



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

17th March 2022



COMIC RELIEF/ DEC UKRAINE APPEAL: NON-UNIFORM & CAKE SALE - FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022

We have had a wonderful set of Achievement Assemblies for each year group this week. 1593 certificates and awards have been presented to students for a range of achievements such as Excellents, Maths Challenges, Progress, Attainment, Contribution and being a Shining Star! The assemblies have given us the second opportunity this year to celebrate how hard our students work and how much they achieve across the subjects they study. I hope parents enjoyed receiving the In Touch message notifying you that your child received an award.

Well done also this week to those involved in the UKMT Maths Challenge, the U13 Football Team, our cross country runners, Trampoline finalists and last but not least, Libbie Machin 8S for another wonderful Maths Poster. We also had fun on Pi-Day (14th March) creating a massively long Pi paper chain for the Maths Department.

Tomorrow is our Comic Relief DEC Ukraine Appeal non-uniform day and cake sale. Please do join in and support these two important events.

Congratulations to Miss Lee on her permanent appointment as our new Head of Year 8. Miss Lee has been working with the year group since September and is over the moon to be taking them on their journey as they move up the School. When Mrs Neal returns from maternity leave she will assume pastoral responsibility for the current Y7 as they move into Y8.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



Please find attached a PDF Flyer (including a booking link) for the Easter Multi Sports and Creative Activities Course at **Spalding Rugby Club**.

On Monday, I had the pleasure of sharing with the current Year 8 that I will continue to be their Head of Year throughout their school journey to Year 11. I am excited to lead them through the next three years and help them to develop into independent, forward-thinking and community-minded young people.

Miss Lee, Head of Year 8

Parental drop off and collection

Can we again politely remind parents not to drop off/collect their children at the school gates and car park areas. Parents should arrange a location **away** from the School and neighbouring streets where their child can safely walk and meet them. The large area in front of the School is marked by zig zags and "buses only" road markings and should not be used for drop off. We have a number of unused bays in the bicycle racks if students wish to cycle to school.

We would like to request that you refrain from parking in the Matmore Gate car park as this causes congestion in the neighbouring roads and inconvenience to residents.

Thank you.

POLITE NOTICE
NO PARKING
IN THIS AREA

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 5th February 128 students from Year 9, 10, and 11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This national challenge aims to encourage students to think beyond the taught curriculum to solve complex and often bizarre-looking problems like:

“Farmer Fatima rears chickens and goats. Today she returned from market and said: “I sold 80 animals and now there are 200 fewer legs on my farm than before!” How many goats did she sell?”

Students who do well get rewarded with bronze (36 students this year), silver (23 students), or gold certificates (7 students), with special prizes for ‘Best in Year’ and the coveted ‘Best in School’.

Briony Sweeting (9J), Best in Year 9, says “The Intermediate Maths Challenge this year was very fun! It was definitely challenging and made us think, but it was immensely satisfying knowing you had solved a question”

The very best across the country qualify for the next round which is Pink Kangaroo (for Year 10 and Year 11) and Grey Kangaroo (Year 9). This year we have 11 students who qualified for the Kangaroos and will be sitting them on Thursday 17 03. We wish them good luck!

Well done to all of the participants!

