



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

20 Jun	Year 8 Geography Trip to Mablethorpe (2 groups)
20 Jun	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
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22-23 Jun	Lincolnshire Show
23 Jun	Extended Project Trip to Lincoln University
24 Jun	Year 9 HPV Injections
27 Jun	Year 9 & 10 Maths Inspiration at Leicester Curve
28-29 Jun	Sixth Form Induction Days
29 Jun	Year 8 & 10 Maths Workshops
30 Jun-2 Jul	Year 11, 12 & 13 Silver & Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice
30 Jun	Library Tea Party
30 Jun	New Year 7 Induction Evening
1 Jul	New Year 7 Induction Day

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was a quiet week in school last week with students from Years 11-13 working through their external examination schedules, most Year 9 students in France on the History residential visit and Year 8 and 10 students working on their main annual assessments.

This week it was back to normal lessons for most years and we welcome Year 12 students back to continue with their A level studies. With a bit more space in school we are also delighted to have Year 5 girls joining us for two days this week for a taste of Grammar School life. My thanks go to parents and students who supported the EU Referendum debate in school on Tuesday evening and to Mr Rooke for organising it.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## Advanced Notice

### First Day of Term – Autumn Term 2016

Please be aware that the first day of the new academic year (Tuesday, 6 September) will be for Year 7, 12 and 13 students **only**. All students are due back in school on Wednesday, 7 September 2016.

### Open Day and Evening

Thursday, 7 July is our annual School Open Morning and Evening. One of the busiest days of the year in school we are keen to have as many students as possible here in the evening to show prospective students and parents around. Our students represent the school brilliantly and we are grateful to all parents who kindly take the time to drive their daughters to and from the event. A letter will follow with further details but please do encourage your daughter to take part either as tour guides or helping in particular departments.

Lessons that day will run as normal until 3.40pm unlike in previous years when the school has closed earlier.



## Salters' Festival of Chemistry

On Tuesday 17th May, four students from Year 8 – Youmn Alsheikh Ali (8NP), Katie Lancaster (8LC), Hazel Francis (8KG) and Abby Couchman (8KG) – went on a trip to the University of Nottingham and took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry. There was a murder mystery task with small experiments, a university challenge full of colours and an interesting lecture about thunder and lightning. Our school did not win the competition but we had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

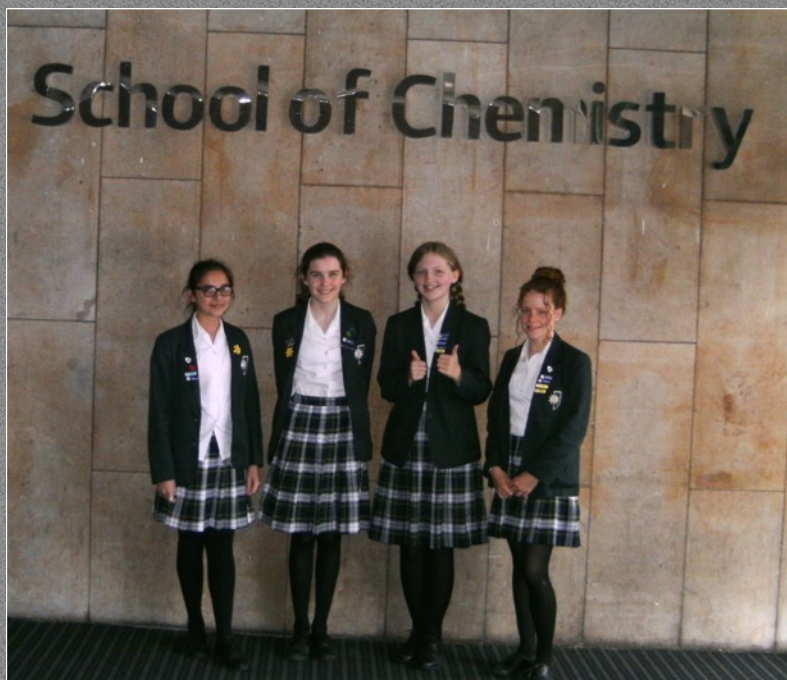
By Abby Couchman

'Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the Salters' Chemistry Festival. It was a great opportunity to take part in a range of different activities and work together in a team. I was very interested in the thunder and lightning lecture which I found very fascinating and surprising. Also I loved competing against other schools and working in a massive university lab. It was an amazing experience and I suggest if you love science this is a wonderful opportunity to take part in!'

Youmn Alsheikh-Ali

'I really enjoyed the Salters' Chemistry Festival. I thought the lecture at the end was really interesting. The trip really made me realise that Chemistry is definitely a subject worth taking and Nottingham University is brilliant and has amazing facilities.'

