



Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 10.12.20

The Festive spirit is rising and not just because of the inundation of snow we experienced last week although to be fair the School looked absolutely lovely for a couple of hours, covered in a pristine blanket of snow! By mid-morning it all began to turn to slush and got very wet and unpleasant. Although I love snow, I think it needs to come during the holidays when we can all go out and play rather than a school day when I have to spend the day telling students to put snowballs down or to put their jackets on rather than walk around in shirt sleeves (I jest you not!) The Christmas trees are sparkling, the Christmas post boxes are filling up, Christmas lunch tokens are going like hot cakes, we are all looking forward to the Virtual Christmas Concert and the Canteen Elf on the Shelf has not created too much mischief (yet).

Please find attached a very important document for the arrangements for parental notifications of positive cases of Covid during the Christmas Holidays. We do sincerely hope that you do not have cause to need to use it but please keep it somewhere safe, just in case.

Reminder: 'Bring a Tin' Day – Friday 11th December 2020

Please be reminded that we are holding our seventh annual 'Bring a Tin' Day this Friday. This is a non-uniform day and students may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish. Normal non-uniform rules apply.

Students do not need to bring any money, instead we are asking everyone to bring an item of food from the list below:

- Milk (UHT)
- Potatoes
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Noodles
- Sugar
- Soup
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Cereals
- Squash
- Rice Pudding
- Pasta/Pasta Sauces
- Jam
- Baked Beans,
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Biscuits or snack bars
- Tinned Vegetables
- (e.g. carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
- Tinned Fruit
- Meal in a can
- (e.g. stew, curry, etc.)
- Tea Bags/Instant Coffee



Year 11 & 13

An important letter about the Assessment Week and exams will be given to students on Friday. Please go through this with your child.

Sixth Form Entry 2021 Events

We were delighted to share with you our new prospectus and A Level subject presentations last month, they remain on our website for you to access at any time. We hope that you have enjoyed looking through the prospectus and have found the subject presentations useful.

Last week, students received information about the A Level taster sessions that will run next term, please see the letter for further details.

We are also running virtual live events which will be a great opportunity for you to meet the Sixth Form Team, hear the views of some of our students as well as ask any questions that you might have. These events are planned for **Tuesday 15th December, Tuesday 12th January and Tuesday 9th February starting at 5.30pm.** They will be broadcast live through Microsoft Teams, the link for the first event will be shared with students via Teams this week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Migration of student email accounts to Office 365

Further to the successful migration of Year 8 email accounts to Office 365 last weekend, we are now in a position to start the migration of Year 9 and 10 email accounts. This will take place at 8pm on Friday, 11th December. Please note, Year 9 and 10 students may experience some disruption to their email over the weekend of the 12th/ 13th December. Once the migration is complete, students will need to log in to their email in a slightly different way. Tutors have explained the process to students during form time this week; however, attached are some instructions for your information. Once migration is complete, students will also have access to their calendar through Microsoft Teams.

When the impossible becomes possible!

Due to Covid 19 and the pandemic, we have been unable to go on our Year 8 geography field trip to Lincoln. However, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Lee had a brilliant idea that brought Lincoln to us!

Bringing our woolly hats and coats to school, and having the teachers film themselves at the locations we would have visited in the city, we were able to role play our Year 8 geography trip. Below are some pictures of 8C and 8S dressed up on the school field and in the classroom.

On our 'field trip' we are looking into urban decline in Lincoln and how parts of the city can be regenerated. We have looked at four different areas, done a virtual pedestrian count in each and looked at regeneration design features. This is to help us understand what attracts people to each area the most and how we can improve the area for their benefit. These virtual locations include North Witham Bank, Brayford Pool, Cornhill Market and the University.

In conclusion, even though things may seem tough nothing is impossible! Or as Dumbledore says, "light can be found even in the darkest of times if only one remembers to turn on the light."

by Holly Janes and Ruby Smith 8C





Christmas Joy

As part of a Christmas 'Challenge 11' students have created Christmas cards to send to Southernwood House Care Home to spread a little Christmas cheer to our community. The students have created some wonderful cards with thoughtful messages and I will deliver these along with chocolates and biscuits next week, after they have completed a period of quarantine! The students have shown real resilience and strength in these difficult times and they continue to demonstrate how thoughtful and kind they are and we are very proud of them. Merry Christmas – stay safe and stay strong.

Mrs Neal

Careers Update

LinHigher student surveys

We work collaboratively with LinHigher to promote higher education to our students and their parents/carers. Each year we ask students in Years 9-13 to complete a short online survey to provide insights into their attitudes, knowledge and aspirations towards higher education. This helps us to inform our activity plans using the funding from the project and shows which activities are having a positive impact on our students.

A few weeks ago, we asked students in Years 9-13 to complete the survey and asked that parents encourage their daughter/son to complete it, which takes approximately 10 minutes. The link to the survey is below. Further information about LinHigher and the Uni Connect Programme can be found at the bottom of the homepage on the school website and at the beginning of the survey. If your daughter/son has not completed the survey, could they please do so before the end of term.

<http://survey.euro.confirmit.com/wix/p400630205727.aspx?c=17&>

Meet the Russell Group – a virtual event in association with UK University Search

If your daughter or son is in Year 11, 12 or 13 there is a virtual event in the New Year on **10th February** which may be useful. There are thirteen live webinars running between 12.00 and 19.00 which will provide information to parents/carers and students about applying to Russell Group universities. The session from 18.05 is a live parent/carer support webinar during which there will be the opportunity to ask questions. If your daughter or son is in Year 13 and already has offers from universities, this session could assist in choosing firm and insurance choices.

To register for the event, please visit:

<https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/>

Mrs Bushell
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