

# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

31 Oct	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM</b>
1 Nov	History: Tudor Day: 8A & 8F
2 Nov	History: Tudor Day: 8L & 8W
2 Nov	Ski Trip 2017 Meeting 6.30pm-7.30pm
5 Nov	Duke of Edinburgh Training Day 1 Bronze & DE Year 9-13
6 Nov	Shakespeare for Schools Rehearsal 10.00pm-3.00pm
7 Nov	Shakespeare for Schools Dress Rehearsal 9.00am-3.30pm
8 Nov	Senior Maths Challenge
9 Nov	Young Chef Luncheon
9 Nov	Shakespeare Schools Festival - Lincoln Drill Hill
9 Nov	Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening Year 10-13
10 Nov	Careers Insight Event
10 Nov	Year 10 & Year 11 University Talk
10 Nov	Year 13 Parents' Evening
11 Nov	Maths Team Challenge (Sixth Form)



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If we were in any doubt about the Government's agenda to give more young people the chance to study in a Grammar School the message was made clear by Theresa May herself on Wednesday evening when I was fortunate enough to meet her along with other Grammar School Headteachers in a reception at the House of Commons. Many Heads there were describing the significant oversubscription of pupils registering for a place in their schools. I felt very lucky in the knowledge that for the past few years, any student who meets the 11+ standard and wishes to be educated at The High School has been able to access a place.

I felt very pleased too to learn how well many of the Year 7s seems to have adjusted to life at the High School during this first term. It was lovely to meet so many parents on Tuesday evening and to read your comments about your daughter's confidence and enjoyment of High School life so far. Thank you for taking the time to fill in the feedback forms. A couple of you asked about the extra-curricular activities. We publish these in the newsletter towards the start of each term and students were all able to attend the Fresher's Fair too to see what's on offer. Have a look at our previous edition; but form tutors are always happy to remind students too each week. For any of you that weren't able to attend the talks at the Settling-in Evening on how we report to you on your child's progress in school, or just want a reminder, please have a look at the presentation slides available [here](#).

Finally, many thanks to all those of you who have been encouraging your children to collect much appreciated sponsor money in anticipation of today's school sponsored walk. By the time we go to press we hope to be back safe and sound with as few blisters as possible!

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## 'MAKE YOUR MARK'

Students took part in the annual 'Make your Mark' vote again this year which is held to determine the topic of discussion in the House of Commons when the Youth Parliament spend the day there in November.

This year 652 students voted with 135 votes being cast for 'First Aid lessons for all in school'.

The results have been sent off to the Youth Parliament and have been added to the votes from around the country to choose the 5 debate topics; nearly 1 million students across the country voted and the 5 topics to be discussed on the 11<sup>th</sup> November are: Education, Racism and Religious Discrimination, Public Transport, Votes at 16 and the Health Service.

Our students voted in the majority for First Aid provision for all. This year, students in Year 7, 8 and 10 will have a CPR session run by the St John Ambulance Service as a part of the Government's commitment to provide some training to school-age pupils. Students in Year 9 and 11 had their Basic First Aid training last year. We are also offering a full day's training in First Aid; please see the letter sent out recently for more details.

Mr L Rooke  
PSHE Co-ordinator

# Year 7 at KSHS so far.....

## 7A have lots to say!

'We have enjoyed doing different subjects to primary school like Drama. We like how all the teachers and students are really friendly so we are not afraid to ask questions and we also like that we have two teachers for some subjects. We have more independence at KSHS and there is a bigger variety of clubs to choose from. We like our Form Tutor too!'

## 7F

'The first week it was tricky trying to find our way around school, but because we all stayed together it wasn't as hard as we thought it would be. So far we are enjoying our new independence! We have all enjoyed the lessons and made new friends, all of the teachers have been really nice and we are really surprised the school is able to provide so many different clubs and activities like Resilience Day. Science has been really fun, so far we have been able to light Bunsen burners and we made a model of a cell. Some people used cake, shoeboxes and even jelly!'

