



NEWSLETTER

14 July 2017

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Useful Dates

14-17 Jul	Year 11, 12 & 13 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
18 Jul	Junior Prizegiving
18 Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM
20-24 Jul	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Group 1
21 Jul-4 Aug	Zanzibar Islands Expedition
13-16 Aug	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Extra
17 Aug	A Level Results Day
24 Aug	GCSE Results Day
4 Sep	Staff Training Day
5 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR YEARS 7, 12 & 13
6 Sep	FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR YEARS 8,9,10 & 11



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Dear Parents/Guardians

As the academic year comes to a close I would like to thank each and every parent for their support throughout the year. Many of you have driven a fair few taxi miles, supporting your children at school events. This was especially true last Thursday when we welcomed over 350 families to the school during our open evening event. As ever our current students were our very best advert for the school and were fantastic tour guides and subject helpers. Many thanks if you were required to do the 8pm pick up.

With examinations over, Prom season done and the holidays approaching I would like to wish you and your families a fun filled summer break with time for sunny family outings, shared experiences and a chance for some relaxation too.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

As if the Year 12 students had not had enough of exams, the Chemistry students recently sat the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, a written exam designed to stretch and challenge students interested in Chemistry, providing an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further. Set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists, the challenge is fiendishly difficult. It is designed to be accessible to Year 12 students and to take them significantly beyond the syllabus and to encourage them to think about Science in the way they would at university.

This year saw the greatest number of students from the High School achieve awards and at the highest level yet.

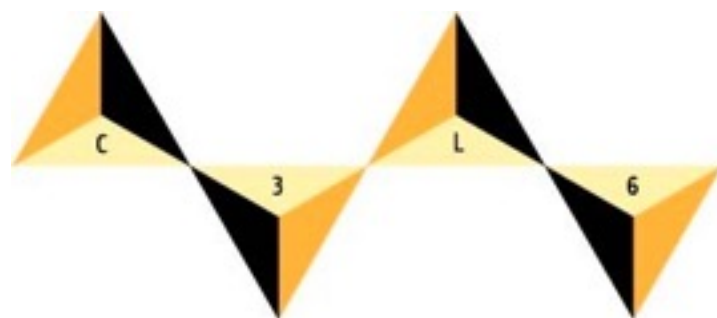
Congratulations to the following girls:

Copper Award: Harriet Bowley (12F)
Ajani Goburdhone (12A)
Emma Prichard (12W)
Elisha Rooke (12W)

Silver Award: Isabella Smith (12L)

Gold Award: Molly Desorgher (12F)

Mrs C Evans
Subject Leader Chemistry



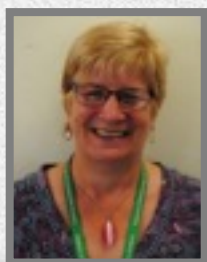
Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th

Staff Farewells



At the end of term staff and students inevitably have to say farewell to some much valued colleagues and teachers.

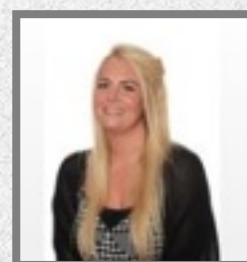
The reappointment of Mr Mitchinson (as Head of Extra Curricular Music) and the forthcoming return of Mrs Kasperczyk from Maternity leave means we have to say goodbye to Mrs Sarah Smith who has contributed significantly to the Music department this academic year.



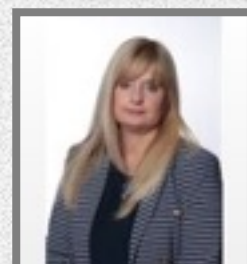
We also say farewell to Mrs Jane Sutton who has taught French across the school for the past 12 months. We will welcome Miss Emma Shales, a newly qualified teacher, to teach French and German with us from September.

Our congratulations go to Miss Hannah Bird, who moves to KGGS in September to take up a promotion in the Humanities department there with oversight of R.S. Having trained at the High School we hope she will be very happy in the next stages of her career. Miss Bird is replaced by Mr Colin Savage, an experienced teacher of Ethics, Philosophy and R.S. who is currently teaching at Queen

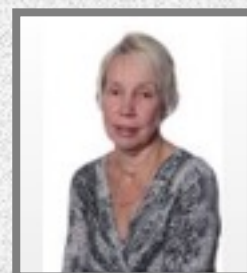
Elizabeth's Grammar School in Gainsborough.



