

Spalding High School Weekly Bulletin 5th December 2024



As I write this week's newsletter, the sun is shining and the skies are clear blue. However, snow across local areas in recent weeks is a timely reminder that winter has arrived, and I felt it best to write and remind parents of our severe weather procedures. I would suggest parents (and students) keep this information and student help sheet safe in case we need to use it this winter.

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Weather forecasting is much improved nowadays and we will, of course, try to pre-plan and give advance warning as much as possible. However, we must accept that when snow comes it can vary enormously to the forecast and so we have to assess the site conditions at school, the position with the contracted bus companies (who transport approximately two thirds of our students over very long distances) and the state of the local roads. This will also affect the large number of parents who transport their children to school by car or taxi. The decision to close the School will be based upon preserving the safety of our students and staff. The governors and I realise the inconvenience that closure can cause, and we will not take the decision lightly.

As a fundamental principle we will make every effort to keep the School open. Parents should assume this to be the case unless they are notified to the contrary.

My decision to close the School will be taken early in the morning and in conjunction with the bus contractors and site staff. We will, as always use the **School website** and **Parentmail** as our main means of communication. If we close the School, a Parentmail will be sent and we will post the message on our website home page. Access to the remainder of the website will be disabled. We will aim to have a message on the website and sent home no later than 7am. If applicable, we will post updates with regard to the status of the contracted buses. Parents can also find up to date details from the bus contractors' websites and Facebook pages. Parents should note that arrangements with the bus companies are subject to change over the course of the journey should the weather deteriorate unexpectedly. We do advise parents to check both our website and that of the bus company. The School will also alert Lincolnshire County Council and local radio stations who will publish information on their websites too.

In the eventuality of school closure, please do not telephone the School. It is unlikely that there will be staff available to take your call as we will be working to secure our re-opening of the site as soon as it is safe and practical to do so.

Should the decision be taken to close the School, remote learning for the day(s) will be implemented and students should follow their normal timetable. All students should access the appropriate class on Microsoft Teams where the lesson's work and any meeting links for live lessons will be uploaded during the day. Remote learning might take one of three forms: work posted by the teacher on Teams to be completed independently by the students, a live lesson on Teams, or a blend of the two. Where possible, and if the closure is likely to extend beyond one day, we will endeavour to offer an element of live learning but please understand that there may be barriers for some colleagues which means this is not possible.

For any of our students that have not yet experienced live lessons at Spalding High School, you will find a help sheet attached explaining how to do this should this be the remote learning method used by the teacher. Students should contact their class teacher via email or on Teams should they require further support.

Local conditions vary enormously across Lincolnshire. In the worst-case scenario, we may have to close the School during the day. Should this decision ever be taken, please accept that it has been made with the safety of your children and our staff as the priority.

M K Anderson, Headmistress

Agape Bring a Tin Day 13th December 2024

On Friday 13th December we are holding our eleventh annual Bring a Tin Day, when we collect donations of food for the local food bank run by Agape at the Lighthouse Church. Agape is a charity that provides support and food to homeless people and those struggling to make ends meet in Spalding and the local area. This Christmas, Agape are again collecting donations and we would like to continue to help them in supporting people in need. We ask that students bring an item of food from the attached list or some small gifts such as toys, colouring books and pens, and we will deliver them all to the local branch. This will make a huge difference to children and families living in Spalding. Everyone deserves to have a magical Christmas.

In order to promote the festive spirit on Bring a Tin Day we are allowing students to wear a Christmas jumper and non-uniform in return for their donations. They do not need to bring any money. Please do not feel compelled to buy a Christmas jumper if your daughter / son does not already have one; normal non-uniform rules apply.





A Social concern project of the Lighthouse Church - Charity no. 1052166

Packet Noodles Mashed Potato*** **Pot Noodles Hot Dogs Christmas Food** Crackers (to eat and pull!) Stuffing Chocolates (all types, for children and adults) Biscuits (fancy) Crisps/Pringles **Bread Sauce** Fruit juice Gravy granules Mince Pies **Nibbles** Colouring book Pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners etc **Toiletries Shower Gel** Shampoo Conditioner Deodorant

Item with ** are desperately needed

Body spray Toothpaste/toothbrushes (all ages)

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 11th November 2024

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.

