



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

11 - 14 Dec	German Trip to Frankfurt (Year 10, 12 & 13)
14 Dec	Senior Prizegiving
17 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM
4 Jan	Staff Training Day
5 Jan	FIRST DAY OF TERM

PTA 100 CLUB

The November winner of the PTA 100 Club prize is Mrs Jill Owen – number 98 – congratulations!

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the last newsletter of the Autumn term. As you can imagine it is written amid the excitement and anticipation of next week's end of term festivities. They start with tonight's Year 7 and 8 school disco organised by a budding Year 9 team of event managers and overseen by their form tutor, Mrs Milnes. The money raised will go to the Air Ambulance charity.

Next week sees the High School's Talent Show final on Tuesday lunchtime; the school Christmas lunch on Wednesday and the School Carol Service at St Denys' followed by the more informal, end of term whole school celebration assembly on Thursday.

One of the most enjoyable events on the school calendar however takes place on Monday evening when we welcome back parents and students from last year's Year 11, 12 and 13 to collect their GCSE, AS and A Level certificates as well as Subject Prizes at the Senior Prize Giving. We are delighted this year to have as our guest speaker Professor Joann Fletcher. She is a Professor of Egyptology at York University as well as the presenter of a forthcoming BBC TV series on the Egyptians.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful and sociable Christmas break. Many thanks for all your support of the school this Autumn Term. School reopens for students on Tuesday January 5th.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



NEWSFLASH

The total amount of sponsorship money raised by students at KSHSSA and Carre's Grammar School, following the joint Sponsored Walk on 22 October, is in excess of **£29,000** - this is a fantastic achievement and the charities that will be supported with some of these funds are Macmillan Cancer Support, Teenage Cancer Trust, Help for Heroes, Young Minds, Beaumont House, Hope House and Leicester Kidney Patients' Association. **Thank you** to everyone for your support.

Youth Speaks 2015



Following last year's success at senior level, Kesteven and Sleaford High School have entered teams in both the Intermediate and Senior National Public Speaking competitions organised by the Rotary Club this year. The Intermediate team of Clary Burn, 9L (Speaker), Hazel Francis, 8KG (Chairperson) and Beth Taylor, 8MC (Proposer of the Vote of Thanks) moved comfortably through to the next round of the 'Youth Speaks' competition when they competed in Morton, near Bourne, on the evening of Wednesday 2 December.

As well as a great team success for all three girls, Clary should be congratulated on her individual win, taking the overall prize for Best Speaker. Teams had to speak unaided for 10 minutes and answer questions from the floor on a topic of their choosing. The High School team chose to speak with real passion on the topical theme of gun laws in America. I was extremely impressed to see them talk so eloquently in this their debut in the competition.

The next edition of the newsletter will report on the success of our Senior Team who compete this week. Their topic is the Syrian refugee crisis.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO SHEFFIELD

As part of the World Cities aspect of our A Level Course, we learn about one out of town retailing centre. For this we have studied Meadowhall in Sheffield. We attended a talk by Lorraine McGreal about the site, location and operations of Meadowhall as an out of town retail centre. We learnt how Meadowhall was built on an old steelworks which closed in 1984 and that the centre is modelled on the Grand Palace design, which is intended to be timeless. However, we were surprised to hear that upon entering the car park a photo of the vehicle and driver were taken to check if the vehicle was stolen and criminal record checks were made on the driver.

After our talk and much to our delight we caught the tram to the centre of Sheffield where we walked the Gold Route which is part of Sheffield's regeneration scheme. In small groups we acted as tour guides to the rest of the class. Previously this area was heavily motorised; however, now there is an exclusion of all general traffic to create a safe, welcoming and attractive area which includes public art space and recreation facilities. We also viewed the water features which create a link with the historic Barkers Pool – the town's medieval water reservoir. We viewed some of the sculptures on the route, reminding us of Sheffield's history with the steel industry.

We then walked to the Park Hill redevelopment which is a 1960's housing development which fell into disrepair. As the framework is a grade II listed building, it cannot be knocked down, so Urban Splash redeveloped it for modern day apartments. Although considerably better than the previous flats, the redevelopment created some mixed opinions amongst us all! Finally we took the tram back to Meadowhall where we had just enough time to evaluate Meadowhall and its facilities.

By Rosie Burns (13W)



Christmas Raffle

The sixth form senior team are organising a Christmas raffle in aid of the charity **Young Minds**. This organisation aims to support young people who struggle with mental health problems and is very close to our school's heart.

Tickets cost £1 each and are available from sixth formers as they walk around form rooms throughout the week. The raffle will be drawn during Assembly on the last day of term.

Local people and businesses have been incredibly generous with their prize donations. We have been able to collect some great prizes for the lucky winners!

Prizes include:

- ♣ 2x signed Tony Robinson books
- ♣ Cinema tickets
- ♣ 4 x £10 Amazon vouchers
- ♣ Signed Lincolnshire Police Interceptors poster
- ♣ Jewellery by The White Butterfly Boutique
- ♣ Hair products
- ♣ Beauty gifts

The senior team and I would be grateful for your support in our fundraising efforts for such a worthwhile charity.

Thank you.

Katie Key (13L)
Head Girl



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday 4th December 2015, our Health and Social Care class organised and got involved in the KSHSSA Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, as part of our assessed coursework in communication skills. The event took place in the afternoon, in which we were joined by 17 senior citizens. Each student from the H & S class planned different activities to do including snowflake and snow globe making, Christmas bingo and crosswords, and as a combined activity everyone took part in the Christmas quiz. During the afternoon, we were joined by four singers and one dancer. The singers were Lola Cunago (8KG), Megan Dillon (8KG), Amelia Snell (7W) and Gabby West (7W), and the dancer was Evie Ellis-Tyrrell (7A). All performers did an amazing job, and the senior citizens thoroughly enjoyed watching the entertainment. We were also supplied with lots of delicious food by Mrs Pankhurst, Jamie Maltby (12F) and Beth Edwards (12A).

By Mia Franklin (12F), Cerys Lindley (12F), Shanna Mawson (12W), Sophie Morton (12W)

STAFF NEWS

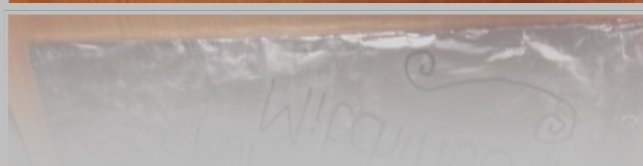
We will be pleased to welcome Mrs H Kasperczyk, Subject Leader of Music, back from maternity leave in January 2016 and we would like to say a very fond farewell to Mr S Mitchinson who has been working with us during 2015 while Mrs Kasperczyk has been away.

Emily Marsh from 9L (Mr Mitchinson's Form) made a wonderful leaving cake (pictured) which was presented during their last lesson.

Mr Mitchinson said:

'I would like to say thank you to 9L. I have genuinely enjoyed watching the students develop into wonderful musicians and the enthusiasm that they bring to each lesson'.

We wish Mr Mitchinson all the very best for the future.



'Walpurgistag' Translation Competition



The life of a sixth-former is usually pretty intense, and just when I thought I had an evening off I unearthed an email from my German teacher about a translation competition, run by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Institute of Modern Language Research (IMLR), which involved translating an extract from *Walpurgistag*, a German-language novel, and sending my attempt back to the DAAD to be judged. The book itself, written by Annett Gröschner in 2011, takes a vibrant cross-section of the lives of ordinary Berliners on the 30th April 2010 - or *Walpurgisnacht*, to German readers.

Each category - I was in the 'schools' but there was also 'undergraduate', 'postgraduate', and 'others'- had its own passage to translate, ranging from pure dialogue written in a rather daunting dialect, to a surreptitious scene taking place on the corner of a busy Berlin street; the extract I found myself in front of.

