this was people who are colour-blind or have a sensory disorder. We designed Sensio, a pen that scans an exact colour and transfers it to your paper when you write. Sensio is extremely helpful because it detects a colour which colour blind people can see and allows them to write in this colour. Our product is also environmentally friendly and contains bio-degradable plastic and ink.

A quotation which we used in our pitch was 'Painting is a blind man's profession; he paints not what he sees but what he feels' by Pablo Picasso.

We made this product because we believe that everybody should have the opportunity to express themselves in a range of situations and careers, using equipment such as our pen which enables them to do so."

Congratulations to all the Year 7 students who took part in this competition and especially Julia, Cheryl and Emily in 7N for their excellent work and winning product.

Miss Parker hopes to run the challenge again next year and involve judges from local companies to develop our students' employability and entrepreneurial skills.

Julia, Cheryl and Emily from 7N – This year's Year 7 Dragons' Den winners:



## **Year 12 – University Open Day Events**

Many students are now booking university open days. The majority of these are currently virtual events, often on Saturdays. Some events may be scheduled during the week and if so, and students wish to attend, they must make their subject teachers and tutor aware well in advance of their absence. There is also an educational absence form which needs to be signed at home. Some universities are slowly returning to 'in person' events and if this is the case, it is beneficial for students and parents/carers to attend to get a feel for the establishment.

The University of Lincoln are holding an online event for parents/carers on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 6.00-7.30pm and will be covering topics such as the application process, student finance and personal statements. The booking form can be found here: <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/portals/parentszone/parentsevenings/>

## **Student Finance Decoded – by Martin Lewis**

MoneySavingExpert.com founder Martin Lewis' film about student finance may be helpful to understand how student finance works when students apply for university places. Here is the link: [https://youtu.be/mO\\_rAsMuAlM](https://youtu.be/mO_rAsMuAlM)

## **Support:**

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

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Mrs Bushell - Careers Leader

## **A free online maths summer club for your child (If you sign up before 14<sup>th</sup> June)**

Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 9 families free access to **Eedi Summer Club**, an online maths summer program **100% free of charge** that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.

Your child will first do a quick placement quiz to set their work and then get recommended topics that'll help them improve the most over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. You will also get weekly reports on how they're doing.

The minimum recommended work is one lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work.

Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement - from who's given the most thoughtful explanation to a problem to what team has the highest amount of points 🏆... Plus there are real prizes up for grabs!

**Signup deadline:** June 14th **(Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date)**

**Summer Club Starts:** July 5th

**Summer Club Ends:** August 23rd

If you want to get started using Eedi before the summer club starts, you are more than welcome to! Eedi normally offers just a 14 day free trial, but now you can use it throughout summer for free.

**To get the offer, sign up on [this link](#) and create a parent account and get the offer automatically applied.**

If you have any questions, please contact [family@eedi.co.uk](mailto:family@eedi.co.uk) directly.

Miss Chalcraft – Head of Mathematics

## LFD Testing in schools and colleges to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus

We receive data from the Government, and this shows a dramatic drop in the number of students who are reporting their LFD test result to the NHS. When reporting a result on the [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) website, this asks you the following questions, all of which must be answered before proceeding to the next screen:

**Check answers**

Country	England	Change
Was test for job	No	Change
Reason test taken	To go to school, college or university	Change
Name of education provider	Spalding High School	Change
When was test taken	09 June 2021	Change
Test strip ID number	LRP17194003	Change
Name	Covid Test	Change
Date of birth	01 January 2009	Change
Gender on medical record	Other / Not specified / I do not know	Change
Ethnic group	Prefer not to say	Change
Ethnic background	Prefer not to say	Change
First line of address and postcode	Testing Street PE21 2P1	Change
NHS number known?	No	Change
Email	covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk	Change
Mobile	+447123456789	Change

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As the testing programme has been critical in keeping the virus transmission very low in schools and colleges, regular twice-weekly testing will continue for the foreseeable future. Testing must take place on a Sunday and Wednesday as detailed in the schedule below:

### **Spalding High School Student COVID-19 Home Testing**

**You must perform your Covid-19 test by 6pm at the latest on the following dates**

DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July

**You must test, complete the Teams Assignment and report your test result to '[www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)'**

Along with the wider protective measures in place that we must all continue following, this asymptomatic testing helps break chains of transmission by taking people who are infectious but don't know it, out of circulation.

If students or parents have any questions regarding LFD testing, or recording results please email [covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep Spalding High School community safe during this pandemic.

COVID-19 Test Team

## Year 13 Leavers Celebrations

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May was an emotional day, as we bid farewell to our fabulous Year 13 students. Dressed in old school uniform and with beaming smiles they celebrated their time at Spalding High School with a rounders match, picnic and a final assembly. Their positivity and resilience through the challenges of the last two years have been an inspiration. The fun, good humour and all round loveliness that has been evident throughout was there in bucket fulls on that last day. The students go with the very best wishes from all of the staff and a hope they will stay in touch and let us know of all of the fabulous things they go on to achieve. They will be missed.



A Level results day is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August; we will be in touch in due course with more details.