



NEWSLETTER

15 December 2017



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Useful Dates

18 Dec	Senior Prizegiving 6.30pm
21 Dec	Carol Service 10.00am
21 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
5 Jan	Staff Training Day
8 Jan	FIRST DAY OF TERM
10 Jan	Year 12 Joint Sixth Form Parents' Evening
15-19 Jan	Food Bank Collection Week
15 Jan	Year 11 World Trade Challenge

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I was very much hoping in the last week full week of the term to share with you our recent Ofsted Inspection report. I will endeavour to do so the moment it is made available. The reason for the delay is simple but frustrating. Whilst the outcome of the report is not being challenged, some of the factual information in it was wrong and the report has been back to Ofsted for amendments several times. The delay has led to an apology from Senior Inspector for the East Midlands, Mr S McMullan, an extract of which is below.

Please accept my apologies, on behalf of Ofsted, for the delay in the section 8 inspection letter for Kesteven & Sleaford High School (KSHS).

You are quite correct that we aim to have these letters to be published within 14 days of the inspection taking place. As such, the letter for KSHS is now a number of days late.

..... Ofsted makes every effort to ensure that the quality of section 8 inspection letters is as high as possible. As part of this process, letters go through a number of quality assurance processes and, at times, this can delay the publication process.

None of this of course affects students and staff enjoying the traditions of a High School end of term! There were some great Christmas jumpers on display today (raising over £700 for Save the Children) and students enjoyed their own school Christmas lunch as well as entertaining over 40 guests at our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas party this week. The school corridors resound with the sound of rehearsals for the school Christmas concert and service at St Denys' Church as well as staff stealing a few minutes at lunchtime to rehearse for a surprise contribution to the end of term celebration assembly!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018 when it arrives! Thank you for your continued support at this busy time of year.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



A Plea from the Careers Department!

Every year during the spring term, an event is held for all Year 10 Students called the 'World of Work.' It is a morning off timetable to allow students the opportunity of speaking to representatives from different career sectors; to find out exactly what they do, the education and career route they took to get where they are and any hints, tips and advice they can give to the students.

My plea is to anyone who feels they have a career in which students may be interested and are willing and available to participate. The event will take place during the morning of Thursday 10th May 2018. This may seem a long way off, however a lot of preparation is necessary before the event takes place.

If you feel you would like to participate, I would be delighted to hear from you.

If I can supply further information or you feel you would like to take part; please contact me at pauline.hunter@kshs.uk

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs P Hunter
Careers & Work Experience Lead

Young Chef Competition

On Thursday 23rd November the following girls took part in the annual Young Chef competition.

Year 7

Zara Lovelock-Gaunt, Tilly Marlow, Holly Marshall and Amy Moat

Year 8

Scarlett Enright, Katherine Enstone, Samia Khan, Georgia Lancaster, Jessica Ruskin and Elizabeth Wakefield

Year 9

Katie Mettam and Lily Gregory

The girls served two members of staff each with an array of wonderful main courses and desserts.

The brief for the competition was for a 'two course healthy meal' for less than £5 per head. The array of skills and food was absolutely fantastic and it was a pleasure to spend the day with the 12 girls in the food room, watching their confidence grow.



7 of the 12 girls went onto the next round on Saturday 2nd December organised by the Sleaford Rotary Club. They competed in school for places in the next round which will involve competition from other schools in the Sleaford area.

The girls produced some excellent dishes and the results were very close!

Congratulations go to all the girls who have taken part this year and we wish Scarlett Enright, Lily Gregory and Katie Mettam the best of luck at the next stage of the competition on Saturday 13th January in their bid to win the title of 'Sleaford Young Chef of the Year'.

Mrs J Pankhurst
Subject Leader of Design & Technology

KSHS BOOKWORMS AT THE KIDS' LIT QUIZ

On Wednesday the 15th November, two Kesteven & Sleaford High School teams took part in a regional heat of the 'Kids' Lit Quiz'. This is an exciting quiz where teams battle it out on their book-related knowledge. The rounds all had different categories; we answered questions on 'caves', 'magic', and even 'footwear'!

There were 28 schools at our Cambridge-based heat, and then an additional team of authors – this included famous children's authors such as Helen Moss. The entire quiz was led by quizmaster Wayne Mills, who goes to every single heat in every single country! That means he travels the entire world in preparation for the final. Last year, the final was held in Johannesburg, South Africa; next year it will be in New Zealand. Wayne Mills founded the quiz and comes up with each question himself, which means he has to read every single new children's book. He says he 'never writes a question if he hasn't read the book first'.

In one round, a team could choose if they wanted to double their points. After each round, there was an opportunity for teachers and librarians watching to win £5 by answering a question correctly, and also a chance for students to win two pounds. At the end of every round, the team with the highest points got to choose a free book from the library shop.