Student	Staff	Reason
Amelia Zuk	Mrs J Lord	English
Amelia Everitt	Miss Jones	Physical Education
Evelyn Jesson	Mrs Wilkins	Technology
Zlata Ahverdjanca	Mrs Hickman	French
Florence Wild	Miss Rossouw	Religious Education
Lacey Bourne	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
Riamae Boswell	Miss Hammond	Drama
Abigail Wielezew	Mrs Cave	Religious Education
Bea Snaith	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
Ava Willis	Miss O'Sullivan	English
Hoorain Yasir	Mrs Rogers	Geography
Zofia Hemmant	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
Emily Venclovaite	Mrs C Aurikko	Chemistry
Florence Numa	Mrs Jones	Latin
Isabella Brook	Miss McArthur	Religious Studies
Leila Petraite	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
Roxy Acton	Mrs Dowson	English Literature
Antonia Nowak	Mrs Chandler	Library
Lily-May Davies	Mrs F Barats	French
	Mr Garbett	Music
Karolina Gren	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
Elsie Ellis	Mrs Martindale	Biology
Roxanne Fox	Mr Wright	Biology
Karolina Gren		Further Mathematics
	<u> </u>	English
,		Geography
Lena Szypowska	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
		German
		Physics
		French
	·	French
		Community
Alexis Bradshaw		English Literature
	Mrs Neal	Art
· ·	Mrs Neal	Community
	Mrs Bennett	Community
		Mathematics
·		Chemistry
·		Community
		Sociology
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Student of The Week - Week Commencing 18th November 2024

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
7 J	Alisha Mohamed	Mr Blackbourn	Computer Science
7J	Dorotea De Paula	Mrs Lees	Library
7 J	Chivirnen Tivkaa	Mr Hempsall	Community
7N	Sydney McKenna	Miss O'Sullivan	English
7\$	Holly Woolsey	Miss Bailey	German
7\$	Camilla Skaizgiraityte	Mrs Tanner	Art
85	Angela Pun	Mrs C Lord	Mathematics
8S	Alaina Phiri	Mrs Jones	Latin
9C	Alex Baker	Mrs Rogers	Geography
9C	Julia Nanji	Miss Hammond	Drama
9J	Aliyah Mohamed	Mrs J Lord	English
9J	Emily Venclovaite	Mrs Webb	History
9N	Ruby Spicer	Mr Garbett	Music
9N	Alicia De Oliveira Almeida	Mrs Gregory	Physics
9N	Yasmin Ahmed	Miss Pettefar	English
9S	Grace Ekins	Mrs T Waldron	Biology
9\$	Ayla Grant	Mrs Bennett	Community
10C	Charlotte Smith	Mr Ganger	Community
10C	Isobel Biggadike	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
10C	Megan Chetri	Miss White	Chemistry
10C	Izzie O'Brien	Mr McAlinden	Business
10C	Roxanne Fox	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
10N	Grace Hurn	Mrs Bushell	German
10P	Eleanor Seer	Ms Busby	Food and Nutrition
10S	Gabby-Lorraine Muhammed	Mr Hempsall	History
10S	Pela Tian-Wright	Mrs Neal	Art
11C	Sani Bachiani	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Studies
11C	Rhiannon Street-Ledger	Miss Jeffery	English Literature
11N	Holly Gleave	Mr Ganger	Mathematics
11N	Mathilda Simpson	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
11N	Ellie Garth	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
115	Teegan Wright	Mrs Hoodless	Geography
6AF	Taya Yeowell	Mr Martindale	Technology
6GD	Summer Allen	Miss Dunbar	Sociology
6JL	Roselin Augustine	Mrs Lees	Community
6KM	Neev Wahiwala	Miss Ashley	Further Mathematics
6SC	Callie Madden	Mrs Bennett	Geography

