



Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 11.03.21

It is amazing how quickly the School has returned to “normal” routines! Within minutes of the first students returning to school this week, it has felt more like it should. The sounds of lessons taking place, students and staff chatting and laughter around the site has been a pleasure to hear again after eight long weeks. The students I have spoken to over the last few days have told me how they have already slipped back into their routines and are glad to be back to face-to-face learning; long may it continue!

As you have seen from my In Touch messages the students have been remarkable this week with their first on-site Covid Test. They have been patient, pragmatic and calm and made the whole process so much easier to complete – “thank you” and “well done” to everyone. We have tested close to one thousand students in under eighteen work hours and averaged over three hundred tests per day; an absolutely remarkable feat. Mrs Pryke and the Covid Test Team are to be thanked and congratulated for the efficient way the Test Centre has been set up and run and for their guidance and compassion when seeing the students and staff through the process.

We are not there yet though! I have just left the Sixth Form going through the Test centre for their second school based test of the week. The other year groups will follow through over the next few days and before we know it we will have the student test kits for home testing. More details to follow next week. Tomorrow (Friday 12th) Year 11 and Year 10 will do their second test and on Monday it will be Year 7 and Year 8. Year 9 will be tested again on Tuesday.

I am also very pleased to announce that we have a new School Uniform supplier. Shotbowl, a local company in Market Deeping will take over the contract now that Hills has closed and have a long history of providing uniform to schools in the local area. The Governors and I are grateful that we have found a local company and look forward to working with them. You will find more from Shotbowl below.

School Uniform Provider

Shotbowl is delighted to be supplying Spalding High Schools Uniform. We will do everything we can to ensure our service is the best it can be for all the students and parents.

We are currently working through the stock from Hills and working with our suppliers to bring in stock to fill the gaps. Please bear with us during this time. It may be a few weeks until these gaps are fully filled due to the nature of the uniform.

Your school Web shop will be up and running on our website shortly where you can find all your uniform in one place. Please follow our Facebook page and our website for an announcement when this is live.

From the whole team here at Shotbowl, thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards

R.W.Collins - Director
www.shotbowl.com



Tel: 01778 348788
Unit 2 Blenheim Way, Northfields ind est.
Market Deeping, Peterborough, PE6 8LD.
Shotbowl Ltd. Registered in England No.7732526 VAT No.

Maths Challenge

We managed to go ahead and run the Intermediate Maths Challenge last term on 4th Feb, all fully online with 70 SHS students across years 9-11 (plus some top set Y8) competing simultaneously from their homes. We are delighted to announce that the students won 1 Gold, 7 Silver and 21 Bronze certificates. Best in Year 11 was Yuktha Pereddy, Best in Year 10 was Olivia Derewonko, Best in Year 9 was Sophie Lewis and Best in Year 8 was Briony Sweeting.

We have 3 students who have made it through to the next round, the Kangaroo - Olivia Derewonko in Y10 and Sophie Lewis and Anika Jain in Y9. Olivia in Y10 beat everybody in Y11 and won Best in School too!

Well done to all, we are very proud of your commitment to problem-solving and your can-do attitude.

Miss Ashley - Second in Mathematics

PE Update

Over the last six weeks pupils have recorded their physical activity, earning one house point for every minute of complete exercise. Pupils have remained determined, enthusiastic, and motivated during the last six weeks completing physical activity in all weather. The PE department are extremely proud to announce pupils have completed 169,487 minutes of physical activity, WOW!

At the end of week 4 Sharman were holding onto the house point lead by only 4 points but in week 5 Curie took the lead after completing an amazing 6,945 minutes of physical activity. The end of week 5 left the PE department asking the following questions: Who will be the overall winner of the 'Physical Activity Log Challenge'? Can Curie hold on to first place? Will Nightingale try to make it to the top spot again? Will Sharman stay second? Will Pankhurst and Johnson move up the podium? The final combined house point totals are:

5th P- 20,111

4th J- 30,052

3rd N- 37,463

2nd S- 38,041

1st C- 43,820

Well done CURIE!

During weeks 4, 5 and 6 the following pupils were among the most physical active in the school; Antonina Such 7C, Wiktoria Kysyk 7N, Cheryl Kalane 7N, Harneew Wahiwala 8C, Lily Theyer 8C, Zahra Shah 8N, Jess Bird 8J, Isabelle Hicks 9C, Sophie Lewis 9C, Connie Avery 9N, Fancesca Crossman- Vyse 9N, Gabriella Best 9N, Hannah Willis 10S, Emily Hemsworth 10N, Daisy Darley 10J, Ashleigh Rogers 10S, Harriet Culley 10S and Sophia Love 11C.

Gabriella Best, Harriet Culley 10S and Sophia Love 11C were randomly drawn from most physically active pupils and received a £10 gift voucher. Isabelle Hicks was randomly drawn from pupils who completed the 'Well-being bingo card' and she also received a £10 gift voucher.

Well done for all your hard work.

The PE department

Year 11

It is wonderful to see the Year 11s back in school and I was so impressed with their maturity and calmness while going through the testing process. They have once again adapted back to school life quickly and with enthusiasm. This week, NCS (National Citizen Service) delivered a live presentation during PHSCE and students are encouraged to sign up quickly if they want to secure a place. A letter and parental pack was sent out with all the information; any further questions please just ask or visit the NCS website - wearencs.com.



