



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

28 Nov - 2Dec	Year 11 Mock Examinations
2 Dec	Clothes Show Live Trip
2 Dec	Senior Kangaroo Maths Challenge
7 Dec	Year 9 Options Evening
8 Dec	Year 8 CPR Training
8 Dec	Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition
9 Dec	Year 13 Geography Trip to Sheffield/Meadowhall



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

After the fun of last week's Children in Need fundraising activities, this week has been a week of concentrated learning and assessment, especially for students in the upper school. Year 11 have been sitting their mock GCSE examinations and Years 12 and 13 have been undertaking formal assessments in lesson time. It's a good time of year for students to assess what they know but most importantly to start the process of diagnosing what they need to get to grips with as the external examinations approach.

I was privileged to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Licence presentation with Mrs M Walker, our D of E Co-ordinator last week. The school's Direct Licence to deliver the award means the programme goes from strength to strength and its values permeate our work in school: building confidence in our young people; celebrating the learning of new skills and stressing the importance of contribution to the community. Across the Robert Carre Trust over 160 students are currently working on their Bronze awards with scores of students working towards Silver and Gold too. In this the 60th year of the Award staff and students have also participated in the D of E Diamond Challenge. Teaching and Support Staff, along with parent volunteers, spent the weekend on an orienteering challenge in the Peak District whilst Gold Award students independently undertook a Ghyll Scramble. Well done to them all.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CELEBRATION EVENING

On Wednesday 9 November 2016 the Robert Carre Trust hosted an evening of Celebration for the students who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In this 60th Anniversary year of the Duke of Edinburgh Award it was appropriate to celebrate all success and it was fantastic to have both KSHS and Carre's students receiving their awards.

Mrs Jacky Bull, our guest speaker and representative from Central England, spoke about the changes in Lincolnshire and recognition by employers and universities of the Award. Then, with her colleague Mr Chris Harding, they presented Bronze and Silver Awards and our first two Gold Awards since 2007. Some students during the evening received two levels of the award.

Also presented during the evening were British Heart Foundation Heart Start Certificates; (Over 60 students completed this award through the year) and staff Course Certificates.

It was fantastic to have present at the celebrations our newly trained Award Verifiers Mr Gibbons and Miss Hockmeyer who both volunteered for this important role enabling students to continue to succeed in their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

During the evening our new School Prefects were also appointed; four from each of the schools. These students applied for the positions and will be pivotal in the training and support of our newly registered students throughout 2016-17.

Recipients and their guests, totalling over 100, filled the hall and after the formal presentations were complete celebrations continued in the dining room with a buffet and cake along with lots of discussions and memories being shared.

If you are interested in getting involved with this fantastic Award please contact me: dofe@robertcarretrust.uk

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



KSHS MEETS SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL



"Though she be but little, she is fierce!"

Instilling respect and appreciation for Shakespeare is always a tricky task for teachers of English and Drama; many pupils naturally shy away from the unfamiliar, and therefore difficult, language within the plays and poetry. However, when pupils start to apply their creativity and combine that with the excitement of theatre, they seem to gain sincere understanding for why we still passionately study Shakespeare in schools today. It was therefore very exciting for the Drama department to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival this year.

The experience has been a whirlwind for all involved; auditions and casting began at the very start of the year, and every single week the dedicated cast and crew – along with director Miss O'Leary – spent hours perfecting their abridged version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. To put an extra spin on the well-known comedy, they took it out of the sixteenth century and straight into the 1960's - retro miniskirts, peace signs, 'The Beatles' soundtrack and all! From stage managers to 'mechanicals', fairy queens to costume designers, the group of thirty students from both KSHS and Carre's Grammar School committed their time to the thrilling project with enthusiasm and great maturity.



The culmination of everyone's hard work took place on Wednesday the 9th of November at the Lincoln Drill Hall. We shared the day with three other schools, who presented their inspiring versions of 'Hamlet', 'Macbeth' and 'King Lear'. The Festival day is not just about the final performance, as schools are paired together and take it in turns to watch each other rehearse before the evening performances. This allowed the pupils to deliver their productions to an understanding audience before presenting it to a much scarier mix of teachers, family and friends.

Over 1,110 schools across the UK took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival this year, and we were extremely proud to be one of them. The performance delivered by the students was extraordinary, with great creativity and enthusiasm shown by each performer and crew member. The audience was enthralled, with big laughs erupting during Lysander's (Adam Batty) excellent insults towards Hermia (Georgie Vasey) – 'You bead, you acorn!' and with Flo Husson's inspired portrayal of Bottom. What most impressed me was how well the students worked together; though the group had a range of pupils from Year 8 up to Year 13, they mixed brilliantly in order to give each other advice and help throughout the months of preparation. This created a truly positive and unified team, which in turn enabled them to deliver an excellent production that showed that hard-won respect and appreciation for Shakespeare. All students should be very proud of their work on this project – well done!

