



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

20-24 Nov	Year 12 & 13 Formal Assessment Week
20-24 Nov	Volunteering Week
23 Nov	Year 10 Parents' Evening
24 Nov	Year 10 EP GCSE Conference Cambridge
27 Nov-8 Dec	Year 11 Mock Exams



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you very much to those of you who completed the Parent View survey during our Ofsted inspection this week. The inspection was a great opportunity for our students to show visitors to the school just how creative, insightful and hardworking they are, both in the classroom and outside it. The outcome of the inspection can only be shared publically after a process of external standardisation but we will of course let you know as soon as the report is available to read. Suffice it to say I remain as proud as ever of our young people and the hard working staff at the school who enable them to make the progress they do.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School



The Rock Challenge is a competition about showing a story through an 8 minute dance piece. It is an anti-drug and crime-prevention initiative that takes the form of a friendly performing arts competition for schools and colleges.

The dancers are working very hard on learning the dance and are practising every Tuesday after school. The stage crew are also working hard on creating the logo, designing costumes, props, hair/makeup and photography.

The Rock Challenge is based in Grantham with many schools competing and takes place on the 19th of March 2018.

There are students from Years 7-13 involved and participating with the dance.

Keep checking the Newsletter for updates on Rock Challenge!

Freya Simpson (8W)



SLEAFORD LITTLE THEATRE

We are in the chorus of Sleaford Little Theatre's Christmas Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' which is being staged this December. We are performing many dances throughout the show, we join in with some of the singing and we even have some lines to say! We have been rehearsing since May and the show is really coming together now. For some good family fun come and see us this December.

Tickets are now available online and from Animal Magic.

Niamh Cairns (7A), Abby Wellock (8W) and Bea Harris (8F)



‘Box Clever Theatre’ brings Frankenstein to KSHS

On Friday 13th October – a very fitting date - the Year 9 students were paid a visit by a unique company called 'Box Clever Theatre' who claim that their 'mission is to bring exciting theatre to young people' and they certainly did that at KSHS!

The company was represented by three brilliant actors who gave us an incredible performance of Mary Shelley's gothic literature classic 'Frankenstein', which the Year 9s will consider when they study the 19th Century gothic novel later this year. The show was outstanding and had many amazing scenes. The way the trio used their space to build tension and fear in their audience was brilliant, as they only had floor space and a few simple props such as a hospital bed and two curtained screens; their expressionism was so good that they didn't need complex props or costumes. Some of their dialogue, often delivered in soliloquys and monologues, was presented directly to the audience, which kept us on our toes and made several girls jump out of their seats.

Even if you knew the story of 'Frankenstein' and the misunderstood monster created by an inspired scientist (whose name *is* Frankenstein – that isn't the monster's name!), the way Box Clever Theatre performed it almost made it their own novel. Actors represented different characters for different scenes, including Mary Shelley herself, who we saw 'inventing' her plot as it played out in front of her. This meant we got to see her making the difficult choice of how to end her complex storyline – and how to end her characters, by choosing whether they met their ultimate demise or not.

Having seen the play, I believe that I understand the story and the plot much better. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience from both a literature and drama perspective.

Lauren Griffen (9F)
and Ms Natley, Teacher of English



(Picture: Frankenstein's monster comes to life!)

SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK

With refreshments in my rucksack, some comfy shoes on my feet and my raincoat ready in case we were rained on, I set off on my first Robert Carre Trust annual sponsored walk. 12 miles seemed like such a long way and I was about to find out that it was!

Year 7 had chosen the charity 'Save The Children' to contribute our sponsor money to. I think you tend to forget how fortunate we all are until you take part in an event like this.



We set off at 9:15am from the school reception and my friends & I felt full of energy and ready for the walk ahead of us. By the time we reached the first refreshment stop, we were starting to feel hungry and a little weary. We stopped briefly for a drink and a snack before carrying on.

There seemed so many of us, all walking 12 miles for some amazing charities. Being joined by the boys from Carre's made the whole experience feel even more immense. It was amazing being involved in such a worthwhile event.

