



Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin 26.11.20



IMPORTANT - Change to the End Of Term Arrangements – IMPORTANT

We had originally planned for a 12.35pm finish on Thursday 17th December but have been notified that the designated school transport buses will be running to their normal end of day timetable. We are aware that ordinarily an early finish means that the 50% of students who get the school buses make alternative arrangements to get home such as going to friend's houses or in to town. With the current Covid situation, we feel that it will be safer for all students to remain in school until the normal end of the school day.

On Thursday 17th December, we will have normal lessons p1-4 and then lunch. Period 5 will be the "Great SHS inter-house Christmas Quiz" and "Inter-house Christmas Joke Competition" (see below) and in Period 6 we will host a virtual whole school, end of term assembly.

Dismissal of pedestrians will commence at approximately 3.30pm and for students on the buses, 3.35pm.



"Great SHS inter-house Christmas Quiz"

This will be done on a form group basis for all students. It will be hosted in form rooms with your regular group and with your form tutor. Form groups will compete to earn house points. We will also award prizes to the winning form in each year group.

Students will need to work collaboratively to answer a series of questions as a class. Form tutors will submit the answers to the on-line quiz and points will be tallied as we go.

For the Sixth Form, the Christmas Quiz will be run as an inter-form competition, with the forms competing against each other. There will be prizes for the first, second and third place forms.



"Inter-house Christmas Joke Competition"

The afternoon of the final day will start with an inter-house Christmas Joke Competition. In the run-up to the afternoon, form groups need to discuss and decide upon their favourite Christmas joke (appropriate submissions only thank-you!) In the afternoon once the form have decided upon ONE joke, their form tutor will email it to Mrs Ray and Mrs Anderson who will then decide the winner - based on how hard they laugh. House points and prizes up for grabs.

The virtual final assembly will contain a variety of elements of music, Christmas poetry and a small number of religious nativity readings. There will not be prayers, hymns or carols. If parents wish their child to be excused from the religious readings, they should write to the Head of Year who will arrange for the student to exit for those parts of the assembly.

All of our plans for the final afternoon will be held in form groups within year group bubbles and will be Covid secure. A risk assessment will be added to the school website in due course.



Christmas Cards.

The exchange of cards/letters is deemed as low risk but better safe than sorry and we are going to introduce our own version of Royal Mail! Each year group bubble will have a post box. It will go into place next week (1st December) and students can post their cards into the box. Cards can be posted to staff and students in other year groups in the box in their own bubble – they are not to go to post boxes in other bubbles!

Envelopes must not be stuck down, but just tucked into the card and they must have the full name and form group on the front of the envelope: EG Brittany Spears 8K

All cards must be posted by Friday 11th December. The cards will go into quarantine for 72 hours over the weekend/Monday and then sorted and delivered by the (gloved and masked) Christmas Elves!

Alternatively, students might decide to do the following instead:

- Have a charity board in the form room where you stick one Christmas card on the board but to everybody in the form/year and donate the money you would have spent on cards to charity instead.
- Send virtual cards instead.



Exchange of Christmas gifts in school.

We will update students on our plans for how this can be done safely in next week's bulletin. It is still three weeks till Christmas!

Migration of student email accounts

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will start the process of migrating student email accounts to Office 365, starting with Year 8. We will start the migration of Year 8 email accounts at 8pm on Friday, 4th December. Please note, Year 8 students may experience some disruption to their email over the weekend of the 5th/6th December. Once the migration is complete, students will need to log in to their email in a slightly different way. Tutors will explain the process to students during form time next week; however, I have attached some instructions for information. Once migration is complete, students will also have access to their calendar through Microsoft Teams.

Ventilation and uniform

Please be reminded that doors and windows around school should remain open in order to maintain good ventilation to continue the fight against the transmission of Covid. Students are therefore reminded that they should not be closing any windows in school. If students become cold in the classrooms we recommend wearing base layers in the first instance. Plain t shirts, vests, micro-fibre thermals etc. will help everyone to keep warm. Building up base layers will be more comfortable than wearing outer jackets and coats indoors too – which we would rather avoid if possible. However, if students are still too cold then a school PE hoodie may be worn over their school jumper. Year 11 should speak to their form tutor if they do not have a school PE hoodie.

Risk Assessment Update

As you know, we are continuously updating our risk assessments in line with any new government guidance. Please be advised that an updated version of Risk Assessment 7 - Lesson procedures and protocols has been added to the school website this week: <https://www.spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk/covid-19.asp>

Anti-bullying week

This photo was taken during Anti-bullying week 2020. 7C made anti-bullying posters to help and support those who have been bullied and to stand up to bullying. #Be an upstander and not a bystander.



Year 7 House Christmas Tree Competition



Don't forget your decorations for this Friday - **Friday 27th November**. Trees will be delivered at the start of study period. Decorating can start at 3pm. Trees will be judged after school and the results announced on the Monday. Happy Decorating!

Mrs Ray

Careers Update

Lincolnshire NHS Talent Academy Virtual Event

The Lincolnshire NHS Talent Academy have organised a virtual event on 5th - 6th December which is free for parents/carers and students to join. The event offers an insight into health and care careers and the sessions are shown below.

To book a place the link is:

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/event/insight-into-health-care-careers-virtual-event-5th-6th-december-2020/>

Saturday 5 th December 2020	
09:00 – 09:45 GMT	An Introduction to the World of Health & Care Careers Join this 45-minute session to gain an overview of the different careers and opportunities available, and what the NHS Talent Academy can do for you.
10:00 – 10:45 GMT	Careers within Medicine Covering the wide range of roles from General Practitioner to Surgeon
11:00 – 11:45 GMT	Careers within Mental Health & Wellbeing
12:00 – 12:45 GMT	Careers within Social Care
13:00 – 13:45 GMT	Careers within Nursing
14:00 – 14:45 GMT	Careers within Healthcare Science
15:00 – 16:45 GMT	Careers within Allied Health Professions This exclusive 2 hour session hosted by professionals will provide you with an insight into the world of Allied Health. Including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiography, speech & language and many more
Sunday 6 th December 2020	
09:00 – 09:45 GMT	Careers within the Ambulance Service
10:00 – 10:45 GMT	Careers within Pharmacy
11:00 – 11:45 GMT	Careers within Dentistry
12:00 – 12:45 GMT	Careers within Business Support Services Providing an insight into the range of administrative and customer service roles. Including Finance, HR, Communications, Digital Services and many more!
13:00 – 13:45 GMT	Careers within Estates and Facilities Providing an insight into the range of roles including Housekeeping, Catering, Plumbing and many more!
14:00 – 14:45 GMT	Careers within Social Care

Creative Careers

For students interested in creative careers, there is a very informative website which provides careers information and opportunities from creative organisations in one directory.

<https://discovercreative.careers/students-and-parents/what-are-the-creative-industries/>

Mrs Bushell

Careers Leader



Christmas Lunch

15th & 16th December - £3.50

Tokens available in the canteen and to be purchased in advance.

Grab & Go items will still be available on the above dates as an alternative.



Science Is All Around

2021 Calendar

£5 –

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In April, during the partial school closure, the Science department brought students together through a Science photography competition. Photos from our competition winners and runners-up have been made into a fabulous 2021 calendar. Available to buy now through the school online payment system. Proceeds will fund new apparatus in the Science department.