## 7L

'We have really enjoyed our time in the form. It has been really great and we all get along. A lot of people have said they want to be in our form! In form time we have lots of fun and actually learn a lot about each other or about the world when doing activities such as the quiz.'

## 7W triumphs in the Rugby tournament!

'We sailed through the first couple of matches but 7F put up good competition. We made our model cells for Science using a variety of materials, some of us used felt or polystyrene, others used sweets or cake but because of the chemicals in the labs we can only eat it if it is kept covered up!'

Roman Day



Resilience Day



## Student Voice Values Your Views

The School Council aims to provide a means for the student body to voice their improvements or concerns that they may have about the school. This is done in a fair and democratic fashion with students presenting and discussing their ideas in tutor time. These agenda items are then taken to the year councils who decide on what they would like discussed at the following whole School Council meeting. This term our agenda has included items such as the provision of water fountains around the school, lockers and their maintenance, dining choices and the queuing system in the canteen, as well as more specific agenda items such as Wireless network for Sixth Formers and printer credits.

There have been some positive outcomes of these discussions which include the updating of the wireless system as well as the refurbishment of toilets around the school site. Also as part of these discussions members of the council have also visited Bourne Grammar School to view their locker solutions and water fountains in an attempt to gain inspiration for our own school. The priority queuing system has been reinstated and this now means that all students (in years 7-10) are able to have a least one week out of four in which they take priority in the queue for lunches.

We continue to discuss these topics at meetings and welcome the attendance of Mr Allen (Operations Manager for the Robert Carre Trust) in order to bring about the best solution for the entire school body.

Olivia Sealy (13A)  
Chair Student Council





# Geography Field Visits

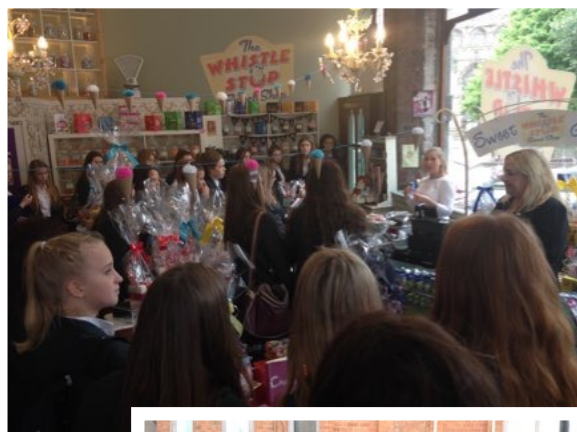
The Geography department has been busy getting their students out of the classroom and experiencing the delights of data collection. During this term the Year 11 Geographers have visited Rotherham and Sheffield and were lucky enough to receive a walking talk by Rotherham's Town Council team. The team discussed the different strategies that Rotherham has tried to adopt to stem the tide of shoppers leaving the town to shop in other larger out of town retailing areas such as Meadowhall. Rotherham is in fact subject to the highest proportion of competition from out of town shopping in the country.

The town has had to adapt and diversify to help improve footfall in the town and as part of this diversification new experiences such as Grimm and Co have opened up as well as an old fashioned sweet shop and temperance bar. The girls even had the opportunity to test out a traditional temperance drink of sarsaparilla. Students then visited different zones around the town to gather data on the built environment, pedestrians and land use. They also asked members of the public about their opinions on Rotherham's town centre developments and the competition from Parkgate and Meadowhall.

The students were an absolute pleasure to work with and gained valuable insights into a town that is very different from their home town of Sleaford. The data they have collected will now be used as part of their GCSE Controlled Assessment and students are now busy preparing graphs and presenting the data in a variety of ways in their Geography lessons.

Year 12 will also be out and about gathering data during the last week of term and will visit Boston, Freiston and Skegness to collect data to support them in the field work component of their A Level examination, more on this in the next newsletter!

Mrs D Collett  
Assistant Headteacher CPPD & Subject Leader Geography



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Captains go to the Kinema

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 4 Library Captains had the opportunity to join a trip to the Kinema organised by the English Department at Carre's. This was to celebrate 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl. We went in a group with Mrs Morrissey the Learning Resource Manager at Carre's.

