



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

26 Sep	NSEA Bishop Burton Show Jumping
27 Sep	NSEA Bishop Burton Arena Eventing
28 Sep	Yr 11 Drama Performance 6.00 - 7.30pm
30 Sep	Yr 7 Roman Day
30 Sep	Yr13 Question Time Event at NKDC
2 Oct	Yr 7 Poetry Event
6 Oct	Yr 11 Drama Performance 6.00 - 7.30pm - Parents welcome
7 Oct	Yr 9 PSHE Day
8 Oct	National Poetry Day Library Event
8-11 Oct	London Art Study Trip
9-12 Oct	Yr 11 Berlin Trip
9 Oct	Yr 7 & 8 Disco

Even though the academic term has really only just begun it feels like the school has been really busy over the past few weeks. We hope all our students are settling into the challenges and opportunities of the new year. From the sight of staff laden with piles of exercise books to mark it seems that academic work has started in earnest!

I had the pleasure of attending the 'Old Girls' Lunch last Saturday only hours after the hall was filled with our youngest potential recruits at the second of the two 11 plus assessment mornings for out of area pupils. Other Year 6 pupils have sat their papers in their primary schools. We look forward to welcoming many of them back for taster days in the summer term.

A different kind of recruiting went on at school all Wednesday morning as sixth form subject captains, prefects and staff all promoted the many extra curricular clubs and societies on offer to students in the school. Please read on to see what your child could get involved in outside of lessons this term. We realise many pupils come to school on public transport so many of the clubs take place at lunchtime. Unlike in many schools the lunch break lasts a full hour giving everyone time to eat as well as get involved in an activity. Do encourage your daughter to take part. My thanks to Mrs J Pankhurst (Head of Year 10 and Pupil Participation Coordinator) for organising the event.

Finally my thanks go to Mrs M Walker, our Duke of Edinburgh coordinator, and the student D of E captains who spoke to a packed hall of parents and Year 10-13 students on the evening of Thursday 17 September at our popular sign up event. Mrs Walker also led the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the Peak District last weekend with her team of volunteers, enjoying September sunshine and the Monday downpour. If you would like further information about the Duke of Edinburgh award please contact Mrs Walker at [dofe@kshssa.co.uk](mailto:dofe@kshssa.co.uk).

Mrs J Smith  
Interim Head of School

## Spirit of Normandy Prize

After their stimulating visit to the Battlefields of World War One and Two in France, last June, Year 9 students completed work reflecting on their experiences and the significance of the events. Some of the work was submitted to the Spirit of Normandy Trust an organisation dedicated to celebrating the importance of the Normandy Landings. The Trust is actively involved with veterans and education and runs an essay competition. The veterans within the Trust are especially keen that children should know what the War meant to Servicemen and their families and it was meeting veterans on the trip which really brought this home to our students. All those whose work was submitted will receive certificates commending their work in due course. However the organisers of the competition have awarded a fascinating book to Natalie Sands (10W) in recognition of the depth and thoughtfulness of her submission. Well done Natalie! Congratulations go to all the girls on their hard work.



Mrs R de la Bedoyere  
Teacher of History



# YEAR 12/13 OPERATION WALLACEA TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2015

After 18 months of planning and preparation 13 enthusiastic Year 12 and 13 students were delighted to finally arrive in South Africa. During the first week of the trip the group was based in the Thanda /Intibane Reserve in KwaZulu Natal. Everyone took part in a range of conservation and research activities including bird counts and habitat assessments, as well as doing game drives, bush walks and attending lectures. The second week was spent in Sodwana Bay where many of the group attained their open water PADI qualification for diving. Qualified divers were able to take part in marine surveys of the nearby coral reef whilst others snorkelled over the reef.



Katie Key (13L), Eleanor Wood (13L), Arian Thomas (13F) and Laura Morton (13F) share their favourite moments:

“My favourite moment of the trip was on the first day in Thanda Park - we went on a bush walk to see whereabouts we were and found ourselves walking into two giraffes! It seemed that the giraffes were waiting for us as they stood perfectly still whilst we moved closer and took lots of pictures.”



“My best bit of the trip was finally seeing the elephants after waiting all week to catch a glimpse of them. We all just sat in the back of Simon's van in awe and everyone was just SO happy for the rest of the day.”

“My favourite part of the trip was definitely going on safari - although we had some ridiculously early starts, the opportunity to see elephants, lions, rhino, giraffes and zebras was a once in a lifetime experience. I already want to go back!”

“It was fantastic being there at the coral reef rather than just seeing it in pictures. It was a whole new world under the water and I especially enjoyed seeing a turtle and a shark.”





## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

### Ms A Mariner, Subject Leader of French

My background in teaching is in both French and Italian having previously worked at a mixed grammar school in Lincolnshire and prior to that a selective girls' school. I teach both languages to A level and spend a lot of time travelling when possible to both countries. I have a son who is also studying languages at university whom I visit in my spare time and I also enjoy running, music concerts, socialising and viticulture.



### Miss E Turner, Teacher of Maths

I am delighted to join KSHSSA as a Mathematics teacher this year; I attended KSHSSA as a student and it is great to be back and starting my third year of teaching here. I have a BSc (Hons) degree in Mathematics from the University of East Anglia and a PGCE in Secondary Maths from Bishop Grosseteste University. Outside of school, I enjoy finding long walks to go on with my dog.

### Miss S Dungarwalla, Teacher of French and German

Qualifications: BA Modern Languages Studies with French and German (Hons) from the University of Nottingham / Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

Prior to teaching I spent 10 years full-time in digital marketing working for various international online retailers in the clothing and gift sectors. I have also taught ESOL part-time at Boston College.

In my spare time I enjoy anything language related (French, German, Spanish and English), travelling anywhere and everywhere, meeting people from different countries and playing the piano.



### Mr A Sherwin, Senior Science Technician

I have recently moved to Lincolnshire from the Cambridge area where I have worked in education for around eight years. I have been a school Science Technician for nearly five years and before that I worked as a classroom cover supervisor and also as a teaching assistant working in science with students with special educational needs.

I have always had a fascination for science and have been a member of the Cambridge Astronomical Association for over ten years. In the daylight I am often found out and about with my three children walking or cycling in the countryside or trying to learn how to play the guitar, badly. I am currently studying for an Honours degree in Natural Science with the Open University.



### Miss A Kilgannon, Teacher of PE

Miss Kilgannon joins the PE Department after completing her teacher training at St George's Academy and Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School. She gained a BA in Physical Education at Leeds Metropolitan University.



### Mr A Collier, Teacher of Science

Mr Collier joins the Science Department after training as a Schools Direct candidate at the school last year. His specialism is Physics. He has degrees in several different subjects including a BSc in Natural Science with Chemistry and an MSc in Remote Sensing.





Last Saturday saw the annual 'old' girls lunch attended by ex pupils of the school, some of whom studied here in the 1950s. After speeches and lunch, a tour of the school enabled some of the guests to see

what has changed over the years. Many commented on the friendly and welcoming feel of the school still whilst others told great tales of the old school swimming pool, sanctions for breaking school rules and the teachers who were feared. A display of old school newsletters provided interesting reading and many nostalgic memories. My thanks to the Chairwoman of the association, Mrs Viv Porteus, and her committee members for organising the event. The Association raises money to provide prizes for current students at Senior Prize Giving which this year takes place on Monday 14th December.

Mrs J Smith  
Interim Head of School

Thanks go to the Parent Teachers Association who donated over £4000 of resources for pupils' use this year at their AGM last week. Their tireless fundraising last year means that pupils will benefit from new online reading subscriptions, additional Science practical equipment, St Johns Ambulance first aid training sessions and Years 9 and 11 will have half day study and revision skills sessions run by the fantastic company 'Maximise Your Potential' prior to their annual examinations. This company got rave reviews from students in years 9 and 11 last year when we used them and we have managed to book the same speakers this year.

If you can spare some time to join the association it would be much appreciated. We are always determined to give all pupils the very best learning opportunities in and out of school and some do incur extra costs. We try and minimise passing these onto parents as much as we can and the work the PTA does helps significantly. Thanks to Chair Mrs B Fleming and her team of hardworking parents.

Mrs J Smith  
Interim Head of School

## European Languages Day

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, we had an exciting opportunity to visit the University of Nottingham for European Languages Day, organised by Mr Rooke. Although it was an early start, we had a great time.

We were divided into groups and assigned a language undergraduate guide.

My group used computers to add subtitles to a Spanish clip and then went to learn Japanese. We discovered how to count to 100 and we also learnt a few Japanese greetings.

After a break, we took part in a treasure hunt, where we found clues which were in different languages which told us about a celebrity.

Finally we had a Swedish lesson and were taught how to say where we lived, say our names and how to spell them.

It was a fantastic experience and I found it very inspiring, particularly as it was the first time I had been inside a university.

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By Molly Fairhead 9F





# School Uniform

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 7s on their excellent standard of uniform and hope that they will maintain this.

