

NEWSLETTER

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23 March 2018

Useful Dates

24-25 Mar	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice 2
27 Mar	School Play
29 Mar	Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip
29 Mar	Duke of Edinburgh Gold/Silver Practical Deadline
29 Mar	LAST DAY OF TERM
16 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM
16-27 Apr	Year 10 Assessment
16 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessment Deadline



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this bumper edition of our school newsletter; the last one for this Spring term. Students and staff have managed to pack an awful lot in since Christmas despite the relatively short half terms and the snow day interruptions! I hope your daughter has found something to interest her whether that's the Engineering workshop delivered by BAE systems, participation in the UK Maths Challenge, the Rock Challenge dance competition, rehearsals for the Key Stage 3 play or Sports Relief fundraising. My thanks go to all the staff for the time spent rehearsing and organising and to parents for their support too. It was lovely to see over 300 parents and primary aged students joining us for the Royal Institute of Science Lecture last week for example, as well as the support of students and their parents at the recent PTA family bingo night which raised £500 for school projects.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter break, hopefully with some convincing signs of Spring weather to enjoy!

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

Extended School Library Opening Hours

I'm delighted to announce the appointment of our new Learning Resource Centre Manager. Mrs Gibson may be a familiar face to those of you who use the public Library in Sleaford but from the start of next term she joins the High School to promote literacy and independent study in our school Library, working alongside Mrs Oswald, who will supervise the Library every morning. Mrs Gibson will provide extended hours in the school Library in the afternoon, meaning we can now offer supervision for students wishing to work after school until 5.00pm on a Monday to Thursday and 4.30pm on Fridays.

Any student wishing to stay after school (for clubs or to work in the Library) will need to register at 3.40pm in the main school Reception as usual.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

ARTiculation National Final at Clare College, Cambridge

On Friday 9 March Natalie Sands (12F) represented the school in the ARTiculation National Final at Clare College, Cambridge, as one of nine finalists who had won previous heats to get to this point.

ARTiculation is a national public speaking competition that is focused on getting young people to talk about art. There were over 1,000 individual student presentations across the country and 9 were selected through area heats, so the achievement was astounding, considering it is the first year that we, as a school, have entered the competition. Natalie has already achieved a massive success to get to this point.

Lord Smith, the adjudicator, the previous Culture Secretary, commented in his feedback that he thought Natalie gave a confident performance and he loved Natalie's use of humour and props. He also noted that out of the 9 presenters, Natalie was the only student to talk without any notes.

We are now looking at rolling out the next phase of the competition which is aimed at the 14-16 age range called "discover ARTiculation". Watch this space...

Mr P Letchworth
Subject Leader Art

Natalie Sands (fourth from right)



ROCK CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who took part this week in Rock Challenge. Over 90 students across all year groups took part in the national competition taking second place in the local round.



ROYAL INSTITUTE VISIT



As part of National Science Week we had the opportunity to view a lecture presented to us by one of the team from the Royal Institute London. The theme was that of electricity and we observed some exciting practicals along with the theory behind them, allowing students from across the year groups to get involved and become enthusiastic about science.

The demonstrations included a plasma light rod showing how electricity travels; an electromagnetic strength test; the use of a Van der Graaff machine exhibiting static electricity and an electric arc lamp in which the carbon glowed in order to produce a bright light.

Bryony Fossett (13F)

Ceramic Materials

Congratulations go to Erin Fountain (11F) who has recently been awarded a Bronze Crest Award for her research into the science of Ceramic Materials that she has completed following her attendance at the 'Magic of Materials' Science summer school. Erin completed 15 hours of research into ceramics in aerospace and produced a booklet and poster.

Mrs C Evans
Subject Leader Chemistry



MATHS MASTERCLASS

As keen Mathematicians we attended The Royal Institute Mathematics Master Classes. These sessions took place at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln on three Saturday mornings.

The topics ranged from ellipses to magical maths and patterns, each having a new mathematician to educate us.

They were such a great opportunity to learn new mathematical skills that we can use further in our Maths education and we are very grateful for the offer and opportunity. We enjoyed all three but certainly the magical maths session the most because we found it very engaging to see Maths from a different angle.



