



Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 17.09.20

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. The sun is still shining which means that students have been enjoying their outside zones this week and making use of the new picnic benches we have purchased. Students also seem to be adapting well to the new routines, year group bubbles, and bus arrangements, which is good to see. This week form tutors have been guiding students through the next Health and Safety briefing and Covid-FAQs, a new version of which was sent home yesterday.

Whatever your plans are for the weekend – enjoy the late summer sunshine!

Covid-19 FAQ

Our Covid-19 FAQ was updated following Government changes to the Stay At Home Advice and sent home to parents yesterday. Please keep a copy of this document for future reference.

Curriculum Evenings

Usually at this time of year we invite parents and students from Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 to visit school for our curriculum evenings. This year, due to health and safety considerations and social distancing measures in the light of Covid-19, the content from these evenings will be delivered remotely. **Parents of students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12, please see the attached letter for further details.**

Y10 Physics Challenge

The competition was run during lockdown and many Y10 students took part - several Y9 decided to accept the challenge as well.

This was a national Physics competition run by The Physics Olympiad Team through Oxford University. It asked a number of questions about a wide range of Physics situations, based on what we have learnt in lessons and general knowledge.

We had a large number of successful entries with 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 14 Bronze certificates being awarded. Many of the Y10 received their certificates before the summer break, while the others and Y9 have received them this week.

Congratulations to all of those who took part, the Physics department are really proud of all of you.

Mrs Gregory

H&S Update - Bus Windows

Students MUST leave the windows on the buses open for the duration of the journey.

Science is all around - Photo competition

There were many fabulous entries in this competition, thank you to everyone who took part. The Science department were delighted to look through them and read your fabulous scientific explanations. Every judge commented on the incredibly high standard of the entries and found it very hard indeed to choose their winners. In fact, it was so close, Mrs Anderson had to be the tiebreak judge!

Many of the wonderful photos will be enlarged and displayed around the Science department. We also hope to produce a 2021 calendar to sell to raise funds for new equipment for our department, so thank you for your contribution to that.

The results:

KS3 Winner: Sophie Lewis

KS3 Runner Up: Abbie Horspool

KS4 Winner: Maddie Harris

KS4 Runner up: Olivia Elsen

KS5 Winner: Sai Gayatri Sivakumar

KS5 Joint runners up: Florence Rudd and Wing Tang

The winning students have received their vouchers this week.

Mrs Gregory

STEM

As part of our careers programme in school, we look at STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. You may have seen the 'Stemettes' on our school Twitter feed during lockdown? If students are interested in STEM, the Stemettes website is worth investigating. In the 'Zine' section, there are profiles of women in a wide range of STEM careers, each describing their own career journey. There are many ideas for further research to be found here:

<https://stemettes.org/zine/category/profiles/>

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

News from Year 11.

11N are settling in well to the new systems in school and thoroughly enjoying the novelty of no homework...at the moment! They wanted to thank all the teachers too for being lovely! Our new form captain is Laura Santos and vice-captain Yan Yee Lin.

Mrs Hagon and Mrs Carthy

11P have made an enthusiastic return to school life, embracing the new normal and supporting each other throughout. This week saw the voting of our form and vice-captain. I am pleased to announce that Ishika Ghosh will represent the form as captain, and Molly Paxton will support her as vice-captain.

Miss Lee

A really positive start to the new year has been made by 11J and everyone has adapted quickly and positively to the changes within school. We have elected our form captain-Eleanor Mowbray, and our vice form captain is Jemima Dodd. Our school council representative is Bethany Walker. I look forward to working with our elected representatives and every student in 11J this year as they prepare for both their GCSEs and life beyond Y11. I am proud to be the form tutor to such an amazing group of students.

Mrs Martin

It is so good to see each other again after so long apart. Everyone has adapted really quickly to the new routines, and Y11 feels like more of a community now that we're all sharing a bubble instead of being spread out around the school. It's weird not being able to do some of the things we used to love doing, like singing Queen songs at the top of our voices! I am really proud of 11S, who have been so strong and kind throughout this year.

Miss Ashley

Hello year 11 - How lovely to be back and see you all again! It is my pleasure to announce Bel and Annie as form captain and vice-captain of 11C and this is what they would like to say to you: Hello fellow bubble-buddies - It's your new form and vice-captains of C here! Bel and Annie! Guess what? Demi got 1st, 2nd, 2nd and 3rd in horse riding at the weekend.

Mrs Jones

Homework

We will see a gradual and phased return to homework from Monday 21st September. For the next two weeks core subjects only (Y7-Y11) and thereafter we will have homework timetables/schedules for all year groups.

Two week cycle (Wk2 / Wk1) 21st September – Friday 2nd October

Y7-Y11

- **Core** subjects only – English, Maths, Science (Y7/8) / Bio, Chem, Phy (Y9-11) / RS Y9-11
- **One** piece per week – to be no more than 30 minutes in duration
- Application based tasks/practice content already taught / reading ahead
- Easy to self or peer mark and checked by staff
- At least three days to complete – preferably the week and definitely not less than three days.

Sixth Form

- Up to 90 minutes per subject, per week
- This is homework, which is not the same as work given for private studies/non-contacts
- Application based tasks/practice content already taught / reading ahead
- At least three days to complete – preferably the week and definitely not less than three days.