Mrs Nowak



Pi Day 3.14 or 14th March 2022

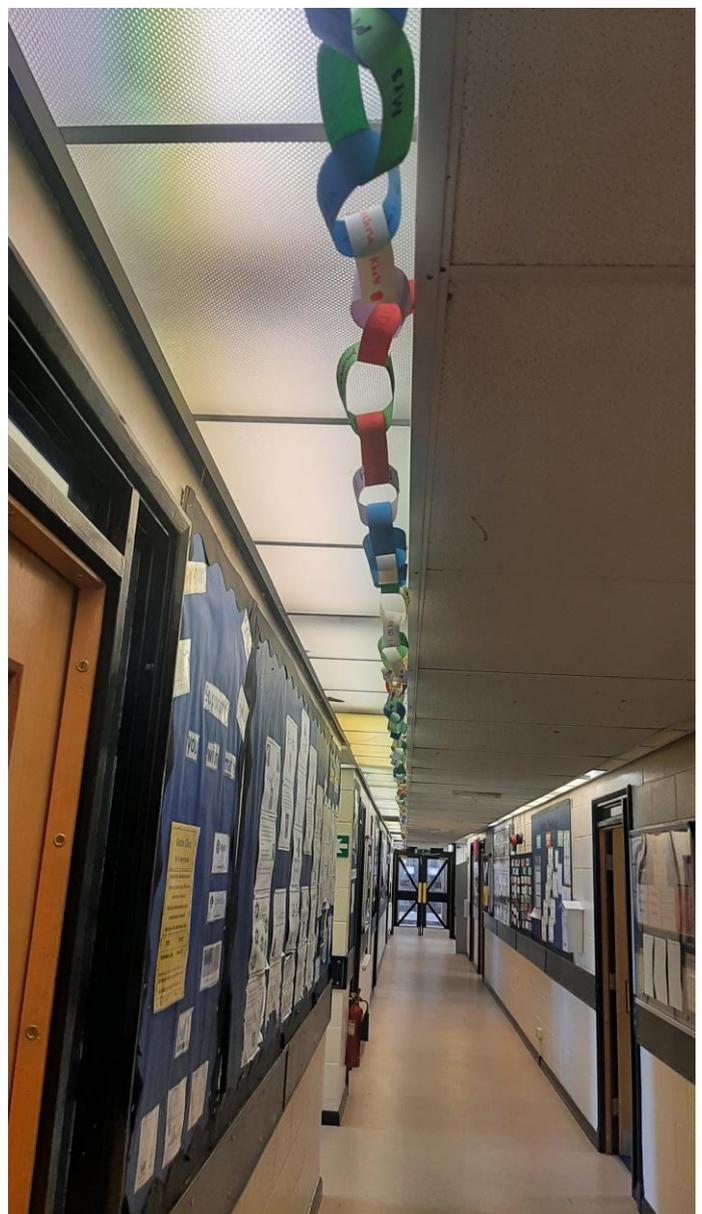
To celebrate Pi Day this year we created a Pi Day chain with loops of construction paper using a different colour for each of the 10 digits 0 - 9. Each coloured chain link represents a decimal place or a digit. Pupils came along to the hall at lunch and helped to build the chain by signing their name on the loop for their ordered digit.

Our Pi Day Chain reached the amazing of 314 loops and can be seen hanging along the Maths Corridor. Can you find your name?

Miss Chalcraft



Building Pi Day Chain



Pi Day chain in the corridor



Finished Pi Day Chain

How Maths Help People - Poster Competition

We have more news about the Poster Competition!

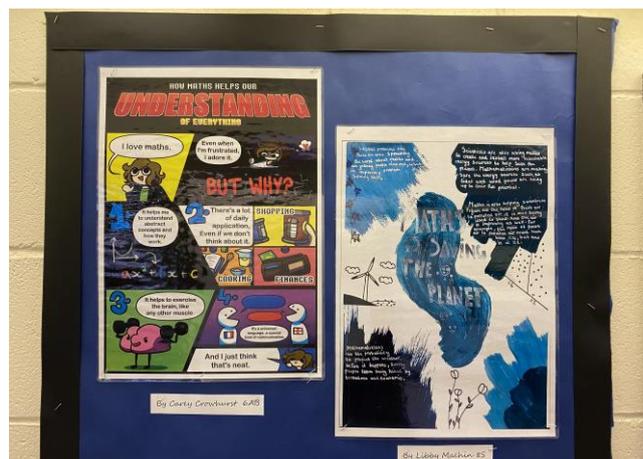
Congratulations to Libbie Machin 8S who has been announced the runner-up in the Year 7-8 category!

Libbie writes:

"When my Maths teacher put the competition up on Teams it rather appealed to me because I enjoy art and making it into something useful. I researched how Maths helps people and there are so many reasons that it was difficult to choose one in particular. This was when I realised that in the poster I should have a whole range of reasons why Maths is so useful in everyday life. It was fun finding out how it helps people so much and creating the poster was an enjoyment too. I am proud of what I have created and I hope that people will read the poster and learn many things from it!"

