



Spalding High School



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Spring really does feel as if it is in the air already around the High School. The sun is shining and the bulbs are bursting through which although is slightly unseasonal, does lift the winter mood slightly. It is also great to see so many students enjoying the outside space at break and lunchtime, including the new Tech Block Canopy and picnic benches. Long may the sunshine continue into the more traditional spring months.

The hyperlink to the Christmas Concert is on the home page of the School website for those who have not yet watched it (It is amazing!). Today, Ms Busby is launching the School entries for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pudding Competition and well done to Willow and Isla – tremendous performances!



Ms Busby, our Head of Food and Nutrition will be offering a cookery morning from 9.00am to 12.30pm on Saturday 29th January, where up to 10 students can come and make their chosen recipe and photograph it, ready to enter the competition. More details will be sent to form tutors by Friday 14th January. You may view the competition details on the Fortnum and Mason website:

<https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding>

Supporting your child in maths at SHS

Every Wednesday from 1pm to 1.30pm in room 21, a maths clinic is held. This is open to year groups 7 to 11 for any maths help or revision that is needed.

Every Monday, starting from 17th January from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, the maths department is holding after school GCSE revision classes for Year 11 students. These classes are at three different GCSE levels, so there is a class for everyone! Agreement from home is needed before attending and students need to sign up outside room 22 for the correct level of class each week. Year 11 parents and carers should have already received a letter with all the details. Any questions, please ask.

Thank you.

Mrs Martin

Updated School risk assessments

The School's general Covid risk assessments have been updated following new operation guidance. These can be viewed in the Covid File in the menu on the right of the homepage from Friday 14th January 2022. Students have been given an updated Health and Safety briefing to explain these changes. If parents/carers have comments or questions regarding the updates, please contact enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk no later than Thursday 25th January.

Thank you.

Trampolining

A few months ago as part of our out of school trampolining club, me and Isla filmed routines to enter the V Tramp Global Competition. It was done virtually because of Covid measures, and we had to submit three routines; a set routine, a voluntary and a final, which was only judged if you placed in the top eight after the first two routines. I placed 1st after the prelim round and 2nd in my group after the final. Isla was entered in the largest group of the competition and placed

22nd, a very strong showing in such a big group! Overall, we are really happy with these achievements after all the hard work put into preparing the routines and the number of competitors we were against!



Willow Gill 10P

Careers Update

There is much activity in the careers office as students in Years 10 and 12 liaise with Mrs O'Brien and me to research placements and complete paperwork for work experience later this year. The planned dates for both year groups are as follows:

- **Year 10 students – 4th – 8th July**
- **Year 12 students – 23rd – 27th May (we postponed the work experience planned for 28th – 31st March and informed parents/carers and students of this last week in light of the government's work from home guidance).**

We have also met students at breaks and lunchtimes to answer questions about progression routes after GCSEs and A Levels and we encourage students to come to see us with their queries.

Virtual work experience opportunities

We currently have fifteen students across Years 10-12 enrolled on the Medic Mentor medical work experience, as previously advertised. Please see the link below:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/>

Medic Mentor also offers a programme to students in Years 10-12 for the allied health care professions:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Springpod remains popular with students:

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>

An example of an upcoming event is the Jaguar Landrover Insight Event at the end of January. On 10th February, during National Apprenticeship Week (7th - 13th February) there is a session about being a Lloyd's apprentice.

National Citizen Service (NCS)

During tutor time on Tuesday this week, Year 11 tutors spoke to students about summer programmes with NCS. They are extremely good value at a cost of £50 for a two-week experience. The feedback from students who have previously taken part is always very positive and it is a great opportunity to develop confidence, team building skills and give back to the local community when completing the social action project.

Future First

We continue to work on building alumni links via Future First and would welcome any new members – please see the attached flyer.

Alumni Articles (see attachment)

This week's alumni article is written by Holly Chaplin who left the High School in 2021 and is working this year in her gap year ahead of starting her university course in September.

Support:

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

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