By the nature of the novel, the passage was full of informal language that took some serious decoding, although eventually I'd completed the word-for-word translation and could step back and begin to rearrange the tangle of words into a more natural-sounding English story. Needless to say, this took some time! After a few hours (and many cups of tea!), I was sending the finished product off to the DAAD to be read and judged. I was incredibly surprised when a month later an email appeared telling me that I'd won the 'schools' category!

Attached were details of the prize; a year's subscription to the *Deutsch Perfekt* language magazine, along with an invitation to a prize giving event (in London!) on the 10th December, where the author and her translator Katy Derbyshire, would be discussing the book with the winners and an audience (it's open to the public too). I'm really looking forward to the event, an exciting prequel to the German Department's trip to Frankfurt.

By Libby Beckett (12L)

SWIMMING GOALS AND COMPETITION

My name is Katie and outside of school I am part of a local competitive swimming club called Lincoln Vulcans. I've been swimming since I was 3 but only started swimming competitively when I was 9, as I found my love for this sport increased.

My short term goal is to get a qualification time for the East Midlands Swimming Championships, and my long term goal is to one day compete in national and international championships. But to achieve these goals means making sacrifices such as missing parties and school discos, early bedtimes and getting the right balance of carbohydrates and protein (not sweets or fast food).

I currently train 5 times a week, which can be either before school with a 5.00am start or after school. During each session my squad members and I do up to 5000 metres of intense swimming training and on top of this we also practice our techniques, such as diving and turns, and do land training (sit ups, press ups and other core strengthening exercises) to develop our stamina and muscles.

The 21st and 22nd November was the last local swimming meet before the Lincolnshire County Championships in January 2016. At this meet I was entered into 11 different races covering all four styles of stroke. I came away with ten medals; four golds, five silvers and 1 bronze, and reached the County qualifying times in all of them. Unfortunately I missed my short term goal of a Midland qualification time, but got within half a second in three different events. I am hoping to achieve this in the next four months before the entry window for the Midland Championship closes.

Whether I get the times or not this year I really enjoy swimming and spending time with the friends I have there (several are at KSHSSA too). We may compete against each other but we also do team events and it is a great environment. One of the main things our Coach tells us before every race is "enjoy it". There is no point making the sacrifices if it is not fun!

By Katie Lancaster (8LC)



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS) VISIT TO RAF CRANWELL

On Friday, 27 November a group of Year 9 students visited RAF Cranwell to complete a series of Maths, Engineering and problem solving exercises. A group of boys from Carre's Grammar School also attended.

The day began with a Maths question involving a rather complicated trip around the entire town, including the train station, as all of the things we needed had been scattered around. We had to work out how to collect everything and get the train on time.

We were then split into groups to complete problem solving exercises. On one especially frustrating challenge we had rope handcuffs that were looped over another person's handcuffs and we had to separate from the other person. Eventually, after tangling ourselves up even more, we were given a simple solution which made the entire process a whole lot easier!

To finish off we had the chance to do some loading work. One task required us to fasten down a Land Rover with chains so that it would be safe to transport in a plane. In the last task we had to put cargo into a Chinook with certain restrictions. This soon turned into a friendly but animated competition between us and Carre's – we won!

Overall the visit enlightened us to what the RAF faces on a daily basis and showed us what really goes on behind the scenes. It was a great opportunity to experience this.

By Amber Swann (9W)



Library News

The Library Captains have been working very hard this term putting new books into stock, book covering, creating displays, tidying and reordering sections of the Library and learning to work together in small teams.

Pictured is the fabulous Library Christmas Display which most Captains contributed to. Part of the display is a range of new library books we have been putting into stock – just in time to borrow over the Christmas holidays.

There were two deserving winners of the Library Poster Competition – Lauren Whitehead (7W) and Emily Morris (8MLA) who received a book prize in assembly along with a certificate designed by Library Captain Sarah Durham (7A) who came up with the idea of the competition, and helped promote it with her own poster. Look out for these new posters promoting the library services soon.

Pictured is Emily Morris with her winning poster.

We've got lots of great ideas for next term – the first of these will be a Scholastic Book Sale from 19-25 January in the Library. We hope to make this even bigger and better than the one we held in July. Please support this book sale – it's not only a great opportunity to get excited about books and reading, but the more books we sell, the more free new books we receive for the library.

Mrs K Wallis (Learning Resource Manager)



CLOTHES SHOW LIVE

Last Friday 45 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 visited the Clothes Show Live, an opportunity to experience many aspects linked to the Fashion industry and to see a professionally performed catwalk show.

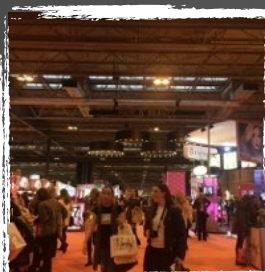
When we first walked into the exhibition, we weren't really sure where to go first, there were so many stands and so many people.

At 12.15 we met and started queuing for the fashion theatre show. I had been on the trip the year before and had really enjoyed this, so was very excited to see what they would come up with this year. I like the way they can bring the latest trends and fashions but still make the show so interesting and such fun for the audience to watch.

After this we had more time to look around the fashion and accessory stands before we left. My favourite part of the afternoon was spending time at the image catwalk at the back of the exhibition because it was more like an actual fashion show. We watched the Boutique Boulevard show which exhibited some of the boutique brands that were selling their collections at the event.

There were also education and university stands exhibiting fashion courses that they have on offer such as the West London College and the University of Manchester. This was really interesting to look around and it helped me to see what options I have after school and helps with considering a career in this industry.

By Amy O'Dell (10L)



Sports Leaders Level 2

PE NEWS

The Sports Leaders Award has taken off this term with over 50 students selecting to complete the next level following their success at Level 1. A number of the girls supported the KSSA Primary Athletics event held at Carre's Grammar School to develop their experience. The leaders worked hard during the 6 hours of competition to remain enthusiastic, encouraging and keep the event running.

A member of England Athletics attended the event and led the day. He guided our leaders through the events and gave each of them different jobs to do. These included score keepers, team leaders, recorders, measurers and demonstrators. They worked with focus and represented the department and the school with pride. The Primary children really seemed to enjoy the day and gained a lot from our girls as role models.

Bella Williams (12A) - SPORTING EXCELLENCE

We would like to congratulate Bella Williams (pictured) for her continued success. Following a stressful time taking GCSE's in Year 11, Bella continued to train hard and her efforts were rewarded in her recently being crowned 'Young Lincolnshire Sports Woman of the Year'. Bella represented England as part of the Mountain Running Team, was part of the winning team in the Junior Home Internationals and took part in the International Youth Cup. She is currently Northern 3K Champion but is now focussing on her mountain running. She is now in the process of selecting an American University, several of which will offer a full scholarship for her track, cross country and academic achievements. Well done Bella!



Miss M Adams
Subject Leader PE

PONY CLUB DRESSAGE

I am a member of the Pony Club and I have my own pony but I don't have transport to go to events and competitions. I have, however, found a great way to compete in Dressage competitions as I can do the tests at my riding school (you don't even have to have your own pony – I did one test on the pony that the riding school owns). My test was filmed and then sent off.

Dressage is basically dancing horses – you need to get the horse to listen and to do exactly what you want, when you want.

Tests are chosen based on your ability and there are loads to choose from – you can even do an RDA test if you are disabled. Pony Club tests are open to all members worldwide and the best are selected for the Championships (I qualified 12th and 15th).

After loads of practice I took the C Test for the Championships on my pony 'Oliver' and I got the fabulous 3rd place which was great as it was my first time competing and my Pony Club were thrilled as it was their first entry.

By Toria Robinson (8MLA)



Project X is an Engineering challenge issued to local schools to design, build and test a model aircraft capable of dropping fragile supplies (in the form of two eggs!) from a zip-wire in a 'down pilot' scenario.

Over the past few months a team of Year 8 girls have been working to produce an aircraft capable of tackling the challenge.

The final competition took place on the 25th of November at RAF Waddington and the girls were able to compete with several other local secondary schools. They also had the opportunity to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers in the RAF and they enjoyed many activities, such as being able to operate a robot used for bomb disposal!

The girls enjoyed their day out and produced a fantastically engineered aircraft.

Well done to Abby Couchman (8KG), Lola Cunago (8KG), Rafia Khan (8LC), Holly King (8LC), Hermione Khan (8LC), Lucy Hubbert (8LC), Katie Lancaster (8LC), Daniella Jorge (8LC) and Hazel Hall (8LC).

Mrs L Cook
Teacher of Science and STEM Coordinator

PROJECT X



AN ACT OF KINDNESS

One weekend, we decided to do an act of kindness. We were in Sleaford and when we passed a flower shop we decided to buy some flowers. We wanted to give them to someone who wasn't expecting the flowers to hopefully make their day. We decided to give them to a lady who was very surprised and happy with them, and we found it was definitely worth it for her reaction. We hope we can inspire people to do an act of kindness or to be kinder to others.

By Mariana Sousa (8MC) and Tamzen Brenton (8NP)



PHYSICS LUNCHTIME CLUB

Members of 8MLA came along to an impromptu Physics lunchtime club to make a wave machine out of jelly babies.

We were able to demonstrate amplitude, wavelength, frequency, reflection and interference through the medium of jelly babies.

Much Physics was reinforced and many jelly babies were eaten!

Thanks to Ellen McHenry, Jenny Myers, Lucy North, Victoria Pearson, Megan Revelle and Caitlin Roebuck.

Mrs K Fairhead
Teacher of Science



AS LEVEL TEXTILE STUDENTS WORK ON SHOW AT THE HUB

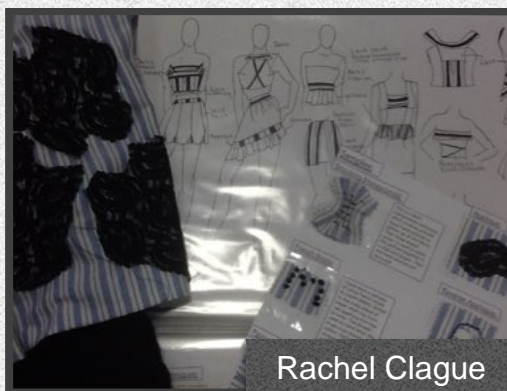
Collaborating with Ruth Singer on her exhibition 'Narrative Threads' has given two Sixth Form students a starting point for their A Level Design and Technology Textiles portfolio. Using old or discarded clothing either with a strong family connection or associated with a strong personal memory, the students were set the challenge of recycling the clothing to make a completely new garment. Using a range of decorative techniques such as appliqué, embroidery and patchwork students have stitched their story into the garments they have designed.

Freya Hide (12F) has used the memory of a walking holiday in the Lake District. Using a dress and pair of jeans she has constructed a sun dress and jacket covered in 3D flowers, hand and machine embroidered maps and images.

Rachel Clague (12A) used a very personal starting point connected with family bereavement with a dress and cardigan that she wore to the funeral, a shirt belonging to her father and a book of heartfelt messages. Rachel deconstructed the clothing and made a top and skirt, combining printed pages from her book of remembrance with appliqué and machine embroidery.

The garments completed by the girls and their sample sheets are on show as part of the Ruth Singer exhibition at the National Centre for Craft and Design (the Hub) in Sleaford until January 2016.

Mrs B Fleming
2nd in Art and Design



Rachel Clague



Freya Hide

*WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE STAFF AT KSHSSA.*