

NEWSLETTER

26th May 2017

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30 May	Year 9, 11 & 12 1st Aid Training Course
2 Jun	Year 7, 8 & 10 1st Aid Training Course
5 Jun	FIRST DAY OF TERM
5-9 Jun	Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
7-10 Jun	Year 9 France Trip
9 Jun	Year 12 Study Leave Ends
14 Jun	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
15-16 Jun	Year 8 Geography Trip Mablethorpe
15 Jun	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
17 Jun	Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Gold Kit Check at Carre's Grammar School (Main Hall)



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With many of our students now in examinations, staff and pupils in Years 7-10 are busy preparing for summer term events such as our Performing Arts evening on 19th June, Sports Day or educational visits abroad and at home. Time is also spent planning ahead for next academic year too by the academic and pastoral staff teams.

One way of making sure we best understand our students' needs is through our own staff training and professional development. Our able girls in Years 7-11 are genuinely a joy to teach: they also present their own very specific issues, many of which I'm sure you'll recognise from your own family conversations!

As a result the whole of the Leadership team are currently reading Dr. Lisa Damour's *Untangled* - a guide to guiding teenage girls through the transition into adulthood. (Click link below)

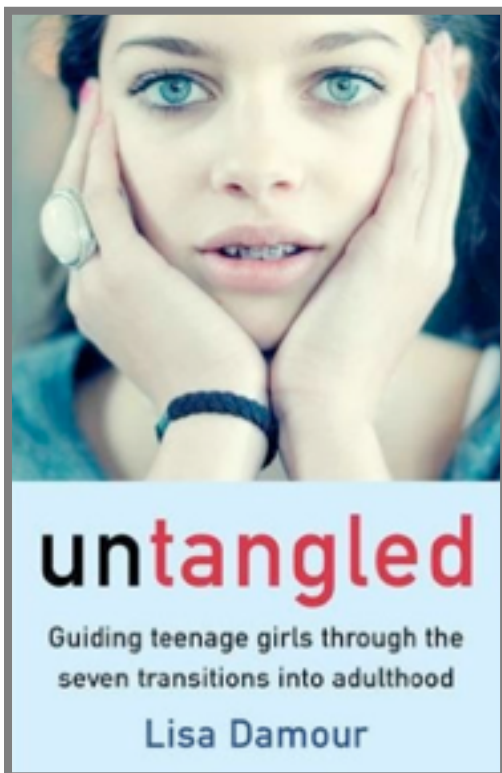
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Untangled-Guiding-Teenage-Transitions-Adulthood/dp/1782395563/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1495527293&sr=8-1&keywords=untangled

We are finding real insights into the minds of teenage girls in its pages: so much so that we have started recommending it to our own friends, as well as to colleagues and parents of students across the school, as an invaluable guide. As well as being an easy read it offers practical suggestions into dealing with the ups and downs of parenting. You may wish to pack it into your summer holiday suitcase!

Reviews: "Lisa Damour's *Untangled* is the best description of the female adolescent journey that I have ever read" - Michael Thompson – author of *Raising Cain*

"Damour offers unstintingly practical advice to parents about how to talk to their daughters about what matters most and in ways they are likely to be heard" - K Leary PHD, Associate Professor Harvard Medical School

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



Junior Mathematics Challenge

On April 27th 130 students from Years 7 and 8 sat the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge – a National competition for talented mathematicians.

Three students scored highly enough to get through to the next round of the competition – the Junior Kangaroo. Jessica Pettini (8L), Kaitlin Cartwright (8A) and Marija Lukjanova (7L) all achieved Gold certificates and will be sitting the Junior Kangaroo on the 13 June.

23 students achieved Silver certificates and 34 received Bronze certificates.

Well done to everyone that took part, and good luck to the three sitting the Kangaroo in June.