By Ella Marshall (9F), Lexi Hepplewhite (9F), Jessica Pettini (9L), Emma Kopp (9F) and Phoebe Spicer (9W)

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

On 1 February over 100 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took the Intermediate Maths Challenge, a National Competition run by the UKMT. The students did particularly well this year and five students went through to the next round – the Pink and Grey Kangaroo rounds. Lucy Freeman and Abby Couchman took part in the Pink Kangaroo and Jessica Pettini, Emma Kopp and Evie Rogerson took part in the Grey Kangaroo on 15th March. Lucy Freeman performed so well on the Challenge that she has been invited to attend a Mathematics Summer School run by the UKMT. Well done to everyone that took part!

Mrs K Green
Second in Mathematics

Gold Certificates:

Abby Couchman
Natasha Errington
Lucy Freeman

Silver Certificates

Alex Bond
Alice Booth
Kyra Britton
Katherine Sardesai
Ella Hansford
Emilia Hesketh
Emma Kopp
Hannah Macpherson
Lucy North
Holly Parsons
Jessica Pettini
Hazel Richard
Caitlin Roebuck
Evie Rogerson
Ebony Rose
Ailis Rule
Amelia Spicer

Bronze Certificates

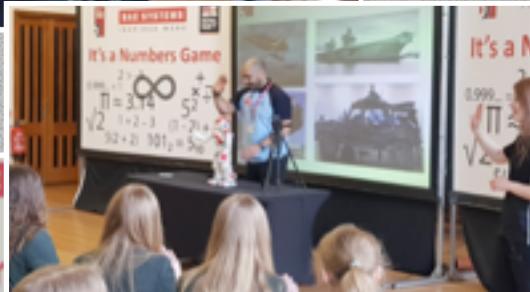
Tamzen Brenton
Alicia Costa
Daisy Desorgher
Sophie Gretton
Olivia Kelly
Phoebe Loach-Martin
Jessica Manning
Emily Marsh
Aiden Metherell
Kenzie Milne
Amelia Myers
Victoria Pearson
Mabel Redgrave
Poppy Sinnott
Alice Wesley
Chloe Williams
Neve Woodman

A Big Thank You to BAE Systems!

On Friday 9th March BAE Systems came into our school and gave a presentation of Science, Engineering and Maths to Years 7 and 8. Once we were seated in the hall we were also joined by students from Carre's Grammar School. It was great fun and gave an insight to all of the cool stuff that Engineering can offer instead of just oily machines and building engines. Many people from my Form said, "We were learning the whole time but it was fun, so we actually took in all the information". It was an enjoyable and exciting way to learn about an industry and career that moves the world forward in ways that are amazing and almost unimaginable.

The presentation was called 'It's a numbers game' but it wasn't just about maths calculations and equations you do in lessons, it was applying it to engineering and everyday technology that we all use. As well as the normal everyday things, we got shown some amazing technology. We saw the paramotor on a video and then one life size working version that was used in the hall as part of the talk. The wave of wind was massive and the motor was extremely loud. But it needed a big motor as it broke 3 world records! As well as the paramotor we also got to meet Mia the Robot. She is specially programmed and is very intelligent, she can follow a whole series of instructions and can talk as well! The presentation was amazing and got all of us interested in Engineering.

By Lucy Croft (8A)



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our Senior Choir who came first in both the Grantham Music Festival and the Lincoln Festival of Music and Drama.

Our Show Choir also placed first in the Lincoln Music Festival and the Flute Ensemble came second in both Music Festivals.

It was our first time competing and was a fantastic experience for students and staff.

Mr S Mitchinson
Subject Leader Extra-Curricular Music

Show Choir



Senior Choir



Flute Ensemble



LINCOLN MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th March, Sarina James (8F) took part in the Lincoln Music and Drama Festival.

The festival was established as a competitive festival to promote and encourage artistic and literary appreciation by providing a platform for amateurs to perform a wide range of different aspects of music and drama. Each year, there are over 2000 performers in a variety of different categories.

