



Spalding High School



Weekly Bulletin 21.07.21

Here we are at the end of the academic year looking forward to sunny weather and seemingly endless days to fill with as much or as little as we like! Everyone is looking just a little bit tired and frayed at the edges, but Sports Day on Friday was a real tonic and just what we all needed. Smiles and laughter all around and according to Mr Farrell, the best Mexican waves we have ever had! Thank you to our marvellous PE Department (and helpers) for organising the day. The newsletter is jam packed with information, photographs and results and well done to the Sixth Form Prefect team for their help on the day and also writing the reports you are about to read.

Sadly today we also say goodbye to several colleagues. Mrs Seidel is leaving us having taught in the German department since Christmas. We wish her well for the future. Dr Wright also leaves us, having covered Mrs Busfield's maternity leave in the Biology department. He has settled into both the department and School with ease and will be much missed by us all. Today Mrs Coates retires from the Mathematics department. Mrs Coates started at the High School in 2003 and has taught hundreds of students maths over the years and we will all miss her humour and wit. We wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement enjoying all the hobbies and plans that she has made. At half term Mrs Somers, Our School Business Manager retired after 25 years in post. Her responsibilities over that time extend across every aspect of finance, personal and admin; everything from paying the weekly milk bill to overseeing the whole school budget! Thank you Mrs Somers for your amazing years of service to the School and we all hope you are enjoying your retirement!

The whole school community has truly impressed this year. Students, staff and parents have risen to each new challenge and change with resilience and fortitude. Thank you all for your hard work, commitment and support. Now go and enjoy the sunshine and summer and have a well-earned rest!

Student Testing over the summer holidays

Wednesday 21st July will be the last day of student LFD testing this term. The Government have said students do not need to complete twice weekly LFD tests over the holiday. They have also asked schools to complete two on-site LFD tests with students upon their return to school in September. In order to complete this, schools have been given permission to stagger the start of term. Please see the important letter sent home with the bulletin this week and the schedule table on the back page of this bulletin.

Parental Notification of Positive Student Cases over the Summer Holiday

Please find attached the details for how to notify the School of positive Covid cases. Please keep the document safe for future reference.

Draft School Calendar

Please find attached the Draft School Calendar for 2021/22. It is also available on the school website for future reference.

Risk Assessments

The High School Draft Covid Risk Assessments for September are on the School website for parents and students to view. These are based on the current advice to schools for the September term and are subject to change if the DfE or Government issue new advice before the start of the new academic year. We will confirm the risk assessments with parents in September.

School Uniform

Please see the attached school uniform list in preparation for September. Please only buy uniform items that comply with this dress code.

Can we please stress that trousers must be tailored and of the correct length – not ankle grazers. Shotbowl have an additional range of navy slim fit school trousers that we have approved.

SPORTS DAY

Last Friday saw the first major school event since the start of the pandemic. It was great to see so many happy faces and a real community feel experienced by all. The Mexican waves were definitely the best we've ever experienced! Noteworthy achievements included a new school record for Evie Hemmings in the Y8 1500m with a time of 5 minutes 33 seconds. A lightning fast 100m sprint in a time of 11.72 sec from 6th former Lewis King and each Y10 form winning the best banner competition.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of Y8s missed the event but we hope to offer some form of mini sports day when they all return in September. As a result, most of the Y8 points will be added to the final scores in September. However, congratulations go to Pankhurst in Y7, Nightingale in Y9, Johnson in Y10 and Pankhurst again in the 6th form for winning their respective year group sports day. Overall, including individual participation points for each event attended, only 31 points separate first and last place. Currently, Pankhurst lead with 259 points, closely followed by Johnson (245 points), Nightingale (243 points), Currie (231 points) and Sharman (228 points). Below are the overall results (individual results for each year group are attached):

<u>Sports Day Results winning points</u>									
		Curie	Johnson	Nightingale	Pankhurst	Sharman			
Year 7	Points	26	25	28	37	34			
	Position	4	5	3	1	2			
Year 8	Points	3	11	9	3	4	Overall Sports Day positions		
	Position	4	1	2	4	3	<small>(includes points for individual participation)</small>		
Year 9	Points	18	35	47	20	43	Position	House	Points
	Position	5	3	1	4	2	4TH	C	231
Year 10	Points	32	38	27	27	23	2ND	J	245
	Position	2	1	3	3	5	3RD	N	243
Year 12 Girls	Points	21	16	9	22	6	1ST	P	259
	Position	2	3	4	1	5	5TH	S	228
Year 12 Boys	Points	1	1	1	2	1			
	Position	2	2	2	1	2			
Total Points		101	126	121	111	111			
Final Positions		5	1	2	3	3			

Thank you to everyone involved on the day for making it such a special occasion.

