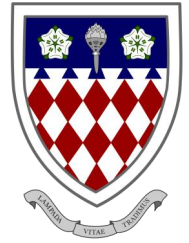


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

25th January 2024



It has been an exciting week for Year 9 as they have attended the Options Fairs to find out more about the subjects that are on offer for GCSE. This has been well supported in lessons, with teachers giving talks to their classes about the structure of GCSE courses and how they are assessed/examined. An important part of the process, and not just linked to GCSEs in KS4, is the MFL Languages Day which was held last Friday. Thank you to all the staff who organised, delivered and ran the day and to former and current students who came to speak to Y9 about their own experiences both at A Level and degree level. As you will read from the report in this week's bulletin, it was an interesting and varied day with the opportunity to experience not just the languages we offer at the High School, but also to experience linguistics as codes and trying to decipher some of the GCHQ challenges. It was also pleasing to read the student feedback about their experiences and to see why languages are such an important part of the curriculum here at the High.

Congratulations to all of our sporting teams this week – especially the U15 Indoor Cricket Team who were crowned county champions – amazing news!!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

An important reminder to parents/carers picking up/dropping off by car.

This is another reminder to parents that the School's Transport Plan, available on the school website, and written based on advice from Lincolnshire County Council Transport Team and the Police stresses the following:

- **Car drop off and collection should be at a safe place well away from the School.**
- Parents/carers are not to bring vehicles into the School car parks at drop off and pick up times.
- Parents/carers should be respectful of residents in local streets and not park where they cause an obstruction or park illegally. This includes blocking the entrance to a property (Highway Code Rule 243).
- It is illegal to stop on the yellow zig-zag lines (Highway Code Rule 243).
- Vehicles should not stop in areas designated for public vehicles e.g. buses – this includes the bus bay at the front of the School (Highway Code Rule 243).
- Single and double yellow line restrictions should be observed for the times they are in operation. It is illegal to stop on them during the times they are in operation (Highway Code Rule 238).
- Vehicles must not be left in a dangerous position or where it might cause any unnecessary obstruction to the road (Highway Code Rule 242).
- The area round Matmore Gate, Stonegate and Tesco's have other time limited restrictions which must be observed – these are posted on the highway signs.
- The speed limit on roads local to the school is 30mph, although again, at certain times (notes on highway signs), this reduces to 20mph.
- We regularly remind students who walk home not to cross between the buses, not to be looking down at their phones or have earphones in with music so loud they cannot hear what is going on around them. Can parents/carers please stress this too.

We would also respectfully request that adults around school dropping off/picking up are respectful to each other and remember there are children around. It is not appropriate to use offensive language or gestures to each

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
7C	Hooria Kausar	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
7P	Ava Willis	Mrs Dowson	English
7P	Ava Willis	Mrs Lees	Library
7P	Katie North	Mrs Knowles	German
7S	Amber Batten	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Education
7S	Kaisa Smith	Mrs Neal	Art
8N	Poppy Crunkhorn	Mrs Lees	Library
8N	Ruby Coupland	Mrs Lees	Library
9C	Karolina Gren	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
9J	Millie Atkins	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
9N	Jasmine Bate	Mrs Clay	Latin
9N	Natasha Smoczynska	Miss Bailey	German
9N	Samantha Mathew	Mr Hemsall	History
10J	Ellie Garth	Mrs Jones	Latin
10J	Phoebe Woolsey-Smith	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
10J	Tory Florkowska	Mrs Neal	Community
10N	Hannah Fisher	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10P	Isabel Bowser	Mrs Busfield	Biology
10P	Rhea Patel	Mr Blackbourn	Business
10S	Erin Horton	Mr Garbett	Music
11P	Ruby Acton	Mrs Bennett	Geography
11S	Beth Stewart	Mrs J Lord	English Language
6AB	Katie Simpson	Mr Martindale	Technology
6AF	Evie Duffill	Mrs Bushell	Community
6KM	Naomi Warren	Mrs H Waldron	Community
6SC	Ellie Griffin	Miss Ashley	Mathematics

Week 5 - Challenge #5 - Answer

Here is the answer to the Challenge the Parent question from 11th January

Working	Answer
In 2010: $£600 = 67.1 \times 600$ rupees $= 40260$ rupees	488
In 2012: 40260 rupees $= 40260 /$ 82.5 pounds $= £488$	

Did you get it right?