As we passed the 11-mile point, everyone seemed to be walking slower. All our snacks had been eaten and our legs felt extremely weary. I think we were all exhausted!!

As we turned onto Jermyn Street, the end was in sight. My friends & I passed the finish line together, collapsing on the grass and feeling elated to have finished. I felt delighted that I had managed to walk the whole 12 miles and pleased that I could now start collecting my sponsor money.

The whole event was an amazing opportunity to help children and organisations that desperately need our support. It is a huge sense of achievement knowing that funds raised will go towards our nominated charities as well as some school projects.

I am immensely proud to be part of a school that have helped to make a difference.

Mia Zadora (7W)



SPONSOR MONEY

Sponsor money is coming in thick and fast. I wanted to give a special mention to the following 8 students who between them have raised £1,188.00 An impressive achievement.

Amy Moat (7L)
Heather Owen (7L)
Freya Plumley (7L)
Shelby Ragsdale (7L)
Julia Sadler (7L)
Phoebe Shaw (7W)
Millie Watson-Smith (8W)
Jasmine Wragg (12L)

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CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

This year I decided to raise some money for Children In Need. I chose to bake Gingerbread Pudsey and Blush. I came up with this idea because I found an old cookbook recipe on how to make gingerbread. To date I have raised £13.50 – every little helps. I had great fun baking these delicious treats!

Willow Hanks (7F)



Soak the Teacher



Sweet Stall & Musicians in Reception

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CELEBRATION EVENING

This year's event marked a full academic year of providing the Award to students from both Kesteven and Sleaford High School and Carre's Grammar School.



Sophie Atkinson

Since this time last year students across both schools have achieved 130 awards in total: 95 Bronze, 23 Silver and 12 Gold.

Sophie Atkinson, a student at Kesteven and Sleaford High School from 2005-2012, returned on Tuesday night to present certificates.

Sophie, who achieved her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, also completed the Heart Start qualification; this began her interest in first aid, and over the years she has completed a number of other courses, particularly through her career in the Metropolitan Police. Earlier this year in the Netherlands, Sophie witnessed a man fall from his bicycle, suffering a heart attack. Using the first aid skills she first learned as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Sophie and another passer-by performed CPR and ultimately saved his life.

The Robert Carre Trust were honoured to welcome Sophie back to KSHS to present the Heart Start certificates to their Duke of Edinburgh participants this year, and to talk about her own D of E journey, including her life-changing experience in the Netherlands.

Congratulations to all worthy recipients!

GOING FOR GOLD – MAKING HISTORY IN THE ROBERT CARRE TRUST

Last year, the first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were achieved by final year students at Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

Two ex-students – Katie Flaherty and Phoebe Morgan – spent a well-deserved day in early November in London collecting their Gold Duke of Edinburgh certificates from HRH Prince Edward at St James's Palace. Every Gold recipient is invited to such an event and it is an honour to attend and truly recognise the weight of the achievement. Bethan Owen and Freja Munks, also ex-pupils of the school, will be picking up their awards at this prestigious event in the New Year. This year, another 11 KSHS students have completed their Gold Awards and staff are very excited to see them all collect their certificates in the near future.

Furthermore, a Carre's Grammar School student has completed his Gold Award this year – Joshua Burton, now at University, is the first CGS pupil to claim this accolade through a school-run scheme.

Special congratulations to all Gold Award recipients.



Gold Award Winners



Silver Award Winners



Bronze Award Winners



Spotlight on Sport

Last week the Cross Country team were able to put all of their hard work into practice in the annual Kesteven and Sleaford Sports Association Cross Country competition at Burghley House in Stamford. Despite the challenging weather and terrain; every runner committed to the course and gave their full effort. Many runners were proudly representing the school for the first time.

Congratulations to every member of the team which ranged from Year 7 to Year 13. Some KSHS runners who finished within the top band will have the opportunity to compete at the County Cross Country Championships early next year.



KSHS Cross Country Team

A special mention goes to Hazel Williams (10MC) who once again finished in 1st place, Laura Bates (12A) who finished in 2nd place and to Isabel Collier (7A), Chloe Mulhall (7L) and Holly Marshall (7L) who all finished within the top 6.