Sarina had to speak in front of an audience and judges from memory - she chose a piece from the popular book 'Girl Online' by Zoe Sugg. Sarina did a fantastic job and she was placed 3rd in her category. On the Friday, she had to perform a piece chosen by the judges and she scored an impressive 81%.

Congratulations to Sarina for all of her hard work and dedication.

Miss R Grindley
Form Tutor 8F



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bronze Practice Expedition 15-16

March 2018

The first expedition of the 2018 season got off to a cold, wet start!

38 students from across the Robert Carre Trust and 7 staff braved the cold and wet setting off on their practice Bronze expedition from Culverthorpe Lakes. The six groups did extremely well to cope with the weather as well as mastering navigation, kit maintenance, nutritional intake and, of course, group dynamics.



Luckily the dry weather came through later in the afternoon and at the campsite it was fine for them to cook and sleep.

A visit from Mrs Smith (Head of School KSHS) and Mr Green (RCT Director of Finance, Administration & Resources) was welcomed in the evening.

The second day was a huge success.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who support this fantastic opportunity and good luck to the 10 teams going on their expedition this weekend 24-25 March.

Mrs M Walker
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Snack Attack Food Club

Each Wednesday a small group of Year 7s come to the Food Room with Mrs Pankhurst at lunchtime and cook almost anything from cookies to chicken nuggets, pasta and cheese scones. We even attempted to make our own lunches, and were very impressed with the outcome!

At the Club we all learn many new skills and make dishes that we wouldn't usually make at home – we always have a lot of fun and really enjoy cooking!



We all encourage anyone who already enjoys baking and cooking, or who want to try something new, to come along. We make many different varieties of food and

really look forward to a challenge!

By Charlie Blair (7A)

PSHE NEWS

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://www.alcoholeducationtrust.org/parent-area/parent-newsletter/> where you can register for their regular updates; this month's issue focuses on awareness and how Rock Challenge works with the Trust.

Mr L Rooke
PSHE Co-ordinator

Uniform Clarification

As in any school, uniform expectations are often a topic for discussion amongst students; especially those in Key Stage 4 who are eager for the freedoms Sixth Form students have. We are really grateful for the support of parents, and students at the school are largely very respectful of the expectations set.

We thought the clarification below would be helpful for both parents and students. A recent vogue is for dramatic, false eyelashes which are not part of the 'subtle makeup' that Year 11 students are permitted to wear. All students should avoid having **any** semi-permanent makeup applied and are required to remove it as soon as possible. After the Easter break Year 11 students not following these expectations will lose their town leave privileges, whilst all students not following uniform expectations will be subject to usual school sanctions.

Subtle make up for Year 11 is classed as the following:

- Concealer (skin tone)
- One layer of light foundation
- Blusher
- One layer of mascara

None of the following:

- Fake eyelashes
- Filled in eyebrows
- Eyeshadow
- Lipstick
- Heavy eyeliner (wings)
- Contouring

The picture might also provide a helpful indication of acceptable levels of subtle make up.

Please do make contact with your daughter's form tutor if you would like any further clarification.

The "No Make-Up" Make-Up Look



SHOW WEEK

Many High School students are members of 'Go Dance' dance school in Sleaford. This report from Jazmin Randall (8L) is about their recent performances.

Show week! The busiest, most hectic week of the year. Running to and from rehearsals, remembering routines, doing hair and makeup and - most importantly - trying on costumes.

Every two years Go Dance put on a spectacular show involving all students from the age of 5 to 18 who attend any classes during the week. This year's show, 'When I grow up', was filled with amazing dances from all genres such as: Tap, Ballet, Irish, Freestyle, Street and many more. During the week running up to the show all students had to attend rehearsals with the people dancing in their category. This insured everyone was more familiar with the dances and category they were in.

'When I grow up' took place on Sunday 11th March at Newark Palace Theatre. On the big day we performed two shows both lasting around 2½ hours. I took part in three dances: Ballet to the song 'Circle of Life/ Under the Stars', Tap to the song 'Good Morning' and Irish to the song 'Little Italy'. Personally, I think it was an amazing experience that I will never forget. It has given me so much more confidence and really developed my performance skills. However, I couldn't have done it without the supportive and wonderful friends that were with me on that day!

