



NEWSLETTER

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Useful Dates

7 May	BANK HOLIDAY _ SCHOOL CLOSED
10 May	Year 10 World of Work
10 May	Youth Council Meeting at NKDC
11 May	A Level German Speaking Tests
11 May	Year 11 End of Formal Lessons
12-13 May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed 1
14 May	GCSE Written Examinations Begin
14 May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
17-18 May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed 2

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My congratulations this week go to all students in Years 11 and 13 who have embarked on the first elements of formal GCSE and A level assessments. Typically Modern Foreign Language speaking tests as well as Drama assessments are some of the first externally examined assessments students face during the summer examination season. I've been impressed with the calm and purposeful way students have conducted themselves.

Whilst senior students have been beaver away in examinations lower school students have been especially impressive on the sports field. The Year 7 and 8 Football team became County champions last week. Congratulations to them – more details in the 'Spotlight on Sport' Section.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

KSHS SURVEY

Please help us understand what you think we are doing well and what we need to work harder on at KSHS

On Monday you should have received the following link into your email inbox:

[Kesteven and Sleaford High School Parent/Carer Survey](#)

We recognise how many surveys people are asked to fill in from all sorts of organisations and realise that you may have completed other surveys for school recently too. This survey has been commissioned by the Trustees of the Robert Carre Trust and is one of the most important ways, every two or three years, that we collect information from stakeholders on all aspects of school life at Kesteven and Sleaford High School. Carre's parents will receive the same survey. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

Many of the questions are suggested by an external agency experienced in helping provide schools with information to help them plan school development and track student, staff and parent perceptions of the school. We conduct the survey every three years to monitor all stakeholders' views and the results are examined with interest by the Board of Trustees, Governing Body and the Leadership team at the School. Above all, the parental survey results help us know and respond to the wishes of parents. Your child will be invited to complete a separate pupil survey in tutor time too.

We would welcome the receipt of a completed survey by 14th June. Many thanks in advance for your time.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School

STOP PRESS...interviews have taken place for the 2018-19 senior student team. Photos to follow in our next newsletter. Congratulations to Laura Bates (Head Girl), Katherine Bolton (Deputy Head Girl), Emily Dunham (Assistant Head Girl) and Katie Thomas (Assistant Head Girl)....**STOP PRESS**

YEAR 7 VISIT TO WARWICK CASTLE

On Thursday 29th of March, Year 7 went on a trip to Warwick Castle – a large fortress in Warwickshire. We went to further our knowledge and understanding of medieval castles – particularly ones built by the Normans when they invaded in 1066. One of the most common castles they built was the motte and bailey castle. Warwick had started out as a structure such as this.



On Thursday the 29th of March Year 7 took a trip into the past to Warwick Castle. As we neared the turrets a mounting excitement hung in the air. We split up into our forms and began our journey into the past.

Our first adventure took us to the main hall that was a chasm of learning. The hall was lavishly decorated with antlers and weapons. We had the chance to look at genuine armour, weapons and decorations from the Middle Ages. We saw the change in scenery as we edged our way into the grandly decorated rooms of Warwick Castle.

We could just imagine the Lord and Lady of the house getting ready for a feast, the children playing in the nursery and the maids and footmen rushing around,

trying to meet the demands of the inhabitants. We noticed the rooms were full of knowledge on the Middle Ages and our brains worked furiously to process the learning we were taking in.

As an unexpected treat, one of the

members of staff gave us a demonstration of the Battle of Hastings. We discovered that William the Conqueror (crowned king of England in 1066) built Warwick Castle as one of many across the English countryside. We got to handle real life shields and learnt real life techniques and strategies from both sides. But it wasn't just students getting involved! The staff got plenty of chances to showcase their fighting skills.

