

SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 5 2017

It has been a thrilling and exciting term. As always, success has taken place both within the classroom and through a broad range of extra-curricular activities. Term 5 is always a demanding term as students in Years 11,12 and 13 begin their final preparations for study leave and their terminal exams for GCSE's, AS and A levels. All students have done remarkably well and I know from seeing packed classrooms at lunchtimes that a significant majority have taken the offer of support sessions, revision clinics and master classes. Good luck to you all – you have worked hard and need to continue these excellent efforts in the coming weeks. You all have our best wishes and 'Good Luck' in the coming exams.

You might mistakenly think that in the throes of the external examination period that we have forgotten about our Years 7 – 10 but of course not. They have been working away and achieving so much too – just read the array of reports in this newsletter! With the help of the Sixth Form, Years 7 – 10 put on a fantastic Spring Fayre – a real highlight of the term and raised over £3,500 for the School Council Locker Fund. In case any of you missed the Fayre newsletter we have attached it again here.

Thank you for your continued support.

MK Anderson—Headmistress



UK-GERMAN CONNECTION

Lower Sixth student Nina Halgarth is celebrating after gaining a coveted place on the UK-German Connection Pupil Courses. The prestigious programme is offered to all A-Level students across the whole of the United Kingdom who have shown exceptional

achievements in German.

The two week course offers the lucky twelve first-hand experience of German life and culture as students will be staying with a German host family and studying with German peers.

Gaining a place is an exceptional achievement and Nina's German teacher Frau Almasi commented 'What a

fabulous way to complete your AS course! Nina will experience so many different aspects of 'the real thing' during her stay in Germany; I am looking forward to her sharing her impressions and thoughts, and perhaps a German biscuit or two with the rest of our lovely AS group and myself! We are so proud of this achievement, for Nina personally and for the school.'

JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2017

Congratulations to the 148 students in Years 7 and 8 who competed in the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge on 27th April 2017. They achieved a fantastic three Gold Certificates, 12 Silver Certificates and 39 Bronze Certificates. A further eight girls missed out on a Bronze by just one or two marks.

Best in Year 8 as well as Best in School was Hadleigh Devlin. Hadleigh's outstanding score of 106 was a staggering 25% better than her closest competitor, and she earns a Gold Certificate as well as going through to the next round of this national challenge. Best in Year 7 was Safiyya Mavani, who earned a Silver Certificate and also beat most of Year 8!

Best In School

Hadleigh Devlin 8S

Best In Year 8

Hadleigh Devlin 8S

Best In Year 7

Safiyya Mavani 7P

Gold Certificate (77+)

Hadleigh Devlin 8S, Poppy Gill 8P, Elisha Cookson 8C

Silver Certificate (63 – 76)

Haniya Khurram 8N, Ella Warren 8S, Megan Seaman 8C, Georgie Van Dyke 8S, Klaudia Paszka 8J, Safiyya Mavani 7P, Melissa Wales 8J, Alice Bull 8J, Aditi Aggarwal 8N, Hannah Rogers 7P, Victoria Joyce 8P, Maddie Freeman 7C

Bronze Certificate (52 – 62)

Daisy Cross 7P, Charlotte Quinton 8P, Amnah Mirza 8P, Ana Kapica 8P, Carey Crowhurst 7P, Caitlin Howling 8C, Lucy Blackbourn 8S, Jennifer Burke 8C, Karen He 8P, Ella Lakin 7C, Abbie Beeson 7S, Maddie Harris 8J, Amelia Williams 7C, Megan Rowbottom 7C, Sophie Smith 7N, Alexandra Lord 8P, Megan Akgul 8P, Olivia Elsdon 8J,

Tilly Hunns 7P, Florrie Salmon 7N, Lily Prudham 7S, Martyna Czamara 8C, Holly Ray 8S, Genna Pogson 7N, Mimi Bradley-Wright 7S, Tammy Franks 7P, Molly Paxton 7P, Abbie Callaby 8N, Elsie Lewis-Smedley 7S, Poppy Neville 7P, Mollie Pitts-Jeffery 8P, Aqsa Nasim 8N, Rachel Tilley 8C, Anna White 7J, Sarah Mansfield 8J, Molly Taylor 8C, Bethan McFarlane 7C, Honey Harrison 7P, Ellie Camm 7C

Please ask your maths teacher for your individual mark.