We really liked the Kinema's 'vintage' atmosphere. The film was a really good version of the BFG and had some really funny bits! We were given a small amount of money to buy refreshments and snacks while we were there. We felt quite brave going along with students from another school but we had a really good time – some of the boys even shared their sweets!

Lauren Addison (9NP), Youmn Alsheikh-Ali (9NP), Ava Newell (8L) and Beth Taylor (9MC)

### 'Open Mic' Event

During lunchtime on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Wallis (Learning Resource Manager) and Scarlet Desorgher (10F) hosted one of the library's now legendary lunchtime 'open mics' to celebrate National Poetry Day.

Charlie Scott (8L) said: "The open mic was very good and lots of people performed".



# Year 11 Berlin Trip



On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, just over forty History GCSE and German A-Level students travelled on a school trip to Berlin. We went to experience German culture and to further understand the bitter reality of life during the Second World War.

As a GCSE student in both History and German, I found the trip incredibly useful. Visiting Berlin is helpful for learning a language, as despite most people being able to speak English they much prefer you attempting to speak their's.



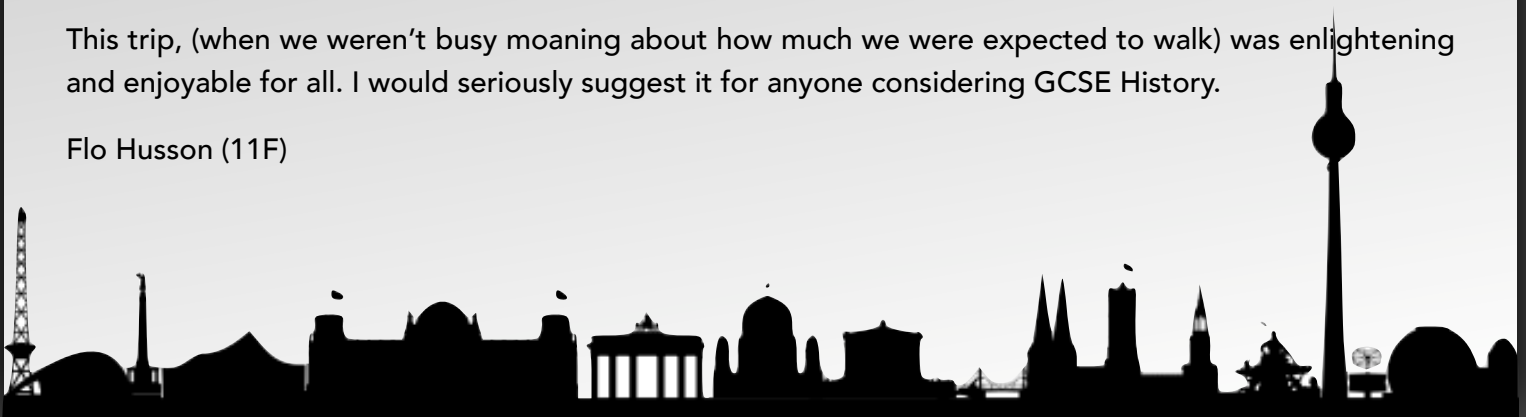
Being in the actual place where history happened has an effect which cannot be described or taught. It gives someone a completely different outlook on what they are studying. Seeing the differences still visible between East and West Berlin and walking along that line in the pavement knowing that that is where the wall once was, and walking through a building where history is still being made today, are all things which make a huge and lasting impression. You can't avoid feeling the great impact of the place you are in.

One really great part of the trip was the Resistance Museum, which is based in what was the residence of Claus von Stauffenberg, the German army officer who led the 1944 plot to remove Hitler from power. Here you can also see the exact spot on which Stauffenberg was shot. The collection in this museum was far too vast for us to see everything, however what we saw informed of the resistance amongst the young, the religious and the Nazi in abundance. A large revelation was the number of people actually involved in Stauffenberg's plot, as he is generally painted (on the rare occasions in which he is even mentioned) as a lone rebel; however there were various people involved in the plot, and there is an entire wall dedicated to them in the museum, though not many were executed.