Ms A Natley
Teacher of English



SENIOR MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

On the 8th November students from the Sixth Form took the Senior Mathematics Challenge – a competition run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust based at the University of Leeds. Only the best Mathematicians in the country enter this competition.

I am pleased to announce that Phoebe Morgan (13W) got through to the next stage of the competition – the Senior Kangaroo. Phoebe will also receive a Gold Certificate.

Silver Certificates will be awarded to Molly Desorgher (12F), Emma Prichard (12W) and Isabella Smith (12L). Ajani Goburdhone (12A) will receive a Bronze Certificate.

Well done to everyone that took part and good luck to Phoebe for the next round.

Mrs K Green
Second in Mathematics

Mini Exec Club

KSHS would like to congratulate Year 13 students Olivia Sealy and Caitlin Scott on graduating from the Mini Exec Club. This was a new initiative organised and launched by Communitree, part of the EBP (Education Business Partnership) in Lincoln last year.

For the last 12 months Olivia and Caitlin have attended training meetings and dinners and they have been assigned Personal Mentors from the business sector to help them on the road to employment.

Mrs P Hunter
Careers Coordinator

Here is their account of the experience;

"When we signed up for the Mini Exec Club, we were both unaware as to what to expect from the course, with it being a new initiative, however after attending the welcome dinner and first training meeting we both knew that we had made the right choice. We were paired up with a Business Executive mentor who, throughout the course, provided us with support in work experience, CV writing and project work.

We have just graduated from the course and both would definitely recommend it to other students. As part of our training meetings we developed our teamwork, communication, leadership and interpersonal skills. Working alongside Laura Hopton, the Communitree Co-ordinator at the EBP, gave us professional and tailored training in career preparation with individual coaching and support focussing on self-awareness, image, first impressions and confidence whilst providing experience of the workplace through tailored placements from our mentors allowing us all a rare insight into the world of work at top levels.

Apart from termly training meetings, we were approached by the County Council to become involved with the Lincoln bi-annual "SPARK" Festival so that we could bring Engineering and the opportunities it offers to a wider range of people. We are currently working with prominent businesses, such as Dynex and Siemens alongside the County Council to create a promotional video, to show while acting as Ambassadors in our respective schools, to spread the Festival to as many young people as possible. After attending a planning meeting in the Guildhall in Lincoln we also have created and maintain a social media campaign to bring the Festival and the information to those who may otherwise be unaware of it or may not be able to attend the Festival. We both felt that being part of the organisation of the Festival and being able to act as Ambassadors in KSHS is very important as it offers a means to highlight STEM careers to the young women of the school and provides a link to the opportunities Engineering can offer to those already considering a career in the field. We will now continue to work in the Spark Organising Committee past our Mini Exec Club graduation and hope to develop our skills further.

Alongside skill development and professional training, we have both enjoyed the course greatly and have made good friends with other students from Schools across the County. Developing transferrable skills that can be applied at university or in business is a great opportunity and we both urge you to see Mrs Hunter about next year's Mini Exec Club intake."

Caitlin Scott (13L) & Olivia Sealy (13A)

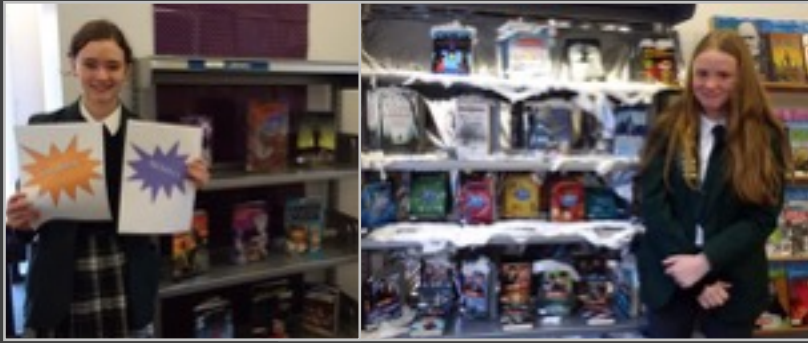


Caitlin Scott (left) & Olivia Sealy (right) with their Graduation Certificates

Library News

Library Captains who are regularly volunteering in the Library as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award have been given 'special projects' to do.

