



# Spalding High School

## Weekly Bulletin 21.10.21



Here we are at the end of Term 1 already! Year 7 and our new Year 12 have already completed seven weeks in school and have settled in remarkably well. It has been a term that continues to present Covid related challenges and I know how difficult students have found it to find themselves learning from home again when they have tested positive. Like most schools, the number of positive cases we have recorded has already been far higher than that we have seen before. However, things do seem to be improving (touch wood) and I am hopeful that after half term we will be able to take yet more steps towards “normality”. I know that in the past twenty months I have congratulated our students on their strength, fortitude and resilience during the pandemic and this continues to be the case. As you know from earlier newsletters this term many aspects of school life have returned to normal and we have enjoyed many extra-curricular activities, clubs and sports. It has been amazing to hear the choir and see the inter-school sports fixtures on the courts and field again, together with charity events and school activities. We are all looking forward to continuing with this next term, but in the meantime, let’s first look forward to a restful break next week. Enjoy the holiday!

### Testing

The Government have advised that twice weekly testing continues during the half-term holiday. Therefore, students should test on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October and report to the NHS and on Teams; Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October report to the NHS only as no Teams assignment will be set. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October you should test, report to the NHS **and** submit to Teams in readiness for returning to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

If you test positive in the holidays, please email [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) and [covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk).

Have a great half-term.

Kind regards

**COVID-19 Testing Team**

### Reporting student positive PCR over the October Half Term

Hopefully everyone will have a healthy and happy holiday, however, if a student does test positive for Covid over the holidays, please follow the steps below:

- Organise a confirmatory PCR test asap.
- Send an email to [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) and [covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:covid.testing@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk) asap to confirm a positive PCR result.
- Include your name, date of birth, form group on the email together with when your symptoms started and when your PCR test was taken and the result received.
- If the positive PCR result occurs on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October please also include your school based close contacts on the email too.
- We will be back in touch with you via the enquiries email to see how you are doing and confirm the date you will be returning to school.

Staff will monitor the enquiries email for close contact details until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### WINTER UNIFORM

All students in Years 7 – 11 must return to School after the half term holiday in **Winter Uniform**. The full School Uniform list is on pages 48- 50 in the students’ planners and the following reminders are relevant to the winter uniform:

- COAT: A coat of a plain dark colour.
- BLOUSE: Plain long-sleeved white blouse, tucked into skirt/trousers at all times.
- SCHOOL TIE: Separate styles of tie are available for KS3 (Years 7-9) plain maroon and KS4 (Years 10-11) navy with maroon stripes.

## Year 7 News

Well done to our Year 7 students who are approaching the end of their first term at Spalding High School. They have made a positive transition and are a great asset to the school. I hope they enjoy a restful break.

The **Year 7 Curriculum Evening** is still available via the link sent to parents/carers last week. Please take the time to view if you have not done so already. I would be grateful to receive your feedback via the link provided.

### **Y7 Weekly Achievements:**

#### **Maths**

19 Year 7 students achieved an “excellent” for taking part in the KS3 extra maths challenge and working out the correct answer of 32. The next challenge has now been released and is due on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Good luck!

#### **7N**

Amber Fleming took part in a Facebook live dance show for a festival over the weekend.

Nikita Rudd took part in a black belt seminar for Taekwondo.

#### **7J**

Holly Bignell took her five-year-old pony to the Burghley Eventer Trial and she qualified for the Spring Festival.

Olivia Mumby-Croft earned her first aid badge at Guides.

7J are looking forward to half term. Here are some of the activities that they will be getting up to! Lilah is going to Cornwall, Darcey and Ruby are playing in a match for Peterborough United, Olivia is going to Italy, Sophie is going to Shrek World, Oana is having a Halloween Party, Alice is climbing the O2 arena in London, Holly is going to Norfolk and Izzy will be helping her Mum to celebrate her birthday.

Mrs Schwarz

## Year 11

I am leaving this week to go on maternity leave and so Mrs Waldron will take excellent care of you as your Head of Year from next term. Your fantastic form tutors will remain your first point of contact each day and will support you throughout this next year. Unlike in years 7-10, where you have had the additional support from Mrs Jarvis, now that you are in Year 11, Mrs French is your Pastoral Support Coordinator. Mrs French works alongside Mrs Waldron and the 6<sup>th</sup> form team to provide emotional and pastoral support. Last, but by no means least, you are fortunate enough to have Mr Blackburn overseeing everything, as our Assistant Head Teacher in charge of the Senior School. All that remains is for me to say goodbye and wish you all the best. A year group, full of talent, intelligence, hope, individuality and character. All full of potential with such big hearts and bright futures ahead of you. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you. I wish you all the best of luck over this year and all the best for your next steps post GCSEs.