Mrs K Green
Second in Maths

Silver Certificates:

- 7A Keira Beeson, Scarlett Castledine
- 7F Ruby Harmston, Erin Lee
- 7L Katie Lifton
- 7W Jessica Nunn Wright, Amelia Shaw, Elizabeth Wakefield, Maddy Wighton
- 8A Alex Bond, Isobel Coles
- 8F Lottie Geary, Bethany Lenton, Phoebe Loach-Martin, Imogen Martin
- 8L Brooke Pacey, Izzy Parkinson, Evie Rogerson
- 8W Niamh Slessor, Hannah Speight, Emma Stinchcombe, Amelia Thompson, Holly Williamson

Bronze Certificates:

- 7A Lucy Blair, Amie Coupland,
- 7F Scarlett Enright, Katie George, Molly Joyce, Phoebe Last
- 7L Olivia Barnshaw, Maddie Parsons
- 7W Evie Sanger-Davies, Amelia Taylor
- 8A Rosie Belcher, Molly Burrell, Holly Coles, Abbey Doncaster,
- 8F Lauren Griffen, Emilia Hesketh, Emma Kopp, Ella Marshall, Aiden Metherell
- 8L Hannah Mitchell, Abbie Morris, Ava Newell, Lucy Purkis, Ebony Rose, Irina Sivoglo
- 8W Jorja Slyfield, Evie Smith, Phoebe Spicer, Jessica Stephens, Liberty Tunstall, Charley Tweedale, Leah Wardle, Lauren Whitehead, Ciara Wright



Left to right:
Kaitlin Cartwright
Jessica Pettini
Marija Lukjanova

INTERACT CLUB

The members of the Interact Club of KSHS have been very busy over the past few months with their fundraising efforts.

One event was organised by Year 8 members: Emma Stinchcombe, Megan Skelton, Niamh Slessor and Lauren Whitehead. They encouraged staff members to sign up in the weeks before the event to have their faces painted on the last day of term before Easter. Students (and staff!) could pay 20p to vote for the teacher they would most like to see with a painted face, and the top 6 most popular votes won. Many thanks to the 'willing' volunteers: Mr Letchworth, Mr Mulligan, Mr Clifford, Mr Cassidy, Mr Cozens and Mrs Tipper. The girls managed to raise £21.20 for Pancreatic Cancer Research – well done!



A group of Year 7 students from the Club decided to raise money for Lepra by getting sponsored to wear a mitten on one hand for a whole day. This

was to help raise awareness of the disease leprosy, which can severely affect the use of limbs in those afflicted. Jazmin Randall, Isabel-Rose Cottrell, Lucy Blair, Amy Patchett, Natalie Burns and Evie Baldwin managed to raise a very impressive £126.20 in total – fantastic work!

'Tabitha Thompson, Evie Sanger-Davies, Lottie Wells and Lizzie Wakefield in 7W organised a 'Malteser Challenge' in which participants had to use a straw to blow a malteser through a maze in the quickest time. They also made a 'Treasure Hunt Grid' where people could choose their favourite number and hope it was the winner! Thank you for your contribution to the Interact Club!'



The final group of fundraisers was a group of Year 11 students who organised and ran their very first Year 7 & 8 disco at the end of April. It was a huge success and was only possible because of the time that both the Year 11s and the staff supervisors gave up on Friday night to supervise – many thanks to all those involved. I am very pleased to say that the disco raised an amazing £525! The money is being split between two causes: part will go towards paying for new equipment in the NICU ward in a hospital in Australia and part will go to a photography company that helps families that have gone through the bereavement of losing a child by providing memories for them to keep forever.

Miss E Turner
Interact Club Coordinator



YEAR 7 DANCE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE IN LONDON

On 26 March 2017, we and the rest of our dance school – Rebecca Dear School of Dance – performed at Her Majesty's Theatre in London – the home of the West End Show The Phantom of the Opera.

We took part in a 'Young Performers' West End Gala Show, along with 9 other dance schools all from different parts of the UK. The 20 dancers who took part from our dance school are aged between 7 and 17 but there were many other dance schools with younger and older ages taking part too.

We performed two dances of a modern jazz style: 'Sing, Sing, Sing' and 'Run, Boy, Run'.

'Young performers' is a show bringing several dance schools together showcasing the talent of younger people and giving them an experience that they will never forget.

This is an annual event which we have taken part in several times and each year we thoroughly enjoy it and recommend it to any young performer.

