



Spalding High School



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We are all working hard on our nominations for the Lincolnshire Free Press Education Awards 2021, the deadline for which is Thursday 27th. There are a number of award categories that students can be nominated for including, Environmental Champion, Community Champion and Outstanding Sporting Achievement. People may think that as schools were affected by periods of lockdown during the last twelve months that students have not had the opportunity to achieve in these fields, but they would be wrong. Our students achieved significantly in how they supported their families, local community and specific groups such as making face masks for frontline workers. It is not just schools who can nominate and so please do follow the link below and submit your nominations to the awards website. [Education Awards 2021 - Enter Now! - Spalding Education Awards \(iliffemediapromotions.co.uk\)](https://www.educationawards2021.co.uk/)



Risk Assessment update

Following the Government's issue of new orders to schools this week, we are in the process of updating our risk assessments. With the exception of face masks, there are very few changes to procedures in schools and so the risk assessments will remain largely unchanged. Over the next few days we will upload the new risk assessments onto the school website in the Covid-19 folder. We will ensure that amendments are highlighted in yellow for ease of reference to see where things have changed.

Health and Safety presentation

In the light of the further lifting of restrictions next week, we will be providing an updated H&S briefing for all students. Procedures in schools remain largely unchanged but we will continue to remind students of the basic Covid health and hygiene measures. This is pertinent, not just due to the lifting of some of the community restrictions but also in light of the four positive LFD tests we have seen in school this week.

Facemask update

As you are no doubt aware, the Government plan to move to the further easing of Covid-19 restrictions with effect from Monday 19th May. Very few aspects of the new orders to schools have changed, with the exception of face masks. On 8th March, when students returned to on-site teaching, the Government advised for face coverings be worn in classrooms as well as communal areas (which had already been introduced in the Autumn).

With effect from Monday 17th May, students and staff are no longer required to wear masks in lessons. Our position as a School is that if students and staff would like to continue wearing them they may do so if they so wish. I know that discussions are taking place in form groups and many students feel that they have become used to wearing them now and appreciate the higher level of protection they offer to the point that many students have expressed that they would like to continue wearing them – that is absolutely fine.

Shields and visors may be worn from Monday 17th May too.

The Government have also said that with effect from Monday 17th, students do not need to wear face coverings in communal areas and in transit. However, the School's position will **remain unchanged on this point**. Our corridors can get very busy at lesson change, despite staggered finishes to lessons and carefully planning of routes between classrooms. We also have to accept that the East Midlands, and South Holland in particular, continue to experience higher than national average rates of infection and transmission. Furthermore, LFD testing has identified a number of positive cases in school

just this week. As a result of a combination of these factors, we will continue to require students to wear their face masks when they are in transit between lessons, moving in and out of the buildings, in the canteen and in the changing rooms. We will review this position as infection rates and positive cases in school reduce.

The Government continue to recommend staff wear masks in transit.

The regulations for school transport and public transport remain unchanged – masks must be worn for the duration of the journey.

The Government have also advised that the reintroduction of face coverings for students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission.

In summary, from Monday 17th May:

1. Staff and students in lessons – personal choice.
2. Staff and students in transit/communal areas (e.g. corridors, canteen, changing rooms) – face coverings to be worn.
3. Visors and face shields can be worn instead of a face mask.
4. Outside areas at break and lunchtime – personal choice but students must maintain social distancing.
5. Leaving school at the end of the day and in the bus queues – face coverings to be worn.

Covid FAQ

In light of Government updates to the Stay At Home Guidance and Close Contact Guidance, we have updated our Covid FAQ. A new version is attached to this week's bulletin. All hyperlinks have been updated and all changes are noted in yellow for ease of reference.

Year 11 and 13 students, parents and carers

Ofqual have published a guide for students and their parents/carers about the awarding of qualifications for Summer 2021.

Please find the link below:

[Student guide to awarding: summer 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

We will be writing to all students at the start of next week to outline the evidence that will be used in each subject.

Book Returns

All Year 11 and Year 13 students have received, or will shortly receive, an emailed list of their current book loans.

Students should return books in a carrier bag labelled with their name and form. Year 11 can return via the Year 11 Blue Wheelie Book Returns bin, which is inside the school gates every morning. Year 13 can return books directly to the library. Books can be returned as soon as the student has finished using them and by Thursday 27th May at the latest.

If any books are missing or damaged, students will need to replace with another copy of the same book. It is fine to replace with a second-hand copy, but it must be in very good condition. If there are any queries about the books on the list, please email Mrs Lees at kirsty.lees@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Year 11 and Year 13 students will be emailed clearance notification once all their books have been returned. Year 11 students who are intending to remain at SHS for 6th form will have their book deposits rolled forward for Year 12. All Year 13 students along with Year 11 students who intend to leave, will be able to collect their book deposit from the Finance Office but only once they have received their clearance email. Book deposits will not be released until a student has returned all their books and clearance is confirmed.

Thank you

Mrs Haunch, Mrs Neal and Mrs Lees

Careers Update

Year 11 and 13 students leaving us this year

When students leave the High School at the end of Year 11 or Year 13, we are required to provide information to the Local Education Authority about their destination. We work with students in school to ensure that they have a plan for their next steps. May I please ask parents and students to update us if plans change. We check the information we hold about students' plans on results days in August.

A simple way of enabling us to keep in touch is if students sign up to our Future First alumni platform. There are benefits for the students and for school if students do this. This short video summarises the key points - <https://vimeo.com/540601993>. We would really appreciate it if more students would sign up now. If Year 11 students are remaining with us for sixth form, they will be asked to sign up when they are in Year 13.

Careers of the future

I have attached an article from the Careers Writers Association which provides insights into careers of the future. It is an interesting read to understand where opportunities in future employment may be found.

Business & Finance Careers Insight Evening – 19th May 5-6pm

The company Young Professionals has organised a Business & Finance Careers insight event with leaders from Adidas, McDonalds, Pladis Global. The opportunity is open to students in Years 12 and 13. Please see the details in the advert below and here is the application link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CIMA-Event>



The poster is for a CIMA event. At the top left is the CIMA logo. To its right, the text reads 'Careers in Business & Finance Insight Evening Event 19th May, 5pm - 6pm'. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'Come and join us for a very unique evening event with some of the UK's most senior female business & finance leaders working for some of the biggest brands on the planet. Get an insight to what it's like working at Adidas, McDonald's & Pladis Global with a CIMA qualification!'. The bottom half of the poster features three logos with associated names and titles: Adidas with Lauren Beswick, Senior Manager Accounting, Adidas; Pladis with Lindsey Roberts, CFO, UK&I at Pladis Global; and McDonald's with Jennifer Sturch, GBS Finance, UK & Ireland McDonald's.

Alumni Articles (see attachment)

This week's alumni article is written by Hannah Lane who left the High School in 2020 and now works in the health and social care sector. Hannah knew that she did not want to apply to university and was extremely proactive about applying for apprenticeship roles whilst completing her studies in Year 13. I hope that all students find her article inspiring.

Support:

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

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