Student of The Week - Week Commencing 25th November 2024

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	Brioney Richardson	Mrs Hickman	French
7C	Holly Burton	Mrs Wilkins	Art
7 J	Elle Bush	Miss Jones	Physical Education
7 J	Philippa Dalton	Mrs Pryke & Mrs Freeman	Community
8C	Azzy Clark	Mrs H Waldron	Religious Education
8J	Zlata Ahverdjanca	Mr Fovargue	Computer Science
8J	Sakina Walji	Mr Wright	Science
8N	Jessica Smyth-Wood	Mrs Clay	Latin
8N	Kira Wong	Miss Jeffery	English
8N	Maya Pahal	Miss Magnus	Community
8P	Georgie Irvine	Mrs Spinks	Mathematics
8P	Bea Snaith	Mrs Knowles	German
9C	Lily Spridgen	Miss Magnus	Physical Education
9J	Holly Claydon	Mrs Martindale	Biology
9N	Gracie Lawson	Miss Ashley	Mathematics
9P	Roxy Acton	Mrs Rogers	Geography
9P	Dua Fatima Abbas Asif	Mrs Schwarz	Textiles
9P	Anabelle Burgess	Miss McArthur	Religious Studies
9\$	Isabella Ciuberkyte	Mrs Chandler	Library
10C	Phoebe Hedaux	Miss White	Chemistry
10C	Roxanne Fox	Mr Blackbourn	Business
10C	Chloe Matthews	Mrs Aurikko	Chemistry
10P	Tilly Buck	Mr Garbett	Music
10P	Jodie Mister	Mrs Gregory	Physics
105	Izzy Wilkinson	Mrs Busfield	Biology
105	Maya Szczygiel	Mrs Nowak	Mathematics
11J	Freya John	Mrs J Lord	English Language
11J	Florence Perowne	Mrs Martin	Mathematics
11N	Emily Matthews	Mrs Busfield	Physics
11P	Poppy Carr	Mrs Busfield	Community
11P	Elektra-May Harris	Mrs Jones	PSHCE
115	Lanie Spies	Mrs Neal	Art
115	Lilianna Wong	Miss Bailey	German
115	Erin Horton	Mrs Fisk	Drama
6AB	Ellie Pepper	Miss Dunbar	Criminology
6AF	Roisin Williams	Mrs Lees	Community

Sports News

U15 Indoor Cricket

On Tuesday 19th November, SHS U15 indoor cricket team competed in a National Schools' Indoor Cricket
Tournament, run by the English Cricket Board. The first round is competed locally and involved teams from
University Academy Holbeach, The Deepings School and Bourne Grammar School. The team did extremely well on the day and finished unbeaten during the event. The team will now go on to play a County Finals event involving winning schools from across Lincolnshire.

Mr Farrell, Head of PE



Y9s Helping at Y7 Practice

On Thursday 21st November, the freezing conditions and icy courts meant Y7 netball was moved inside and Y8/9 were unable to practice. Some of the Y9 team took this as an opportunity to help umpire/coach the Y7s alongside two of our Y12 Sports Leaders, Evie and Evie.

The Y9's did a great job of giving advice and coaching tips to the Y7s and would all make excellent Sports Leaders in the future. It is great for our younger students to have our older students involved in their learning and giving them something to aspire to. Well done Y9s and Evie and Evie who attended. weekly to help with netball club.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



Trampolining

On 21st November the Spalding High School Trampoline Team attended the KS4 local schools' competition at University Academy Long Sutton. We had a strong team with a lot of talent and despite some nerves on the day, everyone competed a strong 10 bounce routine against some tough competition.

Well done to Isla who came first in the Elite category but was also the top scoring individual of the day with 59.5. Other excellent performances of the day came from Laura and Karina.

As a team, Spalding High School won with an overall team score of 260.6, an amazing achievement and well done

to all performers.

Miss Pascoe, PE Department



U13 Football

On Friday 29th November the U13 football team played against St Ivo Academy in their Round 4 ESFA National Cup fixture. St Ivo had a very tall, strong and physical team who were very difficult to break down. Despite not having height on our side, the team battled incredibly well up against their strongest opponents yet. Some excellent defending from Emily, Annika and Inaaya prevented us conceding on many occasions. Ellie and Megan played half of the game in goal each and both deserve credit for making fantastic saves. The team lost 3-0 but should be very proud of their work rate and desire against much bigger opposition.



