

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first of our three Term 6 newsletters for 2018. With just a few weeks to go for Year 11 I'm sure parents, as much as students themselves, are now crossing off the days until they can look forward to a long and well earned summer break full of the rewards for their revision and hard work in the examination hall. We wish A Level students luck as they embark on the new style A level papers in many subjects this week.

Year 7 and 8 have also had their end of year assessments this week. Whilst we try hard to help students feel well prepared for these (and hope that parents found the advice home helpful) I never want to hear about students placing themselves under undue pressure for these assessments. At home please help to spread the message that all that's required is to do one's best without putting normal life on hold. As important as revision, is spending time with family, playing sport or taking part in extra-curricular activities. We spread this message regularly in tutor time and in assemblies but bright, able girls (which describes the whole year group of course!) are renowned for expecting a lot of themselves and setting their own bar incredibly high. We would all rather see classes full of happy, sparky, well balanced students than those aiming for perfection, in everything, all the time: that means us all taking a supportive, planned but balanced approach to any assessments.

What is certainly worth remembering is that after all the hard work come some great High School summer term events. From Sports Day to Junior Prizegiving; Curriculum Day to discos; Year 7, 8 and 9 residentials to Leavers' proms, there really is something for everyone to look forward to. Keep your fingers crossed for plenty of sunshine!

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## Useful Dates

8 Jun	Year 7 & 8 Disco
14 Jun	Year 7 Mablethorpe Trip
14 Jun	Girls' Debating Competition
15 Jun	Year 7 Mablethorpe Trip
19 Jun	Year 5 Taster Day 1
19 Jun	Performing Arts Evening
20 Jun	Year 8 Lincolnshire Show Trip
21 Jun	Year 5 Taster Day 2
21 Jun	Year 8 Lincolnshire Show Trip
21 Jun	Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening
22-23 Jun	Year 7 Walesby Camping Trip
22 Jun	Curriculum Day
22 Jun	Year 10 History Trip to Lincoln Castle/Geography Field Trip to Lincoln
22 Jun	Year 8 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

I am pleased to report that all 2018 Bronze students have now completed their assessed expeditions. 97 students have completed and passed. We are eagerly awaiting the aim presentations and final assessor reports to enable them to complete their Bronze awards in full.

A huge congratulations to all participants and thanks to the supervisors and assessors who were involved in the training, kit check and practice/assessed expeditions.

Mrs M Walker  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

## GOLD AWARD CELEBRATION ON 24 MAY 2018

Buckingham Palace Gardens in the presence of HRH Princess Eugenie of York, HRH The Earl of Wessex and HRH The Countess of Wessex.

Mrs Smith, Mr Law and I had the pleasure of accompanying Sydney Mawer, Emma Stevens, Holly Parkinson and Anna Hardy (and guests) when they were presented with their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award by HRH The Earl of Wessex. The sun shone, the band played and these young people beamed as they received their Certificates, which are representative of the effort, commitment and determination shown by each of them in pursuing and achieving such a respected and prestigious award. It was a special day in a very special place for each of them.

Unfortunately, due to exams, other worthy award holders Joshua Burton, Megan Hackett and Stephanie Wilkinson could not attend; however they will be invited again – most likely to St James's Palace – to receive their awards in similar style.

It was a great pleasure for us as staff to attend and witness this event. As the Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator I have seen these young people develop over time, culminating in

this fantastic achievement. For the Heads of School it was a wonderful insight into what superb opportunities their being named Duke of Edinburgh Licence-holders for the schools gives to their students.

Mrs M Walker  
D of E Co-ordinator



Congratulations also go to Mrs Walker herself who received a framed certificate celebrating 12 years of service as a Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator. The photo shows her receiving her award from Bryony Gordon, Sunday Telegraph journalist.

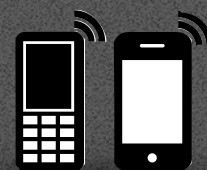
## Mobile Phone Use in School by Students

You may remember that a while ago we shared a revised school 'Mobile Phone/Device Policy' with you. It can be found by clicking [here](#).