Well done to all.
Miss Ashley

THE MOSCOW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AT THE CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE

As part of the Concerto Through Time project, our Year 10 GCSE Music group boarded the minibus to Cambridge and after performing hits from "Pitch Perfect" and "Queen" (apologies to Mr Garbett, who managed to remain focused on driving throughout!) we arrived at the Corn Exchange. The queue outside the door was a clear indication that the audience for The Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra were expecting the highest standard. The opening piece, Festive Overture by Shostakovich, began the evening with a brass fanfare which truly celebrated Russia and the skill of the orchestra. However, it was the Rachmaninov Piano Concerto (Number 2) that was the most highly anticipated. Rachmaninov was one of the best pianists himself, therefore the piece is highly demanding and requires virtuosic skill from all instrumentalists. Freddy Kempf, the solo pianist, made the piece seem easy work. The dramatic chords from the piano opening were perfectly accompanied by the entire orchestra and enthusiastically conducted by Yuri Botnari. From the dreamy clarinets in the second movement to the bursting orchestral motion in the last, the entire concerto captured the drama of the Romantic period in which it was written. Next on the programme was Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky. All ten movements are incredibly different, with the frightening 'Gnomus' (Mussorgsky was clearly terrified of gnomes) and Great Gate of Kiev which was so powerfully performed that when the timpani was struck the woman in front of us jumped out of her seat! Once these pieces were finished it was clear from the huge rounds of applause from the audience that this orchestra,

arguably the best in the world, had delivered the performance we all eagerly expected. In reply to the overwhelming response from the audience, the orchestra gave a further two pieces. These were Shostakovich's Romance and the Pas de deux from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker suite, which were beautifully performed. After an excellent performance and night, it was fair to say that our music group needed the McDonald's at the end of our trip! We were all amazed at the standard of the orchestra and will take away from the concert the skill and techniques for our own listening back at school.

A big thank you from the year 10 GCSE music group to Mr Garbett and Mrs Lazell for taking us to Cambridge and enduring our singing and statements like 'that's an oboe!' at the concert.

Amelia Quince 10J

SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Eight members of Spalding High School's equestrian team travelled three hours to Codham Park, Essex, for the national qualifying 'Jump with Style' competition. The 80cm team of Tabitha Leicester, Olivia Storer and Meghan Waring managed to complete a testing course to finish sixth.

There were two teams in the 90cm competition. Spalding Blues – Paul Defty, Tabitha Leicester, Meghan Waring and Amy Whittington – didn't get placed due to a few mishaps. Spalding Reds – Lucy Daly, Molly Johnson, Helen Peach and Olivia Storer – finished in second place and earned qualification for the National Championships in October. Daly was first individually after a faultless performance.

The 1m team also qualified by finishing in second place with Johnson also runner-up individually, being one of only three clear rounds in the class. Defty competed as an individual in the 1m and rode a confident round. Daly also won the 1.10m individually to earn her qualification place in this class.

A good effort was made by everyone and we all hope for continued success over the coming year.

Molly Johnson U6MCA

LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



On 25th April I represented Spalding High School in the Lincolnshire Schools Association Golf Championship at Stoke Rochford and brought back the trophy with a net score of 74.

I will now go on to represent Lincolnshire Schools

Association at the North of

England Schools Championships in Durham on Thursday 1st and Friday, 2nd June. Two years ago I reduced my handicap from 36 to 25 and last year from 25 to 14. My target for this year is for single figures. Last year I played for the County second team

and we took the title winning the league. This year I am playing for the first team and to date I have won both of my matches against Shropshire and Derbyshire, with the team winning both games too.



Tilly Garfoot - 9N



DISTRICT TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 10th May, the Spalding High School trampoline team and the Year 10 GCSE group went over to Bourne Academy for the District Schools Trampolining Competition. Following some initial nerves all the girls performed exceptionally well on the day with the winners as follows:

Year 10 Novice: 3rd – Charlotte Maplethorpe

Year 7 Intermediate: 3rd – Keira Berridge

Year 9 Intermediate: 2nd – Beth Ransome and 1st Amy Hall



Year 10 Intermediate: 3rd – Avnee Uglow, 2nd – Madison Lyon and 1st – Elly Simpson

Year 7 Advanced: 1st – Beth Mcfarlane

Year 8 Advanced: 1st – Charlotte Issit

Year 10 Advanced: 3rd – Milly Mason and 2nd – Paige Wallis

Year 7 – 10 Elite: 3rd – Mackenzie Hughes and 1st – Jessica Ringsell.

To finish off the day we were delighted to be crowned overall winners of the district.

Well done to all the girls who competed on the day.

Miss Pascoe

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS COMPETITION



On 6th and 7th May, the Spalding High School Gymnastics Team took part in the British Schools Gymnastics National finals in Stoke on Trent. There were three different categories qualified for, U14 and U19 tumbling, U19 pairs and group acro and U14 and U19 floor and vault.

Saturday saw Rebecca Fones tumble her way into an outstanding 5th place with Lucia Walker following in 16th place in the U14 tumbling category, then in the U19 tumbling Hannah Lawrence tumbled into 7th place and Sian Matson into 11th. An amazing start to the day! Following that was the group acro routine, always a difficult round, but the routine was performed

exceptionally well with the girls finishing in a respectable



11th place. Finally was the U19 pair, Miah Farrell and Sian Matson who after a long day finished in 10th following another excellent routine.