Take care, Mrs Hickman.

## Careers Update

### Year 13

Students have an internal school deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> November for handing in UCAS applications, please, unless they have made me aware of any issues and have negotiated an extension to the deadline.

### Year 11

Interviews with Mrs Gilman, our independent careers adviser, are continuing over the coming weeks. Students must continue to check their school email accounts regularly for notification of their appointment time. If students are absent from school on the day of their appointment, could parents/carers please tell the receptionist that their child will be missing their appointment when they phone in to notify school of the absence so that a student from the reserve list can be notified as soon as possible.

## University Courses

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

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

**Materials Science** - Materials scientists apply principles of engineering, physics, and chemistry to study existing materials and invent and manufacture new materials. Their work has broad applications to solving real-world problems and affects our health, clothing, cars, homes, appliances, computers, the roads we drive on, the planes we fly in, and the sports we play.

Here is an example of a Materials Science and Engineering degree at the University of Sheffield:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/materials>

The Uni Taster Days website also has a webinar recording about Materials Science:

<https://youtu.be/lrVBq-iYaZ0>

### Support:

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

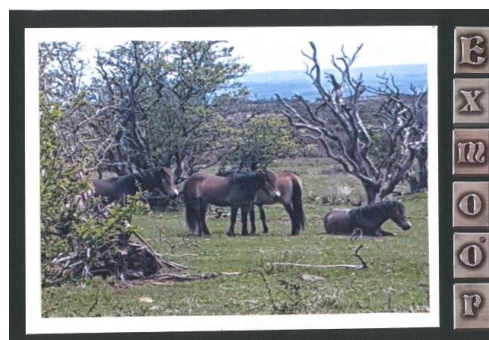
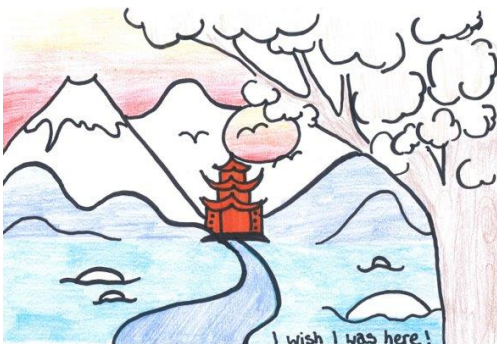
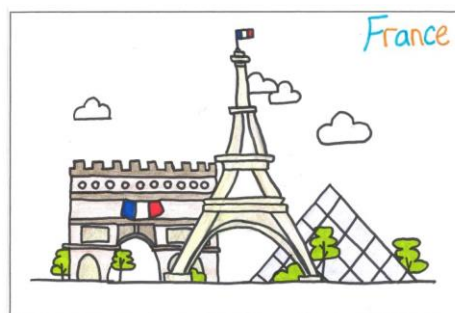
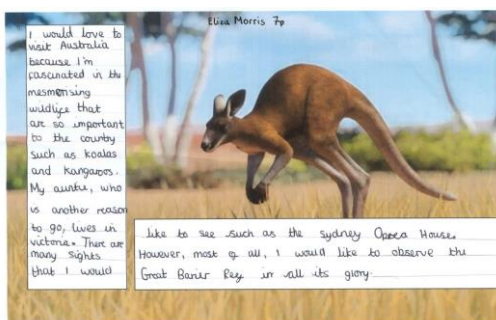
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Mrs Bushell - Careers Leader

## Y7 Summer Postcard Challenge

Over the summer holidays 59 students took up the challenge to write and design a postcard telling the Geography Department where they would like to go on holiday and why they would like to go there. We had some amazing postcards submitted containing some fantastic reasons about why they would like to visit their chosen place and the pictures that were included made us wish we were on holiday again. In the end two winners were chosen from each form, with the overall winner being Pela Tian-Wright 7S with her postcard on Japan. Well done Year 7 geographers.



Mrs Bennett, Miss Lee and Mrs Rogers