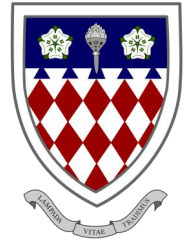


Spalding High School

Weekly Bulletin

10th October 2024



When reading the draft of the bulletin yesterday, one phrase kept popping into my head “team spirit”, a feeling of belonging together that the members of a group have towards others in the group. This week’s bulletin has many examples of team spirit and the “esprit de corps” throughout the School and within our contribution to our wider community. The School’s sporting teams have done remarkably well and I always think it is impressive when players of the opposition nominate one of our students as the Player of the Match. Thank you and well done to all of you who represent the School and really demonstrate what can be achieved as a collective. As Andrew Carnegie said “teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision” and you have certainly all achieved that. Not only is that demonstrated in the success of the School teams but also in events such as the Evening of Sports, Music and Drama in which we come together to celebrate the achievements and success of teams, casts and ensembles, which are teams by any other name, and certainly demonstrate the positive skills needed for team spirit and esprit de corps! Our celebrating the individual stories this week also demonstrate, as Helen Keller said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” People often describe the feel of the High School being special and I think that is due to students, like those in this week’s bulletin (and most week’s bulletin to be honest) belonging to a group and working towards a common goal, because of course we all know what TEAM stands for don’t we – Together Everyone Achieves More!

M K Anderson, Headmistress

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	Holly Burton	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
7C	Amelia Zuk	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
7J	Evah Goult	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
7J	Chivirnen Tivkaa	Mrs Fisk	English
8C	Ruby Matthews	Mr Garbett	Music
8C	Ruby Mathew	Mrs Bennett	Geography
8S	Umayyah Muhammed	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
9C	Heidi Woodrow	Miss Pettefar	Community
9C	Narvada Maulloo	Mrs Knowles	German
9C	Amelia Fletcher	Miss Jones	Community
9C	Lily Spridgen	Mrs Spreckley	Community
9C	Katie Bonarius	Miss White	Community
9J	Ruby White	Miss Jones	Physical Education
9J	Elixir Hussain	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
9P	Imogen Neal	Miss Pettefar	English
9P	Katie Cawson	Mrs Lees	Library
10C	Morgan Davis	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
10J	Izzy Herring	Mr Hemsall	History
10J	Sophie Callow	Mrs Cave	Religious Studies
10J	Lottie Burton	Mrs Gregory	Physics
10J	Zuzanna Poznaniak	Miss Jeffery	English Literature
10J	Harriet Laing	Mrs Rogers	Geography
10N	Isabelle Chikanya	Mr Blackbourn	German
10N	Nikita Rudd	Mrs Neal	Community
10N	Natasha Smoczynska	Mrs Hickman	Spanish
10P	Erin Walters	Miss Bailey	German
10P	Olivia Matthew	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
10S	Mae Richardson	Mrs Clay	French
11C	Willow Janes	Mrs J Lord	English Literature
11C	Rhiannon Street-Ledger	Miss Chalcraft	Mathematics
11C	Sani Bachiani	Mr Martindale	Technology
11C	Sani Bachiani	Mrs Martindale	Biology
11P	Erin Williams	Mrs Busfield	Biology
11P	Amber Nieberg	Mrs Busfield	Community
11S	Dilsha Joseph	Mrs Neal	Art
11S	Aminah Ahmed	Mr Wright	Biology
11S	Evie Walton	Mrs Jones	Latin

Form	Student	Staff	Reason
6AF	Sophie Gleave	Miss White	Chemistry
6GD	Annie Close	Miss Rossouw	Psychology
6GD	Lucy Searson	Mrs Bennett	Community
6JL	Eve Inman	Miss Jeffery	Community
6LH	Taelah Roberts	Mrs Lees	Community
6LM	Leona Shoji	Mrs C Aurikko	Biology
6NG	Oliwia Podlipna	Miss Jeffery	Community
6NG	Klaudija Bledyte	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
6SC	Caspian Szczygiel	Miss Dunbar	Criminology
6TD	Esme Gilbert	Miss Jeffery	Community
6TD	Layla Holland	Mrs Hebblewhite	Psychology

Attendance

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

We are pleased that so many students have 100% attendance so far this term. Excellent attendance is essential for students to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

The Department for Education published its revised statutory guidance on attendance in August, including a new national framework for issuing penalty notice fines. These changes are summarised in the following update:

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

We will be publishing our revised Attendance Policy in November which will include details of the penalty notice fines issued by Lincolnshire County Council for unauthorised absence, including unauthorised term time holidays.

Reporting Absence to School

Parents/carers must ensure that they phone or email School before 9am to report absence. We must be notified on every day of absence, unless alternative arrangements have been made for long term illness.

Telephone: **01775 719714** or email enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Appointments

Every effort must be made to make medical/dental appointments outside of school time. Parents/carers must notify our Attendance Officer, Mr J Skinner, Jason.skinner@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk in advance of any appointments, including evidence of the appointment.

