



Spalding High School



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Here we are at the end of Term 5 already! Thankfully as the term has progressed it has felt more and more like a “normal” school term and we are very hopeful that this will continue to develop further in Term 6. Should restrictions continue to ease, and the weather continue to improve (that would be good wouldn't it!) we will start to make plans for events such as some form of Sports Day and hopefully our “Save the Date” celebrations for Year 11 and Year 13 will be able to go ahead in some way, shape or form – but of course only if safe to do so. Year 11 and Y13 have continued to work hard on their second Assessment Week this week; well done for your perseverance and continued hard work and we can all look forward to marking this rite of passage with you tomorrow. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the Year 11 and Year 13 Pastoral teams, Mrs Haunch, Mrs Waldron, Mrs Neal and Mrs French in particular for their continued support, care and guidance over the years. Congratulations also go to our students who participated in the Junior Maths Challenge (see below); some fantastic scores were achieved and very well done especially to Fiona and Briony. I hope that everyone has a relaxing and happy holiday.

Notification of positive cases over the Whit Half Term holiday

NHS Test and Trace continues to require parents to notify schools of positive cases and close contacts over the school holidays. The instructions for notification are attached; please keep the document safe for future reference although we very much hope that you will not need it.

LFD Testing over the Whit Half Term holiday

As previously published, students are required to continue with their LFD tests over the half term holiday. They should test on:

Sunday 30th May
Wednesday 2nd June
Sunday 6th June

Students **MUST** remember to submit their test results to both the School Teams Assignment and the NHS Report Covid Result [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Junior Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to the 28 students in Year 8 who recently competed in the Junior Mathematics Challenge, a national competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust. Our top two students tied for the position of Best In School: Fiona Sung and Briony Sweeting both achieved Gold certificates with identical scores. They have also made it through to the prestigious next round of the competition, so good luck to them in June. There were a further 4 Silver and 14 Bronze certificates won by these students; well done to all.

Miss Ashley

Sixth Form Use of the Fitness Suite after School

With the recent re-opening of indoor gyms, we are pleased to be able to allow Sixth form use of the Fitness Suite after school Monday to Friday from the start of Term 6. The Risk Assessment 24 on the school website contains the measures for the fitness suite but there are a few other important points to be made:

- Sixth Formers may use the fitness suite between 3.45 – 4.30pm and be aware that staff may be using the suite at the same time
- The equipment has been socially distanced but users should ensure they also stay as far apart as possible from each other when moving around the suite
- Sixth Formers must have at least one “gym buddy” using the suite with them – you cannot be in the suite on your own

- Equipment (handles and control panels) must be wiped down and sanitised after use.
- The windows and doors should be left open for ventilation.
- Students to wash OR sanitise their hands before and after each fitness session.
- All fitness equipment should be wiped down **after each use** (handles/screens/seats etc.) using the sanitiser spray and blue roll provided in the fitness suite
- Changing room 1 should be used by female students and changing room 2 by male students. **THESE SHOULD ONLY BE USED AFTER THE FINAL BELL IN ORDER TO AVOID MIXING OF YEAR GROUPS IN THE CHANGING ROOMS**
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn during changing to further reduce risk of transmission
- No more than 20 students in the fitness suite at any one time
- In case of emergency students should ring 0 or 706 or 708 on the abs room phone.

Careers Update

Virtual Work Experience Opportunity

Please see the information below from Annabel Forrest who is the Careers and Employability Delivery Officer for the Lincolnshire Talent Academy:

I am pleased to announce that the **Pharmacy E-Placement is now live** on our work experience system.

For your students to access these online placements, they will need to log into or sign up to the NHS Talent Academy Work Experience portal (exactly same process as applying for physical placements) and search for 'E-Placement' or 'Placement'. Once logged in your students will need to click on the 'APPLY NOW' button. The application request will ask them for a 'START' and 'END' date, please put in today's date, this will then allow them to carry on with the process. The link is below:

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/work-experience/>

The E-Placement will provide students with an insight into Pharmacy through a series of videos, tutorials, quizzes and virtual tours. It will help students to develop a greater understanding of knowledge, skills and behaviours required for their chosen profession.

Year 12 University Course Research

The on-demand webinar videos at UniTasterDays may be helpful for Year 12 students when researching study options for university. If you are discussing higher education at home and looking for support, there is a large selection of webinars to choose from. Independent and impartial university guidance webinars released recently include support for students interested in studying Public Health, Sports Journalism and Social Work. These webinars can be viewed by students in any year group.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>

King's College, London – Online talk about Future Careers in Healthcare Technologies – 24th June 19.00-20.00

A chance to attend a free talk to find out more about biomedical engineering, healthcare robotics, medical imaging and artificial intelligence in medicine and industry.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-careers-in-healthcare-technologies-tickets-154239954857>

Talent Talks

The 'Getmyfirstjob' website has produced 'Talent Talk' sessions where they discuss the options open to young people and what it is really like to join a variety of UK companies and the future of work. The talks on offer and the facility to sign up for notifications about new talks can be found here:

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/Develop/TalentTalks.aspx>

Many of our students are keen horse-riders and may be interested in a session recorded in April with the Head of Careers at the British Horseracing Authority: <https://youtu.be/FwjpvaFP8xM>

Support:

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

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