

NEWSLETTER

01 December 2017

Useful Dates

27 Nov-8 Dec	Year 11 Mock Exams
2 Dec	Young Chef Competition
4-8 Dec	Collection for Children's Hospital
4-15 Dec	Year 12 Tutor - Parent Meetings
9 Dec	Duke of Edinburgh Training Day 2
12 Dec	Ski Trip Information Evening
13 Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
14 Dec	KSHS Running Club 'Turkey Trot'
14 Dec	Christmas Concert 7.00pm
15 Dec	Christmas Lunch

PROJECT X

On Wednesday 22nd November 7 students competed in the RAF Waddington and the Education Business Partnership's challenge to build a plane to deliver cargo to stranded pilots. Students had worked hard over the preceding weeks constructing their plane and trialling its flight and the mechanism to deliver their precious cargo – two eggs!

On the day of the competition students were able to participate in a variety of RAF workshops from learning about different engineering roles to trying out the firefighting equipment.

I was particularly proud of their determination during the practice flights to check the plane was flying smoothly. They worked extremely hard and managed to get one of the eggs on target and neither was broken.

Students who took part:

Ella Ball 8A, Sophie Barnatt 8A, Charlotte Buchanan-Smith 8A, Isabel-Rose Cottrell 8A, Tamsin Dunn 8A, Megan Herron 8F, Georgia Lancaster 8F

Mrs L Martin

Subject Leader Science



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

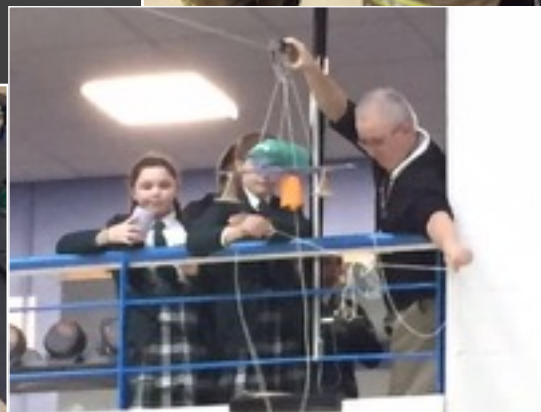
As much as the staffroom tries to resist the swift approach of Christmas and all the distraction from learning that involves so early in December, please do take note of the many festive activities in school that are approaching. The School Christmas Concert is always a real treat (please see the end of the newsletter for details) and we hope that as many of you as possible come and support our talented students. The approaching end of term also features some great High School traditions (the end of term talent contest, the heart-warming formality of our Carol Service at St Denys' Church and our whole school celebration assembly).

There is much work to do beforehand however. Year 11 are today half way through their mock examinations whilst Year 12 and 13 students tackle formal assessments. Year 10 meanwhile approach the end of their first full term of GCSE study across their option subjects and we are really pleased about how they have stepped up to the challenge. Many thanks to parents who took the time to complete a survey at the recent Year 10 parents' evening. Your comments were overwhelmingly positive about the progress you feel your daughters are making and it means a lot to staff when you pass on positive comments. Some of you commented on homework quantity with an even split between those suggesting there was too much or too little. We would anticipate a GCSE student to expect about 5-7 hours a week as a rough guide. Please do get in touch with your child's tutor if you have concerns.

Frustratingly we still await the green light from Ofsted to publish details of our recent inspection. An administrative delay at their end we are told. As soon as details are available we will be in touch.

Mrs J Smith

Head of School



A Tudor Experience

On Friday 3rd November, Year 8 ventured to Tudor World in Stratford-Upon-Avon for a cross-curricular English and History trip. Tudor World is a museum in Stratford that explores the Tudor period, with a particular focus on William Shakespeare.

In the morning we enjoyed a fascinating time with 'Shakespeare' (an actor more commonly known as 'Nelly'). We looked at the typical Tudor theatre and even recreated a scene from one. We had a little wooden stage which 'Nelly' performed on. I really enjoyed this as it was funny and involved us all; each of us played a character, from Queen Elizabeth herself to the beer sellers. We learnt some interesting facts such as: did you know groundlings would defecate and urinate on the ground in a theatre? It got quite smelly! The way 'Shakespeare' presented this workshop was great as he was so personable. As Alex Duffy (8A) said: 'he got us in on the action – slapping knees and saying 'rar' as we pretended to be upper class Elizabethans! It was a fantastic experience.'



After lunch, we participated in a walking tour around Stratford with another 'Shakespeare'. We went to many different places such as: his birthplace, his grave, his old school and his daughter's house. This was very enjoyable as it was really interesting to see where he actually lived, and our guide made it very funny as he told us stories about Shakespeare that people wouldn't know. For example, we were taught all about Juliet's potential origin 'Charlotte', a young girl who was buried alive in her tomb and ate her own arm in an effort to survive. Lovely!

