

NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

25-26 Mar Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice

27-31 Mar Year 9 Assessment Week

31 Mar LAST DAY OF TERM

7-10 Apr Duke of Edinburgh Gold

18 Apr FIRST DAY OF TERM

19 Apr Year 7 Parents' Evening

20 Apr World of Work Event

24 Apr-5 May Year 10 Assessment

25 Apr Year 9 France Trip Information
Evening

27 Apr Junior Maths Challenge

28 Apr Year 7 & 8 Disco



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It has been a week of cultural treats for me as Head of School over recent days with invitations to several student events. These included a lunchtime A level Music recital in preparation for forthcoming performance exams, participation in Science week's demo sessions at break and lunchtime, and of course the PTA bingo evening last Friday! My thanks to all parents, students and friends of the school who helped raise over £700 for the 'raise the roof' canopy project. I hope to give a little back today (Friday) alongside some much more adept colleagues by participating in a choreographed staff dance number for Red Nose Day!

As this is the last newsletter before the Easter break I'd like to wish students, parents and staff a well-earned break (with a little revision thrown in for all upper school students!). A reminder that a letter detailing all the optional revision sessions offered over the holidays to Year 11 went out via email last Wednesday. If your daughter would like to take up a place in any of the sessions please remember to return the reply slip to the school reception by Monday 27th March.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

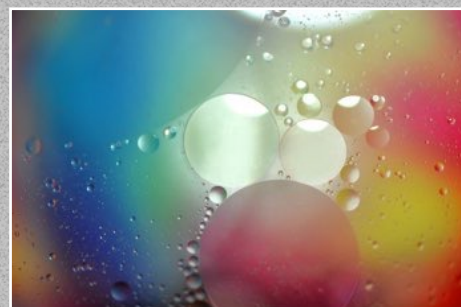
ARTWORK ON DISPLAY IN THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Photographs from 3 A Level Photography students – Olivia Warren (12W), Holly Parkinson (13W) and Nicole Asman (13A) – have been selected to be displayed on the walls of Justine Greening's (Secretary of State for Education) offices in the Houses of Parliament.

Olivia's work has been inspired by exploring lighting, shadows and projections. Olivia's work also references the still life work of the 17th century Dutch vanitas painters while also looking at fashion photography and magazine promotions to generate her images.

Holly's work "opening" creates a real sense of space and contrast, with the choice of location for her shoot and success in capturing depth. Nicole's photograph is a macro shot of droplets using her iPhone torch to create this soft beautiful image.

Mr P Letchworth
Subject Leader Art and Design Technology



Left: Olivia Warren
Top Right: Nicole Asman
Bottom Right: Holly Parkinson



New Parent Governor



Following the resignation of Yvette Short, who had served as a Parent Governor first on the KSHSSA Governing Body from November 2014 and then on the KSHS Local Governing Body within the Robert Carre Trust, an election has been held to fill the vacancy. The ballot closed on 8 March and the votes were counted the next day in school with the result that Karen Gill received 119 of the 210 votes cast and, once formally appointed by the Board at the end of March, she will become the new Parent Governor. Welcome to Karen whose daughter is currently in Year 9.

Debbie Scott
Clerk to the Governors

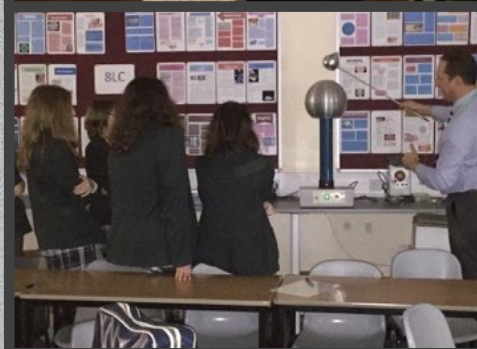


The Science Department and students enjoyed British Science week by participating in Demo day on Thursday 16th March.

Students were spotting penguins, their chicks and eggs and contributing to current research as part of a web-based citizen science project.

There were lots of experiments taking place at lunchtime from Mr Stone and Mr Spafford and their 'Shocking Physics', to Mrs Evans, Mrs Harris and Mrs Cook's 'Exploding Chemistry'.

Mrs L Martin
Subject Leader Science



STEM

On the morning of the 8th of March all of Year 7 from KSHS went to Carre's Grammar School to listen to a presentation about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The presentation was split into three sections: Technology behind drones, Coding in computers and Robots.

