

Kesteven & Sleaford High School

# NEWSLETTER

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## 3rd May

6 May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
7 May	France Trip Information Evening
8 May	World of Work Morning
9 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening
10 May	Year 11 Last Day of Formal Lessons
11 May	Duke of Edinburgh Award Drop-in Clinic
13 May	Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Assessment Deadline
13 May	PTA Meeting
17 May	Year 13 Last Day of Formal Lessons

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was a privilege to attend the Sleaford Town Awards last week and celebrate the success of several students and staff. Charlotte (8F) scooped one of the most prestigious prizes of the evening as Young Sleafordian of the Year. Recognised for her own regular acts of kindness to others and the motivation of her peers to contribute to the lives of those less fortunate, Charlotte received her trophy with her usual humility and self-depreciation from Mayor, Grenville Jackson.

Also recognised for her bravery and courage in tackling the chronic illness that left her seriously ill and hospitalised for several months this year was Keira (9A). Receiving her Overcoming Adversity Award Keira said that her medium term ambitions were 'to feel happy and well'.

Mrs Fleming, Teacher of Textiles at the school was deservedly awarded the title of Teacher of the Year. Not only are the outcomes of students in her subject some of the very highest nationally each year Mrs Fleming runs the School House system providing regular opportunities for students to show leadership, participate in whole school activities and enjoy themselves outside the classroom. Mrs Fleming also chairs the school's PTA generating much needed funds for extra opportunities and resources for students each year, along with the help of the rest of the committee.



Mrs Fleming, Teacher of the Year; Charlotte(8F) Young Sleafordian of the Year, Jess, Ruth, Lexi and Phoebe aka Jinx (Year 10)

The recognition of the talents of students at the school didn't stop there with much praise for the acapella group JINX, composed of four Year 10 students Phoebe, Ruth, Lexi and Jess. They treated the audience to live performances of three songs and left the awards ceremony with further bookings for town wide performances. More photos can be seen here <https://www.sleafordstandard.co.uk/news/people/sleaford-town-awards-ceremony-2019-1-8905555>

Congratulations to them all.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip

On Friday 5th April the whole of Year 7 went to Warwick Castle on a History trip. We were picked up by the coaches at Sleaford train station and driven the long journey to the Castle. When we arrived at Warwick we walked to a tent where we ate our lunch. After eating, we split into our forms and went to our separate activities. These included a tour of the gatehouse and castle walls, a look around the fascinating museum, the Horrible Histories maze and a trip to the Time Tower. We also had the pleasure of watching a breathtaking bird show in the castle grounds. The tour of the gatehouse and castle walls was stunning yet spine-chilling as most of us were terrified because it was so high up! The few braver people found the courage to stand on the murder holes. However it was worth climbing up the many steep stairs to see such a beautiful view.

The next place we visited was the museum inside the castle keep. It was full of amazing artefacts, armour and portraits of the previous owners and Lords and Ladies of the castle. There were also wax figures of the people who inhabited the castle going about their daily business.

We were all really excited for the Horrible Histories maze and when we found the entrance we were all given a leaflet with many different time periods to find within the maze. When we found each checkpoint there was a stamp to show we had found it and when we had all of them we headed back to the entrance.

After this we walked back up to the courtyard and the Time Tower - one of the towers in the castle. We all managed to squeeze into the first room where we went back in time 1,100 years to meet the first princess of the castle. Then we continued through the tower and met all the previous owners



Charlotte (8F) Young  
Sleafordian of the Year



Keira (9A) Winner of the  
Overcoming Adversity Award

of the castle, who told us their stories.

Because we still had time to spare we went to the bird show on the river beside the castle, called the Falconers Quest, to learn about a young fisherman's daughter who went to the castle and said she would become a falconer and bring back birds to Warwick. We saw all the stunning birds she met on the journey, like the peregrine falcon and even a vulture! And at the end around 20 falcons came soaring out of the centre on the opposite side of the river. After witnessing the amazing show it was finally time to head back to the coaches. The Year 7's will always remember the trip.

By Mia and Ashley (7A)



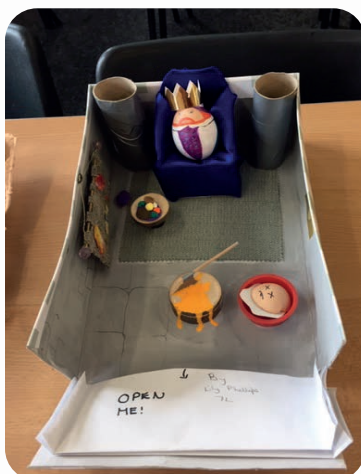
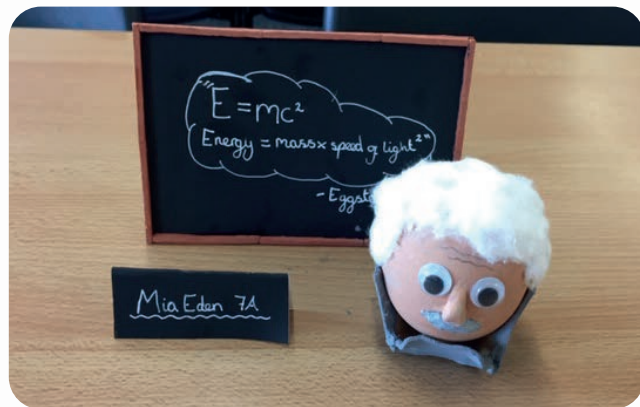


