



Spalding High School



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Congratulations to students and staff, who have got back into the swing of school routines very quickly following the Easter holidays. It is pleasing to say that school feels 'normal' again!

We have a long bank holiday weekend approaching and so enjoy the three-day minibreak – we will see you back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Regular asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing remains vital

Last week The Prime Minister said: "I want to thank everybody for continuing to follow the guidance, and to thank parents/carers and families for the incredible work you're doing to help test students through the Easter holidays and to encourage you to keep testing twice a week."

It is vital that staff and students continue to test twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent the spread of the virus.

Parents/Carers - please can you remind students that if they are participating in the COVID-19 testing programme, they need to carry out their home test twice a week, once on a Wednesday and once on a Sunday. After the test is completed, please ensure that the results are reported to the NHS and recorded on Teams. Each year group have their own assignment set for each test day and the Teams recording takes less than 1 minute.

The COVID Test Team are available to help with any questions that students may have regarding the testing process, including recording results on Teams.

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID Test Team

Year 11 and Year 13

Well done to Year 11 and Year 13 for completing their assessment week with commitment, determination and hard work. We are all rooting for you to do the best you can.

Lunch-time sports clubs

We would like to promote and celebrate the resumption of lunch-time sports clubs, albeit in year groups bubbles only. Please have a look at the activities on offer in terms 5&6 attached. We hope to see lots of you at each activity.

The PE department.

Year 11 and Year 13 photographs

School photographs for Year 11 and Year 13 students will take place next **Thursday May 6th** in the morning.

Year 11 will have individual, form group and year group photographs taken. The group photographs will be taken outside. Year 11 students need to wear their winter uniform (long sleeved shirt and tie) for the photographs please and ensure that they are adhering to the School rules regarding make-up and jewellery. We thought that the students may like to wear their leavers' hoodies for their form group photograph.

Year 13 will have individual and year group photographs taken and need to adhere to the sixth form dress code for their photographs.

All students will receive a coupon which will include a QR or internet code for payment. All photographs may be ordered online and will be delivered to home addresses. We look forward to a sunny day and some lovely photographs!

Spalding and Lincs Education Awards

The High School are looking forward to again, supporting the Spalding and Lincs Education Awards and will be submitting a number of nominations. Parents are also invited to nominate directly, please see the attached document for more details.

Careers Update

This week I have sent out letters to parents/carers in Years 10 and 12. Please contact me if there are any queries.

Year 13 students have been asked to consider signing up to the Future First alumni platform so that we can stay in touch when they leave. The flyer with sign-up details is in the 'Year 13 Careers Team'. We would also be very appreciative if any parents, former students or supporters of the school would consider signing up to Future First. Please see the attached flyer which I have sent out previously. It only takes a few minutes to sign up and we would like to grow the membership of our platform further over the coming months.

Golfing Success

We often talk about the importance of hobbies and interests in careers education. Tilly Garfoot in Year 13 has shared an insight into her golfing success for this bulletin.



Tilly has been playing golf since she was three years old and has become an accomplished golfer. She has recently been signed by ProDream USA, a golf specific recruitment agency who specialise in providing golf scholarships and placements at American universities. Tilly has played for Lincolnshire Junior Girls since 2015 and made her debut in the Lincolnshire Ladies 1st Team in 2019, where the team reached the National County Finals and finished as runner up. Tilly is also a member of Spalding Golf Club where she plays off a 2 handicap and is Junior Captain and Lincolnshire Girls County Captain for 2021.

Tilly hopes to find an American university that suits her and will provide her with the best chance to advance in golf. She is excited to start university in August 2022 and play competitive college team golf across the US, whilst gaining her degree. We wish Tilly well, certain that her success will continue.

Car Design Success

Aman Ganger in Year 13 recently completed a car design course as an extra-curricular activity to give him further experience in car design. It was a very advanced course, working with like-minded individuals and it has given him a wealth of experience which will assist him in his future career. Aman has applied to study Motorsport Engineering at university next year. Here is his write-up about his course:

"In October, I signed up for the eco-friendly-formula course with europ.education. We were put into groups of 3-6 people. In my group there were 4 including me. The other three were all at university, one of them doing his masters. We contacted each other mostly through WhatsApp, but also set up our own zoom calls for longer chats. This is an international course, so each of us were in different countries, but the entire course is in English and we had no communication problems.

Throughout the course, we had multiple Zoom calls on different topics in which we were introduced to a variety of parts in an electric car. During this time, we were also researching for items to use for the car, whilst creating sketches for an overall idea of the car.

Towards December we started to create parts for the car on CAD. I was in charge of the floor of the car which may not sound like anything important, but it accounted for the majority of the downforce. I downloaded one year of CAD for free directly from Autodesk. This was really easy if anyone wants to try it out, just make sure your laptop can run it.

After creating MANY different creations, we had the final car. In February, we did a 10-minute presentation showing off the car, as well as a report with some more in-depth features of the car, the cost and what we would sell it for.

The course did cost money, but I would never have had this experience or created anything on CAD. There is a prize where the winning group gets a trip to Ferrari's museum in Italy which would be amazing."



The website for Aman's course is <https://www.europ.education/>

Alumni Articles (see attachment)

This week's alumni article is written by Yasmin Hinton who left the High School in 2020 and now studies German and Business at Leeds University. I hope that all students find her article inspiring, especially students in the sixth form who are hoping to pursue a degree course.

Support:

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

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