My favourite part of this trip was certainly the walking tour around Stratford because it was the most interesting and entertaining. Alongside this, our 'William Shakespeare' was really funny and made everything more engaging for us.



All of Year 8 would like to thank the teachers who came with us and the bus drivers who so kindly put up with our off-key singing.

By Charlotte Dunham (8A)

Girls' News Team thegntchain.wordpress.com

Volunteering in Sleaford

Former student Steph Boyfield, from Voluntary Centre Services (VCS) in Sleaford came in to each Key Stage assembly last week to talk to the students about how easy it is to give up some of their free time to help worthwhile causes.

It really is so easy to give a short amount of time to make a difference to the elderly, by way of a phone call or short visits. Often the elderly are often housebound and do not see or speak to anyone for days at a time, a short visit or phone call could make all the difference and loneliness is heart breaking to see and not difficult to change.

It is not only the elderly who need contact; Post-Pals is an easy way of making young, often terminally ill children feel that they have not been forgotten. Following each assembly, Steph held a Christmas card making session in the Library. Many students gave up their lunch break to make cards for the elderly and young Post-

Pal children. The picture reflects the effort made by the students, the cards were fab and the Library has never seen so much glitter. Apologies to parents laundering uniforms last week, it was for a good cause!



If you would like to help, and volunteer in any way, please contact Steph at the VCS office in The Old Mart on Church lane Sleaford, or email her at steph@voluntarycentreservices.org.uk

Many thanks to Steph for coming in.

Mrs P Hunter
Careers & Work Experience Lead

Careers Insight Event 2017



This year's Insight event was as busy as ever, there were 51 exhibitors in the Sports Hall making it one of the largest events of this kind held at KSHS. Hopefully there was something for everyone and it was great to see some parents there too.

We are always extremely grateful to the establishments who support us year on year, and also a big thank you to some new additions this year from; Manchester, Newcastle, Dundee, Northumberland, Aberystwyth Universities and Imperial College, London.

Following the event Northumberland University kindly gave a very engaging and interesting talk to Year 12 students on interview techniques. We hope this was a useful addition to the day and trust that the whole event answered lots of questions students may have had.

Mrs P Hunter
Careers & Work Experience Lead



Here are a few images from the day together with the full list of Exhibitors;

* Russell Group Universities

Universities

Aberystwyth
Aston
Bishop Grosseteste
Christ's College, Cambridge *
De Montfort
Dundee
Edge Hill
Hull
Imperial College, London *
Keele
Leeds *
Leicester
Lincoln
Liverpool
Loughborough
Manchester *
New College of the Humanities, London
Newcastle *
Northampton
Northumbria
Nottingham *
Nottingham Trent / Brackenhurst College (Agri & Animal)
Royal Veterinary College, London
Sheffield *
Sheffield Hallam
Surrey
University of East Anglia
York *
York St John

Gap Year Providers

Projects Abroad
Frontier
A Star Future

Colleges

Access to Music
Bishop Burton
Boston
Grantham
Lincoln
Pearson Business College, London

Employers

The RAF
The Navy
The Army Police – Entry and Recruitment information
Siemens (1) – Finance & Commercial Academy
Siemens (2) – Engineering
BE Design – (The Built Environment – Architecture)
Barclays Bank
Lincolnshire Healthcare Association
Initial Teacher Training – information for entry into teaching
Apprenticeships – Work Pays – Information on what apprenticeships are available

Other stands

Sleaford Volunteer Services – Volunteer in & around Sleaford
A G & I – Advice & Guidance
What Uni

SIXTH FORM READING CLUB

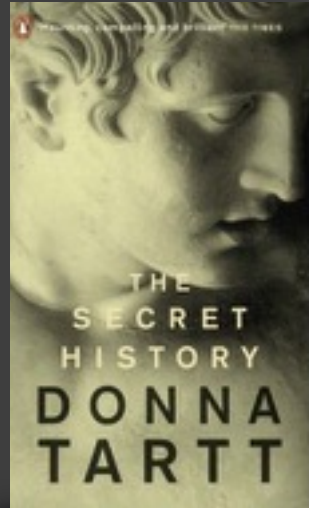
The Sixth Form Reading Club meets once every six weeks to share opinions and observations about a book the students have chosen to read. To date, this has been a novel from a variety of historical eras and genres. The Club is open to all members of the Sixth Form, whether they are studying English at A level or not.

Students who attend the meetings are united in their genuine desire to live vicariously and to experience worlds other than our own corner of Lincolnshire. The students also enjoy the opportunity to share their appreciation for the aesthetic qualities of literature; the power and beauty of the lyrical written word.