Despite this, the experience which most affected everyone's emotions was the trip to Sachsenhausen, a concentration camp just outside Berlin. Here you can still see the remains of the ovens used to burn the carcasses of people murdered at the hands of the Nazis, the medical laboratory in which they were experimented on, and the cell in which various objectors to the Nazi regime - including Martin Niemöller, a famous religious rebel - were kept.

This trip, (when we weren't busy moaning about how much we were expected to walk) was enlightening and enjoyable for all. I would seriously suggest it for anyone considering GCSE History.

Flo Husson (11F)



# NKDC'S Local Democracy Day

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, a selection of pupils from Year 9 were asked to go along to North Kesteven District Council's Youth Democracy Day and represent Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

In total there were four schools present: KSHS, Carre's Grammar School, St George's Academy (Sleaford) and St George's Academy (Ruskington). The schools were mixed and put into several different groups; four parties backing four political candidates, a press group, a residents group, and the polling team. We all represented communities and people required for local democracy in politics. All students had their own important roles to play in the day; I was an agent, and my job was to make my political candidate look the best. Before we were put into our groups we were given an introductory quiz on politics asking us about law, party logos, party members past and present, and democracy around the world. The winning team came from Carre's Grammar school with 31 out of 36 points!

Following the quiz we were sent off into our roles and groups. The four parties were set on the task of creating their manifestos and marketing material, with the help of teachers and council members from NKDC. We needed to create an inspiring party name, slogan, three key issue pledges, and our candidate's speech. This was alongside our election campaign material which involved handmade rosettes, posters, and even – for our party 'Lincs Future' – a walking billboard!

After all groups had prepared we took part in a political 'hustings' event, where the candidates were required to give their speech to the crowd of students. Once all the speeches had been made, the press and residents grilled the candidates and asked them challenging questions about their key issues and plans for the future; for example, the young politicians were asked what they thought about CCTV and whether it is an anti-crime strategy they would back if they were in power.

Next, we took part in a 'vote with your feet' activity. We were asked to vote 'for' or 'against' topics such as 'banning social media in school' or 'the EU referendum'. For each question, some people represented 'non-voters' who forgot to register in the vote; it was clear that those who don't register can really affect the overall democratic vote.

Once the main votes of the day's election were tallied the results were clear: The Future Party got 82 votes with their candidate Adam Duffy of St George's Sleaford. The Kesteven Youth Party got 91 votes, with KSHS's own Youmn Alsheikh Ali (9NP) as their candidate. The Lincs Future Party got 98 votes overall. The winners, however, were the Rise 4 Life party, with a total of 104 votes for Charlie Patterson of St George's, Ruskington!

Overall, I was surprised at how enjoyable the day was; it showed me that I actually do know quite a lot about politics. My party, Lincs Future, came a proud second overall and our pledges mainly revolved around an idea I had come up with concerning the Bass Maltings renovation plan. This event allowed me to prove to myself that I can socialise well with strangers my own age, and that I can voice my opinions and be heard! I'd definitely recommend that pupils go along to political events like this and gain an insight into local democracy.

Lucy Hubbert (9LC)



# Insight Event 2016

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November is an important date on the Careers Calendar as this is when the annual Insight Event takes place. This is an opportunity for students from Year 10 and above to visit and talk with representatives from Universities, Colleges, The Armed Forces and local employers.

The event will run from 10.00am until 2.30pm in the school sports hall and I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/guardians who may wish to accompany their daughter/son, you will be most welcome. Year 10 and Year 11 students will be allocated specific times to visit the event to ease footfall, please liaise with your daughter/son to confirm their allotted time.

Year 12 and Year 13 may visit at any time during the day.

2016 will see a record number of stands (over 50). This is a fantastic opportunity for students to talk to Universities they may not have had a chance to visit yet.