Miss Magnus, PE Department

U15 and U14 Football

On Wednesday 13th November, the U15 football team hosted Jack Hunt in round three of the ESFA National Cup. The first half saw some good passing by SHS to lead to a goal from Nancy to put us 1-0 going into half time. Jack Hunt were a strong and physical team but an excellent second half strike from Darcey secured a 2-0 victory to send us into the next round. A focused and determined performance from the team with some great spells of maintaining possession and strong tackles to regain possession when lost.



On Friday 15th November the U14 football team travelled to John Fernley College, Melton Mowbray to play their third round ESFA National Cup fixture With some injuries and absentees, Miss Magnus had to try and find a replacement goalkeeper on the morning of the game. First of all, asking some of her netball team if they could transfer their catching skills to the football pitch, Poppy and Ruby said they would both give it a go. Poppy played in goal the first half and kept a clean sheet with some proactive goalkeeping off her line to come and collect the ball. Despite being 2-0 up with goals from Bridget and Lexi, some late pressure from the opposition led to them scoring a 1 v 1 with ten minutes to go. In the last minute of the game, we conceded a free-kick on the edge of the 18-yard box, a prime shooting opportunity for John Fernley to equalize. An excellent



strike from the John Fernley player saw the ball sailing into the top corner but stand in goalkeeper Ruby reacted brilliantly to jump up and tipped the effort over the crossbar to secure the win. Well done to all of the team for a valiant performance, with a few players missing the team stepped up and all played extremely well. Thank you to Ruby and Poppy for agreeing to play to help the team out, both made outstanding contributions to the win.

Miss Magnus, PE Department

FA Referee Course

On Thursday 28th November and Sunday 1st December, five of our students completed the FA Referee Course in collaboration with Spalding Grammar School. The course is designed to equip new referees with the key skills and knowledge they will need to be able to referee grassroots football matches safely and effectively.

Thursday evening was in the classroom and included quizzes on the laws of the game and how to apply them. As well as learning how to establish rapport and build relationships with players and coaches and recognising and dealing with foul challenges and handball.

Sunday was a mixture of practical and theoretical sessions giving students the opportunity to turn their knowledge into skills through refereeing game-based scenarios. This includes communicating decisions, cautioning and sending off techniques, positioning in open play and at restarts as well as how to take on the role of an assistant referee.

Our students must now complete five games to be officially qualified and receive a certificate and an FA Referee badge.

Miss Magnus, PE Department



U13 Indoor Cricket

On Tuesday 3rd December the U13 indoor cricket team made it two from two as they followed in the footsteps of the U15 cricket team by winning the U13 South Lincolnshire Tournament. In the final of the competition, the team comprehensively beat University Academy Holbeach 97-52 to reach the Lincolnshire Finals that will be played in January.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Farrell, Head of PE



Celebrating The Individual in Y7 - Viggie Chung 7C

Viggie recently competed in the Janice Rushton Dance Festival. Her amazing outfits and results can be seen below.



Y8 Achievements



8J's Assembly

Well done to 8J on an excellent form assembly today on inspiration, an interesting topic and a well thought out performance. I know many break times and hours went into preparing and practicing. Also a special thank you to Mrs Fisk for writing the script!

Form Photos

Since September Year 8 had the challenge to create a form photo, however the whole form could not all be in the same shot and they had to be creative. These were the final creations:

8J

8C







8N 8P



Picking the winner was a difficult decision, it was clear the forms had all put a lot of thought, time and effort into these photos. But the winners were **8C**!



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Miss Pascoe, Head of Y8

Y10 News

Challenge 10 – Reverse Advent Calendar - giving back...

The Y10's have been set a challenge to give something back this Christmas. The Idea behind the reverse advent calendar is to think about others and try and bring some joy to what can be a difficult time for some. The students were introduced to this challenge in assembly and each form were given a chocolate advent calendar and in return they needed to come up with a way they could give back to a charity or a cause of their choice. The form captains have written a short note on their intentions and why they have chosen the charity or cause that they have. As always I am proud of how they engage with challenges and are thoughtful in their decisions.