Charley Tweedale (8W) and Georgia Tweedale (10W)

SCHOOL 'GENERAL ELECTION'

Students have taken part in a school 'General Election' this week, casting votes for the party they think should be elected on June 8th. They had information about the different parties and their manifestos in Tutor Time and had the opportunity to discuss these with their classmates. The results of the votes were:

Sally Chadd; UKIP – 0
Jim Clarke; Labour – 39
Paul Coyne; Independent – 2
Caroline Johnson; Conservative – 57
Fiona McKenna; Greens – 12
Ross Pepper; Liberal Democrats – 13

Students have had their chance to exercise their democratic right – how will you vote?

Mr L Rooke
Head of PSHE



STEM Update

It is well known that girls attending an all girls school aged 11-18 are more likely to see STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects as relevant and accessible to them and their future studies. In this update we report on an opportunity, an award and some amazing television viewing.

Astronomy Evening (January 2018)

With colleagues, I am organising an astronomy evening for early next year. The programme is still being developed but will include:

- seeing the stars and constellations pointed out with an astronomy laser, learning how to find the various stars;
- the opportunity to observe Uranus and Neptune, a binary star system or distant galaxies and nebulae through telescopes;
- hearing the stories of the star constellations
- an hour-long fun and fact-filled lecture on astronomy, cosmology and the characters who have advanced our understanding of the universe;
- hot food for a winter's night.

It should be a great evening and something to look forward to in January after the excitement of Christmas has passed. I am in discussion with a possible venue, but imagine it to be a nice family evening that will be open to our local community – more to follow.



An Award

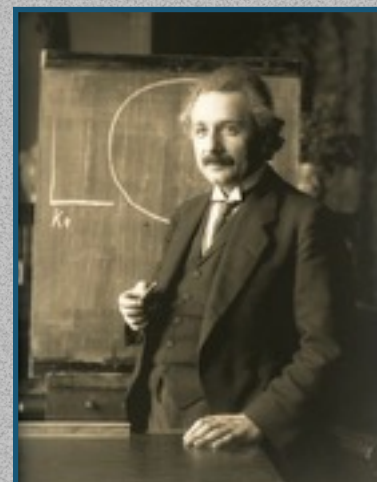
From one evening to another: I spent a very enjoyable few hours at The Royal Society in London's Pall Mall last month for the STEM Learning Awards (London and South-East Region). I feel very fortunate now to have been named as this year's recipient of the *Enthuse Award for Excellence in STEM Teaching*. My thanks go to the panel and I am indebted to the Institute of Physics, the Wellcome Trust and the STEM Learning Network for their resources, research, funding and high-quality training courses; they have all had a significant impact on my classroom and that of my colleagues.

I now look forward to the national finals at the Palace of Westminster in July.

Some Viewing: Einstein: Genius, Sunday 9.00pm: National Geographic

The serialisation of Einstein's life is highly recommended viewing – his contribution to Physics is enormous and his insights ground-breaking. Enjoy!

Mr D Spafford
Teacher of Physics



PSHE

The Alcohol Education Trust supplies schools and parents with up-to-date information about issues surrounding the use of alcohol by young people and how to help them make the right choices with regards to alcohol consumption.

Their latest newsletter for parents can be found at <http://alcoholeducationtrust.org/parent-area/parent-newsletter/> where you can register for their regular updates.

Mr L Rooke
PSHE Co-ordinator

SIXTH FORM

As our Year 12 and 13 students take their examinations we wish them luck and remind Year 13 (as well as readers who may be ex-KSHS students themselves) that we greatly appreciate students returning to the school to give advice and share their experiences of Higher Education or their careers. One way of keeping in touch with us is to become an Alumni member. The following link takes you to our Alumni page, where after completing a short form you can register as an interested member. You will get a welcome email and a twice yearly update on the school.

<http://www.kshssa.co.uk/site/page.asp?id=79>

Miss S Chant
Head of Sixth Form

Mrs L Shelley
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Library News



- The Library has just received some new series of books. They are: 'Murder Most Unladylike', 'The School for Good and Evil' and 'Spooks', to name a few.
- The new apps 'iMLS' and 'Wheelers eBooks' are available, so students can check their Library account and read at school, on the bus, at home or anywhere on their phones!
- The computer by the Library desk is now up and running as an online catalogue where students can search for any book and see if the Library has it. Students can also look up eBooks.

