



# Spalding High School



## Weekly Bulletin 16.10.20

### **COVID Update:**

This week the PM announced the new Covid Alert levels of Medium, High and Very High. Lincolnshire currently has an alert level of Medium. However, we all need to be conscious that case numbers across the county are, like most places, rising and that we all want to keep everyone, including ourselves and loved ones, safe. We remain very grateful to our parents, carers and students for notifying us when there are suspected cases within households; please continue to do this. If you are at all unsure about the Government regulations for students attending school, feel free to contact us to discuss your questions. If in any doubt about your child's symptoms, do not send them to school, arrange a test if the symptoms are those of Covid and notify the School. If anyone in the household has symptoms of Covid, students need to self-isolate and not attend school.

### **A National Circuit Break:**

There is much discussion/speculation in the media about a national "circuit break", where we return to a degree of national lockdown in order to slow the rate of transmission. We do not know if the Government will decide to implement a national circuit break, but we think it best to start planning just in case and will send more details home about our Circuit Break Contingency Plan next week.

### **Local Restrictions:**

Under the Government's "CONTAIN" plan for schools, we have contingency plans in place should local restrictions be implemented (not the same as a circuit break). We will share these with parents and students during Term 2.

### **Microsoft Teams – A reminder to students:**

A great number of students have activated their Teams accounts. Teams is a great teaching tool and we predict using it long after the pandemic ends. If you have not yet done so, please, log on, download Teams and start to get used to it!

### **Careers Update:**

We have a number of students in the sixth form who are interested in careers in the police force. Lincolnshire Police have launched their current recruitment campaign this month that provides information and videos about joining the police and what the role involves. If students from any year group are thinking of a career in the police, it would be beneficial to have a look at the link below, even if they are not interested in applying for this particular force, or applying at this moment in time.

For sixth form students interested in applying to the Lincolnshire force, the closing date is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/about-us/join-us/police-officers/>

Mrs Bushell  
Careers Leader

### **Exams 2021:**

This week, the Secretary of State for Education announced that the 2021 examination season would be delayed by three weeks.

Currently the plan is for exams to start on 7<sup>th</sup> June and end on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July with results days for A Levels on 24<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The Government are currently consulting on these plans.

As a School, we suspect that the plans will continue to evolve (and change) over the coming months. We recognise that this uncertainty creates stress and anxiety. Our key message for all of our students due to sit exams next summer is "Keep going, keep working hard and don't worry. All you can do is your best and home and school will help and support you in achieving that, however and whatever you might be examined on next summer."

## #Helloyellow

As you know on Friday 9th October, we took part in #Helloyellow to raise money for the mental health charity Young Minds, in celebration of World Mental Health day. Over the last week, we wanted to raise awareness for mental health issues affecting young people and let them know they are not on their own. Some of the form time activities over the past week ranged from: a kindness challenge, #Helloyellow quiz as well as practising some mindfulness techniques. It was lovely to see so many students wearing yellow to celebrate this cause as a school. We are delighted to have raised £409.36. Many thanks again for your support!  
Mrs Hickman



### Year 11 news:

The Sixth Form Team are working hard to update all of the information for Sixth Form entry 2021, including a shiny new prospectus. We look forward to sharing this all with you mid-November in our virtual Sixth Form Information evening...Watch this space!

### Year 12 news:

The Year 12 virtual curriculum evening is still available to view and contains valuable information about how students can really make the most of their Sixth Form studies, how parents can support, progress and attainment reporting and careers support available. See the attached letter for the password and link.