I found it very interesting as they did activities with us and showed us a drone flying and an actual robot. I think my highlight of this presentation would be the dancing robot (although it had to face away from us as, at present, it would get confused if it saw more than one person at a time).

Lucy Wilkinson (7W)



LANGUAGE JOURNALISM EVENT – SCOOP

On the 13th March the school hosted SCOOP!, a language journalism event run by Business Language Champions aiming to promote language skills and careers in journalism.

Teams of sixth formers from several local schools took part, including two Year 12 teams from the Joint Sixth Form.

The day started with a speech by sports journalist Simon Hart on how languages benefit his career.



The finished articles

Each team was then tasked with researching, designing and writing a newspaper front page in French, German or Spanish, which involved several activities such as conducting interviews and negotiating advertisement space, all using the target language.

After presenting their newspapers in the target language to Simon Hart, he announced the event's winners, including the Joint Sixth Form's French team as runners-up.

All the teams found the event an insightful hands-on experience of journalism and felt that the various tasks had encouraged their confidence using languages, an essential skill for their A-Level language studies.

Libby Beckett (13L)



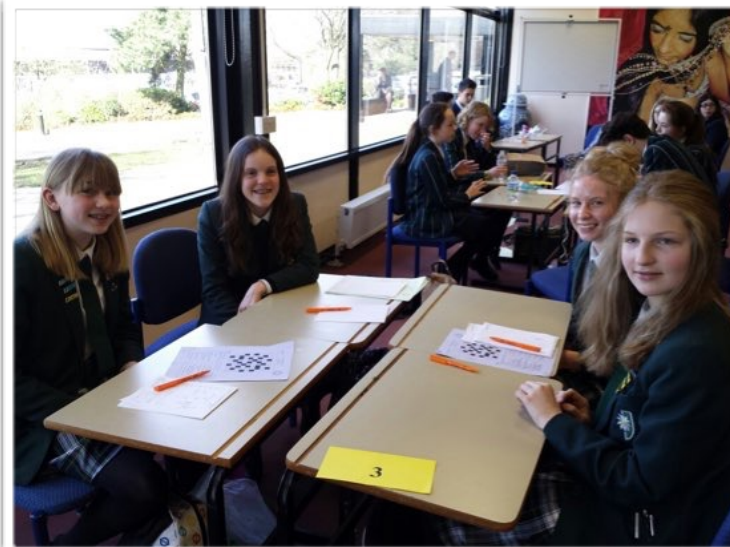
French team as runners-up invited to the Independent with journalist Simon Hart

UKMT Maths Competition 2017

On Monday 13th March, Abby Couchman (9KG), Hannah Speight (8W), Phoebe Loach-Martin (8F) and I travelled to The Priory Academy LSST to take part in the UKMT Maths competition. The UKMT Team Challenges involve teamwork and communication skills, and give pupils the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools in their region.

We had four challenges over the day to complete. The first was a group round, where we had ten challenging questions to complete in a given time. Each team had to work together to solve each problem, some harder than others.

Next, we had to split into pairs and were given a crossnumber challenge. It was a puzzle set out like a crossword, but instead we had to fill the grid with numbers. Each pair had a different set of questions, and some relied on the answers from the other pair – we could not talk to each other but had to communicate by asking the teacher supervising us to talk to our opposite pair, making the challenge even more difficult.



Then we underwent a shuttle round where we had 8 minutes to answer four difficult questions, in pairs again, which relied on the answer from the previous question. This was repeated 4 times, and meant in each shuttle we had to be very accurate with our answers to get as many points as possible. If we finished within 6 minutes, we could gain 3 extra bonus points.

The relay round was last. We were again split into pairs and moved away from each other. Pair A had to quickly run to the teacher supervising them, collect their question and then answer it back at their table as quickly as possible. We had one chance to get the question right if we got it wrong first time, and once we had got the question right or used our chances we had to deliver the next question to Pair B, which involved a lot of running around and turned the room into chaos.

Overall, the team from KSHS did well by coming 9th out of 23 schools, with LSST winning out of all of the schools who competed. Thank you to Mrs Green for making the trip possible

and giving us an opportunity to take part in the competition, as well as LSST for holding the event.

Tamzen Brenton (9NP)

LIBRARY NEWS

The 'Open Mic' event in the Library on World Book Day was great!

