



# Spalding High School



## Weekly Bulletin 24.06.21

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh students who have continued to volunteer despite lockdown – it was wonderful to receive our certificate this week. We have had other exciting news this week in terms of Sports Day. Schools have been given the green light to hold a Covid secure Sports Day and Mr Farrell, Mrs Ray and the PE department are on the job and planning is underway. Also great news that we also have another virtual concert to look forward to which I am sure will be just as good as our last two.

### Careers Update

**Springpod** — <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience>

Springpod offers virtual work experience opportunities and many High School students have already completed one of the experiences on offer to gain greater insight into a career sector and to add the experience to their CV. There are sessions available during most school holidays and the sessions are flexible to work around a student's availability. Students need to register for the sessions and there is a choice of courses starting on 2nd August. The sign-up deadline for registering for most summer courses is 26th July. The experiences are free and available for 14–19-year-olds. Please check the website for what is on offer and application deadlines. Please could students let me know if they register for an experience and are successful in gaining a place.

### **Year 12 – Personal Statement Writing**

Year 12 students have been asked to draft personal statements this term in readiness for applications to universities, apprenticeships and employment roles in the autumn term. I have had many interesting conversations with students about their future plans and would encourage parents/carers to continue discussions about this at home. Students also need to book university open day experiences, whether they are virtual or in person events. If a student is not entirely sure on course choice, I would recommend that they attend an open day, as this may help in the decision-making process.

### **Support:**

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

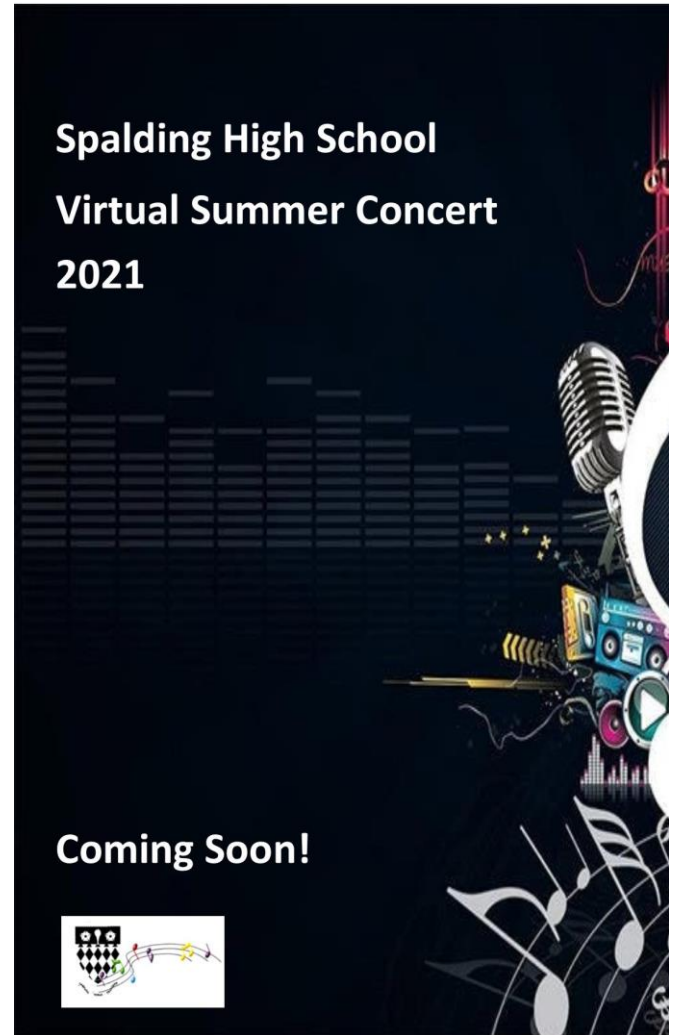
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Mrs Bushell - Careers Leader

## Spalding High School Virtual Summer Concert 2021

**Coming Soon!**



### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

During lockdown some of our amazing and dedicated Bronze DofE students still managed to continue their volunteering, physical and skill sections for their award, culminating in a fantastic 325 combined hours of volunteering for the community! Well done!



I am delighted to inform you that as part of our Covid catch-up programme, we have invited the UK's leading study skills company, Learning Performance, to deliver a series of interactive and motivational study skills workshops, showing students how to learn, how to revise and how to prepare for exams with creative strategies, such as memory techniques.

Research shows that developing students' metacognitive skills, by giving them strategies for planning, monitoring and evaluating their own learning can improve progress by an average of eight months.

The dates of our booked sessions are below and Heads of Year will be in touch nearer the time with more details. Learning Performance will return next academic year to work with KS3 students.

Date	Year group
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Prospective Year 12 students (current Year 11)
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Current Year 12 students
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Current Year 9 students
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Current Year 10 students

If you would like further information about Learning Performance and the work they do with schools, please visit [www.learningperformance.com](http://www.learningperformance.com).

Mr Love – Assistant Head

### Year 7 competition – Create a design for the 'Coin for Respect'

The Football Association and Nationwide Building Society are working collaboratively to promote respect in sport. This campaign will result in a 'Coin for Respect' which will be used at the start of all football matches at club, professional and national levels.

During the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June our Year 7 students were sharing their ideas and thoughts about the importance of respect in sport, school and the wider community. They then worked individually to create designs for the 'Coin for Respect' to enter into the local and national competition.

Common themes included in the designs were:

People shaking hands showing respect and diversity

Hearts to show kindness and empathy

Rainbows to show respect for diversity

Unity among players – fist bumping

Flags for different countries

British Values of democracy, individual liberty and tolerance

Here are some Year 7 thoughts about what respect means to them:

*'To me, respect means that you should treat others as you would like to be treated'.*

*'To me, respect means listening to people and caring about people'.*

*'Respect means showing kindness and empathy to someone, regardless of whether you like them or not'.*

*'To me, respect means treating other people how you would want to be treated and accepting people for who they are, even if you don't agree with them'.*

I am delighted to announce that Antonina Such 7C has won the local competition. Congratulations Antonina! Her fantastic prize is two season tickets to watch Pinchbeck United for the 2021-2022 season and a pre-match hospitality cooked breakfast for four people at the Pinchbeck Sports Bar/Lounge.

All our entries have now been sent on to the national competition. Good luck to Year 7!

Mrs Schwarz – Head of Main School