



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

11 May	Whole School Photograph
13 May	Year 12 Last Day in school before Study Leave
13 - 14 May	Year 7 Camping Trip to Walesby Forest
20 May	Year 11 Last Day in School before Study Leave

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very lucky as a secondary school to have a team of committed PTA members and my thanks go to them for their organisation of last week's fundraising 'Joules' evening. Around £1200 was raised towards the planned canopy to provide a sheltered, outside recreation area for students.

If you were in any doubt of the power of an all girls' school to convince students there are no limits to confidence in all subject areas you would have been impressed to see the hall packed full of willing volunteers from Years 7 and 8 taking part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge. Students now await their results but I was delighted to see how many girls had put themselves forward.

Elsewhere students in the upper school are preparing for external examinations. Assemblies, recent study skills days and revision sessions in class all aim to prepare students to face the challenge of those papers with confidence, but staff also regularly remind them to keep their revision programmes in balance with other important aspects of their lives, such as enjoying time with family and not giving up on hobbies. Able students tend to place a lot of pressure on themselves to work hard and they aim for perfection; healthy, well rested minds combined with focused revision of targeted sections of the syllabus wins the day. If you are worried that your child, in any year, is doing too much (or not enough!) at home don't hesitate to contact their tutor or head of year for advice.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

NEW DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016

The whole school photograph was postponed last week due to high winds and chilly temperatures. We are hoping the weather will be kinder to us on Wednesday next week (11 May) when the photograph will be taken in the afternoon.

Please make sure that uniforms are clean and well presented and that hair is tidy.

Thank you for your support.



Happy Birthday to the Queen!



Lord Lieutenant Toby Dennis, Reverend Philip Johnson, Rosie Jones and Flo Husson

The sound of happily excited murmurs and proud organ music welcomed us warmly into the buzzing church. A vast, communal celebration of the Queen's birthday included people from all over Sleaford; Lord Lieutenant Toby Dennis, the Reverend Philip Johnson, and the Mayor, were amongst those gathered at St Denys' church on Thursday 21st April to rejoice at this glorious national triumph. The event was organised by Ms Alison Wickstead and Ms Beryl Risdal, who were 6 and 12 respectively when the queen was crowned in 1953. Alison originally planned to have 90 different

messages from individuals all over the town to compile into a booklet to be sent to Buckingham Palace, each author signifying a year of the Queen's life; however, she struggled to find a baby or a ninety-year-old able to contribute and ended up with messages from a diverse range of groups, including one from us at the Kesteven and Sleaford High School Girls' News Team. From the 21st of April until June, you can see the photos taken and tributes written by all 97 contributors and can also flick through a copy of the exciting birthday booklet.

The event began with a church service in honour of the Queen. This, included a hymn sung at her Coronation and her Golden Jubilee, and was followed by readings from the Bible, prayers, and a toast to Her Majesty. The Vicar hosting the service, Rev. Philip Johnson, believes that, as a church and as a country, we owe a lot to the Queen. As the Queen is our Head of Church, she is reminded that although she is in one of the most powerful positions on Earth, she still answers to God. As a woman in church she plays a significant role; in the times before female clergy and bishops, having a woman as head of the church was a fairly undeniable argument for women to be more involved.

Beryl Risdal also believed that the Queen works extremely hard, and that it is important to have a woman on the throne. She said that the Queen has moved admirably with the times, something also mentioned in the St Denys' church service. In thanks to her for all the years of service she has completed, the booklet, full of pictures and well-wishing messages, has been sent off to Buckingham Palace. The reason behind this amazing project was simple: as a monarchist, Beryl, with Alison wanted to show thanks to the Queen. She also commented that it would bring the community together in an age where it is becoming increasingly more difficult to do so, and that it is important to praise the Queen whilst she is with us.

The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, appointed by the Queen to represent her in our county, remembers being excited when the Queen returned from one of her travels. This was long before the internet and everyone was anxiously hoping that she would be well; there was no way to find out before she got back. The Lord Lieutenant commented that the Queen plays an important role in this country, and she has stayed steady through the radical advances in technology and the quick changes in opinions and views that have shaped our world over the last few years. Having represented her on many occasions, he holds a deep respect for the Queen and believes it his duty to work for her until he turns 75, at which age he is no longer eligible to be Lord Lieutenant.

This gathering was, above all, a communal occasion with an excellent service. We wish to thank the people of Sleaford for their contributions and, especially, those that made the delicious free cakes!

The exhibition, including a submission from the Girls' News Team, can be found at St Denys' Church until the Queen's second birthday in June; we hope that those celebrations will be just as wonderful as these.

Flo Husson (10F) and Rosie Jones (10F)
Girls' News Team
thegntchain.wordpress.com



PTA News

A huge thank you to all parents, staff and members of the PTA who supported the very successful Joules Seconds Event that was held last week. We sold around 300 tickets, and combined with the money raised from the tombola and a donation from the Joules Seconds team we raised a grand total of £1,294.50. By far the most successful event we have held so far! All the monies raised will go towards the 'Raise the Roof' project.