# HISTORY DEPARTMENT EASTER COMPETITION

Once again during the final week of last term, the History department geared up for a very eggciting competition. Students were tasked with making a hardboiled egg decorated to represent an interesting historical character or event, and they produced some absolutely cracking entries! There were a variety of entries that deserve a special mention, including Abraham Lincoln by Lucy (7W), Albert Eggstein by Mia (7A) and Boudeggca by Alice (7A). Lizzie (9W) and Lily (7L) were crowned our winners, however, with absolutely eggcellent portrayals of Franz Ferdinand and Henry VIII respectively. Well done to all that entered and thank you for all your hard (boiled) work.

Miss Grindey

Teacher of History and Head of Year 8



## REMINDER

Please sign up for the 'Think for the Future' Parents' Information Evenings/Workshops

Monday 20 May from 5.30pm to 7.00pm

and

Wednesday 12 June from 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Any questions: please contact Mr L Rooke, PSHE Co-ordinator

# A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY TRIP

On Friday 29th March Year 13 Psychology students from the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form went on a Grade Booster Workshop. Over 400 students from the Midlands region attended a Vue cinema in Birmingham, to be put through their paces by revising the whole two year course in a day!

Particular emphasis was placed on common areas of misunderstanding (e.g. statistical tests), topics that have not been recently examined and exam technique. As you can imagine, this was an invaluable trip and one that was much appreciated by the students.

Miss H Nicholls

Subject Leader Psychology

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to our vocal quartet 'Jinx' who performed at the Sleaford Town Awards on Thursday 25th April. Their performance can be found on the Sleaford Standard website.

There are a number of events taking place before the summer holidays:

- We will have an opportunity to hear some performances from our students who are preparing for practical exams at the Summer Soirée on

Wednesday 19th June 2019,  
6.30pm-7.30pm, in the Music Department.

- Our final concert of the year will be the Summer (80's) Concert on Wednesday 17th July 2019, 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Mr S Mitchinson  
Subject Leader  
Extra-Curricular Music



## Library Opening Hours

The KSHS school Library remains fully staffed and open after school from Monday to Thursday until 5.00pm, and 4.30pm on Fridays. The Library is the ideal environment for revision and independent study, homework or reading. Computer and printing facilities are also available.

Students can access a broad range of magazines and current affairs publications, as well as the latest fiction titles. Reading for pleasure is an excellent way to unwind as well as increasing vocabulary and learning outcomes.

With exam season upon us, students are encouraged to utilise the Library facilities, with silent study periods throughout the day. Our Careers department is also situated in the Library, and a comprehensive selection of university prospectuses are available to help inform students moving forward.

The Library plays a vital role in both learning and pastoral elements of our students' daily lives, and it is a popular and inclusive shared resource for all our year groups.

Mrs C Gibson  
LRC Manager

# TRAINING ON MENTAL HEALTH AND EATING DISORDERS

Staff have recently undergone some updated training on mental health and eating disorders. If you would like to read more about this topic please [click here](#).

Mrs D Collett  
Assistant Headteacher CPPD



## The Robert Carre Gift

You may be aware from recent media coverage that schools are becoming increasingly concerned about reductions in funding, and the schools in the Robert Carre Trust are no exception. The formation of the Trust in 2015 provided some really helpful economies of scale, but nonetheless the finances of the Trust, like those of all schools up and down the country, are being placed under great strain. For this reason I am contacting all parents to promote a new cross-Trust initiative which is being introduced to ensure we continue to provide a first class service to all students in our schools.

The Robert Carre Gift is a programme that asks parents and friends of the school to consider making a small regular contribution towards projects in school to provide our young people with the best learning resources possible. In the short term the fund will be used to plan a programme of IT asset replacement; something teachers at the schools cite high on their list of learning resource priorities. In the future the fund will aim to provide other facilities or equipment for students to use. We hope that each family feels it could make a contribution to the school; for example if you gift aid £10 per month we can claim back the tax you have paid, so the school will receive £12.50 for every £10 you give. This covenanting system protects your confidentiality. We recognise that some parents will be unable to help us in this way; however, please remember that every penny helps.

At the High School this replaces the current PTA Gift though we remain grateful to those parents who contribute to this and invite them to continue with this donation method if they prefer.