Georgia Lawrence (11L) also reflected on the week: 'it was so exciting! My favourite thing was the feeling of the whole dance school coming together as one, as usually we are in separate classes.'

Finally, one of the most nerve-racking things about performing is waiting in the wings for your turn to go on! Thinking about everything that could or could not go wrong, and even worrying about whether or not you will remember the steps. Usually you are waiting in the wings for up to five minutes before you go on, which feels like forever!

I hope that everyone else enjoyed Show Week just as much as I did; I can't wait for the next one!

Jazmin Randall (8L)
Girls' News Team
<http://thegntchain.wordpress.com/>



PTA NEWS

Thank you to all parents, guardians and staff who supported the St Patrick's Evening Bingo night last Friday. Also, a big thank you to Mr Rooke who was our bingo caller again this year. The evening was a great success and raised over £500 for school projects.

Our next fundraising event will be an unwanted clothing collection for Bag2school and a school 'civvies' day, with a movie and pizza night for Year 9, 10 and 11 showing Pitch Perfect 3, all taking place on Friday 27th April 2018.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B Fleming
Chair of KSHS PTA

NEXT BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR PTA FUNDRAISING NON-UNIFORM DAY 27TH APRIL 2018



**BRING A BAG OF UNWANTED CLOTHES TO SCHOOL OR
PAY £1 TO WEAR NON-UNIFORM**

**BRING YOUR BAG TO OUTSIDE MRS TIPPER'S OFFICE
BEFORE REGISTRATION**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF KSHS PTA



Spotlight on Sport

Victoria Lyon – Heading to the National Boccia Tournament

I am part of the Boccia team that is based at St George's Academy and after winning the County and Regional finals we are going to the Nationals undefeated. The competition takes place on the 20th April in London.

During the competition there were times when all the balls had been played except mine and I had to win the game for the team which I did!

Victoria Lyon (11L)



Year 7 A and B Netball teams match v Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School (KGGS)

The Year 7 teams played really well in their match against KGGS. The A team won 32-13 and the B team drew 5-5. For some it was the first time they have represented the school.

Well done to all!



Under 13 Football v St George's Academy

On the 15th March the U13 County Football team played St George's Academy in the County Cup Semi-Final. This was a local Derby for us and we really wanted to win so we could go to the final for the second time. The team played with determination from the start producing some high quality football, I was a very proud coach watching from the side line! The team finished the first half 2 nil up with a well-placed shot by Holly Williams (9W) and a cracking half way line lob from Neve Shore (8W). We started the second half with the lead so we started to play more defensively so we could take the win through to the end, the team managed to keep a clean sheet and we look forward to playing in the County Cup Final against Stamford (TBC).

Miss A Kilgannon
Teacher of PE



Upcoming Fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Netball		
Year 7	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March
Year 8	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March
	Priory	Away Tuesday 27 th March
Year 9	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March
	Priory	Away Tuesday 27 th March

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Netball				
Year 7	KGGS	Home Tuesday 13 th March	A team = 32-13 B team = 5-5	Won Drew
Football				
Under 13	St George's	Home Thursday 15 th March	2-0	Won
	Bourne Grammar School	Away Wednesday 14 th March	1-6	Lost

Student Sporting Success

AMIE COUPLAND (8A) – JUDO

On Sunday 11th March, Amie won a Gold Medal at a National Judo competition and qualified for a place on the British squad to compete at an International competition in Holland on 12th-13th May.

Amie has been taking part in Judo since she was 4 years old and last week she graded to blue belt which is the highest grade she can go to for her age. She has now been the National Judo champion (for her weight category) for 5 years running and has competed at International level for the last 3 years.

Good luck to Amie for the competition in May!