Please direct your child to Mrs Wallis or a Library Captain if they want to know more.

Stevie Scott 8L (Library Captain News Team)

Spotlight on Sport

Success continues for our sporting students in a variety of activity areas and age groups. Many students have had the opportunity to trial for the school Swimming and Athletics teams and also compete against some challenging competition.

Students are training hard in preparation for Rounders and summer Football tournaments. Year 10 Sports Leaders have been training to lead at both Primary Schools' Tennis and Cricket competitions.

Congratulations to the U12 KSHS Futsal team who will be playing in the FA Youth East Midlands Futsal Finals in Nottinghamshire on Saturday 17th June. We wish them the best of luck!

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Swimming				
Years 7 to 10 Robert Carre Trust Joint Team	Stamford School	Away Monday 15 th May	139-141	2 nd Place
Athletics				
Year 7	KSSA Tournament	Away Friday 12 th May		2 nd Place
Junior Girls	KSSA Tournament	Away Friday 12 th May		4 th Place
Football				
U15	KSSA Tournament	Away Thursday 18 th May		3 rd Place

KSSA Athletics at Grantham Meres Stadium

The Athletics teams worked hard to secure some good results at this years' Athletics competition. Despite the rain, the athletes enjoyed competing at the stadium and put their efforts into doing their best within their individual and relay events.

Special mention should go to Neve Shore (7W) who won the Year 7, 200m final and came 2nd in the 100m final. Jess Varney (7W) came 3rd in the 200m final. Lottie Wells (7W) came 2nd in the 800m final and Georgia Lancaster (7F) came 3rd in the 1500m final. Ruby Harmston (7F) came 2nd in the Javelin event. The KSHS relay team went on to win the Year 7 4 x 100m relay.

In the Junior Girls' team; Erin Disdel (9KG) won the 100m final and the Long Jump event, Alexia Johnson (8F) came 3rd in the 200m final and Bella Williams (13A) won the 1500m final. Maisie Cox (9KG) came 2nd in the Discus event.



Year 7 and Junior Girls' Athletics Teams



Neve Shore and Jess Varney competing in the Year 7, 200m event

Stamford Swimming Gala

Date: Monday 15th May 2017

Venue: Stamford School

Final Points Score: Stamford School Win 141-139

After a 15 minute warm up, the 100metres IM (individual medley) was our first race with Carre's Grammar School in lane 2 and KSHS in lane 4. There were two heats of this race and both were open age group (anyone could swim). Next followed the 50 metres backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle (front crawl), with three heats for the three years competing. Each race took anything from 30 seconds to a minute depending on the stroke and swimmer.

After the individual races the relays began. There were two, the 4 x 25m freestyle relay and the 4 x 25m IM relay (one length of each stroke). Although the Sleaford girls were competing against the Stamford girls and the Sleaford boys were competing against the Stamford boys each heat had a mixture of boys and girls of the same year to fill the lanes and speed the races up. The relays were the loudest by far, everyone was up watching and cheering each other on, even the parents who were sitting in the viewing area got involved.

After the Year 9 boys captain, Rylee, led a cheer for the other team we headed to the changing rooms.

Although we didn't win, this time, both teams thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Katie Lancaster (9LC)



U15 7 a side Football Team



Year 10 Sports Leaders

Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Futsal		
U12	FA Youth East Midlands Futsal Final	Away Sat 17 th June, Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Clifton, Nottingham
Rounders		
Year 7	KSSA tournament	Away Thursday 6 th July, St George's Academy
Year 8	KSSA tournament	Away Weds 28 th June, St George's Academy
Year 9	KSSA tournament	Away Tues 20 th June, St George's Academy
Year 10	KSSA tournament	Away Thurs 15 th June, St George's Academy
Football		
U13	KSSA tournament	Away Tues 23 rd May, St George's Academy

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Fine Art

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End of Course Show

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27th June
1st July
10am - 4pm

In addition to the GCSE
show on the 20-25 June

@ Carre's Gallery
Sleaford

PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

MONDAY 19TH JUNE

MAIN HALL (KSHS)

6.30PM

FAMILY TICKET £5.00

(INCLUDES 2X ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)

CHILDREN OVER 5 > £1.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5 > FREE

ADULTS > £2.50

