



NEWSLETTER

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Dates

- 27 Jan Yr 13 Road Safety Talk
- 28 Jan Yr 9 Reports to Parents
- 2 Feb PTA Meeting
- 3 Feb Yr 10 Science Live: Sheffield
(30 students)
- 5 Feb Yr 12 Next Steps - Bishop
Grosseteste
- 5 Feb Yr 9 Options Evening -
6.30pm



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable time over the Christmas holiday.

In the final week of last term, the High School held a couple of very enjoyable events.

On Monday 15th December we held our annual Senior Prizegiving. It was great to be able to celebrate the many successes of our senior students and, as always, it was lovely to see many of our ex-students after their first term at university. Those who I spoke to seemed to be having a fantastic time but were looking forward to the comforts of home! A list of the prize winners is in the newsletter.

The prizes were presented by Nicole Newbury a former student of the school. After graduating with a Law degree, Nicole went to work for the HMRC where she is now head of the HMRC's Tax Academy and graduate recruitment. Her speech which was both funny and inspirational emphasised the need to be flexible when considering which career you would like to pursue after you leave university.

This year, instead of the Mulled Wine Evening, we held a carol concert on Tuesday 16th December in the evening at St Denys' Church. Anybody who attended this brilliant event will have been bowled over by the performances of our students – congratulations to all who took part. The evening was a fitting send off for Mrs Kasperczyk who is now on maternity leave until the end of the year. I am happy to welcome Simon Mitchinson to the High School as her replacement.

This term is a relatively short but intense one. Our Year 12 and 13 students have just completed their assessment week. They, and our Year 11 students, are now beginning to really focus on the examinations at the end of the year. We will do all we can to support them over the next few months.

As always, please remember if there is anything you wish to discuss about your son or daughter's education I will be more than happy to speak with you.

Best wishes,

Craig Booker

Headteacher



GERMAN DEPARTMENT

Don't forget to follow the German Department on Twitter @KSHSSAGermanDep for the latest updates from the department about culture, language and events and reminders about exams (GCSE and A-Level).

Mr L Rooke, Subject
Leader, German

PTA News

Congratulations to December's 100 Club winner: Mrs E McKenna (ticket number 55) who will receive a cheque for £50.

Congratulations to our 2013-2014 Senior Prizegiving Prizewinners

Our annual Senior Prizegiving was held on 15th December 2014 to recognise and reward students at the school for their outstanding achievements at GCSE and A Level. Public Service, Sporting achievement and contribution to the school were also recognised on the evening which saw Governors, staff, parents and local dignitaries gathered at the school.

An inspiring speech was given by Guest of Honour, Ms Nicole Newbury, who, as well as being an ex-pupil and previous Head Girl of the school, is now the head of HMRC Tax Academy. She left the school in 1997. She regaled the audience with inspiring stories from her professional life leaving prizewinning students with the message that the opportunities in life are there for the taking.

Mr Booker's address celebrated the achievements of pupils which have kept the High School in the top 170 schools nationally at A level and the top 7 schools in the East Midlands for pupil achievement this year. He paid tribute to the expertise and hard work of staff at the school and the unwavering support of parents.

In total 60 prizes were awarded to upper school students from Year 10 to Year 13. Many other students attended to collect their GCSE and A Level certificates. Congratulations go to them all.



Bethan Owen
GCSE Sports Prize



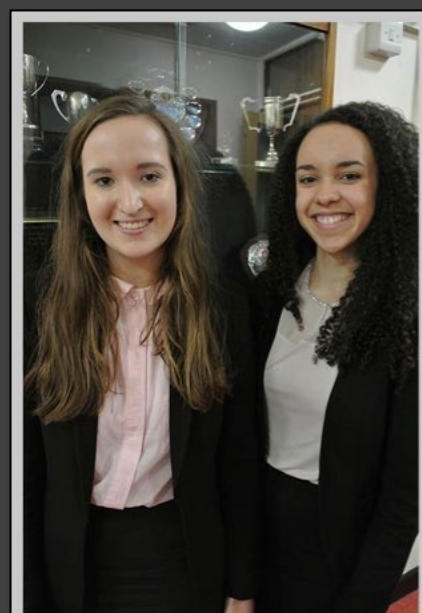
Bianca Erwee
Prize for best 'AS' Level Performance