Our best wishes also go with Miss Adele Parkes, who will be much missed by students and staff in the English department. She too takes up a post at KGGS. Miss Parkes started her teaching career at the High School and as well as delivering outstanding English lessons across the school for the past 9 years was instrumental in leading the Teacher Training Programmes at the school. Mr Peter Cozens will continue with us next year in English as a result of her departure.



Finally we send our very best wishes to Mrs Sandra Dodsworth on her retirement. Mrs Dodsworth is our current longest serving member of staff and has taught at the school as Head of the Religious Studies department since 1983. As an ex-student of the High School too there isn't much she can't tell us and often ex-students get in touch asking if she is still at the school. She even inspires students to become R.S. teachers themselves as this fitting tribute below reveals.



"As both an ex-student and now colleague of Mrs Dodsworth, I have been honoured to know and work with her for over 12 years. Her passion for Religious Studies and her no nonsense style of teaching instantly engages students to her lessons; I still remember my Year 10 lessons on the Holocaust and my fascination with Judaism afterwards – something that has clearly stayed with me into my future career. I cannot think of anyone better to have trained me as her 'disciple' and I shall endeavour to carry on her legacy through my own teaching.

The students will tell you of her witty teaching style and dry humour, but also of her absolute duty to the well-being of any student she teaches. If Mrs D tells you that you can get that grade, she will do everything she can to help you achieve it and has done so for 34 years and thousands of students. I can think of no one more deserving of some relaxation and I wish her all the best as she 'cruises' into the retirement sunset!"

Miss H Bird

If you are reading this as an ex-student, parent or Governor and wish to send your own best wishes please do send them in by return via email or note and we will be sure to pass them on.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Success at the Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year Exhibition

From over seventy entries from a wide range of Lincolnshire schools, four students were selected to have their work displayed at the National Centre for Craft and Design (The Hub) on 30th June to 2nd July.

Judging took place on the Friday evening where entrants and their parents and teachers were invited to view the exhibition in the Roof Gallery. The competition was very strong with a range of beautifully executed products made from a range of materials across all areas of Design and Technology.

The judges awarded Year 13 A Level Textile student Freya Hide the award for 'Artistic Excellence', they were very impressed with the development, execution and sustainable ideas behind her evening dress. Inspired by Emma Watson's Met Gala outfit promoting #30 wears, Freya designed a dress that could be adapted to a short dress by detaching the sheer lower skirt, and could be worn with a pin-tucked shrug. She chose sustainable materials, organic bamboo silk, organic cotton, silk dupion and recycled polyester fabrics to create her evening dress which featured hand and machine embroidery reflecting the theme of 'under the microscope'.

Well done, Freya!

Mrs B Fleming
Teacher of Design and Technology Textiles



The National Centre for Craft & Design

Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year 2017
Fri 30 Jul – Sun 2 Jul 2017

Each year The National Centre for Craft & Design proudly celebrates the creative talent of Lincolnshire students through an annual competition and exhibition.

Founded by St George's Academy and The National Centre for Craft & Design, Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year requires students to present a strong design product which best shows their creativity, independent thinking and most innovative, high quality concepts and designs.

This year we received over 60 applications from 10 Lincolnshire schools. Applications from Key Stages 2 to 5 showed impressive projects in various disciplines including great exploration of skills and materials. An independent judging panel met in May to shortlist the entries.

Along with the coveted title of Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year 2017, four awards are presented each year for innovation; artistic excellence; exceptional research and development; and most inspirational concept.

This year's exhibition is kindly supported by Cathodic Protection Co. Ltd. and Slam Dunk Design. We would also like to thank all the students, schools and partners involved with this year's competition.



Year 7 Induction Day

On Friday 30th June 127 Year 6 pupils descended on KSHS for their Induction Day.

Some nerves were in evidence but mainly excitement! Eagerly awaiting them were the equally excited Year 7s who were keen to meet their buddies. A full and varied timetable saw the Year 6 students undertake a variety of lessons from making a bouncing ball in Science to singing in Music to writing about a chocolate teapot in English. Many also chose to experience lunch from the canteen – always a highlight of their day!

By the end of the day many phone numbers and email addresses had been exchanged and all appeared to be looking forward to September.

Mrs C Tipper
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



INTERACT CLUB

Please remember to collect and save your milk bottle tops over the summer holidays – the Interact Club continues to collect them to recycle.