You will be aware that whilst the amount of money coming into schools from government has remained below the rate of inflation, the amount going out on expenditure due to government imposed changes has risen. This affects all schools and academies alike, both primary and secondary. To mitigate the reduced funding and the increasing costs, we have continued consistently to take a number of actions at both schools to manage our income to provide the best outcomes for the students and this is continually reported when our results are compared with our peers across the country. This careful and prudent financial approach has been maintained as the two schools have continued to work closely together.

Over the past few years both schools in the Trust have continued to improve their premises and the benefits of academy status have seen refurbishment at both sites which has ensured that students continue to receive a high quality education. We have maintained staffing levels to ensure that the quality of education is not diminished. Our students are able to access facilities that other schools locally don't have: a 3G pitch, industry standard Graphic Art software or a recently designed and refurbished Food Technology room, for example. We always recruit the best teachers available and never simply the cheapest ones. We have also been able to increase the choice and breadth of the curriculum, especially at post-16, due to the expansion of the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. In matters that affect the quality of experience for our young people we are just not prepared to compromise, and nor should we.

If you feel that you could contribute to the Robert Carre Gift we would be delighted if you would complete the attached form.

Please help us to enrich your son/daughter's school days. They have only one opportunity in school and they deserve the best we can provide. Your contribution could make a huge difference.

Thank you.

# GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

## 1st to 26th April 2019



Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past few 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.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
English	Molly Burrell	10A	Mr J Cassidy
English	Caitlin Hawkins	11JC	Mr J Cassidy
English	Ella Jennings	10F	Mr J Cassidy
English	Hollie Lane	9F	Mr J Cassidy
French	Ruby Harmston	9F	Miss A Beckitt
French	Milly Pepper	9L	Miss A Beckitt
French	Daisy Price	11MLM	Miss A Beckitt
German	Amelia Snell	10W	Mr L Rooke
Music	Kayleigh Holman	7F	Mrs H Kasperczyk
PE	Alicia Costa	11KG	Mrs M McGann
PE	Maisie Cox	11KG	Mrs M McGann
PE	Emily Hansford	11JC	Mrs M McGann
PE	Ella McCarthy	11MLM	Mrs M McGann
PE	Jasmine Wilson	11MC	Mrs M McGann

### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – APRIL- SUMMER HOLIDAYS

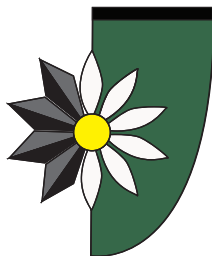
Sports Clubs / Activities are advertised separately – see form notice boards

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Break fast Club 8.15am	Thursday Breakfast Club 8.15am	Friday Breakfast Club 8.15am
Flute Choir (V1) 1pm All Years	'Show Choir ' (V1) 1pm All Years	Music Keyboard V1 1pm All Years	Arts Bronze Award 12.50 K15 Years 7-9	School Band V1 1pm All Years
Arts Silver Award Years 10-13 12.50pm K15	Dress-A-Girl (Textiles) M4 12.55 -1.30pm	Senior Choir V2 1pm - All Years Music Keyboard V1 1pm All Years  ----- D of E drop in clinic – lunchtime – The house	Art Club 12.45pm – 1.25pm K20 All Years	Interact All Years 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of month M3 (food room)
Library Captains – Lunchtime Library	Library Captains – Lunchtime Library	Library Captains – Lunchtime Library	Library Captains – Lunchtime Library	Library Captains – Lunchtime Library
Art Club 12.45pm – 1.25pm K20 All Years	Games Club C2 12.50pm All Years	Food Club – Years 7 & 8 12.35 – 1.30pm (bring your lunch)	Lego League 12.50 -1.25pm S9 Years 7-11	
Art Club – 3.45pm-5pm Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	Philosophy Club V3 – Years 7, 8 & 9 12.50-1.20pm	Mindfulness M5 1pm All Years	Girls' News Team 12.45pm M9	
		Crochet Club All Years M4 (bring your lunch)  ----- Art Club 12.45pm – 1.25pm K20 All Years		
		Food Club 3.45-5pm All years		



Physical Education  
Extra -Curricular Timetable 2019  
Term 5

	Lunchtime 12.40 -1.10 pm	After School 3.45 -4.45 pm
Monday	Rounders Year 7 Tennis Year 9	Rounders Club All Years
Tuesday	Rounders Year 8	
Wednesday	Cricket KS3 GCSE Practical Year 10	Tennis Club All Years
Thursday	Rounders Year 9 Tennis Year 7 & 8	Rounders Tournaments as scheduled
Friday	Athletics All Years Tennis KS4	



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- offer a second language to Key Stage 3

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- Use of a free gym

Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this post further or visit the school in advance of an application.

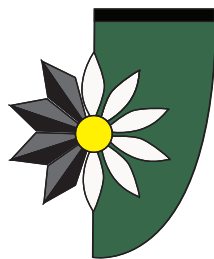
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