Pictured are Caitlyn Coffey (9NP) and Teya Weller (9MC) putting together their Graphic Novels and Sci-Fi /Winter displays.



We have lots more ideas for eye-catching displays and other projects, so watch this space!

Mrs Wallis, Learning Resource Manager, and the Library Captains

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Lincolnshire County Council have begun a new newsletter for young people tailored to their interests.

The newsletter will contain the latest information about opportunities and activities for Children and Young People in the local area.

To register for the newsletter, please visit the following URL: <http://eepurl.com/cmD5eb> and enter your details.

Mr L Rooke
PSHE Co-ordinator



PTA News Important Dates for your Diary

As you know the focus for fundraising for the PTA over the last twelve months has been to finance the 'Raise the Roof' campaign to build a covered area between the school Dining Room and the Library. This will provide a much needed extension to the Dining Room with extra seating that can be used all year round. So far, between the last two school sponsored walks and PTA fundraising, we have raised approximately £17,000. We are currently considering quotes which are around £20,000 for an open sided module structure and we are hoping in the fullness of time to raise enough money to provide enclosed sides and seating for the area.

How can you help?

- By supporting the PTA 100 Club, buy a ticket and you could win the £50 monthly prize.
- By making a regular or one off donation to the PTA and allowing us to claim gift aid on your donation.
- By coming along to a PTA meeting and helping us organise events and raise money for the school.
- Support our events:

Bags2School civvies day and bring a bag of unwanted clothes – 13 January 2017 and 26 May 2017

'Irish Mad Bingo' – St Patrick's Day – 17 March 2016

Joules Evening – 27 April 2017

Summer Fair – 8 July 2017

If you would like to find out more about the KSHS PTA please email pta@kshs.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B Fleming
PTA Chairperson



Year 9 makes contact with Antarctica....

This term the Year 9 Geographers have been studying the continent of Antarctica and investigating the impact of tourism on this pristine and unspoilt wilderness. We have been fortunate to make contact with Peter Willmott who is currently working in Antarctica and who has kindly answered some questions. This personal insight has helped us to gain a valuable appreciation of the continent.

Thanks to Lola Cunago (9KG) and her father for organising the contact and to Peter Willmott for his responses to our questions and the photo.

Mrs S Livingstone
Teacher of Geography



'Children in Need' Day at KSHS

On Friday 18th November, Kesteven & Sleaford High School took part in a day of fundraising for Children in Need. The whole school, from Year 7 to the teachers, had great fun taking part in many activities that raised lots of money for disadvantaged children.

For the day, all KSHS students came in civvies or a 'onesie' and gave in £1 for this. Many stalls and events were held throughout the day, from face-painting, Hula Hooping to delicious cake sales. However, there was one main attraction for Children in Need at KSHS; dancing teachers! During this, nominated teachers took part in a dance competition at lunch. Even Headteacher Mrs Smith took part and showed off her moves against Mr Green. The students really enjoyed seeing their teachers dancing – some in very professional Pudsey onesies – however, after a bitter battle, the winners were Mr Green's team with over 19,000 points.

During 5th period, Key Stage 3 had the pleasure of getting to watch 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This performance was delivered by a group of thirty students, from Year 8 to 13, and featured an abridged version of the Shakespeare play with a retro 60's theme, complete with music from The Beatles. It was initially prepared and performed for the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Lincoln Drill Hall the week before. The hard work from these talented students really paid off, as their performance was hilarious and a real delight to watch in honour of Children in Need.

By Alice Booth (9NP) and Eloise Brown (9NP), Girls' News Team journalists (thegntchain.wordpress.com)





Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 9th November the following girls took part in the annual Young Chef competition:

Erin Mercer (7L), Jessica Ruskin (7L), Victoria Pearson (9MLA), Jess Manning (MLA), Ruth Fuller (8F), Lily Gregory (8F), Samia Khan (7F), Katie Enstone (7F), Millie Todd (8W), Charlotte Palmer (8L), Katie Mettam (8L) and Isobel Coles (8A).



Room M2 was converted into a dining room for the luncheon and each girl had invited 2 members of staff to come along and be their judges. The tables were set with a range of themes and decorations.

The criterion for the meal was for a 'two course healthy meal' for less than £5 per head. The array of skills and food was absolutely fantastic and it was a pleasure to spend the day with the 12 girls in the food room, watching their confidence grow.

The staff seemed to enjoy the dining experience and it was nice to see teachers from different departments spending time together over a meal.

From this event 6 girls were chosen who then went head to head on Saturday 19th November in front of a panel of Rotarians from Sleaford and a local Chef. Once again this was a wonderful experience for the girls who produced some excellent culinary delights.