To get onto the KSHS teams, students in Year 7 and Year 8 had to answer a tricky test that quizzed them on their book knowledge. The top scorers were invited to be on the final



teams. One of our teams was led by Lydia Ibbs (8F) and had Charlotte Dunham (8A), Lucy Croft (8A) and Niamh Deverell (8A). This team got a brilliant 63 points in the Cambridge heat. The second team was led by Niamh Dye (8F) and included Alex Duffy (8A), Emily Collins (7A) and Lauren Jackson (8A). They came in third place after achieving a huge 77 points! They each won a book voucher, certificate, bookmarks and a bag – and of course the glory.

It was a fun day that we hope the school will take part in again; the team members trained hard by reading lots of new and unfamiliar books, but it was definitely worth it.

By Alex Duffy and Niamh Dye

Girls' News Team: www.thegntchain.wordpress.com

Find out more about the Kids' Lit Quiz, or try some of the tricky questions yourself, here: www.kidslitquiz.com



'Top of the Bench' Competition

On Wednesday 29th November, I went with 3 other students and Mrs Evans to Northrop Grumman Park Air Systems to participate in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 'Top of the Bench' competition.

We were welcomed warmly and given a tour of the facilities. The staff at Park Air Systems were friendly and happy to answer any questions we had. They showed us demonstrations of their work in engineering air traffic communications systems and showed us a new side to engineering that we wouldn't have otherwise seen. I found it valuable to have the tour and demonstrations because they showed a new side to computing and engineering and opened our eyes to a possible career path in that field.

After the site tour we were shown into a room where our team of 4 scientists was pitted against 3 other teams from Stamford School, Uppingham School and Bourne Grammar School and we answered Chemistry questions to the best of our abilities. Some of the questions were quite challenging but we worked well as a team to give the best answers we could.

Yasmin Bettles (11A)

Since Yasmin wrote this article we are delighted to learn that we have been awarded a place at the regional finals on Saturday 20th January 2018 at the University of Derby.

Mrs C Evans
Subject Leader Chemistry

WE WANT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Please save your Christmas cards this year and bring them back to school after the holiday to be recycled.

We managed to collect over 2000 cards last year and would love to beat that number this year.

The cards are taken to M & S who recycle them for the Woodland Trust. For every 1000 cards recycled a tree is planted.

Thank you!

The Interact Club



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Over 40 local people joined us for the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch this Wednesday.

As well as enjoying a festive menu our guests enjoyed entertainment and conversation from students who volunteered as part of their membership of the Interact Club.



The ARTiculation Prize 2018

This year's ARTiculation competition school heat will be taking place at the NCCD on Thursday 11th January from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. We have 5 students – Saffron Jackson (13CGS), Katherine Bolton (12A), Daniel Raymen (13W), Natalie Sands (12F) and Emily Dunham (12F) – who are presenting exciting talks about an artwork which will give us a "champion". This person will then go on to compete in the East Midlands regional heats.

Please support this event by coming to the presentations on the afternoon of the 11th January.

Please visit the site for further information:
<http://rochecourteducationaltrust.co.uk/articulation-prize/>

Mr P Letchworth
Subject Leader Art



Spotlight on Sport



SWIMMING

On Sunday the 8th of October I was picked to represent Nottingham County in the National Inter County Championships. My team and I travelled down to Ponds Forge in Sheffield to compete against 39 other counties – this included teams from Scotland and Wales. My team were racing in Division 1 because our results were high last year. The teams that had lower results from last year raced in Division 2.

I raced the 100m free because I am the fastest 13 year old girl in Nottinghamshire for that event. I gained a personal best of 1:03:96.

It was the best open meet I've ever been to. It had an opening ceremony and we were filmed – the atmosphere was electric.

It was great fun and has motivated me to work even harder in all of my training sessions so that I can go again next year!

Jessica Reed (9L)

Leadership – Girls' Football Finals

Six of our Year 9 girls supported the running of the Primary Girls' Football Finals on Friday 1st December. They were responsible for officiating the matches and helping with the running of the event. It was a very cold and wet afternoon but all the girls showed commitment and determination to perform to the best of their ability in such conditions. The organisers of the event praised them on their ability and behaviour; working as excellent role models for the girls taking part. Without them the Finals would not have run so smoothly and once again they have been a credit to the school.

CRICKET

In August I competed in National Cricket games against Barbados representing England. A squad of 14 girls played 4 games against the older Barbadian women's team being successful in all games. We went for 1 week and also did some sightseeing around the island, and saw the professional Barbados team play a game. It was a great experience and has improved my skills, techniques and the way I play the game. I am hoping to go and compete in an Indoor Cricket League in Dubai in 2020 for the England team and am hoping to play short games leading up to it. In Barbados my averages were very successful, performing well with both Bat and Ball and I feel that I have improved immensely since the tour.