Mrs Neal, Head of Year 10

10C -

For this activity we have not chosen a specific charity to donate to. A member of our form came to us with the idea of Christmas Tree Tags; these are found in local shopping centres like Tesco's and Queensgate. These places have large Christmas trees and instead of being decorated with ornaments, they are covered in tags. These tags have the name, age, and gender of a person and also includes what they would like for Christmas, but are unable to get due to particular circumstances in their life. We are going to collect some of these tags (mainly aiming to buy for ten year olds and below) and do our best to get them what they would like this Christmas. The tags also include where to drop these gifts off. We would like to do this so that children around the area can still get something for Christmas despite any situation they are in.

10J -

We have decided on donating to a local home for the elderly. We have chosen to donate to the elderly as we feel no one should spend Christmas alone or without anyone to celebrate with. We feel that donating to them could bring them some Christmas spirit and happiness around the festive season. The items we have decided to donate include the following: board games, knitting equipment, arts and crafts, books, biscuits and Christmas treats such as mince pies.

10S **-**

We have chosen the Children's Hospital. Many children spend their Christmas sick and alone. We want to bring joy to those in hard times. A toy or a gift can spread joy to those young souls. That is why we chose to raise money for the Children's Hospital.

10N -

The charity we have chosen is Algarkirk Jerry Green Dog Rescue. The reason why is because we wanted to support homeless dogs in need, going through hard times at Christmas.

- * We are going to raise money by a bake sale.
- * We are all going to bring in suitable items for a 'big box'.

10 P -

10P chose Cancer Research as their charity to support this Christmas. Cancer Research allows people to donate to the charity even if they do not have money to spare. You can donate old items such clothes, toys, and other household items. Many people from different backgrounds and ages are diagnosed with Cancer each day, even the littlest of donations can have a greater effect on those who are impacted by it. That is why we chose to support Cancer Research this Christmas.

Celebrating The Individual in Y11—Emily Salter 11C, Mathilda Simpson and Ruby Wadsley 11N

On Sunday 1st December Em Salter, Mathilda Simpson and Ruby Wadsley (Y11) represented the East Midlands U16 girls' rugby team at an away match in Coventry. We really enjoyed our afternoon playing rugby at this level and hope for more opportunities like this. This is a great achievement for us!

Mathilda Simpson 11N



GCSE Presentation 20th November

We were delighted to welcome students, parents and carers to our GCSE Presentation afternoon on Wednesday 20th November. Mrs Anderson began with her welcome and the Chamber Choir provided fantastic music throughout. All students, whether still enrolled at SHS or studying at other establishments, were invited and formally received their GCSE certificates, Subject Prize and Attendance Certificates. Congratulations to all students.

Mr Blackbourn, Assistant Headteacher



Spalding High School Christmas Carol Service

On the morning of Tuesday 17th December, the whole school will be walking to the Parish Church for our annual Carol Service. Students will be accompanied to and from Church and any students unable to attend will be supervised in School. Unfortunately we do not have space to welcome parents and carers to the service.

The School Office

Maths News

Prime Time

Y8 have been studying Prime Numbers in their Maths lessons recently, and Miss Ashley's class have found some really interesting ones. Prime Numbers have exactly two factors, so the first few primes are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11... but they go on forever.

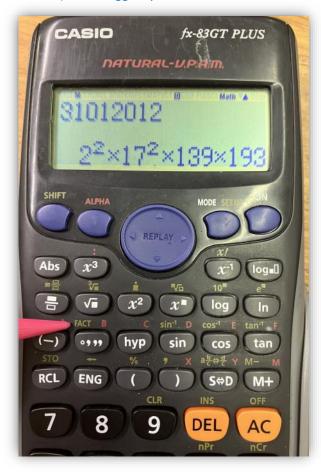
All integers can be broken down into their **prime factors**, so for example the number 42 can be expressed as 2x3x7. Students investigated the prime factors of their dates of birth, which quickly gets difficult without a calculator! Most calculators have a 'FACT' button which makes the job much easier, so for example the student born on 31st January 2012 found that 31012012 is 2x2x17x17x139x193 when expressed as a product of its prime factors (see photo).

Next, a student born on 8th March found that 08032012 can be expressed as 2x2x2008003 – yes, the number 2,008,003 really is prime! This was then beaten by another student who found that their 23rd March birthday led to 23032012 factorising as 2x2x5758003 – so a prime number well over five million! Finally, they were all totally one-upped by the student born on 24th October. It turns out that the number 24,102,011 – twenty four million, one hundred and two thousand, and eleven – is prime! How cool is that?