Mrs T Waldron, Deputy Headteacher

Applying for Free School Meals

If you feel your circumstances have changed and you wish to apply for free school meals for your child, please click the link below which will take you to Lincolnshire County Council's website.

[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)



Y8 Achievements



Ruby Gallagher 8P

Well Done to Ruby who received an award for motorcross last weekend. Ruby and her friend were riding at Washbrook Farm to help her friend who had lost confidence in her riding after a bad fall.

After a few laps and with Ruby's support, she was feeling more confident and as a result got a new personal best lap time. Ruby is also getting much quicker with a lap time of 2.16.

Zannah Poll 8N

Well done to Zannah who last weekend competed in a swimming competition in Grantham, dedicated to Rob Welbourne. She achieved a bronze medal in the 200 medley relay, where she swam the 25m butterfly length.

But her biggest achievement of the competition was getting a county time in her 200m Breaststroke race, qualifying to compete at county level. Amazing achievement Zannah!

Miss Pascoe, Head of Y8

Sports News

Sports Awards

On Tuesday 1st October we held the annual Sports, Music and Drama evening for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The evening was hosted by Lily, Abbie and Danielle from Y13, who spoke very clearly and confidently. The evening included an outstanding gymnastic performance by Y7 student Viggie and brilliant musical performances by some of the Snow Queen Cast and a duet to 'Million Dreams' by Syisha and Brioney as well as highlight videos of both the Ski Trip and Trent Bridge Cricket trip.



Students were awarded School Sports Colours for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement and positive attitude to a School team, Bronze/Silver Achievement Awards to School Sport for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement & positive attitude to at least three School teams, and School Performing Arts Colours for outstanding and sustained effort, commitment, achievement and positive attitude to the School production and musical concerts.

In addition to these awards, there was one student per year group that was awarded the Outstanding Individual Contribution Awards for both Sports and Performing Arts. The winners of the Sporting Outstanding Individual Contribution Awards were Mbali, Katie, Darcey and Olivia as seen in the photo. The Performing Arts Outstanding Individual Contribution Awards winners were Abigail, Imogen, Karolina, Hannah, Sophie and Sophie.



Well done to all of the award winners and thank you for coming to celebrate your achievements at the celebration evening.

Miss Magnus, PE Department

Y8 Netball

Well Done to the Y8 Netball Team who played their first game of the season against UAH. After only a few weeks of lunchtime practice, the team came together and drew 2-2 narrowly missing out on a win due to a missed goal attempt. Well done to Lily who was awarded Player of the Match by the other team. Lily is an excellent Goal Defender, often intercepting most balls that come into the opponents D. It is great to see so many of Y8 out at practice every Thursday lunchtime, keeping coming along to develop your skills we have more games coming up next term and into the New Year!



Miss Pascoe, Head of Y8, and PE Department

PE Climbing Trip to Lincoln

On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October some of the GCSE PE students went to Lincoln to learn how to rock climb as part of their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) area of the GCSE qualification.

Students are assessed on their rope work (tying in and belaying), three points of contact with the wall, traversing, climbing at a limit and climbing overhanging terrain. Despite testing the students' resilience and determination, the students should be pleased with their efforts and have each now been marked in rock climbing as a sport they can use towards their final grade.



It was lovely to have a visit from Miss Parker and baby Reuben, who are both keeping well. We look forward to welcoming Miss Parker back from her Maternity Leave soon!

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Fenland Cross Country

On Monday 7th October, we took fourteen runners to Hampton for the second race of the Fenland Cross Country Series. All of the runners should be pleased with their efforts and resilience to finish the course.

A special well done to Iris Thomas who finished 5th in the U13 race and Izzy and Pela for finishing 7th and 12th in the U15 race.

