



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin 11.11.21



School continues to take more and more steps back to normal which is both great to see around site and read about in this week's bulletin.

Congratulations to 7S who have researched and written some amazing reports on Helen Sharman. What a lovely display they have created too. At the start of the year I asked our Year 7 forms to research their house role models and I am sure like me, you look forward to reading more in future bulletins.

There are also lots of important dates coming up to be aware of, including, the nationally set dates for the 2022 Exam Season (see below).

Operation Christmas Child	18 th November 2021
Sixth Form Information Evening	18 th November 2021
Children In Need	19 th November 2021
GCSE Exams	16 th May 2022
A-Level Exams	23 rd May 2022
Exam Contingency Day	29 th June 2022

Operation Christmas Child

The Prefect Team are organising an **Operation Christmas Child** fundraiser this Christmas.

We would appreciate it if you could put together a shoebox or bring an item in to put into a form shoebox. Here are some guidelines on how to make a shoebox:

1. Find a shoebox and wrap the lid and base separately with Christmas paper.
2. Fill with gifts - some ideas are on the attached information sheet
3. Attach a label stating the gender and age category (2-4, 5-9, 10-14)

Once you have completed your shoebox and followed the instruction, please bring to the **school hall** by the **18th of November** but they can be brought in sooner too. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

The Prefect Team

Summer 2022 Examination Series

GCSE exams will take place from Monday 16/5/22 to Thursday 23/6/22

GCE (A Level) exams will take place from Monday 23/5/22 to Friday 24/6/22

The Exam Board Contingency Day is Wednesday 29/6/22. This will be used if a significant, unexpected events arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) being unable to take an exam when planned. Students should be available to take examinations up until this date.

The generic timetables are available on the School website and individual student timetables will be issued in February.



Virtual Sixth Form Information Evening

Thursday 18th November

6pm-7pm

An Invitation for all Y11 students, parents and carers

We would be delighted if you would join us on Thursday 18th November at 6pm for our virtual Sixth Form Information evening where we will share with you what life is like as a Sixth Form student. We will provide information on the sixth form curriculum, the fabulous range of enrichment opportunities on offer, the application process and details of other forthcoming events. You will hear from key staff and some of our wonderful students.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest and receive a joining code for the evening. The meeting will be run as a Teams webinar. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rotary Club of Spalding and Welland Young Chef 2022 Competition

We have three of our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students taking part in the competition; Connie Avery 10N, Georgia Bedford 10J and Gabriella Best, also 10N. It's our turn to host the competition on Thursday 11th November 2021. They are competing against students from three other schools. All have to prepare and cook a two-course meal in two hours, which will be judged by two professional chefs! The winner will go on to compete in the District Finals in 2022. Please wish them good luck.



BBC Children in Need is back!



Join us on **Friday 19th November** for a do good, feel good fundraiser by joining in on Dress Down Friday!

We are asking students to donate **£1 to wear non-school uniform** and together with the help of schools like ours, we can help to tackle the lasting impact of the pandemic and support thousands of children in local communities across the UK.

In addition to this, we are also running a number of competitions for all pupils in Y7-13. The competitions are free to enter and there will be a prize for the best entry for each category in each year group. The theme for the day this year is 'Be Yourself'.

The categories are:

1. Write an acrostic poem – a poem where the letters in each line spell out 'Be Yourself'
2. Write a very short story – No more than 10 short lines long, with the title 'Be Yourself'
3. Create a piece of artwork – drawing, collage, painting, sculpture, etc. to reflect the theme 'Be Yourself'.

All entries need to be brought to the hall during the morning registration on Friday 19th November. Judging will take place during the day and the results will be announced during study period on Friday 19th November.

(Please note: This date has been changed from the one advertised on the school calendar)

Mrs Ray & the 6th form prefect team.

Careers Update

Work experience in Years 10 and 12

Last week we sent information to parents/carers about our plans to re-launch work experience for Year 10 students and to introduce work experience in Year 12 for the first time. Students have been asking many questions and seem excited at the prospect of trying to secure a placement. There is much administration involved in this process and we hope that parents/carers can support their child in returning the required forms on time.

IBM Insight Webinar – 24th November 18.30-19.10

IBM are hosting a webinar for parents/carers of students in Years 10-13 on 24th November to share information about school leaver opportunities, including apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and gap year roles. Please sign up here:

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University Courses

Our focus on lesser known degree titles for students and parents/carers to consider continues this week. A good starting point for research regarding university courses is the UCAS website:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>

Ethical Hacking – Learn about computer networks, digital forensics, protecting data and information systems and cyber security.

<https://www.abertay.ac.uk/course-search/undergraduate/ethical-hacking>

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

Year 7 News

7J

Lilah Teeuw has passed her Grade 2 singing examination with a distinction.
Sunny Salkeld has learnt how to solve a two-by-two and a three-by-three Rubik's cube.
Well done to both students.

7S

Students in 7S have been spending time with their peer mentors to research Helen Sharman. Here are some of their findings:

We have been doing some work with our peer mentors about Helen Sharman. We have learnt that Helen Sharman

was born on 30th May 1963 in Sheffield, England and that she was the first woman to visit the Mir Space Station. She was appointed an OBE in 1992 and she has a star on the Sheffield Walk of Fame. She was the first British citizen to travel to space. She never wanted fame but wanted to show the world her attitude of “I can do it, I’m not going to let anyone get in my way”. This is why she represents our house SHARMAN. We say a massive thank you to her.