What are the prime factors of YOUR date of birth? Do we have any more students with prime birthdays? Let your maths teacher know if you share this special quirk.

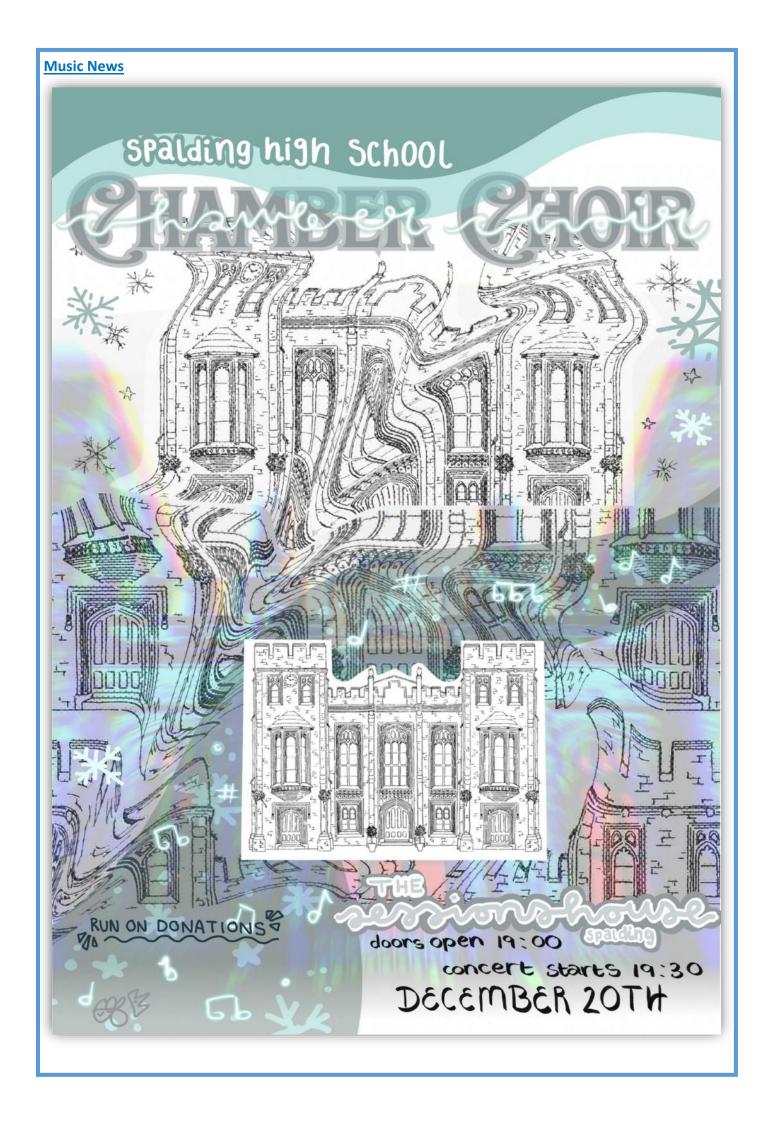
Did you know?

Mathematicians discovered a new prime number last month that is bigger than any other prime discovered so far, at more than 41 million digits long. This absolutely eclipses the previous largest known prime, which was found in 2018, by more than 16 million digits. The new prime, in words, is "2 to the power of 136,279,841, minus 1". That means you take one hundred and thirty six million, two hundred and seventy nine thousand, eight hundred and forty one "2"s, multiply them all together and then subtract 1, and the answer (as well as not fitting on your calculator) is the biggest prime number known to humankind... so far.





Miss Ashley, Maths Department



History News

On Monday 18th November, I attended a lecture along with two Y11 students at the University of Lincoln. The guest speaker, for the 10th anniversary lecture of the Lincoln Branch of the Historical Association, was Professor Sir Richard J. Evans. Professor Evans is a leading expert on Nazi Germany, and was discussing his background and how he came to write his latest book 'Hitler's People'. Professor Evans gave a very interesting account, including the background to this book and the historical archives he made use of in order to discover key information for his book.