KSHS Running Club

The KSHS running club who meet on Thursday lunchtimes have the chance to challenge themselves this week by taking part in the 5K Poppy Run being held at school. They are raising money for the Royal British Legion. Well done to all who are taking part.



Esme Taylor 10MC



Georgia Gray 10KG



U13 Football Team

The U13 Football Team have played exceptionally well this season; they narrowly missed out on continuing in their run in the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) league by losing to St. George's Academy but are working hard to reach further in the County Cup competition.

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Football				
U13	Skegness Grammar	Away Wednesday 1 st November	11-1	Won
U13	St George's Academy	Home Wednesday 15 th November	1-3	Lost
U13	Imps in the Community tournament	Away		
Futsal				
Year 9	KSSA tournament	Away Wednesday 8 th November	Won 4 Drew 2	2 nd place
Cross Country				
All ages	KSSA tournament	Away Thursday 9 th November		See news section

Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Football		
U13	County Cup - William Farr	Home Wednesday 15 th November
U13	Imps in the Community tournament - Lincoln	Away Friday 17 th November
Futsal		
Year 7	KSSA Tournament	Away Thursday 23 rd November
Netball		
Year 9	County tournament	Away Saturday 18 th November
Year 11	County tournament	Away Saturday 18 th November
Swimming		
All ages	KSSA tournament at Stamford	Away Monday 20 th November
All ages	Swimathon - Sleaford	Away Saturday 18 th November



GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

30th October to 10 November 2017

Staff are invited to nominate students who have demonstrated a Growth Mindset in the past couple of weeks. This might have been in lessons, in clubs, in tutor time or simply around school.

Please note we already award bi-annual subject badges and merits for good academic work, effort and improvement. These Growth Mindset nominations recognise those who show resilience (academic or otherwise); who aren't afraid to get things wrong and learn from it; those who have a go, take themselves out of their comfort zone or show that even if a task is tough they will persevere.

Congratulations to Bethany Iszatt (7L) whose name was randomly selected from the nominations of the past month. She receives an Amazon Voucher in recognition of her positive approach.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Biology/Chemistry	Jessica Goodwin	11F	Mr Periam
Chemistry	Emily Nuttall	13A	Mrs Evans
Computer Science	Megan Thompson	10MC	Mr Mulligan
DT Textiles	Josie Hobson	8F	Mrs Fleming
English	Eleanor Burrell	9A	Mr Cassidy
English/Other	Abby Couchman	10KG	Mrs Smith
English/Other	Erin Mercer	8L	Miss Natley
Food	Kaitlin Cartwright	9A	Mrs Pankhurst
Form	Lilli Fraser	7F	Miss Shales
Geography	Hannah Ashworth	13A	Mrs Collett
Geography	Onyi Oriaku	9L	Mrs Livingstone
Geography	Lauren Padley	9L	Mrs Livingstone
German	Cerys Greest	7F	Mr Rooke
IT	Grace McHenry	7L	Mrs Constantine
Maths	Grace Hopkins	9F	Miss Turner
Maths	Zoe Lancaster	11L	Mrs Green
Maths	Evie Sanger-Davies	8W	Mrs Megginson
Pastoral	Bethany Iszatt	7L	Mrs Pankhurst
Tutor	Jess Gault	12A	Miss Beckett



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LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Salary: Grade 3 (£15,807 pro rata)

Term time only – 32.5 hours per week (part-time possible)

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced Learning Support Assistant who will be able to join our friendly, selective school to support students with learning or medical needs in school.

We are looking to appoint someone with:

- Experience of working with young people
- Excellent communication and team working skills
- A proactive approach to supporting students with specific needs

Closing date: Monday 27 November 2017 (noon)

Interviews: Week commencing 4 December 2017

Please return application forms available on our website: www.kshs.uk to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: Helen.Gill@kshs.uk). Visits to the school welcome by arrangement.

As part of the Robert Carre Trust we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo enhanced DBS checks.

