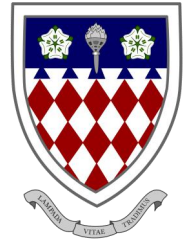


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

1st February 2024



It has been an exciting week for Year 11 this week. On Tuesday, students participated in the High School Taster Day and, together with transferees from other schools, experienced a range of lessons for subjects and courses they thought they might be interested in taking next year. The Common Room and Sixth Form Block were abuzz with students talking to each other and us about their experiences and what they had been doing which was very interesting to hear. Thank you to the Sixth Form Team and subject staff for organising an amazing day. Students have also attended the Grammar's Taster Day and together the schools offer a wide variety of post 16 academic progression routes so there is quite literally subjects to fulfil a range of interests. Some of the subjects are co-taught between the schools which is an exciting development because it not only protects the provision of some subjects that might otherwise be lost, but also enables students across the schools to work together collaboratively. The application process opens today and students will be making decisions about the courses they wish to study. Local colleges are also having their open days and it is important to explore the opportunities available there too. It is timely that next week is National Apprenticeship Week and students will find out more when Mrs Bushell, our Careers Leader, delivers assemblies across the school next week. There has been a significant growth in apprenticeships and Level 3 qualification routes in recent years and, again, these offer a clear progression route into a number of different fields. Good luck to Y11 next week as they embark on their GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsements.

Congratulations to the U14 Football Team who have secured a place in the final 16 for the Sisters In Sport National Cup – well done and good luck in the next round! Congratulations also to the School debating Team – what an amazing experience!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Student of The Week

Please find below the latest 'Student of the Week' nominations. Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
7J	Calleigh-Louise Carter	Mr Garbett	Music
7P	Hollie Payne	Mrs Dowson	English
7S	Rosie Repper	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
8C	Amelia Fletcher	Mrs Rogers	Geography
8J	Aliyah Mohamed	Miss McArthur	Religious Education
8J	Ella Skidmore	Mrs Tanner	Art
8J	Megan Ozga	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
8N	Jenna Jefferies	Mrs Aurikko	Community
9N	Lola Willson	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
9S	Dilan Yildiz	Mrs Knowles	French
9S	Giovanna Ramalho Gomes	Miss Parker	Physical Education
10J	Abbie Brooke	Mr Hempsall	History
10J	Inca Bernasconi-Brown	Mrs Aurikko	Biology
10N	Emily Matthews	Mrs Busfield	Physics
10P	Alexa Grant	Mrs Busfield	Community
10P	Tallulah Mills	Miss White	Physics
11C	Sheba Sunil	Mr Blackburn	Business
6AB	Synnove Dallas	Mrs Bushell	Community
6FM	Estelle Johnson	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
6FM	Izzy Hackett	Mrs. H Waldron	Religious Studies
6JL	Eve Inman	Miss Pettefar	English
6LH	Isabelle Hicks	Mr Love	Law
6LM	Olivia Harris	Miss Bailey	German

Week 6 - Challenge #6 - Answer

Here is the answer to the Challenge the Parent question from last week's Bulletin

Working	Answer
12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 72,...	25.80

Did you get it right?

Week 7 - Challenge #7

Solve

$$x + 2y = 3$$
$$x - y = 6$$

$x =$

$y =$

Good Luck!

PE News

U14 Football

On Monday 29th January, the U14 football team travelled to the King's High School, Warwick for another round of the Sisters in Sport National Cup. Although we started the game very slowly, the team led 1-0 at half time after a brilliant goal by Darcey Grundy. Some poor decision making in our 18 yard box led to a deflected equaliser. Abi Wright then scored soon after to put us back in the lead, with the win secured by a fantastic goal kick from Katie Bonarius received and slotted into the back of the net by Lily Wadsley. The team now progress into the final 16, with our opponents not yet confirmed.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



PE/ Art Competition

As part of the national 'Schools Big Football Week' there is a competition to Design Your Own England Shirt. A winning design will be selected from one primary school pupil and one secondary school pupil nationally.