Whilst the weather is a little kinder and students can spend time outside enjoying sports clubs at lunchtime, or just some fresh air, we are trialling the school Library as a mobile free zone during break and lunch for all students. Students are therefore only able to use mobile phones:

- in their form rooms before and after school and on wet break and lunchtimes
- in the school dining room and hall at lunch
- outside the school buildings
- for learning purposes during lessons only with the teacher's express permission

Students know, and have been reminded this week, that they are not to use mobile phones around any school corridors or in classrooms and will have their phone confiscated if they don't observe this expectation. Expectations for Sixth Form students are slightly more relaxed and can be found in the Mobile Phone/Device Policy. Many thanks to parents for their continued support.





## RIVER SLEA CLEAN UP

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, members of the school from Years 7, 8 and 12 joined the River Care Volunteer group in Sleaford to help clear up litter in and around the River Slea. The weather was lovely and it was great to have some parents and friends getting involved as well. Everyone had fun seeing what they could find and picking up the litter with the special litter pickers provided. This is a monthly event with the next one occurring on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am behind the Hub. We would love to have many more students attending and, of course, friends and family are welcome to help as well. Please see Miss Turner for more information.

Thank you to Cecilia Ruskin (7L), Giorgina Meier (7L), Amy Moat (7L), Emily Sadler (8L), Jessica Ruskin (8L), Jasmine Wragg (12L), Thea Stephen (12F), Miss Natley and all the friends and family members!



## Thank you Biology Captains!

A huge thank you to Tilly Wyatt (13L) and Isabella Smith (13L) for organising and running a fantastic Biology Club this year.

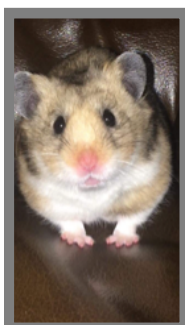
The Key Stage 3 girls enjoyed all of the activities that the Captains organised including: looking after Chip the hamster, learning about reaction times, making models of DNA out of sweets and watching a rat dissection!

Tilly has an offer to study Biology at Queen Mary of London University and Isabella has an offer to study Medicine at Cambridge University.

We would like to wish them good luck and much success in their A Levels.

Thank you from all the Biology Club girls and Mrs Fairhead.

Mrs K Fairhead  
Teacher of Biology





# PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

The Performing Arts Evening is taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Kesteven and Sleaford High school in the Main Hall. The event will start at 6.30pm and will finish at approximately 8.30pm. We will be offering light refreshments from 6.15pm in the foyer where we will be displaying some of the students' Art work.

The Performing Arts evening is a celebration of Music, Dance, Art and Drama. The evening will showcase classwork and extra-curricular activities that the students have been working extremely hard on throughout the year.

Please do come and support our talented students.

Tickets are £3.00 and will be on sale at lunchtime outside Mrs Tipper's office from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June between 1.00p.m – 1.20pm. Limited numbers of tickets will also be available on the door in the evening.

## THE OXFORD GERMAN NETWORK OLYMPIAD 2018

The Oxford German Network Olympiad Competition was run earlier this year and all Key Stage 3 students studying German were tasked with writing a letter to a pupil at a school in our German partner town (Fredersdorf-Vogelsdorf near Berlin), introducing themselves and their school and explaining why they would like to be friends. This is the first time we have had students enter the competition and there were many entries which were commented upon by the judges. Jersey Case (7A) was given a Commendation for her entry. She said "It was a really hard competition as you had to write everything in German and there were so many things I wanted to say but didn't know how to say in German!" Jersey, like many others, used both the language they were familiar with and their skills of working with a dictionary to communicate their ideas and she should be proud of her efforts. We look forward to the competition next year and hope students enjoy using their language skills acquired in school for a real purpose.