Amie receiving her Gold Medal



Amie with her 5 Gold National badges



Amie's back patch which can only be worn by people who compete at International level

GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

5th March to 16th March

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 these awards are in regular addition to the recently awarded 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
English	Megan McMillan	8L	Ms A Natley
Form	Emelia Pettener	7L	Ms A Natley
German	Izzie Carlisle	9A	Mr L Rooke
German	Madelyn Darley	11A	Mr L Rooke
German	Evie Rogerson	9L	Mr L Rooke
German	Maria Zoltan	10MC	Mr L Rooke
Maths	Willow Hanks	7F	Miss K Duffy
Maths	Poppy Nelson	10MLM	Miss K Duffy

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September 2018

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Please return application forms available on our website: www.kshs.uk to Mrs H Gill, PA to the Headteacher (email: helen.gill@kshs.uk).

Closing Date: Monday 16 April 2018 (noon)

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Daisy
Pulls it off

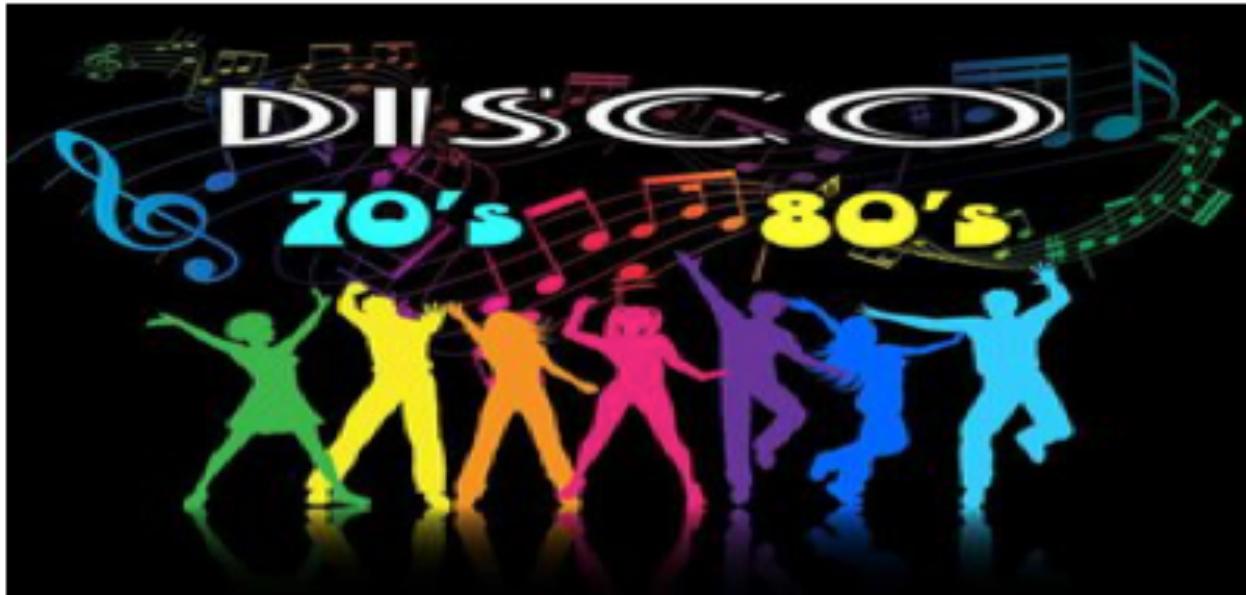
Samuel French

Tue 27th March
6.30-8.30pm

Tickets go on sale from Monday 5th March from student support office, Adults £5.00 & Students £4.00

The show is performed by Key Stage 3 students and will be held at KSHS in the Main Hall.

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7 APRIL 2018

7.00 to 12.30

Charity Dinner and Disco

Music stops at Midnight Bar last orders at 11.45pm

70's and 80's Dinner and Disco

Woodland Waters, Ancaster

£30

Drink on arrival, 3 course meal preselected from menu, coffee, disco and live band – Olga and the Pugs ('the best dad band in Caythorpe'). RAFFLE – donations of prizes will be gratefully received – Sponsors include Herriots Hotel, Premier Inn, Hockmeyers, Sleaford Tescos, Spec savers, Moore and Scruffs.

PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS – optional – but Village People and a few Madonnas expected to make appearances!

TABLES SEAT UP TO 12 PEOPLE TICKETS: TEXT 07903 774961 OR lisahartf@aol.com