Katie Lancaster



## Sixth Form News

We are pleased to welcome Year 12 back after their AS examinations. This term is very busy with lots going on! They will start studying topics and developing skills that will be examined at the end of Year 13 and so lessons will continue as normal until the end of term. Students undertaking the Extended Project should use the next few months to really move forward on their projects as these will be due in in September. In tutor times students will start focusing on their plans for when they leave school next year. We will explore varied paths open to them such as apprenticeships, careers in the armed forces, employment and taking a Gap Year, as well as university. Research is the key to making the right decisions so we will encourage all students to look at the different options available to them and weigh up the pros and cons of each. Mrs Hunter our Careers Advisor is always on hand to offer further advice.

The majority of our leavers apply to university and to prepare for this students will start researching courses, completing their online applications, drafting personal statements and attending university open days (School will authorise a maximum of 3 days for this – students should complete the usual form to gain permission). On the 11<sup>th</sup> July we have arranged for Leeds University to deliver a series of workshops and there will also be an Information Evening for parents focusing on the application process and student finance. Details will follow in a letter.

We were sad to say goodbye to the Year 13s at the end of May and wish them the best of luck for their A-levels. However we look forward to seeing them and their parents back in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June for the Leavers' Celebration Assembly at 3pm, which is followed by tea and cake. Please do let us know if you would like to attend and have not yet replied.

Mrs L Shelley and Miss S Chant  
Heads of Year 12 and 13



# Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year

Three Textiles students have been selected for this year's Young Designer Competition. Their work will be displayed in the Roof Gallery at the National Centre for Craft and Design over the weekend of the 2-3 July. The winners will be announced at a private view on Friday 1 July.

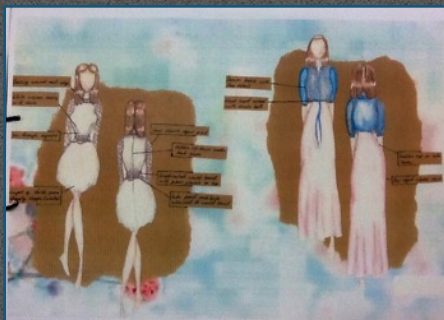
Freya Hide (12F) designed a woman's jacket as part of her AS portfolio based around the theme of modern architecture, taking inspiration from the work of modern practitioners including the likes of Frank Gehry, Zaha Hadid and Renzo Piano. Freya says "In many initial drawings by these individuals, a range of angles are used, showing mathematical precision. This is also evident in the buildings themselves, with many including aspects such as structural beams, and glass panels - which give the structures a sense of regularity. Such regularity is often juxtaposed by the inclusion of curved surfaces. It is this juxtaposition of lines and curves that I wanted to be evident in my jacket design, hence the heavy reliance on pleats to give regularity and structure, along with the draping of the fabric making up the scarf and hood, to give a sense of fluidity and contrast".

Amy Phillips (11L) has been selected for a second time (her work was short-listed last year too!). For her GCSE

coursework Amy chose the context of the fashion style 'shabby chic' having to create a textile product using a range of materials, including discarded clothing and components, and suitable to be sold in high street stores. "After designing five initial ideas, I singled one out, and developed it further. Once I had my final idea I then had to gather the materials to make it. First on the list was a wedding dress, which I obtained from eBay for £10. I then found a pastel pink lace dress in a charity shop in Edinburgh. I disassembled these and combined them with locally sourced materials and a lot of hard work to create my final piece, a 'shabby chic' party dress".

Megan Grimmer (10F) has submitted work produced for her first mini-coursework, the brief being to design and make a corset top suitable for selling at the High Street chain of stores, Monsoon, using decorative techniques from India. The top needed to be suitable for a younger customer aged 15-25 years. "My bustier top is made of hand dyed cotton. It is cropped and boned to give a younger feel to the design and has beading and hand embroidery on the centre front. The cups are outlined in hand beading. The back is fastened with an open ended zip. The whole garment is lined. I cut the patterns myself and made the garment which was quite challenging; I am very pleased with the result".

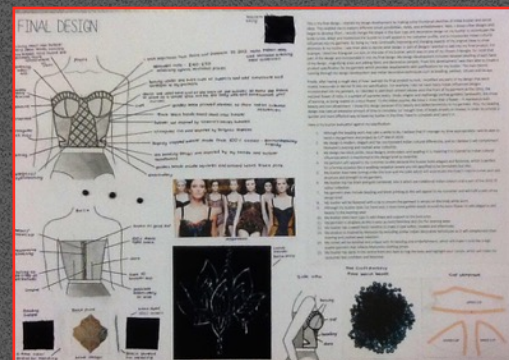
Mrs B Fleming  
Textiles Teacher



Amy Phillips (11L)



Freya Hide (12F)



Megan Grimmer (10F)



***PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHOOL HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY HOAX CALLS – THIS INFORMATION IS GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE FOR INFORMATION:***

## **Hoax Calls – Advice from the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO)**

Following a number of hoax bomb calls to schools across the UK in May, NaCTSO has provided the following update as each call has caused significant disruption to school life, upset to school staff and concern to students, their parents and carers.