Well done Libbie!

Mrs Nowak



National Schools' Cross-Country Championship

What a year for cross country at SHS! This season concluded with a team relay which took place on Wednesday 9th March. Two teams placed fourth from different age categories. All runners that have represented the school this academic year have shown great resilience, aspiration and motivation. You have done yourselves and the PE department proud. This academic year six students qualified to represent Lincolnshire Schools. Evie and Lottie Hemmings were further selected to compete at the National Schools Championship due to take place on Saturday 19th March. Good luck to both runners. After Easter there will be more opportunities for runners to represent the school at athletics. Well done again to all runners!



SHS Trampolining National Finals

On 12th March 2022 Isobel Wilkins, Masie Doyle, Grace Manning and Isla Saterlay competed in the B.S.G.As Trampolining National Finals at the Kings School in Macclesfield. Everyone completed brilliant routines contributing brilliantly towards the team's placement of 4th place. Adding to the achievements, three countries participated in the competition, and they were England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Within the category (Y7-8 girls) there are two sections, they are teams and individual competition. Isobel, Masie, Grace and Isla were all part of the team and Isla got the chance to compete individually after qualifying through the last round individually. Out of the individuals Isla was a National Silver medalist (2nd place) and missed out on the Gold by 0.05 points.

Isobel was the first to compete out of everyone in the category and completed two brilliant routines. Also competing in the first flight was Masie, who also completed two great routines contributing greatly towards the team. Grace competed in the second flight and also completed two brilliant routines. Competing in the last flight was Isla who also completed two routines that got her to the individual podium.



Well done SHS trampolining team! - *The PE department*

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 18th March

For this year's Comic Relief Day, the Sixth form has organised a non-uniform day and big cake sale. All money raised will be split between Comic Relief and the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

We are asking students to bring in £1 to wear non-uniform and to donate homemade or bought cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. These cakes will then be available to the whole school at break and lunchtime for a small donation.

These events are optional, but we would like to encourage all students to get involved to support these extremely worthwhile charities.

Thank you

Mrs Ray and the Sixth form

COMIC RELIEF

Non-Uniform Day
Friday 18th

£1

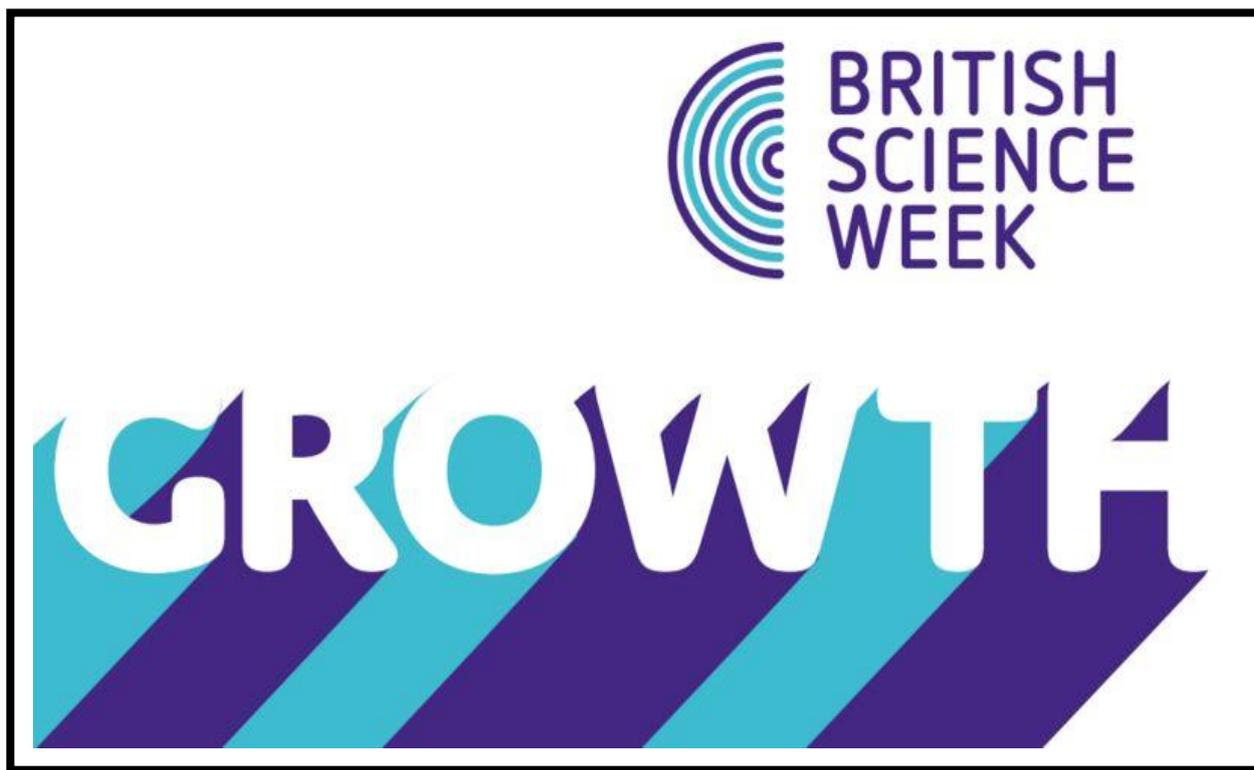
Cake Sale
in the main hall!!