The novel we are currently reading in preparation for our next meeting on the 7th December is ***The Secret History*** by Donna Tartt.

Below is a Book Review written by Rebekah Phillipson (12L) of a previous book we have shared.

Mrs K Cowell
Teacher of English



Book Review

'If the Creek Don't Rise' by Leah Weiss

This is a stunning and poignant character study of life in a North Carolina town, Baines Creek, in the Appalachian Mountains. Sadie Blue, the character first introduced in the novel, is married to Roy Tupkin for fifteen days and slowly begins to realise how dangerous the marriage is while being pregnant with his child. She is desperate both to escape and to leave her own mark on the world.

Then, a stranger comes into the mountain town by the name of Kate Shaw who changes not only the course of Sadie's life, but everyone's in the town. Sadie also begins to realise that the darkness she faces stretches back to her grandmother's lifetime, and that she will need courage to fight against the normalised abuse in the town.

The plot is delivered in slow steps, driven primarily by the backstories and smaller sub-plots of the characters. The different points of view are essential to understanding what the story represents as a whole. Like a Southern handmade quilt, the story of the characters is stitched and inevitably drawn together; some loose threads remain in backstories that are left unexplained, but otherwise the novel has been carefully planned out to show the dynamic contrast between the characters' personalities and the journey they take together. The storytelling makes the reader feel like they're travelling through the vivid pictures of the Appalachian town. The writing style flows effortlessly, aided by the drawl of the deep Southern dialect; and along with the bold, powerful imagery this draws the reader slowly and irrevocably to a shocking ending.

The descriptions of abuse that are seemingly normalised in the novel were particularly shocking to me, as a modern-day reader, but are essential to understand how troubling the situation of the characters really is, and how seemingly inescapable. Despite this, even when you begin to label the characters as being weak-willed, they'll shock you with their perseverance and astute understanding of the ways of life. Because it's a character driven novel, the cast of individuals seem to leap from the page. For me the standout characters were Kate Shaw, Sadie Blue and Eli Perkins, who differ in personality but are hard to forget. They are three-dimensional, undeniably human and flawed, but with strong traits that define their perseverance. I would recommend this to anyone above the age of 16, who has never read any Southern fiction before.

Rebekah Phillipson (12L)

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

On Monday 27th November, Mrs Pankhurst and I had the great privilege of collecting the International School Award from the British Council in London as recognition of last year's work on developing an international dimension to the work across the school.

Many different subject areas were involved and we were very grateful for the support of colleagues and students in developing this aspect of the curriculum. Students took part in lessons in RS, Food Technology, Geography and MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) which developed their understanding of British and world cultures and enabled them to reflect on the similarities and differences. Some students took part in a French and Textiles trip, an Art trip to Amsterdam and the Dress a Girl club which has run successfully in the past to see how other cultures interact with our own.

As we move forward with our international work, we will be working with other departments and schools in the local area and abroad to develop this vital area of our students' education. Do look out for future events and information in the newsletter and support us where you feel able.

Mr L Rooke
Head of PSHE



Senior Maths Challenge

On 7th November 22 Sixth Form mathematicians sat the Senior Mathematical Challenge – an annual competition run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust based at the University of Leeds.

Nationally, only the very best mathematicians sit the competition.

7 students scored highly enough to gain a Silver Certificate and 12 obtained Bronze Certificates.

Well done!

Silver:

Molly Desorgher	Year 13 KSHS
Jack Skiba	Year 13 CGS
Travis Cullum	Year 12 CGS
Bo Minn	Year 12 KSHS
Thomas Sardesai	Year 12 CGS
Robert Thompson	Year 12 CGS
Jasmine Wragg	Year 12 KSHS

Bronze:

Ajani Goburdhone	Year 13 KSHS
Isaac Hutchings	Year 13 CGS
Emma Prichard	Year 13 KSHS
Tomas Rock	Year 13 CGS
Isabella Smith	Year 13 KSHS
Sarah Taylor	Year 13 KSHS
Ewan Kennett	Year 12 CGS
Caitlin Perkins	Year 12 KSHS
Dominic Sellars	Year 12 CGS
George Trinidad	Year 12 CGS
Daniel Walker	Year 12 CGS
Joseph Weston	Year 12 CGS

GYMNASTICS

On Sunday 19th November I travelled to Leicester to represent Lincolnshire in the County Team Championships. On the day, I got to wear the Lincolnshire leotard and I received a t-shirt with Lincolnshire on the back. I had to perform my floor routine and my two best vaults against 3 other counties. We had an amazing day with the Lincolnshire 12-13 year old team, which I was in, getting Gold and I got individual Gold out of all the 12-13 year olds (20 girls). Also after all the results were put together of all the counties that took part Lincolnshire came joint first winning the shield for the second year in a row. When I went to gym the next day my coach told me that out of all the girls who took part (79 girls) I and my Sleaford Gymnastics Club team mate scored exactly the same score which was the highest of the day.