The police treat calls threatening bomb attacks very seriously and are committed to working with schools to ensure the safety of all students and to minimise disruption to their learning.

It is important that we are alert but not alarmed. Schools remain some of the safest and most secure public spaces; the wellbeing of students is the top priority of staff.

To help us we ask the following of you:-

- If the school makes a decision to temporarily suspend lessons while safety checks are carried out, do not attend to remove your child unless asked to do so. Schools will keep you informed and always arrange care for students unable to return home or whose parents/carers are unable to collect them. Do not phone the emergency services to ask for updates on your child as it delays genuine people in need from getting help.
- Consider speaking to your child about the consequences of making hoax calls.
- If you have any information about those responsible for the security alerts call police on 101 (999 in an emergency) or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Armed Forces Reserves Day – Change of Date**

Due to the date of the EU Referendum there is a change of date for the Armed Forces Reserves Day, a day when students and staff may attend school in their Cadet or Reserves uniform. This day was due to be held on Wednesday, 22 June but it will now be held on Thursday, 8 September.

Formerly known as 'Uniform to Work Day' this is a perfect opportunity for us to recognise the sterling efforts of our Staff and Students outside of School as well as increasing awareness of the Reserve Forces within our community.

(All Staff and Cadets are advised to seek advice from their parent unit before participating in this event).

Please see the Armed Forces Day Website for more information - <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>

The Armed Forces Day will still take place on Saturday 25 June 2016. This day is a chance for the country to celebrate the huge contribution which the Forces make in our local community.





# Year 9 Murder Mystery

The group of Year 9 students who did not attend the France Trip spent their Friday afternoon as Crime Scene Investigators in the Science Department. They were investigating the murder of a member of staff, analysing evidence found at the crime scene and interrogating suspects! The murder victim was found covered in a white powder and the Year 9s carried out flame tests and ion tests to identify the chemical present. Did they manage to crack the case?

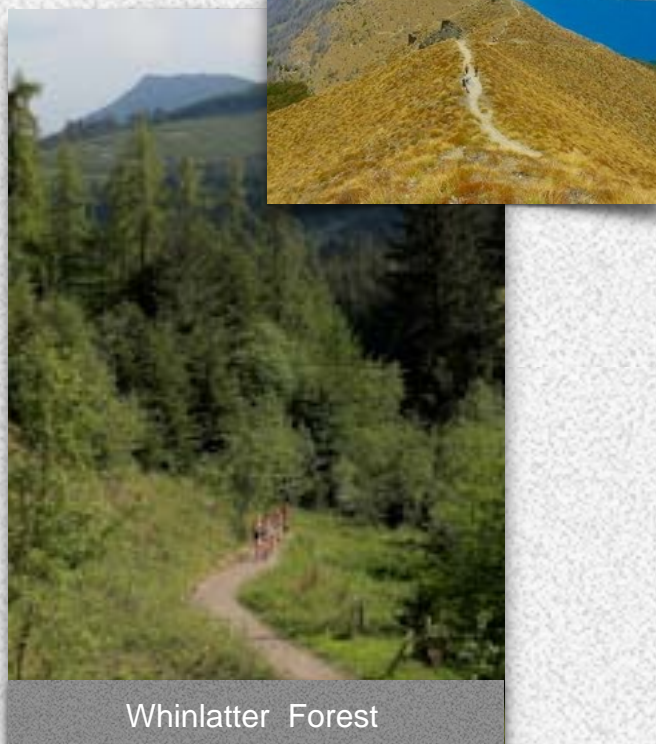
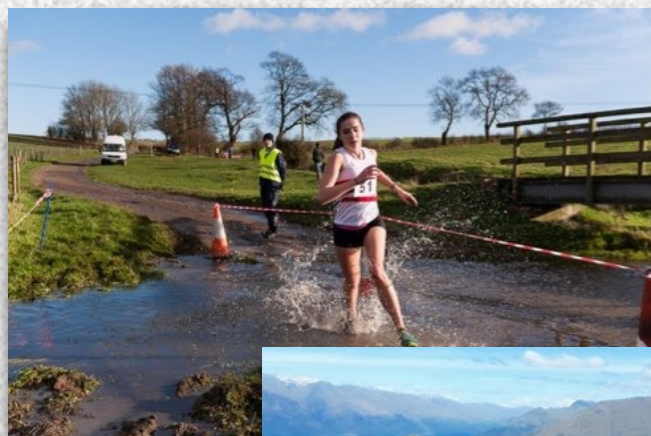
Mrs L Cook  
Teacher of Chemistry



We are extremely proud to announce that **Bella Williams** in Year 12 has been selected for the European Mountain Running Championship. British Athletics announced a team of 16 which will head to Arco in Italy for the European (Up and Down) Mountain Running Championships on Saturday 2 July. Bella is one of four women in the junior team representing Great Britain. Congratulations Bella, and we wish you the best of luck.