The next event we are hoping to run is a Quiz night on the 16th June with a fish and chip supper, we are hoping that both students and adults will make up teams and support the event.

We need to raise around £20,000 to build a cover with sides to extend the dining area towards the Library, with monies from the sponsored walk matched by the PTA, Joules seconds Event and Bags to School we have already raised £12,000 which is fantastic. However, we want to be able to continue to support the school by purchasing extras for departments and by providing school planners for all students as well as the 'Raise the Roof' project.

So please support the PTA's fund raising activities in any way you can – we cannot do it without you!

Mrs B Fleming
PTA Chair

INTERACT CLUB

Interact is a new club that has been started at the High School with the aim of helping people both locally and internationally through various fundraising and charity events. It is sponsored by the local Rotary Club.



Board members from the Charter Presentation

First of all we had a couple of meetings to discuss what Interact was about and what the Rotary Club was. Then we discussed the roles we needed for the club and voted for who we thought would be best for each role.

A Charter Presentation was held in the Library to announce the roles and officially start the Interact Club of KSHSSA.

The roles are:

President: Sophie Angel (10A)
Vice President: Amelia Snell (7W)
Secretary: Wendy Neal (9L)
Treasurer: Leah Wardle (7W)

Congratulations to the board members and now we are planning to start the charity work.

Our first mission is to collect plastic milk bottle tops which are recycled and the money will be donated to the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance - please start collecting!

Jorja Slyfield (7W)
Interact Club Member

Library News

'500 Words' Short Story Competition

All Year 7 students were encouraged to enter the national 500 Words challenge in their Library lessons. Many of us entered and amazingly I managed to get through to the second round.

by Charlie Scott (7L)

Charlie's fantastic story included encounters with a ghostly Rosa Parkes and Emily Pankhurst. We have a growing collection of biographies on leading women - please ask if you'd like to borrow one to inspire you!

We now have to wait to find out if Charlie will have tickets to the live final held at the Globe Theatre and hosted by Chris Evans and the Duchess of Cornwall on 27th May.

Mrs K Wallis
Learning Resource Manager



'Libraries Change Lives' Award

Mrs Wallis told us in our last Library meeting that we are applying for 'Libraries Change Lives'. It is a national award open to UK based libraries that help demonstrate a positive impact on their community. We all wrote down our ideas on what it is like to be a Library Captain in order to apply.

by Elizabeth Keetch (9L)



NSEA County Cup National Finals – Bury Farm Equestrian Centre 23rd & 24th April 2016

Having become 70cm individual and 1m Team County Champions at Arena UK the girls represented Lincolnshire at the National finals.

In the 70cm Emma Finnegan (8KG) jumped clear in the 1st round but unfortunately picked up 4 faults in the second round which pushed her down to 15th place out of a total of 25 individual competitors.

Laura Finnegan (12F) (pictured) with Silver Curtis jumped clear in a very good time in their individual warm up class gaining an excellent 3rd place.

Our 1m team members consisting of Laura Finnegan, Freja Munks (12W), Niamh Kelly (10A) and Laura Bates (10A) jumped a super 1st round picking up just 4 team faults. The second round fences up to 1.10m didn't go quite as well. We needed clears to stand a chance of getting placed in the top 8 but it wasn't to be as each rider picked up faults.

Well done to the Team for becoming County Champions and making it to the finals. Better luck will hopefully come our way at the next National qualifier at Keysoe on the 2nd June 2016.

Ms J Tucker
Equestrian Team Co-ordinator



SHAKESPEARE'S 400TH BIRTHDAY

April the 25th saw the English Department at KSHSSA celebrating the birthday of the Bard by taking Year 12 and Year 13 students for a day of events at the Lincoln Performing Arts Centre (LPAC).

Lectures included "Shakespeare's Men", delivered by the ironically named Dr Christopher Marlow; a lecture that covered changing definitions of gender within Shakespeare's work and the world of Elizabethan theatre.

The Workshops that took place also featured a focus on gender and 'Cross Casting' that allowed students to perform and challenge notions of gender within Shakespeare's work.

All the students took part in a Renaissance Rehearsal under the tutelage of Dr Kelly Jones. It challenged the students as they had to recreate a scene from "The Tempest" without full scripts. In true Shakespearean style they were just given their own lines and those that came directly before them.

Mr J Cassidy
Second in English



SPECTROSCOPY IN A SUITCASE

On the 28th of April the Royal Society of Chemistry came to KSHSSA to deliver a 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase' workshop to the Year 12 chemists. They had the opportunity to use spectrometers to identify some organic compounds for a 'murder-mystery' scenario. The Year 12s were also able to learn about the real life applications of spectrometry, from forensics to sausage making!