Hester Dakin (10KG)



Badminton

Thursday 7th December saw the first Badminton match of the year for both U14 and U16 age groups. Many of the girls have been attending club practices at lunchtimes over the last 2 terms and have developed their skills in preparation for some competition. What competition they got though when they faced Priory Ruskin! With County players among the Priory team our girls did well to keep up their side of the games and made the match much more competitive than last year. Congratulations to Abigail Saggs (8W) for winning her game, and to the rest of the team for their commitment. They learnt a lot from the opportunity to compete and will take that to the next match which takes place in January.



Secondary Schools Gymnastics Competition

On Sunday 10th December students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 competed in the Secondary Schools Gymnastics Competition for our Zone. We had all been training for it for several weeks, practising our vaulting with handsprings, squat throughs, straddle overs and squat ons. We all had to prepare a floor routine under 1 minute and it had to contain a minimum of 6 moves. We started off the competition doing our vault, with our warm ups then 2 vaults for judging. We then moved onto the floor where we were judged doing our routine and we had to get 'perfectly straight legs'. We all had a brilliant time and it was loads of fun. The under 13 A team came 2nd and the under 16 team came 3rd, with Kennedy Shelley (8W) and Nelly MacArthur (9F) both achieving 2nd place in their respective competitions.

Chloe Errington (8F)



TAE KWON DO

Pictured are Cerys Chapman (11A) and Maisie Cox (10KG) who have both recently gained their black belts in Tae Kwon Do. They both joined Billingborough School of Tae Kwon Do 4 years ago and have worked hard through all their gradings. They travelled to Bristol to take their grading in front of 5 masters.

Congratulations to Cerys and Maisie!



Primary Participation Opportunities

KSHS became the venue for Carre's outreach team when they held New Age Curling and Combat events for the local Primary Schools on Friday 8th December. Working as part of the Robert Carre Trust the PE Department were able to support the events which provided the opportunity for primary students to participate in these new activities. This created an extremely vibrant and exciting atmosphere in the Sports Hall where many of our students were pleased to see staff and pupils from their previous schools taking part.

Swimming Success

On 20th November I represented the school at a swimming competition at Stamford High School. It was a great afternoon and everyone tried their best with many good individual and relay events.

I have been swimming from a young age and two years ago I decided to join Lincoln Vulcans Swimming Club to take my swimming to another level. Over that time, my swimming has improved dramatically and I am now ranked number 1 in the county for the 100 individual medley (IM) for 11 year old girls and 5th in the East Midlands. I have qualified for 12 events for the county championships in the New Year. I really enjoy swimming and I am now looking forward to representing the school at future swimming events.

Holly Marshall (7L)



GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

27th November to 8th December 2017

Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past couple of weeks. This might have been in lessons, in clubs, in tutor time or simply around school.

Please note we already award bi-annual subject badges and merits for good academic work, effort and improvement. These Growth Mindset nominations recognise those who show resilience (academic or otherwise); who aren't afraid to get things wrong and learn from it; those who have a go, take themselves out of their comfort zone or show that even if a task is tough they will persevere.

Congratulations to Jessica Ruskin (8L) whose name was randomly selected from the nominations of the past month. She receives an Amazon Voucher in recognition of her positive approach.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Biology	Emily Nuttall	13A	Mrs K Fairhead
Drama	Phoebe Loach-Martin	9F	Miss T O'Leary
Food	Hollie Ford	10KG	Mrs J Pankhurst
Form	Olivia Lewis	12F	Mrs B Fleming
Form	Megan McMillan	8L	Mrs E Constantine
Form	Jessica Ruskin	8L	Mrs E Constantine
Form	Mollie Thomas	10MC	Mr M Clifford
Geography	Georgiana Hammond	9F	Mrs S Livingstone
German	Libby Cawsey	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Hollie Chessum	11A	Mr L Rooke
German	Natalie McCormick	8L	Mr L Rooke
History	Clary Burn	11L	Mrs E Constantine
History	Abigail Mayhew	11L	Mrs E Constantine
Maths	Victoria Pearson	10MLA	Mrs K Green
Maths	Esme Taylor	10MC	Miss K Duffy
Pastoral	Megan Grimmer	11W	Mrs G White
Pastoral	Kate Lacey	11W	Miss A Kilgannon
Pastoral	Talia Lacey	8A	Miss K Duffy
PE	Scarlett Castledine	8A	Miss M Adams
PE	Amie Coupland	8A	Miss M Adams
PE	Sophie Creed	8A	Miss M Adams
PE	Phoebe Shaw	7W	Miss A Kilgannon
Photography	Elizabeth Disdel	13F	Mr M Clifford
School & Student Services	Lucy Gill	7F	Mrs P Robertson
School & Student Services	Evie Gore	7F	Mrs P Robertson
School & Student Services	Louisa Lamont	7F	Mrs P Robertson
Textiles	Harriet Chesters-Thompson	8A	Mrs B Fleming

