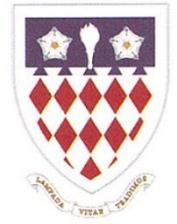


Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 10.09.20

Here we are already one week in!

Students have adapted well to the new routines and year group zones and I would like to thank them all for their resilience and determination to get back into school routines as quickly as possible. My thanks to staff too, not just for the fact that they are now peripatetic, but also for the support they are giving to students and each other.

As you know, we had our first positive case confirmed at the weekend. The school acted swiftly and we have been praised for our actions by the Local Health and Education Teams. We knew that it was going to happen at some point and it has given us the opportunity to review some of our processes including for cases that are confirmed "out of school hours". This is explained in the Covid-19 FAQ document attached. Please keep it somewhere safe for future reference.

Please be assured that our priority remains the health and safety of our students and staff and we will continue to work tirelessly to protect our school and the wider community. Thankfully, there were limited contacts and there was no need to isolate larger numbers of students, year group and staff.

Covid-19 FAQ & Health & Safety presentation

Please read the attached FAQ document carefully and keep it safe for future reference. Form tutors will go through this in more detail with their tutees over the next few days supported by a PowerPoint presentation which we will put on the school website for parents to view.

Y7 and Y12 Photographs Thursday 10th September.

Sadly, these were cancelled this morning by the photography company. We will notify you of a new date as soon as we receive one.

Face coverings on School Transport:

Our bus routines ensure that staff remind students to put their face coverings on when they get on the buses and keep them on for the duration of the journeys. However, we have received emails from parents raising concerns that a small number of students take them off as the journey progresses.

Students MUST keep their face coverings on for the whole journey.

The reminder below was issued from the Local Authority Transport Team this week:

"We have been advised by transport operators that many pupils are removing face coverings upon, or not long after, boarding school transport. This is despite having them in place prior to boarding when queuing on the school grounds.

It is essential that pupils follow the recommendation to wear a face covering, wherever they are able to do so, for the duration of their trip on school transport vehicles. Our colleagues in Public Health have indicated that wearing a face covering, along with other preventative measures in place, will noticeably reduce a pupil's need to self-isolate if they are travelling on a school transport vehicle where a peer subsequently tests positive for Covid-19.

We ask for your support in reinforcing this message with all pupils, and their parents, travelling on school transport as we feel it is in everyone's interest- not least in helping us all keep as many children as possible in school at this time.

Lincolnshire County Council's local stance for dedicated school transport is that all travellers must wear a face covering if they can, including children under age 11.

Below is what the Council intends to do to further respond to issues and we ask for your help with this wherever needed:

- Details of any incident should be reported to Transport Services Groups using the [MAX23 Incident Report Form](#).
- The Council will make direct contact with the School to raise the concern.
- We will ask schools to communicate with all relevant pupils and parents/carers and ensure they understand the issue and how we need the pupil to respond in future.

LCC would like to further reiterate that our colleagues in Public Health have indicated that wearing a face covering, along with the other preventative measures in place, will noticeably reduce a pupil's need to self-isolate if they are travelling on a school transport vehicle where a peer subsequently tests positive for Covid-19. This is even more of an incentive to encourage the use of face covering."

Year 8 News:

Welcome back Year 8!

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, I'm Miss Pascoe and I will be taking over from Mrs Schwarz as Head of Year 8.



It has been lovely to welcome you all back to school, you all seem very happy to see your friends again and are adapting well to our 'new normal'! Remember to get yourself outside at lunchtimes and wear your face covering around school where possible.

Your new tutors and I are all looking forward to getting to know you this year, don't forget your entries for 'The toilet roll challenge'. Results will come out at the end of September.

Miss Pascoe, Head of Year.

Year 11 News:

On behalf of the tutor team and myself, I would like to say how wonderful it has been to have the students back in school. They have adapted positively to the changes and shown true resilience throughout the many challenges they have faced. The students had valuable time on the first day with their tutors and looked at mental well-being along with getting to grips with new school routines and having time with friends to discuss their experiences.

Although not able to gather as a year group, I have delivered form assemblies throughout the week looking at 'Happiness' and the importance of being thankful and showing gratitude.

We also celebrated the Lockdown Challenge winners. The students were set weekly challenges involving a range of skills from creative toilet roll art to chocolate quizzes. The form prize went to 11S and the following girls picked up the individual prizes for the most challenges entered:

Eleanor Mowbray 11J

Carolina Da Silva 11P

Keris Moore 11N

Naomi Smith 11C

Charlotte Pool 11S

Stay safe and stay strong.

Mrs Neal, Head of Year

Year 9 News:

It is great to see you all back in school! It is so nice to hear you all chatting and laughing with your friends, but more importantly supporting each other. As we are doing things differently at the moment, with you staying in your zone for lessons, I get to hear you learning lots of different subjects and see how you work. It is lovely to see you working hard and your behaviour is very good.

Year 9 is usually when you get the privilege of going into each other's form rooms; unfortunately, this cannot happen at the moment. Please remember you have an outside area so if the weather is good, go outside, meet your friends and get some fresh air.

Please also remember that your form rooms need to be clean and tidy for lessons. Make sure you put rubbish in the bin and there is nothing on the floor. This makes it a nicer environment for everyone in the room.

My office is now within our zone. When I am in there, if the door is open, you are welcome to stop by for a chat if you need to. It is big enough for social distancing but only one person can be in there at a time please.

Mrs Spinks, Head of Year.

Year 10 News:

Welcome back, Year 10!

It has been wonderful to see Year 10 back in school and settling into the new routines; it is also nice to see students enjoying having lunch on the picnic benches in their outside area. The form tutors, Mrs Jarvis and I have missed them over the past few months, but we are very proud of the way they have coped during this difficult time. Students have had lots of time with their form tutors to help support the transition back into school life, with additional sessions and assemblies on emotional well-being and support. It was lovely to feel such a buzz walking around form rooms on that first day back.

Mrs Hickman, Head of Year

Progression routes

We are so proud of last year's Year 13 students as they leave us to move on to new ventures.

Eighty-two students gained a place at university to study a wide range of degree courses, including Medicine, Aeronautical Engineering, Modern Languages, International Business, Psychology, Fine Art, Dietetics, Computer Science, Midwifery, Neuroscience, Mathematics, Architecture, Criminology, Classical Studies, Acting, Geography, History and many more. Some of our talented artists are undertaking Foundation Art Diplomas at Leeds Arts University. In addition to a wide range of study disciplines chosen, the range of universities is equally impressive. Our students will be heading off in the next few weeks to universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, Warwick, King's College, Newcastle, Nottingham, York, Leeds, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield, Leicester, Loughborough, Birmingham and many more.

Nine students have secured apprenticeships in a range of areas such as nursing, accountancy, supply chain management, pharmacy and specialist support for teaching and learning in schools.

Nineteen students have chosen to take up various employment roles within hospitality, retail, animal care and financial services, whilst others have decided to take a gap year to work or volunteer before applying to university next year.

The majority of last year's Year 11 students are now undertaking further study, either here at the High School or in other schools or sixth form colleges. We are delighted to welcome back students who have enrolled into our sixth form.

Our current Year 13 students are busy this term preparing personal statements for use in university or apprenticeship/employment applications. It is a busy time between now and Christmas and we are really pleased with the preparation work students carried out during the last sixth months. Students have shown great resilience and adapted to new ways of working, for example, accessing virtual university open days.

We wish all our students the best of luck for the future and hope that they will keep in touch to share their future successes.

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader