



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

26 Jan	RAF Band Concert (11.30 - 12.10)
28 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening
28 Jan	Year 12 Poet Laureate Lincoln University
1 - 5 Feb	Year 13 Mock Examinations
2 Feb	Year 9 Study Skills Day
2 Feb	Year 10 Science Live Trip
4 Feb	Immediate Maths Challenge
5 Feb	National Library Day

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for this Spring Term. It's a shorter half term but there's lots packed in. Year 13 have A level mock exams looming in the next few weeks. Most of the year group have university offers to work towards and we are keen for them to see how well they can demonstrate their knowledge and skills under timed pressure at this mid-point of the year. Congratulations to all those in the year who have impressed universities with their UCAS applications or even survived the gruelling Oxbridge or medical/vet school application process. Year 12 parents' evening gave staff and students the chance to reflect on their academic progress too.

Recently students in all year groups have been taking part in the student council discussions; whether that's in initial discussions in tutor time or representing their peers at the whole school council meeting. Last year's student council were pleased to officially 'open' the refurbished M block toilets at the end of last term - a project they voted to spend allocated funds on after much discussion! This term we've asked students in Years 7-9 about the new Key Stage 3 assessment system in place in school since September and as a staff we have been observing and discussing the classroom strategies that lead to engaged and creative learning across subjects and year groups.

Whilst extra-curricular successes and opportunities often fill the pages of our newsletters, teaching and learning in the classroom is at the heart of what we do. Thanks for your continued support of both the staff's efforts and your child's commitment to their own learning.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## Annual Senior Prizegiving

Katie Key (Head Girl) and I had the pleasure of posing for a photograph with the guest speaker at our annual Senior Prizegiving ceremony at the end of last term. You may recognise Professor Joann Fletcher as the presenter of the current BBC2 series 'Immortal Egypt with Joann Fletcher' screened on Mondays at 9pm. Professor Fletcher, an Egyptologist based at the University of York, declared her passion for all things Egyptian and recommended that students followed their passions in an entertaining and inspiring speech to prize winners and their parents. It was lovely to see so many of last year's Year 11, 12 and 13 return to the school to celebrate their success. The photograph, provided courtesy of the Sleaford Standard, shows just some of the prize winners. For a list of winners please see the final pages of this newsletter.



Courtesy of the Sleaford Standard



## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Congratulations to the students who have taken the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The results were outstanding and represent the hard work that our students have put into this qualification.

The EPQ is an independent piece of research. It is a Level 3 qualification equivalent to half an A Level. The EPQ is graded, and carries the same UCAS points as an AS Level except that an A\* grade is available. At KSHSSA the Extended Project is part of the Enrichment programme and we offer EPQ to AS students in October for completion by September.

Each student completing the EPQ has a supervisor and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of the students for supporting and marking the projects.

Mrs L Shelley  
EPQ Co-ordinator



## PTA News

Thank you to all parents who supported the Mulled Wine concert in December, it was a super evening, the PTA raised £147.90 (after expenses) on the raffle – thank you for your generous donations.

We have a number of fund-raising events coming up which I hope you will support.

On the last day of term we have a 'Civvies' day for Bags2School. Students bring a bag of unwanted clothes in exchange for wearing civvies, if they do not bring in clothing they pay £1 towards PTA projects. Please note adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys are all acceptable but we cannot collect bedding, household linen, towels or bric-a-brac. You can use any carrier bag, but if you would like a bag your daughter/son can collect one from Reception.

On 28th April we have a Joules Seconds evening, from 6.00pm-8.00pm, tickets will be on sale at £4.00, please put the date in your diary and come along to bag a bargain! If you are already going to the Year 9 History Trip meeting on the same evening please do come to the sale afterwards!

We also hope to sell Fortune Cookies to the students for Chinese New Year on 8<sup>th</sup> February – these will be 50p each.

All of these fund-raising initiatives are going towards building an outdoor canopy between the school Dining Room and the Library, providing extra space and shelter for the students at break and lunchtime. A share of the money raised by KSHSSA from the school sponsored walk will go towards this project.

Mrs B Fleming  
PTA Chair



## National Cipher Challenge

Congratulations to Jordan Renwick (12F) who participated in the National Cipher Challenge run by the University of Southampton. Encoded clues are released every Thursday afternoon from October to January which have to be deciphered to solve a mystery. It is the first time that Jordan has entered and she finished in the top 30% of teams to enter. Well done Jordan!

