



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

24 Apr-5 May Year 10 Assessment

6 May Duke of Edinburgh Day Year 9-13

11-12 May Duke of Edinburgh Bronze



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Dear Parents and Guardians

I'm delighted to tell you that Kesteven and Sleaford High School has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2016 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from the SSAT has shown that Kesteven and Sleaford High School is in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress.

The schools' SSAT Educational Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event held to draw attention to the work of high-achieving, improving and innovating schools and teachers.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of the SSAT said:

'It's my great pleasure to commend Kesteven and Sleaford High School on their excellent 2016 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work at an SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration event. We know how hard teachers work to ensure the success of every child. SSAT's Educational Outcomes award recognises the professionalism, commitment, and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at both schools. A big thank you and well done to the pupils, staff and governors.'

Mrs J Smith

## SLEAFORD TOWN AWARDS

Staff and Students at the High School celebrated individual achievements at the Sleaford Town Awards last Thursday. Nominated by Senior Staff at the school the following categories of the annual awards went to:

Overcoming Adversity Award: Victoria Lyon (Year 10)

Young Sports Individual of the Year Award: Fiona Lucas (Year 11)

Teacher of the Year Award: Miss Kim Duffy (Teacher of Maths and Head of Year 7 and 8)

Community Award: Mrs Mel Walker, Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator for the Robert Carre Trust

Members of the Young Journalists Team from the school created a video about Sleaford past and present which was shown to the assembled audience.

Congratulations to our prize-winners for their courage, commitment and for being excellent role models for all young people in the town. More details and photographs are available in this week's Sleaford Standard.





# STUDENT SENIOR TEAM 2017-2018

I am delighted to present the Student Senior team for 2017-18 who were elected shortly before the Easter break. From a particularly strong field of excellent candidates, the four Year 12 students pictured proved that they were ideal representatives of the whole school community both within school and the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. They subjected themselves to both informal and formal interviews, gave a presentation to their peers and staff and wrote a letter of application before finally being announced as the team for the coming year. They will have a tough job to match the professionalism and energy of our outgoing Year 13 team to whom I offer my personal thanks. The Senior team provide a vital link between the staff and students across the school, represent the school at key annual events, meet visitors to the school and work with their peers across the Joint Sixth Form. The recruitment of prefects is now underway.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

Pictured from left to right are:  
Francesca Holmes (Assistant Head Girl), Harriet Kirsopp (Assistant Head Girl), Chloe McGill (Deputy Head Girl) and Emily Nuttall (Head Girl) with Miss Sarah Chant (Head of Sixth Form)



## New Locker Solution at KSHS Next Academic Year

From September 2017 onwards an independent company I.L.S. will be providing lockers for Kesteven & Sleaford High School for students in Years 7-11. This new solution will enable the school to replace all the existing old, small lockers which have come to the end of their working life.

The brand new lockers are owned by I.L.S. and are available for students to rent for a fee on an annual basis. The scheme is already used by schools across the country including schools in Lincolnshire: members of the KSHS student council visited one of them earlier in the year to see the scheme in action and have played their part in recommending its use.

Existing school lockers which are still in a good state of repair will be made available to sixth formers free of charge in the sixth form areas, in recognition of the fact that sixth formers are expected to travel between school sites more regularly.

Please look out for a letter that will be sent to all Year 7-10 parents in the next week or so, as well as to parents of students starting with us in Year 7 in September via the school admission packs.



## Swimming the breadth of the English Channel for Diabetes UK!

My brother and I have swum the breadth of the English Channel to help raise money for Diabetes research. We managed to swim 1416 lengths of the RAF Cranwell pool during a 5-week period; we had 13 weeks to complete the challenge and were faster than last year!

We both enjoyed the challenge, but some evenings were very tiring. So far we have been able to raise over £200 (which is still climbing) for the Aspire research campaign. Our grandfather has Type 2 Diabetes and one of our cousins was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 16.



Tamsin Dunn 7A

## MATHS CHALLENGE

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 three students sat the Intermediate Kangaroo papers: the follow on round from the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge in February. Only the top mathematicians nationally are invited to sit the Kangaroo papers. The top 25% of those that compete in the Kangaroo are awarded Merit certificates. I am proud to announce that Abby Couchman (9KG) scored highly enough to gain a Merit Certificate. Hannah Macpherson (9KG) and Lucy Freeman (10F) both achieved Qualification Certificates. Congratulations to all three students for their participation.



Mrs K Green  
Second in Maths

## Library News

I'm really pleased to tell you that following our library lesson introducing the '500 words' short story competition, a number of Year 7 students entered their stories.

Pictured is Lucy Croft (7A) who has made it through the first round of judging. This is a great achievement as this is a high profile national competition, and it is also the second consecutive year in a row that a Year 7 student from this school has made it through the first round.

Well done Lucy!

Mrs K Wallis  
Learning Resources Manager

STOP PRESS: I am delighted to inform you that Ava Newell (8L) has also produced a story that has made it through the first round. Well done Ava!



# Critique de film: Bande de Filles (Girlhood)

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March the Year 12 and Year 13 French students went to The Collection in Lincoln to watch a French film called *Bande de Filles* (Girlhood). The film is described as “an energetic and honest coming-of-age drama about a teenager's new friendship with a group of girls in the suburbs of Paris.” The film was definitely full of tension and dealt with gritty issues such as difficult family relationships. Film study is a key part of French at A Level and it was also a great opportunity for the students to build their language skills in an enjoyable way.