Mr L Rooke  
Subject Leader German



# Spotlight on Sport



Students across Years 7 to 10 competed in the Schools Athletics Competition at the Grantham Meres Athletics Stadium. The 46 athletes competed against all of the other schools in the Kesteven and Sleaford Schools zone and were highly successful. This resulted in a large number of the following athletes being successful in qualifying for the County Championships:

- Erin Disdel (10KG): 100m, Long Jump, Relay
- Mollie Thomas (10MC): 200m
- Hazel Williams (10MC): 800m
- Poppy Nelson (10MLM): 800m
- Rebecca Hebden (10JC): High Jump
- Kate Harmer (10JC): High Jump
- Ruby Harmston (8F): Javelin
- Georgia Lancaster (8F): 800m
- Neve Shore (8W): 100m, 200m, Relay
- Grace McHenry (7L): Shot
- Madalain Oates (7L): 100m, Long Jump
- Chloe Mulhall (7L): 800m, Long Jump

The following girls would have qualified as they finished in the top 4, however, as they are on the School trip to France they cannot compete:

- Gracie Spurle (9W)
- Holly Williams (9W)
- Amelia Thompson (9W)

The following Year 7 girls also finished in the top 4 of their events but the County competition does not include their events in this age group:

- Isabel Collier (7A)
- Niamh Cairns (7A)
- Mia Owen (7L)

Congratulations to these girls – there is a lot of potential for next year!



Livia Banks (7A) - Hurdles



Phoebe Spicer (9W) - Javelin

## Swimming Gala Win for KSHS



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May a group of students from the RCT attended a swimming gala at Stamford School. We had new swimmers representing the school, 25 girls in total, and as a team we worked well together and were flexible in covering all the events. We took part in the 100IM, 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. We also competed in the team relays. It was a really good experience in a great setting. We were really competitive this time and came away with lots of individual wins and having won the gala overall – quite an achievement! We look forward to having more of these competitions next year.

Emma Donoghue (10KG)

# Sports Leadership

## Cricket Leadership

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, ten Year 9's attended another leadership activity. This time the event being cricket at Sleaford Cricket Club. Over the course of the day, we all had opportunities to develop our leadership skills taking it in turns to umpire a 6 over match. Before the event we all had to attend a cricket training and umpiring event led by a Sleaford cricket coach to teach us the rules and regulations that we needed to know. We all really enjoyed the experience because it was a great opportunity to become more confident in ourselves as sports leaders and to develop our knowledge on 'Kwik Cricket'.

Ciara Wright (9W) and Phoebe Spicer (9W)

## Tennis Leadership

Six Year 9 students, including myself, participated in a Tennis sports leaders' activity. This involved umpiring a primary school tournament for the Year 3 and Year 4 final. It was a brilliant opportunity to work on our umpiring skills and to work with younger children.

Molly Mountain (9L)

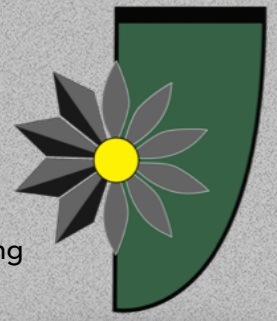


Upcoming fixtures		
Age Group	Opposition	Date
Rounders		
Year 10	KSSA schools	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June @ St George's Academy
Year 9	KSSA schools	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June @ St George's Academy
Year 8	KSSA schools	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July @ St George's Academy
Year 7	KSSA schools	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July @ St George's Academy

Results				
Age Group	Opposition	Date	Score	Result
Swimming				
Years 7 to 10	Stamford Endowed Schools	24 <sup>th</sup> May		Won
Athletics				
All years	KSSA event away @ Grantham Meres	21 <sup>st</sup> May		County qualifiers



# Keele Parents' Survey – Summary Findings



Many thanks to 192 parents of our pupils who completed the recent parents' surveys.

Seeking the views of parents along with the views of other stakeholders is of real importance for informing our school self-evaluation process and plays a key part in our development planning for the year(s) ahead.

What follows is a summary of the findings. They focus on comments that were made in several responses rather than specific cases. Where comments were overall balanced (some parents suggested for example rules were too strict while a roughly equal number suggested they weren't strict enough) they haven't been included.