The winning entries will not only be shared across the English Schools' FA and Pro:Direct social channels, but the winning designs will be made into genuine football shirts and presented to the pupils that created them. Using Pro:Direct's creative software, they will recreate the designs and make them into a SFW shirt for two lucky school pupils to be proud of. The winning entries will get a free pair of boots of their choice from prodirectsoccer.com and the winning schools will also receive a £500 Pro:Direct voucher to support the provision of schools' football and incentivise more pupils to get involved.

Entries are to be printed and handed into the PE office by the end of the day on 8th February, to be entered into the national competition. We will also be running our own SHS competition and there will also be a prize for the best design by a Spalding High School pupil.

Please see the design template attached to the bulletin to download, print and complete.

Miss Magnus, PE Department

English News

Y11 AQA GCSE English Language Spoken Language Endorsements



Week commencing 05.02.24

For the attention of all Year 11 students.

Please be aware of your allocated date, day and time for the Spoken Language Endorsement Examinations.

Timings are tight - you need to be outside the Conference Room 5 minutes before your group time; you must wait outside, in silence, until you are invited into the room by the examiner and the invigilator.

Please be reminded that:

- You should be dressed smartly, according to uniform regulations.
- You must take a deep breath and speak in a slow measured and controlled manner to deliver the best presentation.
- You can do this!

Our examiner is a really lovely gentleman, Mr Guillatt, a former Head of English - he will put you at your ease - you will enjoy the experience and feel euphoric when it is over!

Mrs Lord, Head of English

Y10 Poetry Live! Nottingham Theatre Royal

On Monday 29th January, we went to the Royal Theatre and Concert Hall in Nottingham to watch live poetry readings from poets who have published work in our poetry anthologies. It was a very fun day, and it was interesting to see and hear poems read out which we have recently studied.

My favourite poet was John Agard as he was very inspirational.

Lexie King 10S

SHS Fundraising News

Well done to 10P for raising **£165.26** for the Salvation Army by hosting cake and cultural food stalls just before Christmas.



Fundraising Department

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26 January 2024

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Dear Friends

I'm writing to say a massive thank you for your Christmas donation of £165.26 to The Salvation Army on behalf of Spalding High School, raised by form 10P and their wonderful cake and cultural food stalls. Your kindness and thoughtfulness at this special time mean so much, and I want you to know how grateful we are.

Christmas really is our busiest time both as a church and as a charity, but to be honest, we wouldn't want it any other way. An essential part of what we do is to ensure that as many people as possible experience the joy of Christmas, and in particular, the community members who really need our practical support the most - isolated individuals, families struggling to make ends meet and people who have no home or no one to care.

Be assured your Christmas gift will bring peace and joy, goodwill and kindness, warmth and smiles to people in need. Whether it is a children's party, a food parcel, a home visit or getting somebody off the streets, thanks to you, this Christmas will be more memorable and more joyful for someone who relies on us.

As you read this letter, I hope you feel truly appreciated and warmed by the absolute sincerity of my thanks to you.

You are a true friend to us here in The Salvation Army, and I am so very grateful. Thank you again for thinking of us and thinking of others at this special time.

With sincere best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant
On behalf of The Salvation Army

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Class News

8N delivered an excellent assembly on Tuesday morning on Florence Nightingale. Parents and carers should be very proud as many of them spoke in front of the whole year group, after researching the contribution Florence Nightingale made to mathematics and nursing. Stand out performances from Jenna Jefferies, Olivia Ward, and Maddison Cripps. Florence Numa impressed us with her beautiful piano playing. Ruby Spicer, Ruby Coupland and Gracie Lawson used their creative skills to make 'fake wounds' to highlight the fact that Florence Nightingale recognised many soldiers were dying of infection and would benefit from clean dressings. They put together a very lively re-enactment to make the point!

Well done to all of 8N from Mrs Aurikko.