Rose McLelland
GCSE English Language Prize



Florence Sherry, Catherine Potts, Amy Bennett, Freya Hide
Year 10 Form Prizes



Rebecca Gough, Natasha Adu
Prize for excellent 'AS' Level Performance

List of Senior Prizewinners and Prizes 2013-2014

Key Stage Four

Year 10 Form Prizes

	10A Amy Bennett
	10F Freya Hide
	10L Catherine Potts
	10W Florence Sherry
GCSE Art & Design Fine Art Prize	Rose McLelland
GCSE Business Studies Prize <i>Business Studies Plaque</i>	Hana McMath
GCSE D&T Resistant Materials Prize	Hebe Midson
GCSE D&T Graphics Prize	Roxana Mobasheri
GCSE D&T Textiles Prize	Emily Dunnett
GCSE Food Prize <i>Presented by Jackie Thornalley</i>	Amy Harris
GCSE Drama Prize <i>Drama Cup</i>	Anna Albuixech
GCSE Expressive Arts Prize	Isobel Bowett
GCSE German Prize	Eleanor Chatterton
GCSE Geography Prize	Phoebe Jenkins
GCSE History Prize	Emma Hartford
Progress in History	Niamh Horne
GCSE Music Prize	Jessica Musson
GCSE Physics Prize	Olivia Turpin
GCSE RS Prize	Rebekah Rankin
Pettit GCSE Science Prize	Alice Walton
GCSE Chemistry Prize	Bethany Kirwan
GCSE Sports Prize	Bethan Owen
GCSE English Language Prize	Rose McLelland
GCSE Biology Prize	Hebe Midson
Helen E Vidal Prize for GCSE Mathematics <i>Presented by the Old Girls' Association</i>	Emily Dunnett
Prize for Best GCSE Performance	Kathryn Eccles & Charlotte Jones
GCSE French Prize	Charlotte Jones
GCSE English Literature Prize	Roxana & Soraya Mobasheri