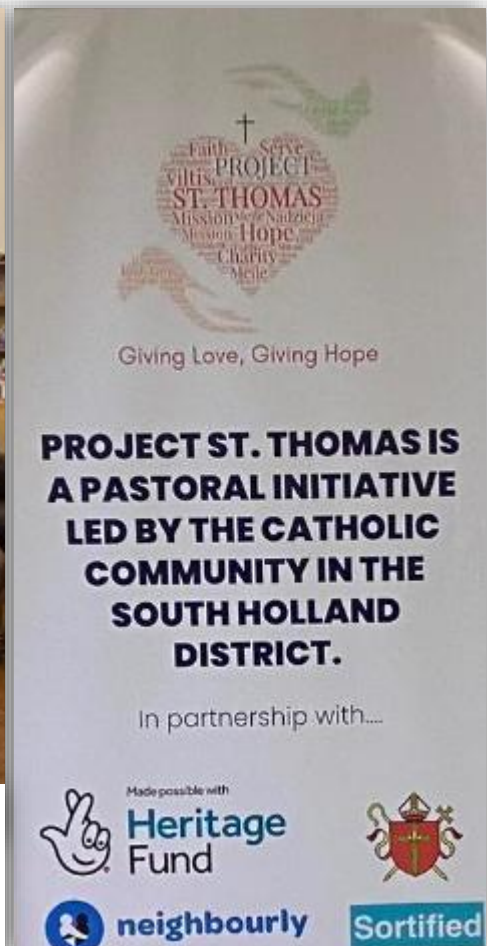


Sixth Form News

Celebrating The Individual in Y12 - Caspian Szczygiel, 6SC

Hub In Hub Out is a soup kitchen started as part of Project St Thomas. Hub In Hub Out runs every Sunday between the hours of 12:00 to 14:00, where volunteers serve hot meals, beverages, and provide a spot for the community to get together and have a chat. This initiative attracts people from lots of different backgrounds, nationalities, and age groups, being a melting pot of cultures and communities within Spalding. Hub In Hub Out generally sees around twenty five to thirty people per week, although some of the busiest days in the year can see up to fifty people. Hot meals often consist of a soup, a main meal, and desserts, all of which vary from week to week depending on what has been donated to us, this gives a unique and varied menu every week, where we may serve anything from beans on toast to sausage casseroles.

Initially, I first joined Hub In Hub Out as part of my Bronze (and later Silver) Duke of Edinburgh Awards. At first, I was based in the kitchen doing tasks such as preparing food and washing dishes. However, more recently, my tasks consist of interacting with people directly, such as taking orders, and serving food – although one's assignment may change depending on the number of volunteers every week, which can vary greatly. Thus, working directly with a variety of people and changes in assignments prove for a different and interesting shift each week. Whilst volunteering, I enjoyed my time serving the community, knowing I am making a difference to those around me – often helping the less fortunate of Spalding, and thus have stayed even after I had gained both my Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards. As of today, I have been volunteering for around two years in supporting Hub In Hub Out in the serving of hot meals.



HUB*in*
HUB*out*

Thanks to a very generous donation from Peter Borst, The Immaculate Conception & St Norberts Church were able to purchase the former St. Thomas' Road Methodist Chapel and form Project St. Thomas.

Project St. Thomas and 'Hub In Hub out' are dedicated to his memory.



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Careers Update

Open Events for Post 16 Courses

Over the coming weeks and months many schools and colleges will be holding open events for students and parents to attend. It is particularly important for students in Year 11 to see what their options are for pathways after GCSEs.

Here are links to some of the events which will be taking place soon at colleges which have previously been popular with our leavers:

[**Events Archive - Peterborough College**](#)

[**Events Archive - Stamford College**](#)

[**Events - Access Creative**](#)

[**Open Events | Boston College**](#)

[**Open Days \(cwa.ac.uk\)**](#)

If students are interested in A Level studies, our open evening is on 12th November. We hope that many of our students and parents/carers will attend.

Stamford College Event

Stamford College is hosting a free webinar on 16th October at 6.30pm: 'Navigating Stamford Sixth and T Levels with Confidence'. The difference between A Levels and T Levels will be explained and how each pathway can support a young person's future goals. Please register for the online event:

[**Navigating Stamford Sixth & T Levels with Confidence - Stamford College**](#)

Webinar for Parents/Carers about Student Finance for University

Channel Talent is hosting a free webinar on 15th October from 6.00-6.45pm about student finance for university – 'Student Finance – Supporting Your Young Person'. The Advisers from the University of East Anglia will discuss student loans and repayments, take you through the application process with important dates and deadlines and provide insight into some of the scholarships, bursaries and other financial support available. The link to register is here: [**HE Guidance: Student Finance - Supporting Your Young Person - A Parent/Carer Event With Lois Braysher & Chantelle Lee, Higher Education Advisers From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars**](#)

Unifrog's University Fair 16th October 4.00-6.30pm

Unifrog's University Fair is a great opportunity for students in Years 10–13 to meet up to 40 universities in two hours. Students do not have to attend the whole event, they are welcome to drop in whenever they can.

Sign up here: [**iVent Pro - Venue \(ivent-pro.com\)**](#)

Aspiring Allied Health Webinar

The NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy is holding a virtual event for aspiring allied healthcare students on 29th October 5.30-8.00pm. Please see the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

Army Apprenticeships Webinar – 16th October 6.00pm

The British Army has been announced as the number 1 Apprenticeship Employer in the UK and Northern Ireland for the 4th year running, offering over 40 different apprenticeships (from Level 2 through to degree level) in roles across engineering, medical, intelligence and comms, HR & finance, logistics & support, music, combat and more.

This webinar invites parents/carers to hear from Army colleagues and apprentices to learn more about: - The range of amazing apprenticeships available, training and qualifications, progression opportunities available, key benefits, such as starting salary of £25,000+, travel opportunities, sports & adventure training and healthcare.

Register here: [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](#)

Support:

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

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[**Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk**](mailto:Lucy.obrien@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader



Aspiring Allied Health Careers



Explore the careers that play an important part in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients

Open to individuals between 15 and 20 years old, this event offers a chance to meet professionals in a range of roles and gain insight into the skills and knowledge required for a career in allied health.

Virtual Event

Tuesday 29th October
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration closes on 28th October

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