Barnaby Tomlinson (12W), Harpreet Atwal (12W) and Charlotte Wilson (12A) were able to crack the case and won a prize for successfully applying their spectroscopy knowledge to identify the murderer!

Mrs L Cook
Teacher of Chemistry





(U15 Girls Rugby Team)

Rugby

The U15 Girls Rugby team qualified for the area finals last month. The team consisted of girls from both Year 9 and 10 with varying rugby experience. Training for the competition was intense following the Easter break but all the girls were looking forward to the competition. The tournament was a competition between all the schools that had won their county final, and was a definite step up in intensity. It was a very warm day, and the ground was hard as a result. It did make for good running conditions and this favoured our style of play. Despite losing the first game our performance improved every time we played. Unfortunately due to illness we were missing one of our more experienced players, but the team pulled together and skill levels rose with the challenges faced. Maddie Coy (9A) stood out as a leader on the pitch, and although she is not currently playing with a club she demonstrated the skill, knowledge and enthusiasm to do so. Results were close, having lost the first, drawing 1 and winning 4 we were in with a chance to play in the National Finals. Unfortunately we missed out on this by just 2 points overall. This was an excellent experience that has inspired more interest in the sport and as a result we are looking to develop the team and come back stronger next year.

Girls' Football Week

The 25th April – 1st May saw the FA's Girls' Football Week being promoted across the country. St George's Academy hosted football festivals for teams in Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10. The idea was to involve as many girls as possible who were not already affiliated with a club to play in this 6-a-side competition. The games were high tempo and showcased individual skills well in the small sided games. Our girls learnt a lot about positional play, some finding success playing in positions they had never experienced before. We hope this encourages them to train again next year to develop further and to continue to enjoy the game.

Miss M Adams
Subject Leader PE



(Key Stage 3 and 4 Football Teams)



Extra Curricular Clubs in PE

Term 5&6 2016

Day	Lunchtime 12.50 – 1.20pm	After School 4 – 5pm
Monday	Year 7 & 8 Rounders JAS/AK Key Stage 4 Tennis MLA	Level 2 Sports Leaders MLA/AK
Tuesday	Year 9 & 10 Rounders JAS/AK Key Stage 3 Tennis MLA	Fixtures
Wednesday	All Years Badminton LR All Years Athletics JAS/AK/MLA	Fixtures Staff & 6 th form Badminton
Thursday	GCSE Theory JAS Rounders Squad Training AK/MLA	Fixtures
Friday	KS3 & 4 Cricket JAS/AK A-Level Theory MLA	

KSHSSA Clubs for Terms 5 & 6

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		Breakfast Club - hot & cold breakfast foods, drinks, Breakfast TV Newspapers & Games 8.15am - 8.40am
Break	Games Club - held in the house	Games Club - held in the house	Games Club - held in the house	Games Club - held in the house	Games Club - held in the house
Lunch	Puzzle Club - in K17 12.50pm - 1.30pm Library Club Games Club - Held in the house Orchestra - V1 1.00pm Revision Session Yr11 Science/schedule issued weekly. Physics Drop in session.	Duke of Edinburgh - in the house Library Club Games Club - Held in the house Forces Club - See Mrs Watts Choir V1 (All welcome) Revision Sessions Yr12 Biology Yr11 Histroy (15 min Booster)	Duke of Edinburgh - in the house Library Club Drama Club - in the drama studio Games Club - in the house Badminton Club - in the Sports Hall Ukulele Club - M1 for Yrs 8 & 9 Year 7 Knitting & Crochet Club in the Textiles room 12.50pm - 1.30pm Young Journalists - M10 Silver Arts Award 12.50 - 1.30 in K15 Revision Sessions Yr11 Science Yr11 Maths 1 - 1.30pm	Library Club Creative Writing - M10 Games Club - Held in the house Bronze Arts Award 12.50pm - 1.30pm Biology Club S1 Yr7 Choir - V1 1pm Revision Session Yr11 PE 1 - 1.30pm	Library Club Yr7 Foodies - practical sessions 12.40pm (bring your lunch) 'Dress a Girl' club - Yr7 & 8 in the Textiles room Games Club - held in the house Musical Society - V1 1pm (Go along to talk about music) INTERACT-meet once a month. See Miss Turner for more details Revision Sessions Yr11 Science Yr13 PE 1-1.30pm
After School	Art Club for GCSE students 3.45pm - 6.00pm Revision Session Yr11 English Language and Literature.	New Views' playwriting programme in the Library for Yrs 11 & 12 (limited places) Revision session Yr11 English Language and Literature	Yr 8 & 9 - Food Around the World Food Room 3.45pm - 5.15pm Revision Session Yr11 English Language and Literature	Guides - Various activities (Contact Georgina Hands/ Katie Flaherty) Art Club (Starting in June) 3.45 - 6.00pm	