Most Improved at Mathematics

Helen Carroll Brown Prize

Beth Sherry

Key Stage Five

Prize for Excellent 'AS' Level Performance

Charlotte Martinelli Molly McNae

Emily McRae Natasha Adu

Tamarind Russell-Webster

Eloise Churchill & Rebecca Gough

Prize for Best 'AS' Level Performance

Bianca Erwee

Senior Management Team Prize for Special Achievement

Cattermole Shield

Savanna Johnson

MP Skinner Prize for Religious Studies

Presented by the Old Girls' Association

Zoe Zbrzezniak

House Prize

Thorpe Shield

Joshua McBride

Award for Public Service Shield

Presented by the Sleaford Standard

Abigail Walker

German Prize

Connors Cup

Georgina Holmes

Sport/PE Prize

Eleanor Boyson

Jenny Giles Prize for Art

Charlotte Phillips

Biology Prize for Sustained Hard Work

Presented by Mrs S Ajumal

Charlotte Phillips

Business Studies Prize

The Grange Cup

Katie Mayoh

Design & Technology Textiles Prize

Emma Reid

Selicia Brister Prize for Design & Technology

Selicia Brister Cup

Chelsea Shann

Senior Drama Award

Drama Cup

Chloe Langley

Eve Hull Memorial English Language Prize

Presented by the Old Girls' Association

Vpaula Pareja

Mary Baynes Memorial French Prize

Presented by the Old Girls' Association

Georgina Holmes

Senior Games Prize

Stewart Cup

Theresa Sarginson

History Prize

History Cup

Endowed by Mrs S Williams

Victoria Hodge

Classical Civilizations Prize
Classical Civilizations Cup

Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Music
throughout the school

Music Prize

Katy Winchester English Literature Prize
Presented by Mr Winchester

Mathematics Prize
Mathematics Cup
Presented by The Old Girls' Association

Physics Prize

Ellie Spencer

Elizabeth Tipper

Elizabeth Tipper

Charles James

Laura Sharpe

Savanna Johnson

Chemistry Prize
Cornwall Plate

Geography Prize

Prize for Excellent 'A' Level Performance

Prize for Best 'A' Level Performance
The Burkitt Trophy for Achievement

Deputy Head Girl's Prize
Presented by Mr N McFarlane

F.M. Kirk Memorial Prize for the winner of the Watson
Medal for the Head Girl
Presented by the Old Girls' Association

Chloe Lightowers

Caroline Elkington

Leo Wight Sophie Livsey &
Ellie Spencer

Zoe Zbrzezniak & Victoria Hodgson

Theresa Sarginson, Emily Crookes &
Harriet Blyton

Katherine Coffey

ROTARY CLUB 'YOUTH SPEAKS' COMPETITION



Congratulations go to Year 12 students Jonathan Sands (Chair), Arian Thomas (Speaker) and Georgina Hands (Vote of Thanks) who were winners of the local round of this year's Rotary Club 'Youth Speaks' Competition. Their subject: 'Should Feminism Exist Anymore?' earned them first place in this senior round of the national competition and sees them through to the District Semi-final this term. As well as taking first place as a team Georgina Hands took the individual prize for best Vote of Thanks. The trio were competing against other local teams speaking on subjects as diverse as 'Discrimination in the Media' and 'The Online Black Market'.

We wish them every success in the next round.

Mrs J Smith
Deputy Headteacher



Sharing Skills for Bronze Arts Award

On the morning of Wednesday 17th December Year 7 and 8 students working towards their Bronze Arts Award paid a visit to Carre's Grammar School to take part in the Year 7 activity day. During the morning the girls taught Carre's students some drawing and painting techniques they have learnt during Bronze Arts Award club. These techniques were a

follow on from the Big Draw activity run by the Art Department in October, and included using Maths skills to draw out a mandala-style pattern, and creating an interesting painting effect using cling film!

Afterwards the girls agreed that although they were quite nervous about working with people they didn't know, by the end of the morning they felt more confident and very much enjoyed the experience of teaching someone else a new skill. This activity formed part of the 'Share A Skill' unit of the Bronze Arts Award.

Bronze Arts Award club takes place every Thursday lunchtime in K15 and is open to any student from Year 7-9.

Miss E Cartwright
Arts Award
Coordinator



THE SCHOOL LIBRARY



On Monday 15th of December the first meeting for Library Captains was held.

First, we discussed our achievements so far. We had particularly enjoyed learning to issue and return books, preparing new books for Library use, helping others to find the books they were looking for, and naming the Library plants!

We've worked hard to put a number of books that are new to the Library on the 'new books' stand. We've also enjoyed taking out-dated books off the shelves for recycling – a procedure we like to call 'death row'! Mrs Wallis pointed out how much we had developed our customer service and teamwork skills.

Next we talked about our plans for the future. These include publicising the Library service to our customers, and reminding them of Library rules by making posters and leaflets.

We want to find out more about the schools literary interests, ensuring the most relevant and interesting books are provided, so are starting to carry out customer research and surveys.

By Mrs Wallis (Learning Resource Manager) and the Library Captains (Cara Clack 8A, Roseanna Devos 10F, Freya Edwards 8F, Natasha Errington 8L, Erin Fountain 8F, Avelyn Hawthorn Brownlee 8F, Rebekah Rankin 12W, Amecia Ruddle 8L, Molly Sheppard 8W, Kimberley Williamson 10W)

Ssh.. Don't forget the Library now has a daily 'silent study' period to help you focus on your work!

Year 8 Maths Masterclass

On Saturday 10th January, there was the first Maths Masterclass at the University of Lincoln. The masterclasses are run by the Royal Institution and are they are held every other Saturday during the spring term. Each masterclass will be taught by a different person and on a different subject. The next masterclass is on Saturday 24th January.