The money from recycling the bottle tops is donated to the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Thank you.

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 News

Term 6 is always very busy for the Sixth Form and this year is no exception. We say goodbye and good luck to the outgoing Year 13, help prepare Year 12 for life beyond KSHS and welcome Year 11 who will be starting Sixth Form in September.

Year 12 Induction Days

We were delighted to see so many Year 11s at the Induction Days on 27 and 28 June. Students met their new form tutor, took part in a Robert Carre Trust Teambuilding challenge, tried out their chosen subjects for next year, spoke to current Year 12s about their experiences and found out about the variety of Enrichment opportunities that will be open to them in September. The students who attended found the days enjoyable and informative and said that they felt less nervous about this important transition in their school career. As the vast majority of students will now only study 3 subjects at A-level it was an invaluable opportunity to try out their chosen subjects and check that they've made the right choices.

Year 12 Higher Education Visits

Many Year 12 students have been busy attending Open Days across the UK to decide which universities they wish to apply for next year. Sleaford Joint Sixth Form organised several of these trips; all students could choose to attend one of Nottingham or Bishop Grosseteste universities, or Lincoln College, and then those interested could also go the Cambridge Open Day. Those students who visited these universities found them really interesting and informative.

Year 12 Careers Fair – Monday 17 July

We hope that Year 12 have had a successful week's work experience this week and look forward to hearing about how they got on. On Monday 17 July they will have the chance to visit the SJSF Careers Fair where over 60 employers and universities will be attending. This is an invaluable opportunity for them to meet prospective employers whether or not they are applying to university with a view to finding out what skills employers value, gather information about job opportunities either now or in the future and make personal contacts. Likewise there is an opportunity to find out more about any universities they have not had the chance to visit. Other aspects of the day include support writing university personal statements as well as hearing how former students have got on in a variety of different careers.



Miss S Chant (Head of Sixth Form) and Mrs L Shelley (Deputy Head of Sixth Form)

Food Prices for 2017/18



We have just undertaken a price review of all food and drink served at break and lunchtime in the Dining Room.

In order to keep up with the increase in prices from our suppliers, we have found it necessary to increase the price of most items. On average this is a 5p increase, but if you wish to see a more specific list detailing all items, then please take a look on the school website. This will be updated on 26th July 2017.

We are pleased to announce that the prices of the £2.40, £2.10 and £1.75 Meal Deals remain unchanged which we believe offers excellent value.

We hope the students enjoy the food provided by the Catering Department and welcome any feedback to the Catering Manager – email: sandra.parrott@kshs.uk

THE NATIONAL STUDENTS' ART EXHIBITION 2017

This year we have had 5 out of 8 paintings accepted to hang in the prestigious National Students' Art Exhibition, an annual schools exhibition at the Mall Galleries, just off Trafalgar Square in London.

The exhibition showcases work by the best young artists aged 12-18, selected from schools, colleges and academies across the country.

This is a really wonderful achievement for all of our students whose painting ranks amongst the best work produced in Art departments across the country. All the hard work paid off!

Selected work for the exhibition:

Georgina Vasey (Year 12): 'Intoxication' (Oil)

Guy Parsons (Year 12): Self Portrait (Oil)

Anna Killen (Year 13): 'Arrival' (Oil)

Abbie Conley (Year 12): 'Ilinca' (Acrylic)

Grace Williams (Year 12): 'Lust For Life' (Oil)

Highly Commended:

Olivia Warren (Year 12) 'Submerged'

Lucy Crook (Year 12) 'In the Gardens'

Phoebe Dales (Year 13) 'Pylon'

Exhibition Opening Times:

12 July 2017 to 15 July 2017

12 July, 12 noon to 5pm

13 and 14 July, 10am to 5pm

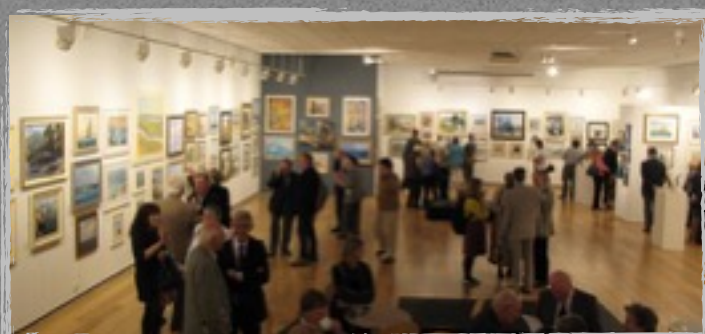
15 July, 10am to 3pm

For more information visit:

<https://www.mallgalleries.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions>

Mr P Letchworth

Subject Leader of Art, Design and Technology



PTA UPDATE

Thank you for your continued support of the KSHS PTA.