The City of Lincoln branch of the Historical Association run lectures throughout the academic year. Full details of their programme for 2024-25 can be found at:

https://cityoflincolnbranchha.wordpress.com/2024/07/16/city-of-lincoln-historical-association-branch-programme-2023-24-2/

Mr Hempsall, Head of History

PHSCE News

Buying alcohol during Christmas for someone under 18?

Supplying alcohol to an underage person is **illegal**

You could get a £90

on-the-spot fine or end up in court with a criminal record and an unlimited fine



Partners

Local council, Police, Trading Standards, alcohol retailers, schools and the community

For more information

If you have any information relating to the supply of alcohol to young people or street drinking, please contact the police on 101. For more information on the harms underage drinking can lead to go to www.drinkaware.co.uk

www.communityalcoholpartnerships.co.uk



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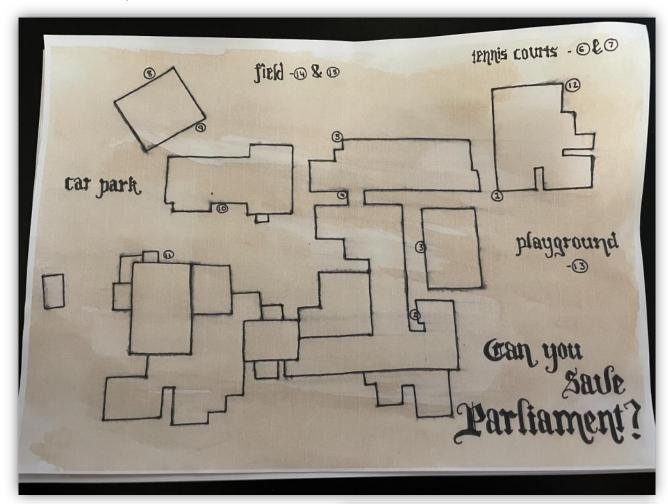
Mr Hempsall, Head of PHSCE

Sixth Form News

Fringe Friday

At lunchtime on Friday 8th November, the Senior Creative Arts Committee held the second Fringe Friday of the year. The theme was Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot, with related quiz questions on a variety of topics such as science, history and popular culture scattered around the School site. Participants had to use a map of the school to save Parliament.

The results have been collected and points have been counted, and the winners with a score of 14/16 were the Sweetie Hunters (Briony Sweeting, Gabriella Atkinson, Sophie Corney, Hannah Sporton, Erin Horton and Syisha O'Neill). Highly commended were Sour Child O' Mine from 10J and Pathetic Cheetahs from 9C and 9S who both achieved a score of 11/16.



Thank you to everyone who took part and the Senior Creative Arts Committee for organising the event. The next Fringe Friday will be in March, so keep an eye out in early 2025!

Sophie Gleave, 6AF



Sixth Form Football - MOULTON HARROX U17

We have been with the same team for six years, where we have changed from Moulton Chapel to Spalding United then to now, Moulton Harrox U17. Throughout the six years, we have won the Lincolnshire Girls' League for four years in a row. We are currently unbeaten this season, and last season we won every game we played, except the County Cup Final where we lost against Sleaford Belles. This season, we are

winning by big scores, for example, we won 20-0 against Sleaford Town, also 13-0 against Gainsborough, meaning our goal difference is 57 with only 7 games. We are ahead of the team in second, by eight points. We hope to keep our winning streak going and win the league this season, then hopefully move up to women's league next year, to improve our strength and skills and give us a harder challenge.





Millie Youngs 6GD

Sixth Form PD

During a recent PD session, we had Lucy McClements talk to us about Child Trust Funds. She told us all babies born in the UK between 01/9/2002 and 02/01/2011 were given a minimum of £250 by the Government (some received £500).

Lucy explained how these funds were designed to encourage savings from an early age and provide young adults with a financial kickstart when they turned 18. The idea was that parents, family members, and even the children themselves could contribute to the fund over the years, allowing it to grow significantly by the time it matured.

Lucy also highlighted the importance of checking whether these accounts were being actively managed, as some families may not be aware of their existence. She suggested steps to locate these accounts, such as contacting the Child Trust Fund provider directly or using the HMRC's online tool. Additionally, she discussed the potential options available once the funds matured, including reinvesting the money, using it towards education or training, or simply saving it for future needs. Her insights prompted many of us to consider how financial education could be better integrated into our lives, ensuring that as young people we are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage our finances responsibly as we enter adulthood.