After watching a detailed demonstration we headed towards our next activity. This one was even more dangerous as we watched a real life catapult being fired. This one was on a massive scale and had to be handled by professionals. We watched with bated breath as the catapult safety guard was released and the catapult was fired. We learned that in the Middle ages the enemy used catapults to target the weak square towers. The square towers

Despite the weather, when on the castle walls we had amazing views and could clearly see and understand the purpose behind all the defensive features such as crenulations, murder holes and arrow slits. Some of my other favourite defensive features were the portcullis and the barbican. The weather was gloomy but it could not dampen our spirits! It was also fascinating to learn the history of the castle and how it had been passed through generations, often not smoothly.

One of the main highlights was the impressive inside of the castle. It was luxurious and fit for royalty; in fact Queen Victoria and Prince Albert dined there in 1858, as did Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip in 1996. My favourite rooms were the state dining room (built as an extension by Francis Greville in 1763) and the nursery.

We went home a lot more educated about Warwick Castle!

By Isabel Lyle (7F)



have a weaker structure than the round ones and are therefore easier to knock down.

One of the most exciting parts of a field trip is planning your lunch. As we made our way towards the marquee visions of our delicious food floated in our minds. We enjoyed our lunch at great wooden tables within shelter of a warm tent in traditionally wet English weather.

We set off again with two more exciting activities ahead. We headed for the Time Tower. There we were met with a video presented by people such as Boudicca who had made history. There was also a model of Warwick Castle in front of us and as the video spoke about what was happening there was also a demonstration of the cannonballs hitting the walls, giving us a good idea of what the destruction looked like.



Although typical English weather had sprung upon us again, we made our way to the maze to take part in a factual timeline hunt. Whilst finding the stamps for our card, we read the information thoroughly on the signs next to the stamps.

As our first Year 7 trip it was very enjoyable and educational. Everyone had a great time and we can't wait until our next trip.

Chloe Douglas & Elizabeth Dinsdale (7A)

Rotary Young Chef Competition 2017/2018



Have you ever dreamt of being on Masterchef? I know I have. Amazingly, I got the chance to do something very similar this year when I entered the Rotary Young Chef Competition.

The first round of the competition was cooking for the teachers here at school, which was nerve racking! I had two hours to prepare and present my meal to my guests (Miss Grindey and Dr Pawley). Then the teachers

rated the competitors out of 5 for each category: presentation, taste and the table setting. I was extremely nervous because I wanted to get through to the next round and I had strong competition from 11 really good cooks from Years 7, 8 and 9. I was successful and went on to the next heat. From then on my family had the same meal about 5 or 6 times!

The next heat was against boys from Carre's Grammar School: we had to do the same meals but we were judged by 3 Sleaford Rotary Club members. Again I was successful and got into the next

round with 3 other girls and boys. By this point I was shocked but pleased that I had got so far!

District Final! Students from all the Sleaford schools were competing for two places in the Regional Final. I was over the moon (and relieved) when my name was announced as winner of the District Final. One of the judges was the Head Chef from 'The Queen's Head' at Kirkby-La-Thorpe and he kindly invited me to spend an afternoon working with him in his kitchens. A couple of weeks later I went along to get a taste of life as a professional chef, in the process refining my pudding in preparation for the Regional Final in Peterborough on the 3rd February.

At St Catherine's Academy I was ready for the Regional Final. This time I had to present a starter course too and the pressure was on as many of the other finalists were Year 10 and 11 students from all over the East Midlands. Mrs Pankhurst and two lovely ladies from Sleaford Rotary Club had travelled to watch me compete and I really valued their support. Thank you so much Mrs Pankhurst! I loved every minute of it and I was very proud to be named runner up on the day.

Over the last few months, I've learnt so much about cooking, food presentation, time management and what it is like to work in a professional kitchen. What an amazing experience!

The competition is open to students from Years 7, 8 and 9. Students should keep a look out for details of how to take part next September.

By Scarlett Enright (8F)



POLITE REMINDER PARKING ON THE SCHOOL SITE



In order to ensure safety for the 750 students arriving at or leaving school at the beginning and end of each day on foot, please refrain from using the school car parks, or the roadway near the school gates, to drop off or pick up your child. The public car park next to the school or other close by parking places should be used instead.