We would like to see as many students and visitors as possible as many of the Universities and Colleges will have travelled a long way, we would like to make their trip a successful one.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs P Hunter  
School Careers Coordinator

The list of attendees is as follows;

## Universities

Cambridge – Christ's College  
LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science)  
Durham  
Southampton  
Liverpool  
Surrey  
RVC (Royal Veterinary College @ University of London)  
York St. John

Sheffield  
Hull  
Northumbria  
De Montfort  
UEA (University East Anglia)  
Leeds  
York  
Strathclyde  
Loughborough  
Keele  
Bishop Grosseteste  
Lincoln  
Sheffield Hallam  
Leicester  
Nottingham  
University of Law  
UCLAN (University of Central Lancaster)  
Aston  
Bath  
Cardiff  
Cleveland College of Art & Design  
Nottingham Trent  
Edge Hill  
Chester  
Northampton

## Colleges

Pearson College London  
Access to Music  
Bishop Burton (Riseholme)  
Lincoln  
Boston  
Grantham  
Confetti College Nottingham

## Armed Forces

The RAF  
The Army  
The Navy

## Other stands

NHS  
Barclays Bank  
Siemens  
BE Design  
What UNI?  
Projects Abroad  
Frontier (Gap)  
A Star Future



# The Army Cycles In!

During the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Army rode into our Reception area as part of an Exercise in which they visited all schools in the Lincolnshire area by bicycle! Schools visited on the trip were as far afield as Immingham, Grimsby, Skegness, Bourne and Sleaford, with many more in-between, not however, all on the same day!

Although this was an 'Army Exercise', the main aim was to promote Careers in the Army. Students from Years 8 and 10 had a break from their PE lessons to meet the soldiers and listen to 'what a typical day' in the life of a soldier was like.

The highlight for most of the girls was the soldier who on arrival, promptly fell off his bike!

Mrs P Hunter  
Careers Coordinator



Grantham celebrated the 350th year since Isaac Newton's discoveries with a week of arts events, activities and performances. Our involvement in the Gravity Fields project meant months of preparation and a week of intense rehearsals teaching our new recruits the routines and collaborating with other local secondary and dance schools. The chance to work with professional dance company Cirque Bijou was an opportunity that could not be missed; our dancers gained valuable experience when working as part of a group of more than 70 to contribute to, synchronise and perform the magical piece that lit the streets of Grantham on Saturday night, 24 September. Cirque Bijou had performed the umbrella project across Europe with a variety of dancers prior to our performance and they were extremely complimentary about the focus, dedication and ability of our dancers. Following a full procession through Grantham's High Street and the crowds of hundreds of spectators the girls performed their finale piece creating shapes, patterns and movements with umbrellas in a variety of colours. The effect was spectacular and an event the girls who performed will remember for years to come.



# Spotlight on Sport

It has been a very busy sporting term for all at KSHS. There have been varying opportunities for participation and the school teams in all sporting areas have shown consistent effort throughout the term to achieve some great results. The Football and Netball teams have represented the school with enthusiasm and pride whilst wearing their new team kit. Extra mention should go to the Captains of each team who have carried their teams forwards.

Results			
Age Group	Opposition	Score	Result
<b>Football</b>			
U13	Carlton le Willows	2-7	Lost
Year 7	KGGS	8-3	Won
Year 7	SGA	0-2	Lost
Year 7	Priory Ruskin	2-3	Lost
<b>Netball</b>			
Year 10	KGGS	18-14	Won
Year 11	KGGS	5-9	Lost
Year 10	Walton	37-3	Won
Year 11	Walton	51-1	Won
Year 8	SWRA	34-1	Won
Year 9	SWRA	24-3	Won
Year 8	Walton	15-5	Won
Year 9	Walton	30-0	Won
Year 9	Tournament	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	
Year 11	Tournament	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
<b>Hockey</b>			
U14	KGGS	4-2	Won



Year 7 Football Team

## Football

The Year 7 Football team have made fantastic progress this term playing in the South Lincs League. The girls have played hard against tough opposition, but the highlight was beating KGGS 8-3 after playing some creative Football. The U13 squad have unfortunately been knocked out of the ESFA competition by Carlton Le Willows Academy. The girls battled hard against some Nottingham Forest Academy players showing determination but couldn't come out with a win. The squads continue to train hard during extra-curricular time ready to prepare for our indoor Futsal tournaments being held at St George's Academy in Term 2.