We really loved our session with Lucy as she was so enthusiastic and helpful. Lucy had brought prizes for top contributions with students winning note pads, pens and Post-It Notes. We will be competing avidly to win Stanley the Stag next time!

Stanley
The Stag

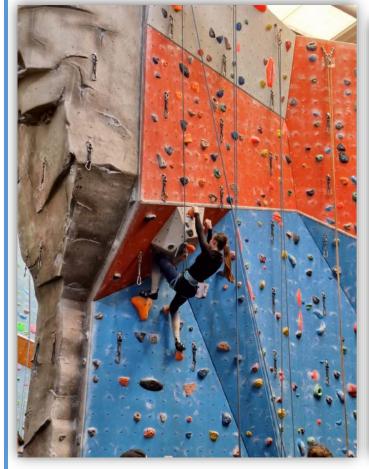
Sofija Putika-Zvinklyte 6JL and Rosie Bunder 6SC

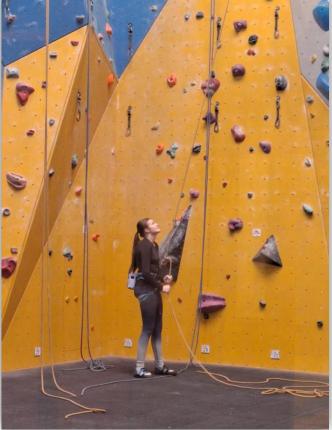
Celebrating The Individual in the Sixth Form - Evie Duffield 6AF

On my weekends, I love to climb at the climbing centre in Lincoln which I have been going to now for over a year. I enjoy climbing as it is a great sport for exercising teamwork, strength and also flexibility. I love that there is always a new challenge to try and work towards. I have been working towards my NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme) level three over the past few months, having already completed levels one and two.

As part of the award, I log all the climbs that I do in my NICAS booklet and I log when I belay, to show progression through climbing grades. As part of my level 3 NICAS, I have had to complete 30 climbs and learn specific climbing techniques that I can use to complete harder climbs. On Saturdays, I take part in the climbing club at the centre where we warm up with a game of dodgeball, and then climb and learn new techniques. I have used climbing as the physical section for my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, which was six months long. I am excited to soon move into level four of my NICAS award and learn to lead climb (another method of climbing).







Careers Update

Aspriring Mental Health Careers – Online Event – 23rd January 2025

The Lincolnshire Talent Academy is hosting an online insight event on 23rd January at 5.30pm for students aged 15-20 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Social work

The registration details can be found here. If any students take part, could they please let me know for tracking and monitoring purposes.

<u>Aspiring Mental Health Careers – January 2025 | Lincolnshire Talent Academy</u>

How do I manage my money at university? Webinar 10th December 4.30-5.15pm

Channel Talent is hosting a webinar aimed at sixth form students and their parents/carers on 10th December to help students manage their money whilst at university. Current students will share their top tips for budgeting. The registration details can be found here:

<u>HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? Hear From Current Students With Lois Braysher & Chantelle Lee, Higher Education Advisers, & 2 Student Ambassadors From University of East Anglia - Channel Talent - Interactive school webinars</u>

Choices Magazine

Please find below a link to the November edition of the Choices Magazine from Amazing Apprenticeships which contains useful information and updates relating to apprenticeships and technical education.

Choices Magazine – November Parent & Carers Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships

Support:

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

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Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader







Navigating Teen Relationships 9th December 6-7:30pm, FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

When your young person begins to date and become romantically involved with peers, their life can seem exciting, but can also be extremely difficult. Teenagers don't always like to talk about what is happening in their love life however 'Navigating teenage relationships' aims to provide parents and guardians with a toolkit, to support your young person through the complexities of having a healthy relationship.

The Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (LDAP) will run a one hour online TEAMS workshop on the 9th December 6-7:30pm. During the evening LDAP will discuss signs of unhealthy relationships, coercive control, love bombing and other red flags to look out for in your teens and where you can get support. The team is also happy to answer any questions you may have through the night.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1428506

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