After a lovely evening celebrating at pizza hut, we were ready to compete again the next day. Sunday saw us compete in the floor and vault; there is always tough competition from across the county, including those from specialist gymnastics schools. U14's were first to compete, with an outstanding combined score of 116.33 putting them in 3rd place at that stage of the competition! With excitement for a medal high, the girls stayed in 3rd place all day until the last round where they finished in 4th place, an amazing achievement at a national competition. A difficult act to follow the U19 went out and finished again with an excellent combined score of 115.78 finishing in 5th place.



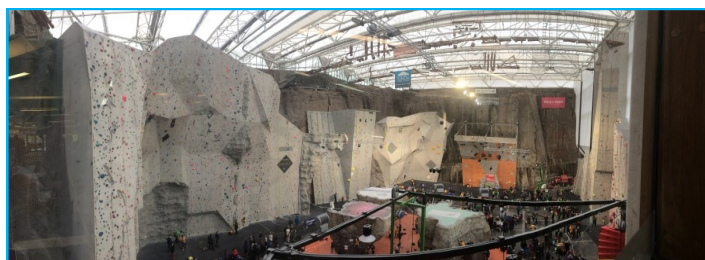
All the girls were exceptional at the competition and should be very proud of their achievements

across the weekend.

Miss Pascoe

CLIMBING NATIONAL FINAL

On the 29th I competed in the national youth climbing final in Ratho, Scotland. To qualify to this stage I



competed in 3 regional competitions where the top 3 qualify for the final. During competitions 3 route climbs and 3 boulders are attempted, all the holds on the wall

have a points value, you get the score for the last hold held or the maximum score is you top the climb. The same format applied at Ratho.

I walked into the main arena and the brisk air hit me. It never warms up in there. The first thing I did was walk around and scan which routes were for group C girls (my category). I already knew I was in group x, being chaperoned by my friends mum. As I was in x I was on boulder one and two first so I focused on them. After a proper warm up I gather at the meeting point. I was going 3rd so I had the opportunity to watch 2 others. I got three attempts at the problem. All of the problems included



sloppers, not my strong point. After two strong attempts I topped the boulder on my final go. I was supposed to go 1st on the 2nd boulder but ended up going last; I managed to get further than expected but should have topped it. It was already 1 o'clock and we had started at 8:30am. We progressed onto climb 1, with people taking the

full limit of 6 minutes it was a long boring wait. The climb wasn't straight forward there was a tricky section 1/3 of the way up and a technical move near the top. Unfortunately that was where I fell. The results came out for the first half and I was in 14th. Initially my aim was top 10 but as long as I wasn't knocked out of top 15 I was happy. The next boulder was hard and I only reached 3rd hold. However I didn't let this affect my determination. Then we moved forward onto the final 2 routes. On the second route I took too much of a swing and fell off 2nd to last clip ☹️ I was beginning to get tired so the last and hardest climb was a real struggle. I managed 6th clip and was quite disappointed however I improved to 13th overall out of 26 girls from all regions of England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland and beating my position from last year by 14 places.

"BEFORE YOU GIVE UP, THINK ABOUT WHY YOU STARTED"

Keris Moore 7N

DofE

Lots of Year 10 DofE students have now completed some of their volunteering, skills and physical activity sections and some have already completed all three. The Bronze DofE Practice expedition is coming up soon on June 17th - 18th in the Derbyshire Peak District and as part of their training, Y10 students have been putting up tents, learning campcraft and cooking their school lunch on their DofE Trangia stoves outside. It is a requirement of DofE that all participants must cook and eat a hot meal whilst on expedition.

Mr Garbett

DIARY DATES

5th June	Term 6 begins
	School Exams Start
6th June	Art & Technology Evening 6pm
9th June	End of Exam (Y7-10)
12th June	Y12 Return to school
	Y12 Biology Fieldwork
	Y8 Black Country Museum
	Y10 Art Exam
16th June	Y7 & 8 Summer Sizzler
17th & 18th June	Y10 Bronze D of E Practice
20th June	Iceland Trip Mtg 7pm
26th June	Y10 History Trip - Medical Museum
28th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
30th June	Fringe Friday
1st & 2nd July	Y10 Assessed Bronze
2nd to 8th July	Music Trip to Germany
3rd to 5th July	Y8 Coastal Fieldwork
5th July	Y12 Personal Statement Writing Day
7th July	New Intake Day
7th July	Y7, 8 & 9 PTA Disco 7.15pm
7th July	Y11 Prom (tbc)
10th July	Sports Day
12th to 14th July	CERN Trip
14th July	Summer Fayre (pm)
14th to 18th July	Y10-13 Iceland Trip
17th July	Start of Activities Week
17th to 21st July	Gold D of E Practice
17th to 19th July	Y9 Ypres Trip
19th July	End of Term 6 (HALF DAY)
17th August	AS & A LEVEL RESULTS DAY
24th August	GCSE RESULTS DAY