I would also like to remind all parents and students of the following:

- Skirts must be knee length
- Socks must be green
- Trousers must be grey
- Piercings - one pair of studs only
- Hair must be of one natural colour

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Tipper  
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

## Nottinghamshire County Girls' Cricket

Congratulations to Hester Dakin (8KG) who this year has been selected as Captain for the under 12s and 13s Nottinghamshire County Girls' Cricket team. She describes her success:



"This year I have been selected as Captain for some games and we, as a team, have had some great wins. On the presentation night I was awarded two medals for batting and bowling. Next year I am guaranteed a place on the team and they have offered me a place as the full time Captain. I can't wait to see how the year goes!"

### PTA 100 Club Winners

The July 100 Club winner is Heidi Atkinson with number 58.

The September 100 Club winner is Cate Tipper with number 13.



## LIBRARY NEWS \_ MAGAZINES

The library now has a number of monthly magazines full of interesting articles to inspire you or just for general interest.

They are:

All about History, Focus, How it Works, National Geographic, Stuff, Web Designer, Wired, World of Animals

and (for the staff) Teach Secondary.

Pictured are Avelyn Hawthorn Brownlee (9F), Freya Edwards (9F), Kiera Fountain (7A), Erin Fountain (9F), Lucie Swan-Dennis (9A), Rosie Belcher (7A) and Cara Clack (9A) having a first look at the magazines in the Library.

Mrs K Wallis  
Learning Resource Manager

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Before School	Breakfast Club – hot & cold breakfast foods, drinks. Breakfast TV/ Newspapers & Games. 8.15am – 8.40am		Breakfast Club – hot & cold breakfast foods, drinks. Breakfast TV/ Newspapers & Games. 8.15am – 8.40am
Break	Games Club –The House	Games Club – held in the house	Games Club – held in the house
Lunch	Puzzle Club – in K17 12.50 – 1.30 Library Club Games Club – held in the house	Duke of Edinburgh - in the House Library Club Games Club – held in the house Photography Club K15 (week1)	Duke of Edinburgh - in the House Library Club Drama Club – in the Drama Studio Games Club – held in the house Geography Club in C3/C4 Photography Club K15 (week 2) Ukulele Club – M1 for yr. 8 & 9's Young Journalists – M10 Silver Arts Award – 12.50 – 1.20pm (starts mid October)
After School		'New Views' playwriting programme in the library for Yrs. 11 & 12 (limited places)  National Craft & Design Centre at The Hub	Year 8 & 9 – ' Food Around The World' – Food Room 3.45 – 5.15pm  Year 7 Knitting & Crochet club in the Textiles room 12.50 – 1.30 pm  GCSE Textile Club – 4 – 5.45pm

PE/SPORTS CLUBS – VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AS PER LIST IN FORM ROOM

Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast Club – hot & cold breakfast foods, drinks. Breakfast TV/ Newspapers & Games. 8.15am – 8.40am
Games Club – held in the house	Games Club – held in the house
Public Speaking Club – In the Head Teachers Office  Library Club  Creative Writing – M10  Games Club – held in the house  Scratch Programming – CO1 from 1st October until Christmas  Bronze Arts Award 12.50 – 1.20 pm (starts Mid October  Biology Club S1  Project X –S2/S3	Library Club  Year 7 – 'Fair Trade Snacks Challenge' in Food Room 12.50 - 1.30pm  'Dress A Girl' club for yr 8 & 9 in the textile room.  Games Club – The House
Guides  KS4 Homework Club Library	

# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

## TERMS 1 - 2



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sleaford Guides

Every Thursday 1600-1730

The Drama Studio KSHSSA



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, building on girls' confidence and raising their aspirations. Girlguiding is open to all girls without exception, and we are fortunate to have a unit in the school which is supported by the school management.

Girlguiding encourages young women to develop their leadership skills and give them a voice within their group, local community and their society.

Guides are aged 10 -14 years  
Senior Section aged 14 - 25 years.  
Adult Volunteers aged 18 and upwards

At our meetings, the girls get involved in anything from sports to performing arts to cookery to crafts and visits around town. We have also organised daytrips at weekends as a unit, to places further afield.

Other events include organised camps, varying from a weekend to a week.  
Opportunities also exist for international travel.

We also have the chance to meet up at times with other units around the district.

A popular national event which we have attended annually is The "Big Gig" held previously in Wembley and the NEC. Previous Big Gigs have included "Little Mix", "The Vamps" and "Scouting for Girls".

If your daughter is interested in joining us in our unit, we currently have vacancies and all new girls would be most welcome.

Please come and visit us on any **Thursday** during term time when we meet in the **Drama Studio** or leave a message with the school office.

For further information on Girlguiding please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

Mrs J Hardie  
Leader 4<sup>th</sup> Sleaford Guides

