



Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 18.11.21

Whilst sitting reading the draft bulletin this week, I noticed that the Christmas cactus on my office windowsill has just come into flower – a sure sign that Christmas is on the way! The anticipation has been reinforced by reading that Year 7 have been primed this week for the annual Year 7 Christmas Tree Competition! Get making Year 7 – It is always a thrill to see the house themed trees being decorated whilst listening to Christmas songs in the hall.

Congratulations to Vanessa (9C), Izzy and Dolly (7J) and Natasha and Eden (7N); fantastic achievements all round. Thank you also to Henry, Georgie and Ocea for representing the School on Remembrance Day and to Tilly and Darcie (7P) for their excellent information item on Emmeline Pankhurst. Amazing MOG scores too! Well done everyone.

Further “Good news of the week” goes to Mrs and Mr Webb – See below!

Wonderful news!

Mrs Webb was safely delivered of a baby girl on Friday 12th November. Baby Webb weighed in at 7lb 1oz and mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Mrs Webb and her family.

Tech Block Canopy

We are very pleased that despite supply delays, the Tech Block canopy is finally arriving in school next week. The installation will take place over the course of Tuesday-Friday and we are hopeful that we are able to share some initial photographs in next week's bulletin.

Health and Safety: The installation company will section off part of the field adjacent to the Tech Block with a large fence. Students are NOT to enter the builders work space under any circumstances and must give due consideration to their health and safety when moving around that part of the school.

Year 7 House Christmas Tree Competition – Friday 3rd December at 1.15pm in the hall

Every year we hold a competition for Year 7 forms to decorate a Christmas Tree. We provide the 5ft tree, with lights; you have to decorate it with handmade decorations in your House colour.

The rules are simple:

- Handmade decorations only
- House colours to be used
- You have 20 minutes to decorate the tree
- Be in the hall ready to start at 1.15pm
- Mr Blackbourn to judge the competition at 1.35pm

The trees will then be placed around the School for all to see. Every form will gain House points that go towards the House Cup and the form with the winning tree will also receive a prize!

Please see Mrs Ray if you have any questions.

Good luck & get making!



First Aid and the medical room

With effect from this week, we are returning to our normal first aid/medical room procedures.

Students who need to use the medical room should notify their teacher in the first instance. The teacher will either send the student to the School reception with a friend or call for a first aider to attend them in their classroom.

If students need the medical room outside of normal lesson time, they should report to the School reception with a friend. Risk Assessment 7 has been updated to reflect this change and is available on the School website.

Achievement Assemblies

We have reviewed and made some changes to our achievement assemblies; these will continue to take place three times a year and are an opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the successes, hard work and dedication of our students. For each achievement assembly, every subject teacher will nominate four students from each of their classes to receive one of four awards. The awards are as follows:

1. **Progress** - "Awarded to the student who, based on their starting point, has made excellent progress."
2. **Contribution to learning environment** – "Awarded for full involvement in class or group activities, whilst having a positive impact on the learning of others."
3. **Attainment** – "Awarded to the student who has reached the highest standard overall."
4. **Shining Star** – "Awarded at the discretion of the subject teacher in recognition of academic achievement, progress, effort, good manners and/ or exemplary behaviour."

Excellent certificates, Community Awards and certificates gained through competitions, festivals and events will also be awarded at these assemblies so that we include all aspects of school life.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents/carers to these assemblies but we will inform you if your daughter/son has been nominated for an award.

The first assemblies will take place w/c 13th December.

Mrs Ray

Year 9 News

This week in 9C a member of our form, Vanessa Bulwa participated in the club champs competition which took place in the Hudson leisure centre in Wisbech. Vanessa achieved 3rd in 200m Butterfly and 4th in 200m Backstroke.



St Mary and St Nicolas Girls' Choir

We are recruiting!

If you would like to be part of the Girls' Choir at Spalding Parish Church then please come along to a rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon straight from school until 5pm. We ask for a commitment to come to rehearsals and sing in the choir for the Sunday Service at 10.30am. There are other social activities that are optional.

Email: Mary at girlschoir21@gmail.com if you would like more information.



Remembrance Day

On Sunday 14th November Georgie, Ocea and I represented the School to honour those who gave their lives for our freedom. We met in the Market Place for the annual Remembrance Day service. We then walked with the procession to Ayscoughfee Gardens, where the local war memorial is located. There is a great deal of history in Ayscoughfee too as it housed Belgian World War 1 refugees. We were all very proud to lay the School wreath to say thank you and remember those who lost their lives in previous conflicts.

We Will Remember Them.

Henry Wright



Year 7 News

7J Izzy Hurn ran in the North Midlands Run Under13 Girls on Sunday and came 12th out of 27 people.

7J Dolly Stevens taught herself to complete a French Plait after months of trying.

7N Natasha Smoczynska passed her blue belt in karate.

7N Eden Sole played netball for Bourne over the weekend and scored three goals.

Well done

7P Tilly Bagworth and Darcie Pennington have compiled an information page about Emmeline Pankhurst to share.

Emmeline Pankhurst

She was born Emmeline Goulden in Manchester on 15th July 1858. She was the eldest daughter of 10 children. Emmeline studied in the local schools and attended her first women's suffrage meeting at the age of 14.