The PE department



The highlight of the week for many was most definitely Sports Day. Being delayed until Friday worked out very much in our favour, as the weather was lovely for an afternoon outdoors. In order to preserve the bubble system, this year we sat around the track in our year groups as opposed to our houses. However, this most certainly didn't affect the community spirit and supportive feel that I have always remembered Sports Days to have. Alongside the friendly rivalry between houses, the support and cheering for the track competitors is always so wonderful to experience. Each year group had their house chants perfected and as always, there were so many creative entries in the banner making competition.

It was the first real opportunity we have had this year for the whole school to come together as one, and the friendly, community feel of the event was so evident throughout the afternoon. For Year 9 and above it was great to experience a sense of normality, like the sports days we remember so fondly, and for the Year 7 and 8s, I'm sure it was a fantastic opportunity to really feel like part of the close-knit SHS community. I'm sure that I can speak on behalf of the whole Prefect Team when saying that we thoroughly enjoyed organising and running the tuck shops for each year group and are eager to bring the whole school together for lots more events in the next academic year. The past few weeks of planning and organising our first big event have been so exciting for the Prefect Team, and it was so rewarding to see it all come together in such an enjoyable afternoon.

One particularly exciting part of this year's Sports Day was the introduction of records for the sixth form. I'm certainly not a runner, so never would have thought that I would one day be the 100m record holder! Despite losing to Henry at the hurdles, I will certainly remember this Sports Day as a fantastic end to one of the most challenging yet rewarding years of my time at Spalding High School.

Georgie Van Dyke
Senior Student



As an external student I felt humbled to be part of the School's Sports Day. I felt like I was part of the school community, and the atmosphere was made greater still with the fantastic weather. This was the first school event with the whole school in person since the start of the pandemic, adding to the sense of whole school camaraderie. The glorious team spirit was abundant and evident throughout. I would like to thank the entire school community for making this event possible. I am very proud of how the senior students and prefect team organised the tuck shops. Thank you to everyone who purchased from the tuck shops, we raised a fantastic amount for the School.

Henry Wright
Deputy Senior Student

Sports Day was an incredibly exciting project for the new school Prefect Team. We were eager to make the day as memorable as possible, with it being one of the first in-person whole school events since the beginning of the academic year. The Prefect Team underwent a careful planning process to ensure we were considerate of Covid regulations and student/staff safety. We ran a tuck shop for each year group; selling drinks, sweets and ice-cream for the duration of the day's events. With the weather turning hotter, the ice-creams were literally a sell-out but we were soon able to top them up to keep the School cool! Congratulations to this year's winners and well done to everyone who took part to help make the day as enjoyable as it was.

Lucy Carter
Deputy Senior Student

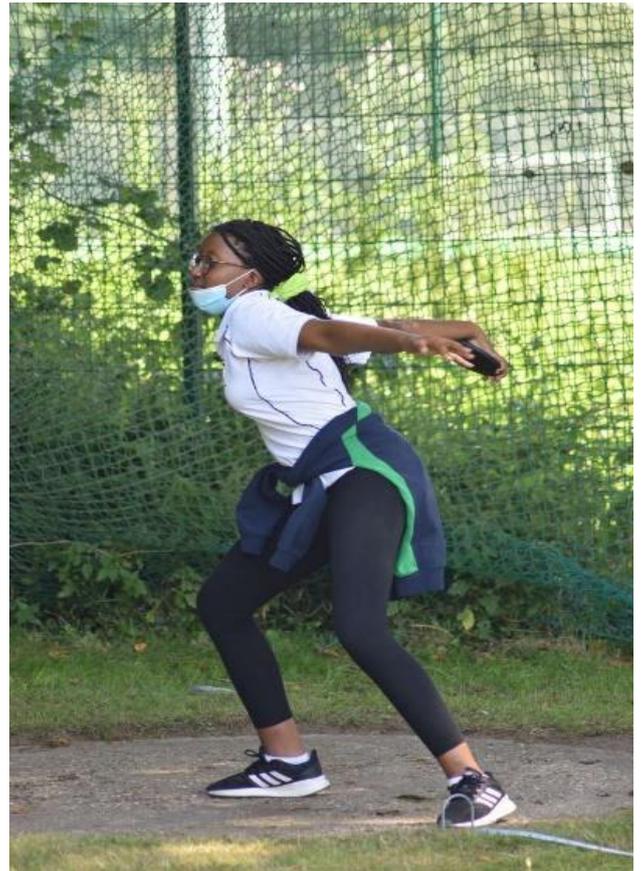


2021 sports day has definitely been like no other, from organising and setting up to sitting in our individual year groups! Even though it's been different it's still been just as fun and enjoyable as any other year, the students have still been as joy filled and excited along with teachers too. Definitely a year to remember!