Mrs K Green  
Second in Maths





# Library News

It's the start of a new term and a new year, but already we, in the Library, are gearing up for a jam-packed few weeks! Not only do we have the Book Sale taking place between 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January, but on the 5<sup>th</sup> February we are opening our doors for a Library Open Evening – our first ever!

We are excited to share all that we have achieved in the Library over the past few months and are therefore inviting everyone to come along and share these celebrations with us. This is also an evening to which parents are invited to come and look around our Library, being shown around not only by some of the Library Captains (who of course will be on hand at any point in the evening) but also by Year 7s, 8s and 9s, who wish to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired during the course of their Library lessons with Mrs Wallis. Throughout the evening, there will be activities and presentations, with a chance for people to ask questions or maybe to just sit down quietly with a book; if students wish, they may even borrow some books. Of course, many of the Library

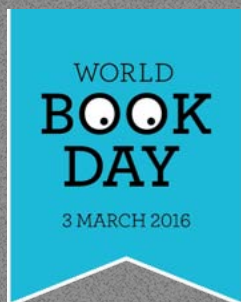
Captains are getting excited by the possible presence of cake, which is not usually permitted in the Library. However, exceptions can be made for special occasions!

As well as continuing to do our usual work in the Library, we are also planning and preparing for World Book Day, which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We are pleased to say that the Open Mic session, which was so popular last year, will be returning for World Book Day. Of course, with an Open Mic session, we need pieces to perform! So, if you have a favourite short story, poem or extract then see Mrs Wallis and you will be given the chance to read it out on World Book Day!

We are all very excited about what is taking place in the Library over the next few weeks and we warmly invite you to join us and see for yourself what a fantastic world a Library can be!

By Rebekah Rankin (13W) and the Library Captains



## YOUNG MINDS

The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

Students in Year 12 and Year 13 have been fundraising this academic year for the charity 'Young Minds'. This week we received a letter of thanks and a certificate of congratulations as our students have very impressively raised £2,547.84 since September.

Well done Key Stage 5!

Mrs L Shelley  
Head of Year 12



## Student Council

Georgina Hands (13A) and Laura Emsley (13W), Sixth Form representatives of the Student Council, cut the ribbon on the newly refurbished M Block toilets. The project was voted for by students who were representing their peers on the student council.

## Amber Cards and Behaviour Points

From this term Amber Cards will no longer exist in a physical form. Behaviour Points are now all added electronically to a pupil's record. Behaviour Points and Merits will be shown on all tracking and on the annual report.

Mrs C Tipper  
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



## Spotlight on Sport

As many of us slowed down for the Christmas holidays our sports people did not. Having already competed at National Level; coming 12th in the National Pony Club Championships Dressage, 11th in the National Schools Championships Dressage and also representing the school and Pony Club at Nationals for Show Jumping, this year, Olivia Mawditt (10L) started to train with the under 18's Midlands squad and has qualified for the British Young Riders Dressage Scheme (BYRDS) Championships for the Northern Region. Along with this she has qualified to compete at Belton Horse Trials in Dressage and for the Pony Club winter series



second rounds. Like any high performing competitor Olivia would not have achieved the success she has without the support of her family and coach Julie. She would like to acknowledge the support she has received from them and her two ponies, Seb and Woody; without them she would be lost!



## Cross Country County Championships

The Lincolnshire County Cross Country Championships were held in Stamford on Saturday, 16 January. We had a number of girls representing the school and our district with some excellent running and high places achieved. We would like to thank all those who attended, and particularly mention those who qualified for the Anglian Schools competition; Bella Williams (12A) won the Senior Girls race, Laura Bates (10A) came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Inter Girls race and Hazel Williams (8MC) came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls race.

Good luck girls, we hope it is not as cold for the next round!

Miss M Adams  
Subject Leader P.E.

## Sleaford Young Chef of the Year

Congratulations go to Molly Sheppard (9W) who truly earned this title on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Molly and Isobel Coles (7A) took part in the final of the Rotary Club's competition. This year's final was held at KSHSSA with competitors from St George's Academy, Sleaford and St George's Academy, Ruskington.

The final was a tense event as the chefs worked confidently for two hours, with the teachers anxiously watching as the wonderful array of food was being produced and presented.

The level of skill was so high and the quality of the dishes presented was absolutely fantastic. The judges had a very difficult task!

Molly will now travel to Huntingdon on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January to take part in the District Final and the competition requires her to produce a three course meal for this event, rather than the two courses she produced previously.

I would like to thank all the girls, their parents and the staff that have been involved and supported each of the rounds which began in school back in November. I would also like to thank the Rotary Club for organising these events which give the students these opportunities.

Good Luck Molly!