Kennedy Shelley (8W)

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

Netball

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball Team who headed to Skegness on Saturday 18th November for the County Netball tournament. The team fought hard to win all of their group matches against teams from Branston, William Farr, KEVIGS and Bourne Academy. They went through to finish in 3rd place overall.



Football

The U13 Football team continue with fantastic performances. They beat William Farr in the County Cup competition and will play in the next round. They also played in the Imps in the Community tournament at Lincoln and narrowly missed out on the winning place by coming runners up.



Swimming

Many students took part in the KSHS Swimming trials; from this a team was selected to join with students from Carre's Grammar School to form the Robert Carre Trust (RCT) Swimming team. There were over 90 swimmers in the tournament hosted at Stamford School. The races were very close but Stamford won overall.

Poppy Run

On the 16th November, I did the 5k Poppy Run. I did 25 laps of the football pitch. Students across the school got together and ran 25 laps around the school field – a total distance of 5k! They worked hard to raise money for The Royal British Legion, running it individually or in a relay team. We were helped by Miss Duffy and Miss Grindey in the organising, and Mrs Stacey on the day who counted the laps and provided support! Lots of people came to cheer us on and some came to sell cakes. Everyone did really well even when it started raining and everyone finished the run.

Isabel Collier (7A)

Students will have the opportunity to take part in the next running club event which will be the 'Turkey Trot' in December. Everybody is welcome.



Upcoming Events

Sunday 10th December – students from KSHS will be taking part in the Secondary Schools Gymnastics competition at Grantham Meres.

KSHS will be hosting the Change for Life Primary Schools festival which aims to provide opportunities for students from local Primary schools to take part in sporting events in the quest for every Primary school student to take part in a sporting event.

KSHS students from Year 9 and 10 will be taking part in Netball and Football leadership opportunities for Primary School students.

Student Sporting Achievement

Madalaine Freeman (7F) – Judo

Maddy took part in the British Judo National Championships at the weekend.

She won a bronze medal in her age / weight category age 10-12 / 40-44kgs. She fought girls that were 4-6 grades above her. A great achievement – well done Maddy!

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Football				
U13	County Cup - William Farr	Home Wednesday 15 th November	7-0	Won
U13	Imps in the Community tournament - Lincoln	Away Friday 17 th November	Won 6 Drew 2	Runners up
Netball				
Year 9	County tournament	Away Saturday 18 th November	Won 5 Drew 1 Lost 1	3 rd in County
Swimming				
All ages	KSSA tournament at Stamford	Away Monday 20 th November		Runners up

GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

13 November to 24 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.

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Chemistry	Holly Hodgkin	13F	Mrs C Evans
D & T Textiles	Erin Mercer	8L	Mrs B Fleming
Drama	Bryony Fossett	13F	Miss T O'Leary
English	Charlotte Buchanan-Smith	8A	Ms A Natley
English	Heather Butters	10KC	Mrs K Cowell
French	Kyra Britton	10NP	Miss E Shales
French	Tamsin Dunn	8A	Miss E Shales
German	Fliss Holden	11F	Mr L Rooke
History	Giorgina Meier	7L	Miss R Grindey
Maths	Anna Atkinson	10NP	Miss E Turner
Maths	Clary Burn	11L	Mrs K Green
Maths	Chloe Dachtler	7A	Mrs K Green
Maths	Florence Fields	7F	Miss K Duffy
Maths	Olivia Layton	7F	Miss K Duffy
Maths	Lucy Simpson	10MC	Miss K Duffy
Pastoral	Willow Hanks	7F	Miss K Duffy
Pastoral	Lucy Luxton	8L	Mrs C Tipper
PE	Isabel Collier	7A	Miss A Kilgannon
PE	Ciara Wright	9W	Mrs J Stacey
Running Club	Amy Moat	7L	Miss R Grindey & Miss K Duffy
Tutor	Olivia Brindley	12F	Mrs K Cowell
Tutor	Amelie Collier	7W	Mrs Z Harris
Tutor	Ella Owen	12L	Mrs K Cowell
Tutor	Lauren Topham	7W	Miss J Woolley



Christmas CONCERT



Thursday 14th December 2017

7.00pm—9.00pm

School Hall

Tickets £4 includes refreshments

On sale from Monday 11th —Thursday 14th December 2017

Outside Mrs Tipper's Office during lunch