**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

Careers Update

British Science Week - 11th-20th March



The organisers of BSW, the British Science Association, have chosen growth as the theme of the week as a way of reflecting on our experiences during the coronavirus pandemic.

'Smashing stereotypes' aims to encourage STEM employees and researchers to share stories about their day-to-day work and highlight the diversity of the STEM workforce, the extent of jobs and careers available, and that scientists are just like everyone else. Here are some of the stories that have been shared which offer interesting insights into various STEM careers:

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

Year 10 Work Experience – 4th-8th July

We are working to support students who have not yet been able to find a work experience placement for July. The deadline for handing in placement confirmation forms is 22nd April but students must not leave it until the Easter holidays to try to source a placement as it often takes a while for employers to respond to requests. Mrs O'Brien and I are available at lunchtimes in the careers office to support students.

Year 12 Work Experience 23rd – 27th May

Mrs O'Brien is currently liaising with employers to confirm placements and the complex administration involved in finalising placements is well underway. If your child has not submitted a placement confirmation form, they will be in school that week working on a programme of activities that I will oversee.

Year 12 - University Open Days

University open days start from now onwards into the autumn term. It is a good idea to do some research first to narrow down where you might want to go. Many open days are at weekends but not all. If you need to go during a school day, you need to fill in an orange educational absence form from reception and we ask students to try not to miss more than 3 days for open days per academic year. A good site to use is:

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

The individual university websites should also have adverts for open days. Students from younger year groups can also attend open days if they wish. Booking is required in advance.

Student Finance Applications for 2022 University Entry

Students in Year 13 who have applied for university for 2022 entry may now apply for Student Finance:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

Competition Time!

We have promoted opportunities with InvestIN in previous newsletters. InvestIN programmes offer students an immersive experience into a career through simulations, seminars, Q&A sessions with industry leaders and personalised career coaching. They are inviting students aged 12-18 to submit an image depicting their dream career with an accompanying caption. The image can take any form - a photograph, drawing, graphic design, or anything else - as long as it has been created by the student and clearly depicts the career of their dreams. Creativity is highly encouraged! **The deadline is Friday 8th April and students can enter now. There are some great careers related prizes to be won.**

<https://investin.org/blogs/news/careers-week-competition>

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities in the Easter Holidays

Springpod are offering a wide range of virtual work experience courses during the Easter school holidays. The programmes are free and many are available for students aged thirteen and over. Participation in such courses gives students a useful insight into varied career sectors such as psychology, engineering, dentistry, law, business, teaching, IT and many more.

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

Support:

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

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