Week 6 - Challenge #6

Ali is planning a party.

He wants to buy some cakes and some sausage rolls.

The cakes are sold in boxes.
There are 12 cakes in each box.
Each box of cakes costs £2.50.

The sausage rolls are sold in packs.
There are 8 sausage rolls in each pack.
Each pack of sausage rolls costs £1.20.

Ali wants to buy more than 60 cakes and more than 60 sausage rolls.
He wants to buy exactly the same number of cakes as sausage rolls.

What is the least amount of money Ali will have to pay?

Good Luck!

PE News

Cross Country

On Saturday 13th January, three students represented South Lincolnshire at the Lincolnshire Schools' Cross Country Championships held at Burghley House. On this chilly but bright day all three students ran with pure determination and resilience. Well done Mbali Mlalazi 7C, Pela Tian-Wright 9S and Izzy Hurn 9J!



Miss Parker, PE Department

Indoor Primary Schools' Athletics

On Monday 15th January 2024, myself and 18 Sports Leaders made up of Year 12 and Year 10 students helped lead the Indoor Primary Schools' Athletics. We helped organise and run a range of track and field events such as an obstacle course, relay, vertical high jump, and javelin. Five different primary schools attended, and each student had a chance to compete in the various activities. It was great to hear them cheering one another along and to see them all smiling as we handed them their certificates and medals. It was a good opportunity to gain experience leading events and developing our leadership skills.

Abbie Horspool, 6NG



PE News

Y8 Netball

On Thursday 18th January the Year 8 Netball team faced the Deepings School. The Spalding High School team started the game well winning 2-1 after the first quarter, a few costly errors in defence led to a few Deeping goals in the second quarter making the score 3-3. The game was very close with some great interceptions from both teams leading to a 5-5 score line going into the final quarter with a late goal from SHS leading to a 7-6 win. Well done to all members of the team but particularly to Anna Blake for scoring five out of the seven goals and Emily Warrick who was voted as the opposition Player of the Match following a dominant performance as Centre.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



PE News

U15 Football

On Thursday 18th January, the U15 Football team faced Repton School in Round 5 of the English Schools' Football Association Under 15 PlayStation Schools' Cup. Repton School is a co-educational independent school for boarding and day pupils in Derbyshire. The Repton U15 team had been unbeaten this season with 7-2, 9-0, 11-1, and 12-1 wins on their journey to this Round 5 fixture.

With this in mind, we started the game in a 4-5-1 formation allowing Alesha to play as a holding midfield player to support and secure the central area of the pitch, which she did brilliantly. Despite having most of the possession in the first half SHS were unable to find the back of the net, but a secure defensive performance and proactive goalkeeping from Freya Willerton meant we went into the halftime break with a 0-0 scoreline. The half time team talk was one of praising the impressive first half team performance but also reiterating that Repton were there for the taking and the opportunity to reach the next round was in reach. In the second half we continued to dominate possession, and a breakthrough by Alesha Rix, dribbling past multiple defenders and a calm finish into the bottom corner broke the deadlock. With 15 minutes to go and a 1-0 lead the focus for the team changed to a defensive one in order to minimize any Repton chances. The defensive four should be recognized for their performances in ensuring Repton had very few chances on goal by playing a high offside line very well.

Although Repton were pushing for an equalizer, we managed to break down their attacks and secure a 1-0 victory. This progresses the team into Round 6 of the cup which is the furthest any Spalding High School team has reached. The team should be incredibly proud of their performance and securing their place in Round 6 of a National Competition. The focus now turns to their Round 6 fixture against Soham Village College.

Miss Magnus PE Department



PE News

U15 Cricket

On Tuesday 23rd January, the U15 Indoor Cricket Team were crowned County Champions! After convincingly beating opponents from Baysgarth High School, Humberside, Priory Rusking Academy, Grantham and Banovallum School, Horncastle, the team now go onto the Regional Finals Day, which will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at the University of Cambridge Sports Centre. Well done to everyone involved!



PE Department

Pastoral News

Continuing with our 'keeping children safe online' theme please find enclosed our next poster relating to Keeping Safe on Wink. Please share and discuss the information at home. In addition there are links to further support on the school website.