In 1874 her parents sent her to Paris to study at Ecole Normale Supérieure which was a finishing school. She returned to Manchester in 1878 where she met Dr. Richard Pankhurst who was 44 years old when they met

THE "CAT AND MOUSE" ACT.

STATISTICS OF RESULTS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)
Of the prisoners dealt with, as far as the new Act for dealing with temperate prisoners is concerned, a calculation shows that 25 percent, sentenced according to the 25 years, two months, one week and that of the prisoners of the sentence which should in no case have been more than a third but actually been spent in prison.

In 1889, Emmeline founded the Women's Franchise League, which fought to allow married women to vote in local elections.

Emmeline was arrested on numerous occasions and went on hunger strikes herself, resulting in violent force-feeding. This led to the passing of the 'Cat and Mouse' Act in 1913 which released hunger strikers until they were fit and well enough and then re-arrested. In 1914 Emmeline turned to supporting the war effort. She campaigned for 40 years. She died on 14 June and is buried in Brompton Cemetery, London.



In 1879 at the age of 21, she got married. She had 5 children, 3 daughters and 2 sons, one of which died in childhood. Her husband died in 1898.

In 1903 she helped found the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) whose members became known as suffragettes. A WSPU member, Emily Davison was killed when she threw herself under the King's horse at the Derby in protest of women not being able to vote.



In 1918 a law was passed whereby married women over the age of 30 were allowed to vote.

Emmeline Pankhurst quotes

"Trust in God - she will provide."

"Justice and judgement is often a world apart."

"We are here, not because we are law-breakers; we are here for our efforts to become law-makers."

"The argument of the broken window pane is the most visible argument in modern politics."

"We have to free half of the human race, the women, so that they can help to free the other half."



Virtual Sixth Form Information Evening

Thursday 18th November

6pm-7pm

An Invitation for all Y11 students, parents and carers

We would be delighted if you would join us on Thursday 18th November at 6pm for our virtual Sixth Form Information evening where we will share with you what life is like as a Sixth Form student. We will provide information on the sixth form curriculum, the fabulous range of enrichment opportunities on offer, the application process and details of other forthcoming events. You will hear from key staff and some of our wonderful students.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest and receive a joining code for the evening. The meeting will be run as a Teams webinar. We look forward to seeing you there!

Careers Update

Work experience in Years 10 and 12

Students in both Year 10 and Year 12 are continuing to make progress in their research for work experience placements in 2022. For students in both year groups the voluntary contribution payment and reply slip are due in by 19th November please.

Saffery Champness 'Meet the Team' Event – 25th November 5.00-7.30pm

Saffery Champness would like to invite Year 12 and 13 students interested in a career in Accountancy or Tax to their Learn and Earn event on the evening of Thursday 25 November 2021. They are looking to raise awareness of alternative routes into the finance profession that exists within the city. Attached is a flyer with details of the event and a link to a video of one of their team talking about life as an apprentice.

Saffery Champness is a top 20 firm of Accountants and Tax Advisers. Their school leavers' programme offers an opportunity for students to develop valuable skills, work towards an ACA professional qualification, enjoy challenging hands-on work experience, learn from exceptional people whilst earning a full-time salary – straight from completing their A Levels. They are currently looking to recruit for their September 2022 positions and are looking for the opportunity to make talented students aware of the opportunity offered by a career in accountancy and tax.

Students and parents are invited to Saffery Champness' new hybrid office to gain an insight into the opportunities available to them post-A Levels, experience what it is like to work in an office environment and speak to apprentices about what a career in accountancy or tax can offer them. They also have speakers from The One Group to discuss the options available in the accountancy industry in the area and First Intuition to talk about the qualifications available in accountancy and tax and the reality of studying for professional qualifications.

University Courses

Our focus on lesser known degree titles for students and parents/carers to consider continues this week. A good starting point for research regarding university courses is the UCAS website:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>

Meteorology and Climate - This degree prepares students for work as a forecaster or research scientist at a national organisation, such as the UK Met Office, or a commercial company. Financial businesses are increasingly employing weather forecasters to advise traders of the possible outcomes of the weather on prices of commodities, and a number of graduates now work in this area. Students may decide to move into a career within environmental and physical sciences or mathematics, such as flood modelling or pollution prediction.

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/2021/meteorology-and-climate-ug/bsc-meteorology-and-climate>

Support:

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

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Mrs Bushell

Careers Leader

MOG Success

On 7th October, six students took part in The Maths Olympiad for Girls, organised by the UK Mathematics Trust.

The Maths Olympiad for Girls is a prestigious competition, open to girls and young women across the UK, and requires them to get to grips with five challenging problems in an exam scenario in 2.5 hours. It is a great opportunity for them to extend their Maths knowledge and skills. The UKMT runs the competition as a way of encouraging more young women to continue studying Maths beyond A level.

Our top-scoring student was Georgie Van Dyke who scored an amazing 82% and qualified for the next round of the competition: the British Mathematical Olympiad - an entry point to the training and selection program, preparing elite teams to represent the UK in the international competitions. Georgia was awarded a Certificate of Distinction.

Two Year 12 students, Genna Pogson and Hanna Rogers, who took part in this competition for the first time, received a Certificate of Merit, along with Jenifer Burke (Year 13). Molly Paxton earned a Certificate of Participation.

I would like to congratulate all of the participants. Well done!

Mrs Nowak