Mrs J Pankhurst  
Teacher of Food Technology





## The Senior Public Speaking team pictured with the Chair of the Bourne and District Rotary Club, Joe Sumner

Following on from the success of the Intermediate team, the Senior Public Speaking team, consisting of Emily Dunham 10F (Speaker), Natalie Sands 10W (Chairperson) and Rosie Jones 10F (Vote of Thanks), impressed at the Rotary Club Youth Speaks public speaking competition taking first place. 'Are we morally obliged to help Syrian refugees?' was the topic of their thought provoking and articulate talk. They go through to the District Finals early next month.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School



# Frankfurt Trip

Last December German students from Years 10, 12 and 13 went on a joint school trip to Frankfurt, Germany with students from Bourne Grammar School. We went to experience the Christmas markets and learn about the area through various sausage-eating, photo-shooting and film-watching activities which proved successful in making us reluctant to leave.

The first day was an early start, leaving Sleaford at quarter past midnight, particularly for those of us who had only finished performing in the school concert a few hours earlier, but the excitement of the trip kept us awake at least until after the conversational German lesson later that day.

The next days included a walking tour of the city, a museum visit, a trip to Goethe's home, a cinema trip, a brilliant photo scavenger hunt, and of course plenty of free time in the "Weihnachtsmarkt" in the city.

Frankfurt gets its name from being the "Furt" (river) of the Franks (a German tribe). It is the home city of teenage diarist Anne Frank, who lived amongst the large Jewish community.

Various different kinds of architecture can be found in the city, since it had to be rebuilt after the war, having been devastated by bombing attacks. One of the older buildings in the city is the inspiration for a local football team's red and white strip, being timber framed with a red roof.

The museum guide had a vast knowledge of the various collections at the museum including paintings, maps and collections of German explorers from throughout the ages.

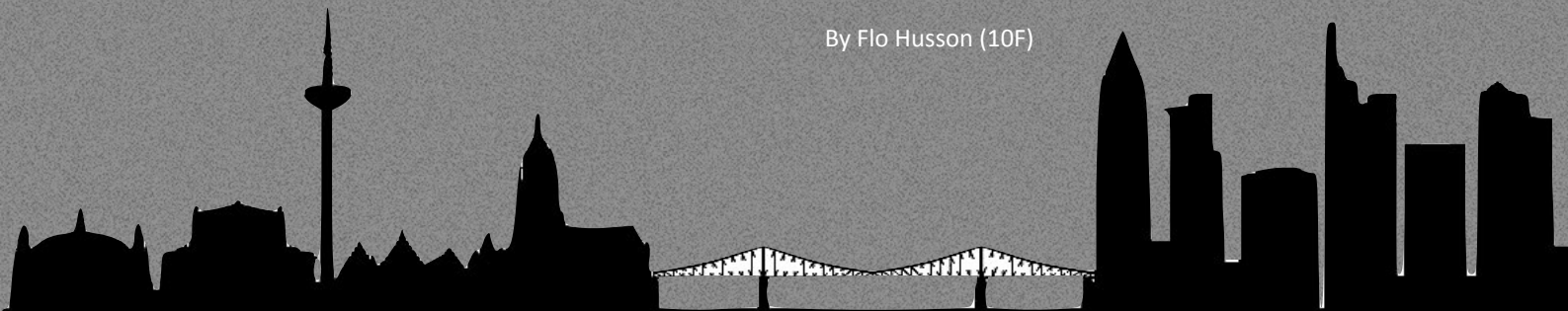
Goethe's home was one of the first buildings to be rebuilt after the Second World War. Very little of the building is original, even the stairs are only original up to the fourth step. We also saw the strangest cuckoo clock known to man, which has a small carving of a bear on the front, which lies down when the clock needs winding up.

Later in the trip we went to the cinema to see a new German film which deals with the issue of mental health. Although the film was hard-hitting, we managed to follow the story as there were lots of pauses in the text.

The best part of the trip in my opinion was the scavenger hunt, during which we had to use the U-Bahn (underground) to get to different parts of the city and take photos; finding a shop to pretend to be a mannequin in was difficult as it was a Sunday, but pretending to be a superhero on the bridge, getting someone's autograph and eating Christmas food were amongst the favourites; we learnt a lot about Frankfurt just from rushing around it trying to get things done.

The Christmas markets themselves were ausgezeichnet. Germans really do have the best sausages! Other great snacks included Kartoffelpuffe (Potato cakes) which were served with apple sauce and garlic mayo, Currywurst (sausages in curry sauce) and chocolate covered fruit kebabs. The markets also included Christmas decoration stores and personalised gingerbread messages. At the end of one day we bought Mr Rooke a personalised "Danke" gingerbread heart!