Sixth Form News

Since 2009 the Moulton Harrox Educational Foundation has offered a Tertiary Education Bursary to a local pupil who may be hesitating to apply for a tertiary education place for financial reasons. The bursary is now in the sum of £3000 per annum, i.e. for each of the 3 years of a standard university course. It is awarded provisionally, subject to satisfactory A level grades and the offer of a University/Tertiary Education Course place. It is only available for full-time degree level or equivalent courses and is paid in three termly instalments.

The bursary is awarded to a student who:

- is currently studying for A levels or equivalent and resides in the South Holland Area (excluding students from Quadring and Donington who are covered by an alternative charity.)
- may well decide against going on to tertiary education without such a bursary. (A useful criterion for financial eligibility might be that the student is currently eligible for a 16-19 bursary.)
- comes from a family situation which is financially unable to support them through tertiary education
- is deemed by the recommending school to be capable of achieving maximum benefit from tertiary education

If you think that this bursary may be of interest to you please contact Mrs Rogers for an application form or further details.

Careers Update

Year 9 Languages Day – Friday 19th January

Last Friday our Year 9 students took part in our annual Languages Day for their cohort. The day is designed to give Year 9 students the opportunity to learn more about languages, cultures and careers linked to languages. Students in Year 9 are currently studying either French or German and will continue with that language for GCSE. In addition, students may also decide to study the language they have not studied at Key Stage 3 (French or German) or Spanish or Latin as part of their GCSE options. In the taster lessons, students all had a session in Spanish and in French or German, depending on which language they have studied in Years 7-9. The sessions delivered also included deciphering codes in languages using materials from GCHQ, researching possible careers using languages, an introduction to linguistics and a Greek taster session which was delivered by Mrs Jones – Head of Classics.

The Modern Foreign Languages teachers were proud to share updates from former High School students who have used their languages in further study or exciting careers. One of our former languages students, Al Thomann, who has recently graduated from Newcastle University, came in to talk to the students about her language learning experiences. Al studied German, Japanese and Spanish during her Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages. She described her time abroad, especially her time in Japan. She also gave an overview of the JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching) Programme which she hopes to be selected for, starting in the autumn.

We also considered apprenticeships and degree courses using languages. Synnove Dallas in Year 13 spoke to the students about her love of German and Evie Duffill in Year 12 talked about her enjoyment from studying A Level French.

Students enjoyed quizzes relating to European countries and their geography, capital cities, flags and populations.

Here is a selection of feedback comments from the students:

“My favourite activity was looking at all the jobs and apprenticeship opportunities that come from MFL.”

“Thank you for creating this day.”

“I enjoyed the Spanish song.”

“I enjoyed the Greek session as the letters are fun to learn.”

“I enjoyed learning how to introduce myself in French.”

“The computer research activity was engaging and thought-provoking.”

“The linguistics session was interesting where we had to re-organise different sentences which helped us to see connections between languages.”

“I think the German activity was the best – it helped me to appreciate how different the language is to French!”

Congratulations to the quiz winners:

Jess May
Sasha Pretorius
Emma Storey
Harriet Laing

Izzie O'Brien
Olivia Mumby-Croft
Faith Slayven
Jodie Powell
Maja Szudek

Laura Young-Hardy
Ellen Wright
Beatrice Woods
Lottie Earl
Karina Zokaite

There was a palpable level of positivity from the students during the day and the Modern Foreign Languages teachers were happy to work with students to show them the benefits of not only being able to speak languages but also how important having an awareness of other cultures can be in leisure activities, study, and employment. Many thanks to the Year 9 students for making the day so enjoyable for us too!

The Modern Foreign Languages Department - Mrs Barats, Miss Bailey, Mrs Clay, Mrs Hickman, Mrs Knowles and Mrs Bushell.

Year 12 Work Experience Week – Monday 1st – Friday 5th July 2024

A letter about work experience week has been sent out to the parents/carers of Year 12 students from Mrs O'Brien, our Work Experience Manager. We have run our work experience week in Year 12 for the last two years and it is expected that all students take part. Please read the details in the letter and we will be talking to students about the process over the next fortnight. We request a voluntary contribution of £20 by 2nd February, please, to help cover the costs incurred for the health and safety checks carried out by our risk assessment provider.

University of Cambridge Webinars

The University of Cambridge is hosting a series of webinars starting at the end of January for students and parents/carers to find out more about applying for courses at the university. It is possible to sign up now in readiness. The webinars will be running from 5.00-6.00pm.

Think Cambridge | Undergraduate Study

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