Amy Naylor
Prefect

On the 16th of July, I had the pleasure of helping out with Sports Day. Not only was the weather amazing, but everyone's attitude and participation made the day very memorable. Friday was a day to be reminded of the opportunities we missed last year because of COVID, despite everyone sitting in their year groups instead of houses; it was amazing to have the School together as one. Throughout the morning, the A-Level PE students helped with the field events by scoring and arranging the students in to their houses and it was fantastic to see how many students took part in these events. As well as the PE students, the sixth form Prefect Team and other students who wanted to help, set up the stalls ready for the afternoon, without them the afternoon wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did. Students spent the afternoon in their years, cheering for their houses and performing the best Mexican wave Mr Farrell and Mrs Anderson had ever seen! Being able to sit in the sun (and not getting too sunburnt!), whilst cheering for your houses was a perfect way to end the school year.

Jess Burton
Prefect



House Banner Competition

Congratulations for all of the wonderful house banners that were on display at Sports Day. Here are the results again (they were announced on the day too!):

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
Joint first	7J & 7S	1 st	8P	1 st	9C	1 st	10C
3 rd	7C	2 nd	8N	2 nd	9N	2 nd	10P
4 th	7N	3 rd	8C	3 rd	9S	3 rd	10S
5 th	7P			4 th	9J	4 th	10N
						5 th	10J

There were also three overall prize winners:

7J "Tremendous 3D textures and a sky of wool!"

7S “Beautiful rockets and colours”

8P “Wonderful 3D Olympic rings in the house colours”

And finally a special mention for all of Year 10 and their many biological references and making me laugh.

Well done to everyone for their tremendous efforts.

Mrs Waldron
Deputy Head

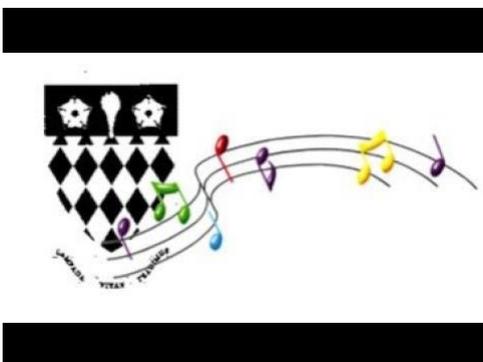


Virtual Summer Concert 2021

Here is our Virtual Summer Concert for 2021, The concert is our largest virtual concert and has been 6 months in the making, huge congratulations to all the musicians involved! I am so very proud of you all! Hope you all enjoy the concert.

Mr Garbett – Head of Music

<https://youtu.be/sNGFpuZlclE>



[SHS Virtual Summer concert 2021](#)

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SHS Staggered start Term 1 September 2021

MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	9-9.10am	9.20-9.30am	9.45-9.55am	Aiming for...
Year 11	Bus students	11C and 11J	11N and 11P	11S	After testing, in form time for rest of P1 and P2. Subject lessons P3 onwards.

MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	10.15-10.25am	10.35-10.45am	10.55-11.05am	Aiming for...
Sixth Form	Bus students	Surname A - G	Surname H - R	Surname S - Z	After testing, in form time for rest of P2 and P3. Subject lessons P4 onwards.

TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	9-9.10am	9.20-9.30am	9.45-9.55am	Aiming for...
Year 10	Bus students	10C and 10J	10N and 10P	10S	After testing, in form time for rest of P1 and P2. Subject lessons P3 onwards.

TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	10.15-10.25am	10.35-10.45am	10.55-11.05am	Aiming for...
Year 9	Bus students	9C and 9J	9N and 9P	9S	After testing, in form time for rest of P2 and P3. Subject lessons P4 onwards.

WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	9-9.10am	9.20-9.30am	9.45-9.55am	Aiming for...
Year 8	Bus students	8C and 8J	8N and 8P	8S	After testing, in form time for rest of P1 and P2. Subject lessons P3 onwards.

WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

	8.30-8.55am	10.15-10.25am	10.35-10.45am	10.55-11.05am	Aiming for...
Year 7	Bus students	7C and 7J	7N and 7P	7S	After testing, in form time for rest of P2 and P3. Subject lessons P4 onwards.