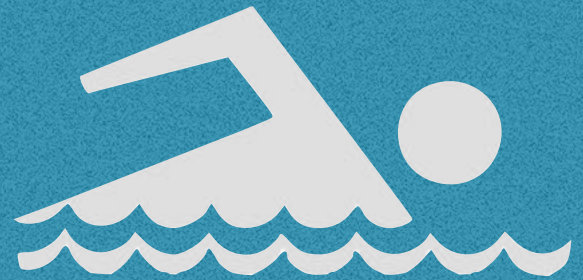
# Young Coaches

We are members of Sleaford Swimming Club, we meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 9pm. We do different types of swimming, including galas, stages and many other activities. We present many events, such as: the Christmas disco, Christmas fun night, the plunge dive, the lollipop gala, the annual gala and many other events.

Volunteering each Wednesday is fun and an achievement knowing that you have had a hand in guiding each child through the stages until they are strong enough to swim on their own in Stage 4. We help the swim tutors with 2 lots of half hour lessons varying from stage 1 to 3, guiding them with their swim strokes and the varying tasks that they need to do to pass each stage. The ages of the children range from 5 to 9 years. We hope that by volunteering we give the children confidence to carry on with their swimming and hopefully one day they will want to volunteer like we do.

By volunteering we get to meet lots of new people and learn about their individual characters, this can be a challenge as each child has different characteristics so being patient is a key attribute to being a volunteer.

By Teigan Kinnon (8F), Millie Armond (8A) and Lauren Griffen (8F)



## Emily Wilson Year 10 – Riding High!

In July Emily attended the international teams event at Netley Hall in Shropshire where she rode for England North. The team gained a Bronze medal. In August, Emily was placed fourth at The British National Showjumping Championships, an amazing achievement, well done Emily!

Emily ended the summer at The Scope International Showjumping Festival where she got two 1<sup>st</sup> places, a 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 5<sup>th</sup> and a 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Emily and Lacey have also already qualified for the Discovery and Newcomers Second rounds 2017. Lacey is only a young pony who Emily has brought on herself from a very green 4 year old to now jumping rounds of 1m20. We wish you all the best for your future events Emily!





## Netball Matches – 18 October

Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 Netball teams who both won their matches against St George's Academy on 18 October.

Year 10 won: 24-7



Year 11 won: 37-5



## Events coming up

The annual District Cross Country competition is fast approaching and will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Trials will be held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at lunchtime. Once the squad is selected we will train hard to compete at the competition in Stamford where there is usually some tough competition but we hope to place some students in the County Finals held in January. Watch this space!

Due to the clocks changing and darker nights approaching all of our Netball and Hockey fixtures will now continue after February half term, although training will continue within extra-curricular time.

Over the next few weeks we will be participating in the Sleaford Swimathon, the district Indoor Futsal Competitions, preparing performances for the opening of the Primary Dance Competition and training for the zone Indoor Athletics event.

Miss M Adams, Mrs J Stacey and Miss A Kilgannon  
PE Department





### DUKE OF EDINBURGH DATES

Monday, 31 October	Deadline for registration for D of E (all three levels)
Wednesday, 9 November	Celebration evening to be held for all those who have completed an award (if any students need assistance in doing so they should contact me ASAP). 31 October – deadline for catering RSVP
Saturday, 5 November	Year 10 Training Day 1 Older participants are welcome to attend and refresh their knowledge

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Duke of Edinburgh 2016

#### 'The Diamond Challenge'

Twelve of the supervising staff from school will be undertaking a Diamond Challenge during November 2016.

They will be undertaking a night walk followed by a 'Return to Sender' challenge. This will entail them being dropped at a point undisclosed and once they have identified where they are they will navigate and travel back to the start point.

*If you want to donate to the fundraising effort of these staff members please contact me [dofe@robertcarretrust.uk](mailto:dofe@robertcarretrust.uk) before the 15 November. All donations will go to the Duke of Edinburgh Award.*

Mrs M Walker  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