Katie Mettam was the winner of this Saturday's event with Lily Gregory taking second place. These 2 young ladies will now take on the challenge from other Sleaford schools at the beginning of January to compete for the title of 'Sleaford Young Chef of the Year'.

Well done to all the girls who have taken part this year and good luck to Katie and Lily for the next round!

Mrs J Pankhurst
Teacher of Food Technology



Spotlight on Sport

Moving into the Winter season a large number of students have been training hard and competing in some new and challenging activities. Well done to those who have represented the school for the first time in the featured activities.

The Cross Country teams from Year 7 through to Year 12 & 13 travelled to Burghley House in Stamford to take part in the Kesteven Schools Sports Association Cross Country competition. Swimmers from Year 7 through to Year 11 took part in the annual Charity Swimathon run by The Rotary Club of Sleaford. The Year 10 & 11 Futsal team were the first team this season to compete in the Kesteven Schools Futsal tournament. Year 8 and 9 played Netball away at KGGS and the Sports Leaders travelled to Carre's Grammar School to take part in leading the Primary Schools Indoor Athletics Competition.

Results			
Age Group	Opposition	Score	Result
Netball			
Year 8	KGGS	7-5	Won
Year 9	KGGS	2-15	Lost
Futsal			
Year 10 & 11	Kesteven zone tournament	2nd	Lost in final

Sleaford Swimathon

Saturday 12th November saw Sleaford Schools come together for the annual Charity Swimathon run by The Rotary Club of Sleaford.

Kesteven and Sleaford High School entered two teams, one made up of Year 7 and 8 girls and the other from Years 9 and 11.

Both teams set a fast pace which they maintained for the duration of the hour set. This resulted in fantastic achievements, with our eldest team being placed 2nd overall in the scoring with an outstanding 214 lengths. This finish was very close behind the score of the male team who swam the largest amount of lengths.

We are extremely proud of our swimming team who came together and through their effort and commitment were able to represent Kesteven and Sleaford High School once again to achieve high quality results.



Year 9 to 11 Team

Emma Donoghue (9KG), Laura Bates (11A),
Katie Lancaster (9LC), Evelyn Cheng (11A)



Year 7 & 8 Team

Molly Mountain (8L), Gracie Palmer (8L), Teigan
Kinnon (8F), Grace Palmer Brown (7L)

Kesteven Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country teams travelled to Burghley House to compete against not only some tough competition but equally tough conditions! The results were fantastic with those in the top 12 qualifying for the County round to represent the Kesteven zone in the early part of 2017 against the other Lincolnshire zones.

The students who have automatically qualified are:

Year 7: Neve Shore, Lottie Wells, Milly Pepper, Georgia Lancaster

Intermediate: Laura Bates, Ella Hansford

Senior: Bella Williams, Chloe Ridley

Other students who took part were:

Lucy Wilkinson, Annie Jenkins, Abbie Wilkinson, Amelia Taylor, Natalie Burns, Mollie Thomas, Lillee-Ann Thorpe, Poppy Nelson, Hannah Speight, Saffron Brankin, Toria Robinson, Celia Good, Holly Williams, Jess Reed, Gwen Butcher, Cerys Chapman, Holly Watson, Amelia Spicer, Olivia Housley, Daisy Luxton, Isabella Stuart, Katie Sardesai, Kerry Sanders, Emily Buchan, Alice Wesley



Kesteven and Sleaford High School Cross Country Team

Huge congratulations go to Laura Bates (11A) and Bella Williams (13A) who once again achieved first place in their races and retain their titles from last year.



Laura Bates 1st
place in the
Intermediate
Girls
Competition



Bella Williams 1st
place in the
Senior Girls
Competition



Year 8 Netball

The undefeated Year 8 Netball team were faced with their most challenging match so far this term when they faced KGGS. They managed to maintain the lead throughout the game and won 7-5.

Sports Leaders

On the 15th November a team of KSHS sports leaders volunteered at the Primary Schools Sports Hall Athletics event held at Carre's Grammar School. The schools competing were primary schools from all over the area. Our jobs, as sports leaders were to organise the schools so that they were not dangerously on the track, we demonstrated different races, acted as time keepers to make sure that all the competitors knew what they were doing and when. The events, both field and track, went extremely well and it was clear that all the schools enjoyed it very much as they were very loud! Overall, the event was brilliant and a great experience for not just the competitors but for us leaders as well as it enabled us to have some more hands-on experience about the responsibilities a sports leader has.

Ella Hansford (10F)