## **You particularly commented positively on the fact that.....**

- > Your child is well cared for at school.
- > Your child enjoys school all or most of the time and builds good relationships with staff.
- > You are satisfied with your child's progress.
- > Standards of teaching are high and you think that the teachers keep good control in the classroom; teachers expect pupils to work hard.
- > KSHS is achieving high educational standards; the vast majority of you say that you would recommend the school to friends; you firmly believe that the school maintains good behaviour amongst pupils and the school rules are seen as fair and reasonable.
- > The school is a safe and secure environment for pupils.
- > You pleasingly had little experience of dealing with bullying issues.
- > You are given enough information about the school and find progress reports on your child useful; you regularly attend parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress.
- > You think that the education that the school is giving your child is helping him/her to prepare for his/her future life.

## **You commented on these areas for the school to consider:**

- > The resourcing or facilities available to the High School compared to other bigger schools.
- > The curriculum offer at GCSE compared to other bigger schools.
- > How parents could have a wider role in being a partner in their child's education.
- > Clarity and information concerning Governance arrangements of the Robert Carre Trust.

## **So what next....?**

Your comments help us form a focus for development next academic year. In coming weeks and months we will keep you posted via the newsletter as we start to make plans which address your suggestions.

Finally a big thank you to those parents who took time to write additional detail, whether that was to express your appreciation of individual aspects of your child's experience at the school or to comment on something you would like to see improved. These comments have all been read and digested by me and by the Executive Head of the Trust and will be a topic for discussion at the forthcoming Local Governing Body meeting this month.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School



## GROWTH MINDSET NOMINATIONS

14<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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.

### GROWTH MINDSET

Monday 14th May to Friday 25th May 2018

Subject area	Student being nominated	Tutor Group	Staff nominating
Biology	Roxanne Coupland	12L	Mrs Fairhead
Computer Science	Grace Tomlinson	10MC	Mr Mulligan
Computing	Jessica Nunn Wright	8W	Mr Mulligan
Duke of Edinburgh	Shannon Booth	10NP	Miss Woolley
Duke of Edinburgh	Lucy Kinnersley	10JC	Miss Woolley
English	Hannah Arch	12A	Mr Cassidy
English	Laura Forrester	9A	Mr Cassidy
English	Fiona Lucas	12CGS	Mr Cassidy
English	Priyenka Walsh	10MC	Mr Cassidy
French	Ellie Carleton	9A	Miss Beckitt
French	Sophie Gretton	10JC	Miss Shales
French	Julia Orr	7L	Miss Beckitt
Geography	Grace Coaker	8A	Mrs Constantine
Geography	Lily Gregory	9F	Mrs Livingstone/Mr Topliss
Geography	Ella Jennings	9F	Mrs Livingstone/Mr Topliss
Geography	Alexia Johnson	9F	Mrs Livingstone/Mr Topliss
Geography	Phoebe Loach-Martin	9F	Mrs Livingstone/Mr Topliss
German	Jersey Case	7A	Miss Shales
German	Rose Cordery	7F	Mr Rooke
German	Maddie Ingmire	9A	Mr Rooke
German	Lucy Kimbrough	7L	Mr Rooke
German	Ellen Roxby	10MC	Mr Rooke
German	Sophie Wilson	9W	Mr Rooke
History	Ruby Rutherford	9L	Mr Dennis
Maths	Georgina McKeon	9F	Miss Turner
Maths	Kennedy Shelley	8W	Miss Turner
Maths	Faith Wheatley	7W	Miss Turner
Maths	Liv White	7W	Miss Turner
Maths	Shannon Woods	7W	Miss Turner
Music	Alexia Johnson	9F	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Emma Johnson	7F	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Molly Joyce	8F	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Sophie Malkin	8L	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Megan McMillan	8L	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Kenzie Milne	9F	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Milly Peebles	8L	Mr Mitchinson
Music	Ruby Rutherford	9L	Mr Mitchinson
Pastoral	Rose Cordery	7F	Mrs Pankhurst
RS	Sian Webb	7W	Mrs Constantine
Science	Niamh Cairns	7A	Mrs Fairhead
Science	Phoebe Last	8F	Miss Woolley
Student Support	Charlotte Storer	11W	Mrs Simpson