Below is a photo of Bella completing the selection race at Whinlatter Forest on May 28, 2016 in Keswick.

Mrs L Shelley  
Head of Year 12



Whinlatter Forest



### Spotlight on Sport

My name is Hester Dakin, I am in Year 8 and I play Cricket for Nottinghamshire. I started Cricket when I was 5 years old, partly because I live next to a cricket ground, but also because my Grandad, Dad and my brother all play Cricket and I wanted to beat them – I am competitive!

The best part of my Cricket career is advancing through the levels and becoming better and better. There was a Nottingham scout who spotted me and I started playing for Notts and have worked my way up to become Captain for a number of games. My coach then nominated me to trial for a national festival in which I will be playing against under 18's. This event will be the best players in each county all over England and at the games there will be England scouts looking for talented players.



The training at Notts is very intense and I have to work extremely hard. It is also a lot of fun as I am with my good friends who enjoy the same sport as I do. I have to train either at Trent Bridge in Nottingham or my local village club. I train every day after school and I am always very tired as I also play games on both Saturday and Sunday unless the weather is bad.

My favourite things so far have been joining the Nottinghamshire squad and being selected as Captain, and I am really looking forward to playing all the games at the festival and hopefully playing professional Cricket in the future.

Hester Dakin (8KG)

### NATIONAL SCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Laura Finnegan (12F) who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1.10m national qualifying class at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe, Bedfordshire on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

This will be the fourth consecutive year that Laura has qualified to represent the School at the National Championships in October.

Our next opportunity to qualify individuals and teams for the NSEA National Championships will be at Arena UK on 26<sup>th</sup> June. As this will be the last one I team manage for the school equestrian team I would like to thank all the riders and parents for their commitment, loyalty and willingness to compete in these competitions. I wish them all the best for the future.

Ms J Tucker  
School Equestrian Team Manager





## Kesteven School Sport Association Track and Field Championships

It's Athletics season once again and the district came together to compete against each other in both track and field events at the Meres Stadium in Grantham. It was a full day event with Year 7, Junior and Inter competitions for both girls and boys. Our girls all tried their hardest and competed to the best of their ability; many achieving personal successes as well as success for the school.

The Inter-girls team; Year 10 won their age group and many qualified for the County finals as a result; Laura Bates (10A), Victoria Roberts (10W), Abi Harmston (10A), Anastasia Layton (10F), Evie Bee (10A), Sophie Angel (10A), Ella Owen (10L) and Erin Tilling (10W) will all be going forward to represent Kesteven in the Lincolnshire competition. They will be joined by Erin Disdel (8KG) and Hazel Williams (8MC) from the Junior team and Holly Williams (7W) who also qualified in their age groups. Mention should also go to Jasmin Brankin (9A) and Daisy Desorgher (9A) who both finished in qualifying positions but were on the trip to France when the County finals took place. The Year 7 team did well in their first competition of this nature and came away in 3<sup>rd</sup> place; this was the first time many of the girls had experienced performing in a stadium and on a track which bodes well for the future!

An update on the County Championships will follow in the next Newsletter.

Miss M Adams  
Subject Leader PE



### KESTEVEN & SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL SELECTIVE ACADEMY

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11-18 Selective Girls' Academy with a Co-educational Sixth Form NOR 740

#### 1:1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Salary: Grade 3 (£15,507 pro rata)  
From September 2016

Post 1: 17-19 hours a week (morning or afternoon) – temporary for one year

Post 2: 17-19 hours a week (morning or afternoon) – temporary until December 2016

We are seeking enthusiastic and experienced Learning Support Assistants who will be able to join our friendly, selective school to support two students in lessons with medical diagnoses.

We are looking to appoint someone with:

- Experience of working with young people
- Excellent communication and team working skills
- A proactive approach to supporting a child with specific needs

Closing date: Monday, 27 June 2016

Interviews: Monday, 4 July 2016

Please return application forms available on our website: [www.kshssa.co.uk](http://www.kshssa.co.uk) to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: [helen.gill@kshssa.co.uk](mailto:helen.gill@kshssa.co.uk)). Visits to the school welcome by arrangement.

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo enhanced DBS checks.