Mia Franklin (13F) said “I found the film very useful for listening purposes as I struggle with the listening exam the most, and I feel that I really benefited from hearing the French language at such a fast pace with their really strong accents. (The subtitles also came in

handy!) I enjoyed the film a lot but found the ending was a bit naff!”

Libby Beckett (13L) said “It was really useful to see a modern French film to compare with the older one we're studying. I thought the film was really interesting, as it had a different perspective to other films about life in the Paris suburbs, being about girls, friendship etc, and it was helpful for our listening skills and cultural awareness of another part of French society that we don't often encounter in class!”

Maybe you could try watching a film in French with English subtitles; you might find a new favourite!

Miss A Beckett  
Subject Leader French



## YOUTH COUNCIL

The Lincolnshire Youth Council hold events during the school holidays and at weekends to involve students in various aspects of public life. The event in the Easter holidays was run in conjunction with 'CAHMS' (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services) and 'Linc Higher' about good mental health and access to higher education and 2 of our students attended this event. Future planned events are on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Skegness, 21<sup>st</sup> July at Lincoln, 30<sup>th</sup> September at Lincoln, 24<sup>th</sup> October at Boston and 18<sup>th</sup> November at Lincoln. If your child would like to get involved they should contact me.

Mr L Rooke  
PSHE Co-ordinator



I was interested in being on the Youth Council because I enjoy contributing to society and having new experiences. The event I attended in the Easter holidays was held near St Denys' Church in Sleaford. We played a game to get to know each other and then we had a brief about future meetings. A lady came in to talk about Mental Health and how she helps young people with issues and then we did a rotation of challenges in pairs. We then had a presentation about pathways we can take in the future which I found very interesting. The day ended with an Easter Egg Hunt and a final group challenge. I enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and therefore I hope to attend the Brexit discussion on 30<sup>th</sup> June and any other future meetings. If you would like to get involved, please talk to your Form Tutor or Mr Rooke.

Erin Mercer (7L)

## FIRST AID COURSES REMINDER

Students who have signed up for First Aid Courses in the next half term holiday should attend as follows:

- Tuesday, 30 May for students signed up in Year 9, Year 11 and Year 12
- Friday, 2 June for students signed up in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10

Both sessions will be held in the Dance Studio from 9.10am until 3.35pm

Mr L Rooke  
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## SPECIALIST LEADER IN EDUCATION

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Shelley, Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Subject Leader of Psychology, who has been formally recognised by the National College for Teaching and Leadership as a specialist leader in education (SLE). This recognises her commitment to supporting the professional development of other teachers often acting as a coach or mentor.

## Spotlight on Sport

Hockey players at KSHS were not only excited about returning back from their County tournament with a Bronze medal but they also had the opportunity to meet and talk to Shona McCallin MBE, a 2016 GB Olympic Hockey Gold Medal winner.



Pictured: KS3 Hockey Team who achieved Bronze medals at the Lincolnshire School Games In2 Hockey County Final Tournament

### U13 Football County Final

The U13 Football team travelled to Lincoln College at Ravendale to play against St George's Academy in the County final. The team fought hard and played expertly but were not able to avoid being beaten by St George's.

Well done girls, a fantastic achievement to have reached the final!





## Shona McCallin, Olympic Hockey Player visits KSHS

From the English U16's, U18's and, ultimately, as the captain of the England and GB U21's, Shona McCallin developed a reputation for being a driving force in the midfield. Scoring 13 goals and multiple medals along the way, Shona's success included leading England's Hockey team to its highest-ever finish at the Junior World Cup in 2013. Simultaneously, she attended Tilburg University and trained in Holland at MOP HC under the leadership of coach Toon Siepmann. It was during this time that Shona honed her game among the world's best.

McCallin is now a senior level international.

She lives and trains full-time with the English national team just outside of London. She achieved her 50th combined international appearance for Great Britain and England during the Rio Olympic Final, a historic night for Great Britain Hockey. The team created history and won Great Britain's first ever Olympic Gold medal in women's hockey with over 9 million people watching on BBC 1.

More about Shona can be found on her website <http://www.shonamccallin.com/bio>



Pictured: KS3 Hockey Team meeting their role model Shona McCallin

Results			
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score
<b>Hockey</b>			
KS3	Lincolnshire School Games In2 Hockey County Final Tournament	Away Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Bronze medal winners
KS4	Walton	Away Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Lost 1-3
<b>Netball</b>			
Year 7	Tournament at Walton	Away Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> place
Year 8	Priory Ruskin	Home Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Won 33-1
Year 8	Tournament at St George's	Away Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Year 9	Priory Ruskin	Home Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lost 13-16
Year 10	Tournament at St George's	Away Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
<b>Football</b>			
U13 County Final	St Georges	Away at Lincoln College, Ravendale on Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lost 0-4

## Other News

Extra-curricular activities have moved into Summer activities and students can take part in the broad activities offered.

All students from Years 7 to 10 have been invited to attend trials to be selected to take part in an upcoming Swimming competition and also the annual schools Athletics competition.

Further competitions in various sports will be taking place as the term moves forward.

Mrs J Stacey  
PE

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- A genuinely committed, supportive and successful team of teachers
- The benefits and opportunities of being part of the Robert Carre Trust

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**HEAD OF MUSIC**  
FTE 0.5 Head of Subject Job Split i/c Extra-Curricular Music  
TLR 2a September 2017

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- deliver and foster outstanding teaching and learning
- be able to inspire, support and challenge pupils up to A Level standard
- have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- demonstrate a genuine commitment to extra-curricular music leadership

We offer:

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