When we arrived at the University, we were given a name label to wear and taken up to a room. There, we were introduced to a man from the University of Sheffield. We started off with a game where we had to write the biggest number we could. Then, he explained some strategies people use, each one a massive improvement on the last. There was a break during the masterclass and refreshments were available. We then returned to the lesson.

The final strategy he explained to us was exponentiation. Exponentiation is, in simple terms, a number to the power of another number (e.g. 2 to the power of 2). If you, for example, do 2 to the power of 2 to the power of 2 and keep going on, you can generate an enormous number.

I thought that it was an interesting experience and I am looking forward to attending the next masterclass.

By Natasha Errington (8L)

Congratulations to all of our EPQ students of 2014/15, your results were **outstanding!**



Sixth Form News from:
Mrs L Shelley, Assistant Head of Sixth Form
The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

A*	A	B	C	D
9	12	4	3	1

The EPQ is an extended piece of independent study which students opt to take as enrichment. It is offered in Year 12 and completed at the beginning of Year 13. It is a fantastic opportunity to experience university-style study and expand your knowledge in an area of interest. It requires self-discipline and independent research on a topic of your own choice, so is seen as a good option for people who want to stand out and get into a good university.

Sixth Form Sports

Sixth form sport has moved *from Monday to Tuesday* lunchtime. The sessions are run by our Sports Leaders and run from 12:25-1:25. The time offers sixth formers the chance to take part in sport activities. Sport offers a fantastic opportunity to socialise with friends, reduce stress and importantly relax. Please use it sixth formers!!

Opportunities for Sixth Formers

We have received lots of information about summer schools and masterclasses for sixth formers. Below is a list of the ones offered recently.

Aston University Subject Enrichment Masterclasses (Limited Places Available)

Bookings are open for Subject Enrichment Masterclasses which aim to enhance current Sixth Form studies by providing stimulating lectures and workshops from Aston University academics at the forefront of their subject area. The Masterclass programme covers a variety of subjects and is available at www.bit.ly/sixthformenrichment. Masterclasses are free to attend but booking is essential and a maximum of 15 places per school/college will be allocated on any Masterclass on a first come first served basis.

International Business and Modern Foreign Languages Weekend

Introduction to undergraduate Computer Science Course 'Computer says YES'

Year 12 Molecular Biology Study Day (Wednesday 29th April 10.00am – 3.30pm)

If you are interested, Year 12s, please see Mrs Shelley

UNIQ Summer Schools - Free Residential Programme from Oxford University

For details of the course subjects offered, please see the link below.

<http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/courses>

The Sutton Trust

The Sutton Trust Summer schools are free, subject specific residential courses for Year 12 students. A poster has been placed in the sixth form house advertising the summer schools. More information can be found at www.suttontrust.com

Please be aware the deadline for applications is the 9th March.

The University of Nottingham Summer Schools

Nottingham University is offering week long residential summer schools in June and July. There are a variety of subjects such as Law, Nursing, Midwifery, Psychology and English on offer. The opportunity comes with an e-tutor for the whole of Year 13, and a £1,000 bursary if you go on to apply to Nottingham University. For further information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/npss or see Mrs Shelley for the brochure.

McKinsey Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy 2015 is a chance to have fun, meet other students from the UK and Ireland, learn about leadership and develop practical work skills. You will also learn about management consulting as a possible career option. For further information about the course and applying, see http://www.mckinsey.com/global_locations/europe_and_middleeast/united_kingdom/en/careers_in_the_uk/leadership_academy_2015

BBC Young Voter Panel

Students, aged 18-24, would you be interested in applying to be members of a UK wide BBC Young voter panel. Successful applicants could find themselves on the One Show, Radio1 Newsbeat, Newsnight, BBC Look North and BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

More details about the scheme and an application form can be found using the link below.

www.bbc.co.uk/generation2015

Deadline for applications is 2nd February 2015