Kari-Ella Bailey 7S

In 7S we have been doing some work on Helen Sharman with our peer mentors. We have made posters and collages with facts about who Helen Sharman is. Helen’s parents – Lyndis and John Sharman – raised Helen in Sheffield where she was born. Helen attended the University of Sheffield and graduated at age 21. When she was only 27, Helen volunteered to be the first British Astronaut to travel into space. She was chosen from many people and spent 21 hours and 13 minutes in space. When she returned her one brave decision inspired lots of people and she became an amazing role model.

Pela Tian-Wright 7S

7S has been working hard on putting up a fact wall full of posters with interesting facts about Helen Sharman. Some interesting facts that I have learnt from 7S are that Helen Sharman was the first British woman to go into space, she was born on 30th May 1963 and she was interested in space before she went into space. There are lots of other facts on these incredible posters. There are so many colourful and engaging designs which stand out. All the detail in these posters show that she is a very inspirational woman to all the girls at Spalding High School.

Amelia Robinson-Tait 7S

In the time since I have started at Spalding High School I have learnt lots about our inspiring role model Helen Sharman and I am sure, in time, I’ll know everything about her. She is stronger than any weapon and has done many memorable things in her years so far. One of the most interesting facts about her (in my opinion) is that all the way from space, using a radio, she managed to contact a school and tell them about her life and what she was doing. Helen Sharman worked really hard to participate in a project in space and beat 13 000 to do this! I’m proud to be a part of 7S and I hope to accomplish just as much as the person whom our house is named after, Helen Sharman.

Lisa Szymanowska 7S

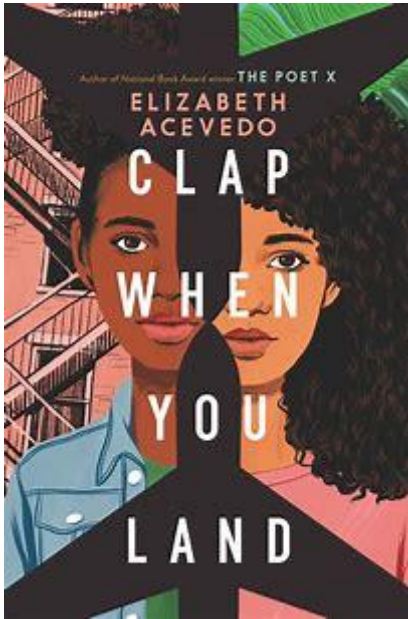
During Friday during form time, we did some work on Helen Sharman and this involved making posters. From these posters we learnt many things. This included facts such as: Helen Sharman was an astronaut and in fact she was the first British astronaut in space as well as being the first woman to visit the Mir Space Station. She was born in May 1963 (and went into space for the first time in the same month as her birthday when she was 27 years old), she was born in Sheffield, England in the baby boomer generation. Helen Sharman is still alive and what may surprise you is that she has no social media although she did once go onto live TV for a project known as Project Juno. She worked at the national Physical laboratory by 2011 and still to this day she inspires people and our form 7S is named after her.

Maja Szudek 7S



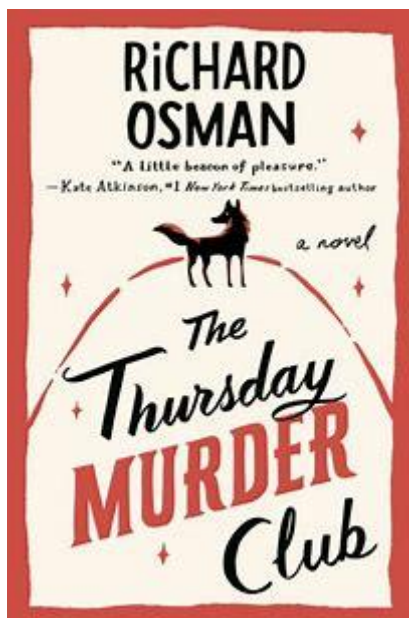
"What are we reading?"

Students: ['Clap when you land'](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo



This was one of my favourite books so far in year 8. It is a great multi-cultural story and I love the swap on perspectives. It's quite detailed and the story is very thorough. It's really calming to read and makes you think about life a lot. **Zara-Jayne 8J**

Staff: [The Thursday Murder Club](#) by Richard Osman



I have had this book since Christmas and have been a bit sceptical about reading it as I really like Richard Osman as a comedian and presenter but have not really seen him as a crime writer. At the start of the new term, I picked this up and started to read a few chapters before bedtime and I am completely hooked! His characters are brilliant and written with such detail and realism. The story focuses on a group of retirees living in a purpose built retirement village who meet each Thursday to solve cold cases (hence The Thursday Murder Club). When one of the property developers for their own village is murdered, the case is not so cold and quite literally on their doorstep. To be honest, I would have finished this book by now but I am rationing myself to reading a few chapters a night before bed rather than reading it through the night – which is what I really want to do!

Mrs Anderson