Thank you.

MATHS CHALLENGE

On the 15th March five students sat the Intermediate Kangaroo, which is the follow on round from the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. The Kangaroo is an International competition, and worldwide six million students took part. In the UK just over 10,000 students participated, on invitation, after qualifying via the Intermediate Challenge. The top 25% receive a Merit Certificate and I am proud to announce that Lucy Freeman (11F) scored highly enough to receive a Merit Certificate. Emma Kopp (9F), Jessica Pettini (9L), Evie Rogerson (9L) and Abby Couchman (10KG) all receive a Certificate of Qualification.

Well done!

Mrs K Green
Second in Maths

House News



Shown in the picture are the highest merit earners in Year 8 adding tokens to the House totals – Charlotte Dunham, Annie Jenkins, Jessica Ruskin and Amelia Taylor. Winnibrigg are slightly ahead on 8180 points, closely followed by Aveland on 8118, Lovedon on 7978 and Flaxwell on 7514.

Winners of the Key Stage 3 Easter Egg Hunt were Holly, Freya and Evie from 9W and Laura Bates and Freya Blackwood won the Key Stage 4/5 Hunt.

The House Sport Mascot competition, to coincide with Sport Relief, was won by Yasmin Mobasheri (7L).

Please encourage the students to get involved to support their House!

Mrs B Fleming
Head of Houses

Spotlight on Sport

We are delighted to share even more success of the KSHS students who dedicate their time and commitment to excel in Sport.

KSHS U13 Football Team beat Stamford 4-2 in the final of the County Cup to become County Champions of 2017/2018.

KSHS U13 and U15 Football teams took part in the Festival of Football tournament for local schools and both won their tournaments.

In Netball the Year 7 A Team and Year 9 Team have won every match in the Kesteven and Sleaford School Sports Association (KSSA) league which has resulted in them becoming league winners for the season of 2017/2018. The Year 7 B team, Year 8 and Year 11 team narrowly missed out on the titles by just 1 game loss.

KSHS U13 Football Team County Champions



On Friday 27th April 2018, the KSHS U13s Football Team set off for Sleaford Town Football Club where we were to take part in the Lincolnshire Schools Football Association Finals. We were very excited, looking

forward to the match and undeterred by the miserable weather conditions. Our opponents were Stamford Endowed School.

We began the first half well and goals from Sophie Flintham (7F) and Ruby Harmston (8F) meant that we went

into half-time with a 2-0 lead. Shortly after the beginning of the second half, I was delighted to score, making it 3-0. Then Evie Hardbottle (8F) scored; we were leading 4-0! Unfortunately, our goalkeeper Lottie Wells (8W), who had made several fantastic saves to deny Stamford, sustained an injury, meaning she had to be substituted.

As the game neared its conclusion, Stamford came back strongly and succeeded in scoring 2 goals, making for a tense last few minutes. At last, the referee blew the final whistle – we had won! The final score was 4-2!

After the match, we proudly received a trophy and medals!

Amelia Taylor (8W)



Captain Neve Shore (8W) receiving the Lincolnshire County Cup from the Chairman of Lincolnshire Football





U15 KSHS Football Team – winners of the KSSA Football Festival Tournament



Year 7 KSHS Netball A Team – winners of the KSSA Netball league and tournament 2017/2018



Year 7 Netball B Team



Year 8 Netball Team



Year 9 KSSA Netball League Champions 2017/2018

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Netball				
Year 7 A	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March		Won
Year 7 B	Priory Ruskin	Home Tuesday 17 th April	7-2	Won
Year 8	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March	11-9	Won
Year 9	St George's	Away Monday 26 th March	15-7	Won
Football				
U13	Stamford	Away @ Sleaford Town Football Club Friday 27 th April	4-2	Won
U13	KSSA tournament	Away @ St George's Academy Tuesday 24 th April		Won
U15	KSSA tournament	Away @ St Georges's Academy Thursday 26 th April		Won

Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Volleyball		
KS3	County Final away @ Carre's	10 th May
Athletics		
All years	KSSA event away @ Grantham Meres	21 st May
Futsal		
U14	Regional final away @ Nottingham	TBC
Yr 9 Rugby	Away @ Sleaford Rugby Club	11 th May
Yr 9 Cricket	Away @ Sleaford Cricket Club	18 th May

Student **Sporting Success**

Kiera MacKender County Hockey

On Sunday 22nd April, I captained the U13 Lincolnshire County Hockey Team at a tournament in Essex.

It was a really hot day and although the matches were tough, we had lots of fun. The games were against Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Bedfordshire. We played well as a team, especially against Hertfordshire who we beat 2-1 (I scored a goal). The County matches have now finished but I am looking forward to the remaining tournaments for my club, Lindum Hockey Club.



Kiera MacKender (7F)

Equestrian – Toria Robinson (10MLM), Eve Munro (10MLM) and Isobel Bullement (10NP)

On the 29th of April, Eve Munro, Toria Robinson and Isobel Bullement competed in Team Show Jumping at Arena UK. They had such a great day at Rufford Team Show Jumping even with the damp weather.

In the 90, Toria had 2 poles, Eve went clear, Isobel went clear and our other team member, Tasha, also went clear. This meant the team finished on a clear as the top 3 scores are counted. This resulted in the team coming 6th, which was their biggest class.

In the 80, Toria got a double clear and so did Isobel and Eve. Alice rode brilliantly however her very uncooperative pony decided it was not his day, but the team finished on a clear to go and won the class out of 26 other teams. Congratulations to Eve for her 2nd individually out of 97 riders.

It was a very big show with 537 competitors competing in classes ranging from 30cm to 110cm.

Thank you so much to the Rufford Pony Club for running such a great competition.



KSHS Athletics Club

Track runners from the KSHS Athletics Club have been showing their support for Matt Campbell who lost his life after collapsing during this year's London Marathon.

Lizzie Wakefield (8W) writes:

Sadly, a fortnight ago Matt Campbell collapsed at the 22.5 mile mark whilst he was running at the London Marathon. It happened just 3.7 miles before the finish line and unfortunately, he passed away shortly after. He hoped to raise £2,500 for the Cumbria-based organisation (Brathay Trust), who provide aid for those suffering the same illness as his father did.

He was well-known by the public after appearing on BBC's MasterChef and this marathon would have been his second (in memory of his father).

Over 11,000 people have signed up to a "Finish for Matt" Facebook page, pledging to run the 3.7 miles he left uncompleted. So far the campaign has raised £200,000. Along with the striking amount of supporters we (the track runners from The Athletics Club) contributed too. In fact altogether we ran 28.8km which meant we ran nearly 5 lots of the 3.7 tribute miles, varying in relays or individually. On average each track runner ran 1500m (to count towards the 3.7 mile distance).

If you wish to participate sign up to his "Finish for Matt" Facebook page or donate to his Just Giving page and get fundraising!



KSHS Food Bank Collection

KSHS is planning another Food Bank collection. So far 7L have stood out as providing the most food although 8A have given them a run for their money! Just one tin or packet from each student in the school would mean a massive difference to people who are struggling in difficult times – please can I ask you, once again, to raid your cupboards and help support us. Thank you.