Sixth Form News

Question Time

After a short application, I received a ticket to go on BBC Question Time in Peterborough on Thursday 18th January 2024. When the day arrived, I had a chance to ask a question but unfortunately mine didn't make it onto the TV! Fiona Bruce came and spoke to us about what would happen and then we went in and took our seats, mine was right at the top but I could still see everything and I found it interesting to see how all the cameras and microphones work behind the scenes. The questions that were asked included issues about the Rwanda scheme, Donald Trump, and private healthcare. I thought the panellist Hashi Mohamed had the best answers but that might just be because I generally agreed with him, although it was still good to hear the arguments of the other panellists. If you ever get the chance to go on Question Time I would definitely recommend it, I had a great time.



Penelope Baxter 6LH

MESME

MESME stands for Mathematics Education for Social Mobility and Excellence. As MESME mentors we strive to aid students at various levels of mathematical ability in how they approach problems that are different to those they may learn in class. We enable students to be more adventurous and think outside the box during their weekly session, which will aid them both inside the classroom and out. We encourage students to work together and help explain their solutions to one another, which is shown to be effective for memory retention, while also allowing them to have fun. We are proud to be MESME mentors and look forward to the coming weeks and months where we will work hard with Year 7 students to deliver what 'MESME stands for'.

MESME takes place every Monday lunchtime. If you would like to join, please email Mrs Nowak.

Sixth Form MESME Mentors



Cambridge Regional Debate Competition

On Saturday 27th January, myself and three other members of Debate Club went to Cambridge to compete in our first debate competition, with another members there to watch and learn what the experience is like. Beforehand, we were all unsure of what to expect and were daunted by how ornate the building was but we soon felt at ease. We were in teams of two, with myself and Penny Baxter on Team Debatable and Sakina Walji and Ellie Griffin on Team Ad Infinitum. As our teams, we competed in four debates on education, parenting, the environment and social issues. During the debates, we took up different positions in "Parliament", being on either the "Government" or "Opposition" side of the debate. There were four teams in each debate, and between the two teams neither finished below 3rd in a debate. In the overall standings of 56 teams, Debatable finished 7th, only six points behind the 1st place team, with Ad Infinitum in 31st position. As individuals, we also fared incredibly well. I finished 16th out of 112 competitors, only seven points off 1st position. Penny placed 28th only two points behind, with Sakina in 64th and Ellie in 74th. Overall, it was a brilliant experience for all of us.

We would love to have more people from Years 10-13 join us! You don't have to want to compete to participate in our weekly meetings. We meet at 1pm on Monday in Lab 2, so hopefully we'll see some of you there soon!

Roisin Williams 6AF



Careers Update

National Apprenticeship Week 5th-11th February

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and there will be assemblies for each year group from local external providers who offer training programmes.

For parents/carers to find out more about apprenticeships, a useful guide can be found here:

[National Apprenticeship Week - parent guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](http://theparentsguideto.co.uk)

Apprenticeships at Caterpillar, Peterborough

Vacancies are now open for students interested in pursuing apprenticeships. Please also see the attachment for more information.

[Jobs - Do the Work that Matters | Caterpillar Careers](#)

Lincolnshire Talent Academy – Aspiring Nursing Event

The Lincolnshire Talent Academy are holding two open events in February for students and their parents/carers to find out more about a career in nursing. Please see the attachment for details.

For monitoring purposes, could students please let me know if they register to attend.

University of Lincoln – Open Event for Year 11 students and Parents/Carers

The University of Lincoln is holding an open event for Year 11 students and their parents/carers on 28th February on campus from 5.00-7.00pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for students and parents/carers to find out more about university life, meet staff and see the campus buildings and accommodation. Many of our students apply to university in Lincoln and some choose to live at home and commute. The outreach staff are very supportive and this is an exciting new initiative which hopefully students and parents/carers will find useful and insightful. Please see the attachment for registration details.

Support:

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

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Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader



KEEP CALM
AND
HELP
YOUR HQ

The HQ meets weekly in the Sixth Form Study
Room:

Week 1 Wednesday 1.05pm

Week 2 Thursday 1.30pm