We are also celebrating success on our return to school. Just before the lockdown back in November Jessica Ringsell 11C was able to record her routines and entered into the Virtual International Trampoline Competition. Eleven countries took part including the USA & Canada. The competition included Double and current Olympic champion Rosie MacLennon from Canada. Jessica entered the 15-16 age group and finished in a fantastic 5th place in a strong group of 30. An amazing achievement – well done, Jessica!



Mrs Neal

Careers Update

Building our alumni platform



I am pleased to inform you that we are now working with the education charity Future First to reconnect with our former students. Our alumni can support us in many ways, as career role models, mentors, fundraisers, curriculum volunteers and more. If you have a child who is a former student or if you or someone you know would like to join as a friend or supporter of our school, please see the details on the attached flyer. We hope to build a large platform of alumni, friends and supporters over the coming months. We are very proud of all our students and their achievements and see this as a very positive step towards maintaining links with former students.

Current Year 11 and 13 students will be invited to sign up before the end of the academic year.

Alumni Articles (see attachments)

Amelia Hiller left the High School in 2016 and went to university to study History with English Literature. Amelia's article is particularly insightful as it addresses a question that parents and students often ask about where degree courses can lead in terms of career outcomes.

Ellen Barker, who also left in 2016, went to study Professional Dance and Musical Theatre. She explains how the pandemic has impacted the theatre industry and how she has responded to this.

Please also see the careers section of the school website for further information about career pathways.

British Science Week

This week is British Science Week. The link below contains some excellent information about STEM careers as part of the 'Smashing Stereotypes Campaign':

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/smashing-stereotypes/>



Two former students, Lily and Maisie Dobbs have both gone on to work in and promote STEM. Please see their informative work here in their blog:

<https://2sistersinstem.com/>

Year 13 students – Student Finance Applications:

Applications for student finance are now open for students intending to go to university this autumn:

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

Funded degrees with the British Army

With over 70 different job roles, there are opportunities for learning and development for everyone in the Army, including degree-level qualifications before or during a career. To find out more about university funding, there is a live webinar on 31st March at 6pm for parents and students. Book your place for free:

<https://events->

[emea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=4795292599&campaign-id=rgfb& charset =utf-8&gator td=kylt1iPkPeDU6jdj2M5POkuUWt9IWnGhAVZnqaV20tLq3DmiZCopwzK5oQuNDuiaXb9chEfwz7gGeaKAoUJadX24gO8cOrt0RnTjqjRZ79m7QWDA3%2b1Time4qZJLbHO12hJx8qztd1%2fEJH%2fvQuviTzPekvbCphHQMQRPa%2b3cjVK6hpdZoKYkXbTuCzBzHJDVxzBnIT%2bsvE9XY7QzJJ%2fg%3d%3d](https://events-emea3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/3956621110/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=4795292599&campaign-id=rgfb& charset =utf-8&gator td=kylt1iPkPeDU6jdj2M5POkuUWt9IWnGhAVZnqaV20tLq3DmiZCopwzK5oQuNDuiaXb9chEfwz7gGeaKAoUJadX24gO8cOrt0RnTjqjRZ79m7QWDA3%2b1Time4qZJLbHO12hJx8qztd1%2fEJH%2fvQuviTzPekvbCphHQMQRPa%2b3cjVK6hpdZoKYkXbTuCzBzHJDVxzBnIT%2bsvE9XY7QzJJ%2fg%3d%3d)

UK University and Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair:

On March 17th there is a virtual university and apprenticeship fair from 12.00-6.00pm. The event is ideal for students in

Years 11 and 12 to explore the higher education and career options available. The event is also recommended for Year 13 students to help with decisions about firm and insurance choice universities and to explore apprenticeships. Parents and students can register and see the list of exhibitors at: <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/>

Aspiring Dentists Virtual Event 24th March 6.00-8.30pm:

Please see the flyer below if you are in Years 10-13 and think you are interested in a career in dentistry. This opportunity has been advertised to students in Years 11 and 12 and please note that the closing date for registration is 12th March. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/aspiring-dentists-tickets-141656413145?aff=erelexpmlt>



The flyer for the 'Aspiring Dentists' virtual event features a dark blue header with the event title in white. A light blue box on the right specifies the target audience: 'Available to students aged 15-18 years, living or educated in Lincolnshire'. Below this, a dark blue bar contains the text: 'This is a great opportunity to gain an insight into Dentistry. Presented by industry experts providing impartial advice and guidance.' The date and time, '24th March 2021' and '6.PM - 8.30PM', are listed in a yellow bar. A green bar at the bottom states: 'This VIRTUAL event is FREE of charge. For further information please contact the Lincolnshire Talent Academy by emailing the below email address.' Contact details include the website 'www.lincolntalentacademy.org.uk' and the email 'NHS.Talent@ulh.nhs.uk'.

Support:

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

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell - Careers Leader

Half Term Screen Free Challenge



Books read, cakes baked, birds watched, jigsaws completed, board games won (and lost!), new recipes tried, walks walked, letters written phew! Well done to everyone who completed the SHS screen free challenge over half term. We have loved looking at your photos! Congratulations to the following students who all completed the challenge, a prize will find its way to you very soon. Year 7 – Erin Horton, Millie Smith, Emily Matthews, Lola Conolly. Year 8 – Camille Rogers, Evie Hemmings, Rose Yeowell. Year 9 – Taya Yeowell.

Thank you for taking part!

The Prefect Team