Mrs H Megginson

New Life Community Larder

Tinned vegetables and potatoes
Tinned meat, casseroles, curries and stews
Tins or jars of sauces
Packet soups
Snack rice and noodles
Tinned hot dog sausages or meatballs
Tins of spaghetti, ravioli, baked beans
Bags of pasta or rice
UHT Milk
Tinned fruit
Tinned milk puddings such as custard, rice pudding
Packet desserts such as jelly, whipped desserts
Boxes of cereal
Jars of jam or sandwich paste



All items must be 'in date' as produce past its sell by date cannot be used



KSHS CLUBS FOR TERMS 5 & 6

The library is now supervised until 5pm on Mondays to Thursdays and 4.30pm on Fridays – students may use this for homework.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Show Choir 1pm in V1 ----- Sixth Form Book Club 1- 1.30pm M8 ----- Dress A Girl M4 All Year Groups 12.45pm – 1.25pm ----- Girls' News Team (GNT) see Miss Natley ----- Music Composition Club All Years V1 1 – 1.30pm ----- Art Club All years 4pm K15	Writing Club 1-1.30pm M8 YR 7-10 ----- History Club M12 1- 1.20pm All Year Groups ----- Crochet Club M4 All years welcome -----	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups ----- Vocal Group – Yr9, GCSE & A Level 1pm V1 ----- D of E catch-up sessions / Drop in Clinic ----- Snack Attack! Year 7's – Food Club 12.40pm – 1.20pm ----- Food Club – Years 7-11 3.45pm – 5pm ----- Photoshop & Illustrator 4-6pm KS4 & 5	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups ----- Library Club 1st Thurs of every month All Year Groups ----- Culture Club MFL in L3 1pm All Year Groups ----- Running Club 12.40- 1.15pm ----- Bronze Art Award KS3 1- 1.30pm K15	Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.40am All Year Groups ----- Games Club C2 12.50pm All Year Groups ----- Kesteven Code Crackers CO1 lunchtime (by invitation only) ----- Interact Club – dates on the notice board All Year Groups (first Friday of the month) ----- School Band- Friday 1pm V1 All Year Groups ----- KS4 English Clinic M10 1-1.30pm

GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

16th April to 27th April

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
Chemistry	Anna Atkinson	10NP	Mrs Z Harris
D & T Food	Scarlett Castledine	8A	Mrs J Pankhurst
D & T Textiles	Laura Forrester	9A	Mrs B Fleming
D & T Textiles	Daisy Lines	12F	Mrs B Fleming
D & T Textiles	Edie Sturrock	9W	Mrs B Fleming
Duke of Edinburgh	Lucy Creed	10KG	Mrs L Hartford
Duke of Edinburgh	Ellen Roxby	10MC	Mrs L Hartford
Duke of Edinburgh	Hannah Macpherson	10KG	Mrs L Hartford
Duke of Edinburgh	Teya Weller	10MC	Mrs L Hartford
English	Frankie Darley	8A	Ms A Natley
English	Maddy Lofts	8L	Ms A Natley
French	Clary Burn	11L	Miss A Beckitt
French	Freya Jessop	11L	Miss A Beckitt
French	Osi Oriaku	11L	Miss E Shales
Geography	Lucy Kimbrough	7L	Miss R Grindey
German	Megan Grimmer	11W	Mr L Rooke
Girls' News Team	Georgia Lawrence	11L	Ms A Natley
History	Amber Behrens	9A	Miss R Grindey
History	Georgia Tweedale	11W	Miss R Grindey
Maths	Ella Hansford	11F	Miss E Turner
Maths	Lucy Kimbrough	7L	Miss E Turner
Maths	Hollie Lane	8F	Mrs H Megginson
Maths	Hannah Middleton	7L	Miss E Turner
Maths	Alice Sim	7A	Mrs H Megginson
Maths	Tabitha Thompson	8W	Miss E Turner
Maths	Faith Wheatley	7W	Mrs H Megginson
Pastoral	Lucie Swan-Dennis	11A	Miss A Kilgannon
RS	Emelia Fuller	7F	Miss R Grindey
Science	Lucy Croft	8A	Mrs Z Harris
Tutor	Violet Lingard-Handley	7F	Miss E Shales
Tutor	Maddy Milnes	7L	Ms A Natley
Tutor	Lucie Swan-Dennis	11A	Mrs T Milnes