Many people performed and it was an action packed lunch time. At least one person from year 7, 9, 10 and 13 performed. There was poetry, short stories, drama and singing – everyone had a great time.

We would like to thank everyone who performed. We are looking forward to the 'Open Mic' event later on in the year. We would also like to thank Mrs Wallis and Scarlet Desorgher (10F) for hosting the event.

The Library News Team (Ava Newell, Charlie Scott and Stevie Scott (all in 8L)

Following on from this, each Year 7 Form Group had an 'Open Mic' in their Library lesson.

They performed on their own or in small groups – they used either something they had written themselves or

performed something by someone else and everyone took part. There were some great performances that made us laugh, cry, and think!

Pictured is Meera Hall (7F) who was brave enough to perform on her own, both at the World Book Day and her Year 7 'Open Mic'.

Well done everyone!

Mrs K Wallis
Learning Resource Manager



Spotlight on Sport

As we move towards the end of the Winter season for PE and Sport, the teams have been preparing for and playing in their final matches.

This edition features some exciting news for our school teams and also celebrates some individual success.

Congratulations first of all go to the Year 7 Futsal team who successfully won all of their matches to become the Year 7 Futsal County Champions 2017.

The team have made the front page in the Lincolnshire FA news – see the link below:

: <http://www.lincolnshirefa.com/news/2017/mar/futsal-school-games-football-futures-volunteers-take-the-lead-on-the-day>

Year 7 Futsal County Champions



Swimarathon

Congratulations go to our Swimming team who took part in The Rotary Club of Lincoln's Swimarathon on Sunday 12th March at the Yarborough Leisure Centre in Lincoln.

12 swimmers from Years 7 to 9 worked incredibly hard in 2 relay teams to swim as many lengths as they could in 1 hour. The teams competed against teams of all ages and both smashed the standing record of 200 lengths. Team A swam 280 lengths and Team B swam 234. Well done to Team A; Emma Donoghue (9KG), Katie Lancaster (9LC), Katie Mettam (8L), Gracie Palmer (8L), Ciara Wright (8W) and Verity Nevitt (7L). Team B; Lauren Griffen (8F), Sarah Durham (8A), Georgia Lancaster (7F), Lizzie Wakefield (7W), Lucy Croft (7A) and Liliana Jackson (7F).

Swimmers raised money for the charities 'Kids Trust' and The Children's Palliative Care Team – United Lincolnshire Charitable Trust Fund.



Swimarathon team

County Finals

Not only have the U13 Football team made it to the County Final at Lincoln this week, the KS3 Hockey team have secured a place in the Lincolnshire School Games 2017 In2hockey County Final on Tuesday 28th March. The event will take place at Lindum Hockey Club in Lincoln.

Good luck girls!

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Futsal				
Year 7	County Final tournament	Away Thurs 9 th March at Grantham Meres	Won	County Champions
Hockey				
KS3	SWRHS	Home Weds 15 th March	5-0	Won
Netball				
Year 7	Priory Ruskin	Home Tues 7 th March	A team = 8-9 B team = 1-10	Lost Lost
Year 7	KGGS	Away Tues 14 th March	A team = 10-7 B team = 11-11	Lost Lost
Swimming				
Swimarathon	Yarborough, Lincoln	Away Sunday 12 th March	Team A = 280 lengths Team B = 234 lengths	1 st place 3 rd place

Bella Williams (*in green*)13A -
International Cross Country



Last Saturday I competed in the English Schools Championships in the Senior Girls category. It was a short, fast 4k course. I improved on my National XC Championship performance 2 weeks ago, where I came 6th, by coming 5th. Because of these two performances, I have been selected to run for England in the Home International in Wales this Saturday.

Bella Williams (13A)

Amie Coupland 7A – International Judo

Amie started Judo when she was 4 and trains twice a week at Acorn Judo Club in Digby. She has competed numerous times and to date has 20 Gold medals, 11 Silver medals and 7 Bronze medals.

She has been the National Champion (for her weight category) 4 years running and this will be her 3rd time competing at International level. Although Amie did win fights in Holland, she didn't receive any medals, however, she thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained lots of confidence.

Well done Amie!



Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Hockey		
KS3	Lincolnshire School Games In2 Hockey County Final Tournament	Away Tues 28 th March
KS4	Walton	Away Weds 29 th March
Netball		
Year 7	Tournament at Walton	Away Thurs 30 th March
Year 8	Priory Ruskin	Home Thurs 23 rd March
Year 8	Tournament at St. George's	Away Tues 28 th March
Year 9	Priory Ruskin	Home Thurs 23 rd March
Year 10	Tournament at St. George's	Away Tues 28 th March
Football		
U13 County Final	St George's	Away at Lincoln College, Ravendale on Tuesday 21 st March

PTA 100 Club

Congratulations to the February PTA 100 Club winner with ticket number 44 – Mrs Heidi Atkinson

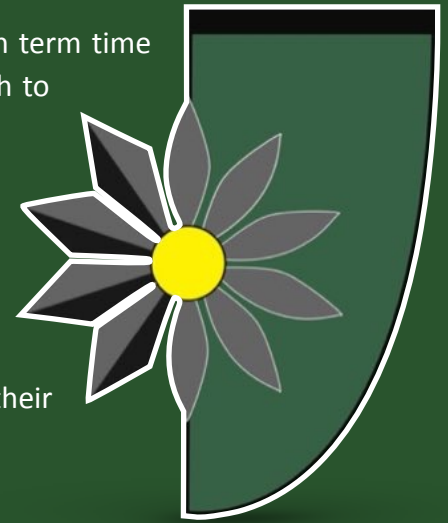
REQUESTS FOR ABSENCE IN SCHOOL TIME

You are probably aware that schools are only able to authorise absence for students during term time in 'exceptional circumstances'. This is because any time missed from school can have a big impact on your daughter's/son's education.

In the past we have asked parents to write in with requests for absence in term time but instead we are now introducing a form for you to complete if you wish to request time off school for your daughter/son.

The forms are available on our school website and hard copies can be obtained from Reception. They should be completed for requested absences of 1 day or more.

If your daughter/son needs to have time off during the day for a short time e.g. for a medical appointment please just write a note about this in their planner which can be shown to their Form Tutor and teachers.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRACTICE BRONZE EXPEDITION

90+ students from Kesteven and Sleaford High School and Carre's Grammar School will be taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Practice Bronze Expedition in Lincolnshire on Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 March.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this happen and good luck to all of the students.

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Vehicular Access to the school site after Easter

After the Easter break and in order to prevent traffic moving round areas of the school site used by students whilst school is in session, there will be new arrangements for visitors who arrive in vehicles.

From April 18th two of the three gates into school will be closed between 8.30am and 4.00pm each day. Pedestrian access remains available and visitor parking will be relocated to the sports hall car park which can be accessed at any point in the day via the third and furthest gated entrance. The appropriate signage will be displayed to reflect this new arrangement.

Before 8.30am and after 4.00pm the site will be accessible as currently.

Mr A Allen
Operations Manager

KSHS Food Bank Collection

According to some statistics there are an estimated 6.7 million working people in poverty in the UK. By supporting the Sleaford Community Larder KSHS aims to have a small but positive impact on some of the local people affected. Form 8A has provided each form room with a labelled bag and it is hoped that parents and pupils will be able to regularly donate food items from the list below. Even one can per term from each pupil would have a huge impact and we therefore hope you would be willing to take part.

Please note that food items **MUST** be in date (and preferably not too near to the use by date).

Thank you in anticipation.

Mrs H Megginson and Form 8A

New Life Community Larder

Tinned vegetables and potatoes
Tinned meat, casseroles, curries and stews
Tins or jars of sauces
Packet soups
Snack rice and noodles
Tinned hot dog sausages or meatballs
Tins of spaghetti, ravioli, baked beans
Bags of pasta or rice
UHT Milk
Tinned fruit
Tinned milk puddings such as custard, rice pudding
Packet desserts such as jelly, whipped desserts
Boxes of cereal
Jars of jam or sandwich paste



KSHS PTA Joules
Seconds Evening



**KSHS PTA ARE HOSTING A
JOULES CLOTHING SECONDS EVENING**

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH 2017

6.30PM-8.00PM IN THE SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

**WOMENSWEAR, MENSWEAR AND
CHILDRENSWEAR AT BARGAIN PRICES**

**LIMITED EARLY BIRD TICKETS FOR ENTRY AT
6PM £10**

ENTRY TICKETS AT 6.30PM £5.00

Money raised goes towards the school

‘Raise the Roof’ project