By Flo Husson (10F)



## List of Senior Prize Winners and Prizes 2014-2015

### Key Stage Four

Year 10 Form Prizes

10A Natalie Blackwell  
10F Tabitha Davenhill  
10L Chloe Ridley  
10W Kathryn Stinchcombe

GCSE Art & Design Fine Art Prize

Anna Killen

GCSE D&T Graphics Prize

Florence Sherry

GCSE D&T Textiles Prize

Freya Hide

GCSE Food Prize

Lucy Seddon

*Presented by Jackie Thornalley*

GCSE Drama Prize

Nicola Nuttall

*Drama Cup*

GCSE German Prize

Isabella Williams

GCSE Geography Prize

Charlotte Wilson

GCSE History Prize

Alexandra Williams  
Isabella Williams

GCSE Music Prize

Candy Yuan

GCSE Physics Prize

Gemma Shaw

GCSE RS Prize

Alexandra Williams

Pettit GCSE Science Prize

Emma Francis

GCSE Chemistry Prize

Charlotte Wilson

GCSE Sports Prize

Lilly Buckberry

GCSE English Language Prize

Lara Orriss

GCSE Biology Prize

Georgia-Louise Webb

Helen E Vidal Prize for GCSE Mathematics

Nicola Nuttall

*Presented by the Old Girls' Association*

Prize for Best GCSE Performance

Elizabeth Beckett, Sydney  
Mawer &  
Katherine Mountford

GCSE French Prize

Elizabeth Beckett

GCSE English Literature Prize

Kiera Johnson

Most Improved at Mathematics

Rachel Clague

*Helen Carroll Brown Prize*

### Key Stage Five

Prize for Excellent 'AS' Level Performance

Rebekah Rankin, Katrina  
Stephens & Katherine  
Williamson

Prize for Best 'AS' Level Performance

Bethany Kirwan, Rose  
McLelland & Jonathan Sands

Senior Management Team Prize for Special  
Achievement

Maisie Borrill

*Cattermole Shield*

MP Skinner Prize for Religious Studies

Rebecca Gough

*Presented by the Old Girls' Association*

House Prize

Alice Waby

*Thorpe Shield*

Award for Public Service Shield

Juliet Raphael

*Presented by the Sleaford Standard*



German Prize <i>Connors Cup</i>	Mia Beeson
Sport/PE Prize	Charlotte Martinelli
Photography Prize	Matilda Warren
Jenny Giles Prize for Art	Kirstin Ringham
Biology Prize for Sustained Hard Work <i>Presented by Mrs S Ajumal</i>	Molly McNae
Business Studies Prize <i>The Grange Cup</i>	Courtney Wright
Selicia Brister Prize for Design & Technology <i>Selicia Brister Cup</i>	Samantha Allen
Senior Drama Award <i>Drama Cup</i>	Megan Clutterbuck
Eve Hull Memorial English Language Prize <i>Presented by the Old Girls' Association</i>	Natasha Torres-Coote
Mary Baynes Memorial French Prize <i>Presented by the Old Girls' Association</i>	Amy Vallely
Senior Games Prize <i>Stewart Cup</i>	Olivia Churchill
Psychology Prize	Alice Waby
History Prize <i>History Cup</i> <i>Endowed by Mrs S Williams</i>	Rebecca Gough
Classical Civilizations Prize Classical Civilizations Cup	Lydia Allain Chapman
Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Music throughout the school	Edward Down
Music Prize	Lydia Allain Chapman
Katy Winchester English Literature Prize <i>Presented by Mr Winchester</i>	Mia Beeson
Mathematics Prize <i>Mathematics Cup</i> <i>Presented by The Old Girls' Association</i>	Bianca Erwee
Physics Prize	Bianca Erwee
Chemistry Prize <i>Cornwall Plate</i>	Tamarind Russell-Webster
Geography Prize	Emily McRae
Prize for Excellent 'A' Level Performance	Tamarind Russell-Webster
Prize for Best 'A' Level Performance	Lydia Allain Chapman, Molly McNae, Emily McRae & Bronia Zbrzezniak
Deputy Head Girl's Prize <i>Presented by Mr N McFarlane</i>	Eloise Churchill, Laura Vallely & Harriet Fawsitt-Jones
F.M Kirk Memorial Prize for the winner of the Watson Medal for the Head Girl <i>Presented by the Old Girls' Association</i>	Tamarind Russell-Webster