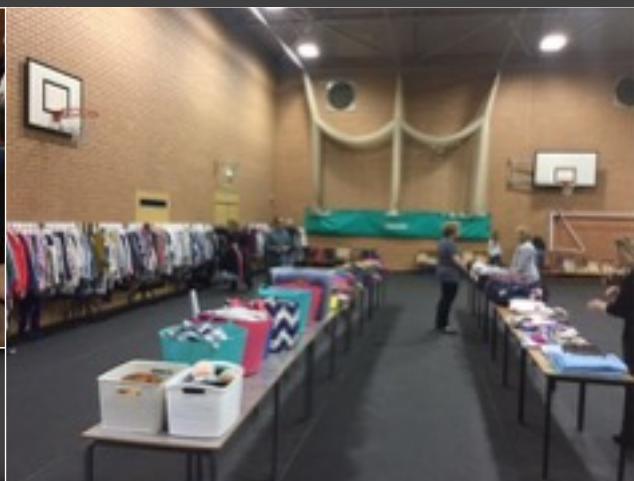
This year we have raised over £2,500 across a number of events. The Joules Seconds evening, the St Patrick's Night Family Bingo, Bags2School collections and the Year 7 and 8 Pizza and Movie night were all very successful. The 100 Club and individual donations have helped us to provide items such as the school planners as well as further funds for the 'Raise the Roof' campaign. Over the last two years the PTA have contributed £8,000 to the school's fundraising to build the canopy between the school Dining Room and the Library, we are very excited that this will be built very soon. The PTA will then be providing the money raised this year for tables and seating in the new area.

We will be sending out invitations to our AGM at the beginning of September along with our 100 Club information, please sign up and for an investment of only £12 per number you could be in with a chance of winning the monthly £50 prize. Parents and teachers are all welcome to attend our meetings. We are a small and friendly group and we are always ready to welcome new members to our committee. The meetings are only once a term at

7.00pm on a Monday evening in the Staff Room and last about an hour, we would be glad to see you. Next year's dates are 11th September 2017 AGM; 6th November 2017; 22nd January 2018; 26th February 2018; 14th May 2018 and 25th June 2018.

The winner of the May draw for the 100 Club was Mrs Joanne Croft with number 18 and the winner of the June draw was Mrs Vanessa Chambers with number 64 – Congratulations!

Mrs B Fleming
Chair of the KSHS PTA



Year 12 Work Experience

10th – 14th July

All Year 12 students are currently out of school gaining valuable experience and developing their skills at various work placements around the country.

This is the first Year 12 cohort to have the opportunity of a week away from school solely for this purpose and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return. Some students really have gone the 'extra mile' in finding a placement. We have several students at local hospitals shadowing Doctors, exploring Dietetics, observing Physiotherapists and assisting Nurses on various wards, whilst others are helping out in Primary and Secondary schools as teaching assistants.



Here are a few very different and exciting placements that the following students have been lucky enough to secure;

Harriet Kirsopp (12A) is in Geneva at the United Nations.

Harriet Conway (12L) is an intern with Dr Caroline Johnson MP, and is visiting the House of Commons as part of the placement.

Bryony Fossett (12F) is working with large animals at a local farm in preparation for applying to Veterinary school.

Emma Prichard (12W) is working with the Blackfriars Theatre in Boston.

Kiera Spoors (12F) is working at a recording studio in Cornwall.

Kayleigh Stearn (12A) is working as a Falconry Apprentice, and Hope Sumner (12L) and Steffi Wilkinson (12L) are be working with the RSPB on a residential volunteer project in Bedfordshire.

We wish all the students well with their placements, and look forward to sharing their experiences with you at a later date.

All experience is a good experience.

Mrs P Hunter
Careers Leader and Work Experience Co-ordinator

Not to be outdone by Year 12 several students participated in the national 'Take your Sons and Daughters to Work Day' earlier in the year. Lucy Gibbons and Lauren Gamble (9KG) share their experience:

Take your Sons and Daughters to Work Day

On Thursday 27th April, we went to BAE Systems at RAF Coningsby to experience a day in the lives of our parents at work.

There were six students and their parents who work at BAE Systems and we were introduced to the other people by playing an ice-breaker game which involved giving everybody alliterative nicknames. We then had a talk about careers both generally and in BAE Systems and we found out about how S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects could link to a lot of careers. We also found out about the different ways to get into a career such as apprenticeships and university.

We were given a tour of the TMF (Typhoon Maintenance Facility) and had our pictures taken in front of an RAF Typhoon. We then spent our lunch time with our parents. During lunch, we were given the opportunity to have a go on the RAF Typhoon simulator.

After our lunch break, we were given a tour of the whole TTF (Typhoon Training Facility) and found out about how the RAF pilots train to fly Typhoons and the difference between flying in the simulator compared to the aeroplane. We then were told about the weapons used on the aircraft and how they have advanced through time.

After that, we were given a project management challenge. We had to plan the steps to make a cup of tea. We were given post-it notes and had

to write on them the steps of making tea in order to work out how to make the quickest cup of tea. We were then given an imaginary budget and had to plan a holiday for a celebrity and a friend. We had to plan every step of the holiday such as picking up the passport and booking a flight. After these exercises, we had a talk on project management.

To finish the day, we wrote down on post-it notes what we liked about the day, what we didn't really like and what we were confused about. We then stuck the post-it notes on pieces of paper to help BAE Systems improve future days like this. We were then given a bag of goodies and a certificate.

Lucy Gibbons (9KG) and Lauren Gamble (9KG)

National Citizen Service

NCS is a once in a lifetime experience designed to help 16- 18 year olds grow in confidence and develop teamwork and leadership skills that employers and universities value. NCS is recommended by UCAS (University and College Admissions Service) to help students deliver a memorable Personal Statement and CV.



The programme takes place during the spring, summer and autumn breaks and students can choose their preferred dates, depending on availability. There are 3 phases to the programme:

Phase 1 – Adventure (away from home)

Phase 2 – Skills

Phase 3 – Make a difference (local community project)

Following the completion of all 3 phases, students will graduate from the programme with a certificate as confirmation of their achievement and commitment.

We are pleased to confirm that KSHS have 26 young people on the programme this summer and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return in September.

For students interested in taking part there are still a few places available, please contact the NCS directly.

Full details can be found on the website; <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/>

Mrs P Hunter
Careers Leader and Work Experience Co-ordinator

Spotlight on Sport

It has been a fantastic year for Sport and PE. There has been much success to celebrate both within school and during extra-curricular time. Students have been developing and increasing their skills through a variety of activity areas. The year culminated with a competitive but fun packed Sports Day with all students taking part to compete for their house. Results were very close and are to be presented at the end of term assembly!



Individual success

Congratulations go to Phoebe Spicer (8W) who plays Cricket for Lincolnshire and has just played her best match ever getting an incredible 5 county wickets against Huntingdonshire.



Kennedy Shelley (7W) continues to impress in Gymnastics, she has recently passed her county level 4. Kennedy came 1st in her age group, 2nd overall (4 pieces combined score), 2nd on beam overall and 2nd on floor overall (all out of 38 girls).

Highlights of 2016-2017

U12 Futsal Team – runners
up FA Youth East Midlands
Futsal Final



U13 7 a side Football KSSA tournament
winners

Year 7 and Junior Girls Athletics squad



Lincolnshire School Games In2
Hockey County Final Bronze
medal winners



U13 Football team
County Finalists



Year 8
Netball
Team KSSA
league
winners



Meeting GB Hockey Gold medallist
Shona McCallin



Swimarathon team



Bella Williams International Cross Country



Badminton Team



U16 Hockey Team



Cross Country Team
County qualifiers

KESTEVEN AND SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL

DATES FOR 2017-2018

Term 1	Tuesday 5 September 2017* to Thursday 19 October 2017
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2017 to Thursday 21 December 2017
Term 3	Monday 8 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2018 to Thursday 29 March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 June 2018 to Friday 20 July 2018

* Students in Years 7, 12 & 13 will return on Tuesday, 5 September and
Students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 will return on Wednesday, 6 September

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 25 December 2017
Tuesday 26 December 2017
Monday 1 January 2018
Friday 30 March 2018
Monday 2 April 2018
Monday 7 May 2018
Monday 28 May 2018

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 4 September 2017
Friday 20 October 2017
Friday 5 January 2018

